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Byte Power Group Limited

12 December 2018

Dear Directors

**INFRINGEMENT NOTICE FOR CONTRAVENTION OF SECTION 674 OF THE CORPORATIONS
ACT 2001**

Having carefully considered all the material before me, I find that the Australian Securities and Investments Commission has reasonable grounds to believe that Byte Power Group Limited has contravened section 674(2) of the *Corporations Act 2001* and that it is appropriate that an infringement notice is issued.

Enclosed is the infringement notice issued by ASIC under section 1317DAC of the Act in relation to a contravention of subsection 674(2) of the Act by Byte Power Group Limited.

The infringement notice requires that Byte Power Group Limited pay a financial penalty in the amount of \$33,000.

Byte Power Group Limited may choose whether to comply with the infringement notice.

To comply with the notice Byte Power Group Limited must pay the financial penalty by 9 January 2019 by bank cheque to the order of the 'Australian Securities and Investments Commission' and sent to the attention of Deborah Richmond at ASIC, GPO Box 9827, Sydney NSW 2001.

If you wish to pay the financial penalty by electronic means, you must contact Deborah Richmond as soon as possible to make the appropriate arrangements.

Please note that section 1317C of the Act provides that ASIC's decision to issue the infringement notice is excluded from review by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

If you wish to discuss any issue concerning the infringement notice please contact me on 02 9911 2344 or abigail.sheppard@asic.gov.au, or Deborah Richmond on 02 9911 2406 or deborah.richmond@asic.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

Abigail Sheppard

Abigail Sheppard
Hearing Delegate
Australian Securities and Investments Commission

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION

**PART 9.4AA OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT
INFRINGEMENT NOTICE**

To:

Byte Power Group Limited ACN 009 268 571
43 Nariel Street
Albion QLD 4010

TAKE NOTICE: The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) hereby issues an Infringement Notice to Byte Power Group Limited under subsection 1317DAC(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (the **Act**). This Infringement Notice requires Byte Power Group Limited to:

- (i) pay a penalty to ASIC, on behalf of the Commonwealth, in the sum of \$33,000 (the **Penalty**).

This Infringement Notice is issued on 12 December 2018.

Referral from the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)

This matter arose as a result of a referral from the ASX to ASIC.

DETAILS OF THE ALLEGED CONTRAVENTION

The Facts

Byte Power Group is a diversified technology, food and wine distribution company, registered in Australia. Byte Power Group Limited provides technology services to organisations in Australia and Asia.

Byte Power Group was admitted to the official list of the ASX Limited (**ASX**) on 2 January 1992 and official quotation of its securities commenced on or after that date.

Soar Labs Pte Ltd is a Singapore based company that operates an online cryptocurrency platform used to make instant payments. Soar Labs has created its own cryptocurrency tokens.

On 13 June 2017, Byte Power Group announced on ASX that its subsidiary Byte Power Pty Ltd had signed a term sheet with Soar Labs for an investment of US\$5M for 49% of Byte Power Pty Ltd's issued capital. This investment was to be applied to, amongst other matters, the establishment of a cryptocurrency exchange in Australia and New Zealand.

On 27 October 2017, Byte Power Group released an announcement on ASX titled '*BPG Cryptocurrency Exchange Update*' which said:

'In June 2017 Byte Power Group announced that Byte Power Pty Ltd had entered into an agreement with Singapore based Soar Labs Pte Ltd to establish and run a Cryptocurrency Exchange in Brisbane, Australia. Byte Power Group is pleased to advise that the technical team at Soar Labs is well advanced in the software development and expects to be Alpha testing the system robustness before the end of the year.'

'Alpha' testing is software testing conducted by a software developer at a late stage, before the software is passed on to the customer for 'user' testing. Accordingly, Byte Power Group expected that once alpha testing had been carried out, the cryptocurrency exchange would be ready to be launched within about three months.

Following the announcement on 27 October 2017, the price of Byte Power Group's shares increased by 50% to \$0.015 and trading volumes also increased until 7 November 2017.

From around mid - November 2017, the relationship between Byte Power Group and Soar Labs had deteriorated.

On 15 November 2017 Byte Power Group released an announcement on ASX titled, *'Engagement of Cryptocurrency Consultant'* which said it had engaged a consultant, *'for strategic support ... as (it) implements its strategy to build and launch its cryptocurrency exchange'*.

By early December 2017, Byte Power Group was considering alternatives to Soar Labs and had approached alternative cryptocurrency exchange software providers.

On or by 12 December 2017, Byte Power Group entered an agreement with Draglet GmbH, a software development company incorporated in Germany that developed exchange and blockchain technology, under which Draglet GmbH was to provide *'software development services to support the execution and implementation of (Byte Power Pty Ltd's) ICO and blockchain projects'*, subject to terms to be agreed.

As at 14 December 2017, Soar Labs had not carried out any work on the development of Byte Power Group's cryptocurrency exchange. No software for the cryptocurrency exchange had been obtained on behalf of Byte Power Group, whether by Soar Labs, or by any other provider. Accordingly, no testing of any software had started, or was ready to start.

On 14 December 2017, Byte Power Group held a board meeting. At or by the time of this board meeting, Byte Power Group had not sought, and did not have, any confirmation that the cryptocurrency exchange software had been obtained, or that testing had started, or when alpha testing would start, or when it would be completed.

Accordingly, by 14 December 2017, Byte Power Group became aware of the following information:

- software development for its proposed cryptocurrency exchange was not advanced and testing of the system software was not going to be undertaken by the end of the year

(the Information).

On 10 January 2018, Byte Power Group released an announcement on ASX titled '*Byte Power Pty Ltd enters into a Development and Services Agreement with Noetic Synergy Sdn Bhd replacing Soar Labs Pte Ltd*' in which it disclosed that Noetic Synergy Sdn Bhd was to replace Soar Labs as the cryptocurrency exchange '*development solution provider*' and was to deliver all '*functional and technical specifications*', including software implementation services.

The Contravention

This Infringement Notice has been issued because ASIC has reasonable grounds to believe that Byte Power Group contravened subsection 674(2) of the Act between 14 December 2017 and 10 January 2018, in that:

- (a) Byte Power Group is an entity to which subsection 674(2) of the Act applies.
- (b) By 14 December 2017, Byte Power Group was aware of the Information.
- (c) The Information was information that a reasonable person would expect, if it were generally available, to have a material effect on the price or value of securities of Byte Power Group because information that software development for its proposed cryptocurrency exchange was not advanced and testing of the system software was not going to be undertaken by the end of the year, was significant information which would, or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly invest in securities in deciding whether to acquire or dispose of shares of Byte Power Group.
- (d) ASX Listing Rule 3.1 required Byte Power Group to tell ASX of the Information on 14 December 2017.
- (e) ASX Listing Rule 3.1A (the exception to ASX Listing Rule 3.1) did not apply to the Information because:
 - (i) A reasonable person would have expected the Information to be disclosed to ASX; and
 - (ii) None of the matters referred to in ASX Listing Rule 3.1A applied to the Information.
- (f) Between 14 December 2017 and 10 January 2018, the Information was not generally available.

Compliance with the Infringement Notice

Byte Power Group may choose to comply with this Infringement Notice by paying the Penalty within the compliance period.

The compliance period for this Infringement Notice begins on 13 December 2018 and expires on 9 January 2019: subsection 1317DAH(1) of the Act. ASIC may extend the

compliance period for this Infringement Notice once, by up to 28 days: subsection 1317DAH(3) of the Act. If this occurs, ASIC will notify Byte Power Group in writing.

Effect of issue and compliance with the Infringement Notice

The issue of this Infringement Notice, and subsequent compliance with it, is not an admission of liability by Byte Power Group and cannot be regarded as a finding that Byte Power Group Limited has contravened subsection 674(2) of the Act for any other purpose: subsection 1317DAF(4) of the Act.

ASIC cannot take civil or criminal proceedings against Byte Power Group for the alleged contravention specified in this Infringement Notice, either during the compliance period or after the Infringement Notice is complied with: subsection 1317DAF(5) of the Act. However, certain proceedings may be commenced or continued against Byte Power Group by third parties or by ASIC on behalf of third parties: subsection 1317DAF(6) of the Act.

Effect of failure to comply with the Infringement Notice

ASIC cannot enforce compliance with this Infringement Notice: section 1317DAF of the Act. However, if this Infringement Notice is not withdrawn in accordance with section 1317DAI of the Act, it is open to ASIC to take the following action against Byte Power Group:

- (a) ASIC may begin civil penalty proceedings against the entity under Part 9.4B of the Act seeking a declaration that Byte Power Group breached the provision specified in this Infringement Notice and a pecuniary penalty order. The size of the pecuniary penalty is not limited to the amount specified in the Infringement Notice. The Court may under Part 9.4B impose a maximum penalty in relation to the alleged contravention of up to \$1 million;
- (b) ASIC may (if applicable) begin proceedings under section 1324B of the Act seeking an order that specified information be disclosed in the manner required by this Infringement Notice;
- (c) ASIC may (if applicable) make an order under section 91 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act* (the **ASIC Act**) for recovery of expenses of its investigation into the breach specified in this Infringement Notice. ASIC can also bring proceedings to enforce that order; and
- (d) ASIC can make a determination under subsections 708A(2), 713(6), 1012DA(2) or 1013FA(3) of the Act, or accept an enforceable undertaking under section 93AA of the ASIC Act and bring proceedings to enforce the undertaking: section 1317DAG of the Act.

Certain other proceedings may also be commenced or continued against Byte Power Group by third parties or by ASIC on behalf of third parties: subsection 1317DAG(4) of the Act.

Withdrawal of infringement notice

ASIC may withdraw this Infringement Notice at any time prior to compliance if it considers it appropriate to do so. If this Infringement Notice is withdrawn, any enforcement action may be taken by ASIC against Byte Power Group, including:

- (a) civil proceedings under Part 9.4B of the Act; or
- (b) a prosecution for an offence based on the provision specified in the notice.

Byte Power Group may seek the withdrawal of this Infringement Notice by making a written representation to ASIC: subsections 1317DAI(1) of the Act. Material provided to ASIC in such a representation is not admissible in evidence in proceedings against Byte Power Group or a representative of the company: subsections 1317DAI(2) of the Act.

Publication

If Byte Power Group complies with this Infringement Notice ASIC may publish details of Byte Power Group's compliance in the manner set out in subsections 1317DAJ(2) or (3) of the Act: subsection 1317DAJ(1) of the Act.

The provisions contained in Part 9.4AA of the Act are attached hereto as Annexure 1.



Abigail Sheppard
Delegate
Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Annexure 1

CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

Part 9.4AA—Infringement notices for alleged contraventions of continuous disclosure provisions

1317DAA Definitions

(1) In this Part:

compensation proceedings means:

- (a) proceedings under section 1317HA; and
- (b) proceedings under section 12GF of the ASIC Act in relation to a contravention of section 12DA of that Act; and
- (c) any other proceedings by a person for compensation for loss or damage suffered by the person.

compliance period for an infringement notice has the meaning affected by section 1317DAH.

contravention proceedings means proceedings under section 1101B by a person referred to in paragraph 1101B(1)(b) or (d).

enforcement proceedings means proceedings under section 793C by a person referred to in paragraph 793C(1)(b), (c) or (d).

infringement notice means an infringement notice issued under section 1317DAC.

penalty and disclosure proceedings means the proceedings referred to in column 3 of the table in subsection 1317DAG(2).

public interest proceedings means proceedings under section 50 of the ASIC Act.

(2) For the purposes of applying this Part to a disclosing entity that is an undertaking to which interests in a registered scheme relate:

- (a) references to the disclosing entity are taken to be references to the responsible entity for the registered scheme; and
- (b) references to a financial report for a financial year being lodged by a disclosing entity are taken to be references to such a report being lodged by the responsible entity in relation to the scheme; and
- (c) references to securities of a disclosing entity are taken to be references to interests in the registered scheme; and
- (d) references to a disclosing entity being convicted of an offence based on subsection 674(2) or 675(2) are taken to be references to the responsible entity being convicted of such an offence in relation to the registered scheme; and
- (e) references to a civil penalty order under Part 9.4B being made against a disclosing entity in relation to a contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2) are taken to be

references to such an order being made against the responsible entity in relation to the registered scheme; and

(f) references to a disclosing entity having breached an enforceable undertaking given to ASIC under section 93AA of the ASIC Act in relation to the requirements of subsection 674(2) or 675(2) are taken to be references to the responsible entity having breached such an undertaking given in relation to the registered scheme.

1317DAB Purpose and effect of this Part

(1) The purpose of this Part is to provide for the issue of an infringement notice to a disclosing entity for an alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2) as an alternative to proceedings for civil penalties under Part 9.4B.

(2) This Part does not:

(a) require an infringement notice to be issued to the disclosing entity for the alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2); or

(b) affect the liability of the disclosing entity to civil or criminal proceedings in relation to the alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2) if:

(i) an infringement notice is not issued to the disclosing entity for the alleged contravention; or

(ii) an infringement notice issued to the disclosing entity for the alleged contravention is withdrawn under section 1317DAI; or

(c) prevent a Court from imposing a higher penalty than the penalty specified in the infringement notice if the disclosing entity does not comply with the infringement notice.

1317DAC Issue of infringement notice

Issue of infringement notice

(1) Subject to section 1317DAD, if ASIC has reasonable grounds to believe that a disclosing entity has contravened subsection 674(2) or 675(2), ASIC may issue an infringement notice to the disclosing entity.

(2) ASIC issues the infringement notice to the disclosing entity by serving it on the disclosing entity.

(3) ASIC must not issue more than one infringement notice to the disclosing entity for the same alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2).

ASIC must have regard to certain matters

(4) In determining whether to issue an infringement notice to a listed disclosing entity for an alleged contravention of subsection 674(2), ASIC must have regard to:

(a) any guidelines issued by the relevant market operator for the listed disclosing entity that relate to the provisions of the listing rules referred to in subsection 674(1); and

(b) any other relevant matter.

Infringement notice does not have effect

(5) The infringement notice does not have any effect if the infringement notice:

(a) is issued more than 12 months after the day on which the contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2) is alleged to have occurred; or

(b) relates to more than one alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2) by the disclosing entity.

1317DAD Statement of reasons must be given

Statement of reasons

(1) Before issuing the infringement notice, ASIC must:

(a) give the disclosing entity a written statement that sets out ASIC's reasons for believing that the disclosing entity has contravened subsection 674(2) or 675(2); and

(b) give a representative of the disclosing entity an opportunity to:

(i) appear at a private hearing before ASIC; and

(ii) give evidence to ASIC; and

(iii) make submissions to ASIC;

in relation to the alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2).

(2) If the disclosing entity is a listed disclosing entity, ASIC must consult with the relevant market operator for the disclosing entity before giving the disclosing entity the statement under this subsection.

(3) ASIC does not need to consult the relevant market operator under subsection (2) if:

(a) the disclosing entity is the relevant market operator; or

(b) the disclosing entity conducts a business in competition with a business conducted by the relevant market operator.

Limit on the use of evidence or information given to ASIC

(4) Evidence or information that a representative of the disclosing entity gives ASIC under paragraph (1)(b) in relation to the alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2) is:

(a) not admissible in evidence against the disclosing entity in any proceedings; and

(b) not admissible in evidence against a representative of the disclosing entity in any proceedings (other than proceedings for an offence based on the evidence or information given being false or misleading).

1317DAE Matters to be included in infringement notice

(1) The infringement notice:

- (a) must state the day on which it is issued; and
- (b) must state the name and address of the disclosing entity to whom it is issued; and
- (c) must state that it is being issued by ASIC; and
- (d) must state that ASIC may publish details of the disclosing entity's compliance with the infringement notice under section 1317DAJ if the disclosing entity complies with the notice; and
- (e) must give details of the alleged contravention by the disclosing entity, including:
 - (i) the date of the alleged contravention; and
 - (ii) the particular provision that was contravened; and
- (f) must state the maximum pecuniary penalty that a Court could impose under Part 9.4B in relation to the alleged contravention; and
- (g) must specify the penalty that is payable in relation to the alleged contravention; and
- (h) must state that the penalty is payable to ASIC on behalf of the Commonwealth; and
- (i) if it is alleged that the disclosing entity contravened subsection 674(2)—may specify information that the disclosing entity must notify to the relevant market operator in accordance with the provisions of the listing rules referred to in subsection 674(1); and
- (j) if it is alleged that the disclosing entity contravened subsection 675(2)—may require the disclosing entity to lodge a document with ASIC that contains specified information; and
- (k) must explain the effect of sections 1317DAF, 1317DAG and 1317DAH; and
- (l) must state that the disclosing entity may make written representations to ASIC seeking the withdrawal of the infringement notice; and
- (m) must contain any other matters that are prescribed in the regulations.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the penalty specified in the infringement notice under paragraph (1)(g) for an alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) is:

- (a) \$100,000 if the disclosing entity is a Tier 1 entity; or
- (b) \$66,000 if the disclosing entity is a Tier 2 entity; or
- (c) \$33,000 if the disclosing entity is a Tier 3 entity.

(3) The penalty specified in the infringement notice under paragraph (1)(g) for an alleged contravention of subsection 674(2) is:

(a) \$100,000 if the disclosing entity is a Tier 2 entity; or

(b) \$66,000 if the disclosing entity is a Tier 3 entity;

if:

(c) the disclosing entity has at any time been convicted of an offence based on subsection 674(2) or 675(2); or

(d) a civil penalty order under Part 9.4B has at any time been made against the disclosing entity in relation to a contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2); or

(e) the disclosing entity has at any time breached an enforceable undertaking given to ASIC under section 93AA of the ASIC Act in relation to the requirements of subsection 674(2) or 675(2).

(4) Subject to subsection (5), the penalty specified in the infringement notice under paragraph (1)(g) for an alleged contravention of subsection 675(2) is \$33,000.

(5) The penalty specified in the infringement notice under paragraph (1)(g) for an alleged contravention of subsection 675(2) is \$66,000 if:

(a) the disclosing entity has at any time been convicted of an offence based on subsection 674(2) or 675(2); or

(b) a civil penalty order under Part 9.4B has at any time been made against the disclosing entity in relation to a contravention of subsection 674(2) or 675(2); or

(c) the disclosing entity has at any time breached an enforceable undertaking given to ASIC under section 93AA of the ASIC Act in relation to the requirements of subsection 674(2) or 675(2).

(6) For the purposes of this section:

(a) a disclosing entity is:

(i) a **Tier 1 entity** if its market capitalisation on the relevant day exceeds \$1,000 million; and

(ii) a **Tier 2 entity** if its market capitalisation on the relevant day exceeds \$100 million but does not exceed \$1,000 million; and

(iii) a **Tier 3 entity** if its market capitalisation on the relevant day does not exceed \$100 million or it is not possible to work out its market capitalisation on the relevant day because it has not lodged a financial report with ASIC before the relevant day; and

(b) the **relevant day** for an infringement notice is the last day of the financial year in relation to which the latest financial report by the disclosing entity has been lodged with ASIC before the infringement notice is issued.

(7) This is how to work out a disclosing entity's **market capitalisation** on the relevant day:

(a) for each class of security of the disclosing entity that is a quoted security:

(i) work out the closing price, on the relevant day, for securities in that class on the prescribed financial market on which the securities are quoted; and

(ii) multiply that price by the number of securities in that class on issue on the relevant day (as shown in the financial report lodged with ASIC for the period that ends on the relevant day); and

(b) add up the amounts obtained under paragraph (a): the result is the disclosing entity's market capitalisation on the relevant day.

Disregard quoted securities of the disclosing entity that are options.

1317DAF Effect of issue and compliance with infringement notice

Circumstances in which this section applies

(1) This section applies if subsection (2) or (3) is satisfied.

(2) This subsection is satisfied if:

(a) the compliance period for the infringement notice has not ended; and

(b) the infringement notice is not withdrawn under section 1317DAI; and

(c) subsection (3) has not been satisfied.

(3) This subsection is satisfied if, within the compliance period for the infringement notice, the disclosing entity:

(a) pays the penalty specified in the infringement notice; and

(b) either:

(i) if it is alleged in the infringement notice that the disclosing entity contravened subsection 674(2)—notifies the relevant market operator, in accordance with the provisions of the listing rules referred to in subsection 674(1), of any information specified in the infringement notice; or

(ii) if it is alleged in the infringement notice that the disclosing entity contravened subsection 675(2)—lodges any required document with ASIC that contains the information specified in the infringement notice.

Note: If this subsection is satisfied, ASIC must not withdraw the infringement notice, see section 1317DAI.

No contravention etc. by the disclosing entity

(4) The disclosing entity is not, by reason only of subsection (3) being satisfied, regarded as:

(a) having contravened the provision specified in the infringement notice; or

(b) having been convicted of an offence constituted by the same conduct that constituted the alleged contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice.

No proceedings may be started etc.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), no proceedings (whether criminal or civil) may be started or continued against the disclosing entity in relation to:

- (a) the alleged contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice; or
- (b) an offence constituted by the same conduct that constituted the alleged contravention.

(6) Subsection (5) does not apply to the following proceedings:

(a) compensation proceedings, contravention proceedings, enforcement proceedings and public interest proceedings that relate to the alleged contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice;

(b) proceedings to enforce the following orders of a Court:

(i) an order made in relation to proceedings referred to in paragraph (a);

(ii) an order made under subsection 1335(2) in relation to proceedings referred to in paragraph (a) other than public interest proceedings;

(c) any other proceedings in respect of a breach of an order referred to in paragraph (b);

(d) an appeal to a Court against the following decisions or orders of a Court:

(i) a decision or order made in relation to proceedings referred to in paragraph (a);

(ii) a decision or order made under subsection 1335(2) in relation to the proceedings referred to in paragraph (a) other than public interest proceedings.

(7) To avoid doubt, subsection (5) does not prevent ASIC from:

- (a) making an order under section 91 of the ASIC Act; or
- (b) bringing proceedings to enforce the order.

1317DAG Effect of failure to comply with infringement notice

Circumstances in which this section applies

(1) This section applies if an infringement notice issued to a disclosing entity is not withdrawn under section 1317DAI.

Effect of failure to comply with infringement notice

(2) If the disclosing entity fails to do a thing specified in column 2 of the following table within the compliance period for the infringement notice, the disclosing entity is liable to the proceedings specified in column 3 of the following table:

Effect of failure to comply with infringement notice

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	If the disclosing entity fails to:	the disclosing entity is liable to:
1	pay the penalty specified in the infringement notice	proceedings under Part 9.4B for: (a) a declaration of contravention; and (b) a pecuniary penalty order; in relation to the alleged contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice.
2	notify the relevant market operator, in accordance with the provisions of the listing rules referred to in subsection 674(1), of any information specified in the infringement notice if it is alleged in the infringement notice that the disclosing entity contravened subsection 674(2)	proceedings for an order under section 1324B in relation to the alleged contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice.
3	lodge any required document with ASIC that contains the information specified in the infringement notice if it is alleged in the infringement notice that the disclosing entity contravened subsection 675(2).	proceedings for an order under section 1324B in relation to the alleged contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice.

No other proceedings may be started etc.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), no other proceedings (whether criminal or civil) may be started or continued against the disclosing entity in relation to:

- (a) the alleged contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice; or
- (b) an offence constituted by the same conduct that constituted the alleged contravention.

(4) Subsection (3) does not apply to the following proceedings:

- (a) compensation proceedings, contravention proceedings, enforcement proceedings and public interest proceedings that relate to the alleged contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice;
- (b) proceedings to enforce the following orders of a Court:
 - (i) an order made in relation to penalty and disclosure proceedings;
 - (ii) an order made in relation to proceedings referred to in paragraph (a);
 - (iii) an order made under subsection 1335(2) in relation to penalty and disclosure proceedings;

- (iv) an order made under subsection 1335(2) in relation to proceedings referred to in paragraph (a) other than public interest proceedings;
- (c) any other proceedings in respect of a breach of an order referred to in paragraph (b);
- (d) an appeal to a Court against the following decisions or orders of a Court:
 - (i) a decision or order made in relation to penalty and disclosure proceedings;
 - (ii) a decision or order made in relation to proceedings referred to in paragraph (a);
 - (iii) a decision or order made under subsection 1335(2) in relation to penalty and disclosure proceedings;
 - (iv) a decision or order made under subsection 1335(2) in relation to proceedings referred to in paragraph (a) other than public interest proceedings.

(5) To avoid doubt, subsection (3) does not prevent ASIC from:

- (a) making a determination under subsection 708AA(3), 708A(2), 713(6), 713A(23), 1012DAA(3), 1012DA(2) or 1013FA(3) of this Act; or
- (b) making an order under section 91 of the ASIC Act; or
- (c) accepting an undertaking under section 93AA of the ASIC Act; or
- (d) bringing proceedings to enforce the determination, order or undertaking.

1317DAH Compliance period for infringement notice

- (1) Subject to this section, the compliance period for an infringement notice is a period of 28 days beginning on the day after the day on which the infringement notice is issued.
- (2) ASIC may extend, by notice in writing, the compliance period for the infringement notice if ASIC is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.
- (3) Only one extension may be given and the extension must not be for longer than 28 days.
- (4) Notice of the extension must be given to the disclosing entity that was issued with the infringement notice.
- (5) A failure to comply with subsection (4) does not affect the validity of the extension.
- (6) If ASIC extends the compliance period for an infringement notice, a reference in this Act to the compliance period for an infringement notice is taken to be a reference to the compliance period as so extended.

1317DAI Withdrawal of infringement notice

Disclosing entity may seek withdrawal

- (1) If an infringement notice is issued to a disclosing entity, the disclosing entity may make written representations to ASIC seeking the withdrawal of the infringement notice.

(2) Evidence or information that a representative of the disclosing entity gives ASIC in the course of making representations under subsection (1) is:

- (a) not admissible in evidence against the disclosing entity in any proceedings; and
- (b) not admissible in evidence against a representative of the disclosing entity in any proceedings (other than proceedings for an offence based on the evidence or information given being false or misleading).

Withdrawal

(3) Subject to subsection (4), ASIC may withdraw the infringement notice (whether or not the disclosing entity has made representations seeking the withdrawal) if ASIC is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.

(4) ASIC must not withdraw the infringement notice if subsection 1317DAF(3) is satisfied.

Withdrawal notice

(5) The withdrawal must be made by notice in writing and must be given to the disclosing entity.

(6) The withdrawal notice must state:

- (a) the name and address of the disclosing entity; and
- (b) the day on which the infringement notice was issued to the disclosing entity; and
- (c) that the infringement notice is withdrawn; and
- (d) that civil proceedings under Part 9.4B may be brought against the disclosing entity for a contravention of the provision specified in the infringement notice; and
- (e) that a prosecution for an offence based on the provision specified in the infringement notice may be brought against the disclosing entity.

Refund of penalty

(7) If:

- (a) the disclosing entity pays the penalty specified in the infringement notice; and
- (b) the infringement notice is withdrawn after the disclosing entity pays the penalty;

ASIC must refund to the disclosing entity an amount equal to the amount paid.

1317DAJ Publication in relation to infringement notices

(1) If:

- (a) ASIC issues an infringement notice to a disclosing entity; and
- (b) subsection 1317DAF(3) (compliance with the infringement notice) is satisfied;

ASIC may publish details of the disclosing entity's compliance with the infringement notice under subsection (2) or (3) or under both of those subsections.

(2) ASIC publishes details of the disclosing entity's compliance with the infringement notice under this subsection if it publishes a copy of the infringement notice in the *Gazette* together with the following statements:

- (a) a statement that the disclosing entity has complied with the infringement notice;
- (b) a statement that compliance with the notice is not an admission of guilt or liability;
- (c) a statement that the disclosing entity is not regarded as having contravened the provision specified in the notice.

(3) ASIC publishes details of the disclosing entity's compliance with the infringement notice under this subsection if:

(a) ASIC issues a statement (whether written or oral) about the disclosing entity's compliance with the infringement notice; and

(b) the statement is limited to an accurate summary of the infringement notice including:

(i) the name of the disclosing entity; and

(ii) the amount of the penalty payable under the notice in relation to the alleged contravention; and

(iii) the conduct specified in the notice as the conduct in relation to which the infringement notice was issued;

together with the following statements:

(iv) a statement that the disclosing entity has complied with the infringement notice;

(v) a statement that compliance with the notice is not an admission of guilt or liability;

(vi) a statement that the relevant disclosing entity is not regarded as having contravened the provision specified in the notice.

(4) ASIC must not otherwise publish details of:

(a) an infringement notice; or

(b) a disclosing entity's compliance with an infringement notice.

Failure to comply with this subsection is not an offence.