

## **Medical Australia Limited Securities Trading Policy**

### **1. General**

Subject to the terms of this policy and to the additional restrictions on Key Management personnel hereunder, employees are permitted to deal in Medical Australia Limited ('MLA') Shares or Options ('Securities') throughout the year.

Directors of MLA and its subsidiaries and other Key Management personnel nominated by the Chairman as persons to whom this policy applies (and who are notified accordingly) ("Key Personnel") are permitted to deal in MLA Securities throughout the year except during the Trading Embargo periods identified in this policy.

More generally this policy provides information to all employees, directors, contractors and consultants ("Persons") as to the insider trading provisions of the Corporations Act. It sets out certain rules relating to the dealings by Persons in MLA Securities. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the Person to ensure that none of his or her dealings could constitute insider trading.

Dealing in MLA Securities includes:

- a) subscribing for, purchasing or selling MLA Securities or entering into an agreement to do any of those things;
- b) advising, procuring or encouraging another person (including a family member, friend, associate, colleague, family company or family trust) to trade in MLA Securities; and
- c) entering into agreements or transactions which operate to limit the economic risk of a person's holdings in MLA Securities.

### **2. Outline of Corporations Act requirements**

- (a) A person is in possession of inside information in relation to MLA in circumstances where:
  - i. the person possesses information that is not generally available and, if the information were generally available, a reasonable person would expect it to have a material effect on the price or value of MLA Securities; and
  - ii. the person knows, or ought reasonably to know, that the information is not generally available and, if it were generally available, a reasonable person would expect it to have a material effect on the price or value of the MLA Securities.
- (b) A reasonable person would be taken to expect information to have a material effect on the price or value of MLA Securities if the information would, or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly acquire securities in deciding whether or not to deal in MLA Securities in any way. It does not matter how the such person came to have the inside information.

- (c) If a person possesses inside information in relation to MLA, the person must not:
- i. deal in MLA Securities in any way; nor
  - ii. directly or indirectly communicate the information, or cause the information to be communicated, to another person if the person knows, or ought reasonably to know, that the other person would, or would be likely to, deal in MLA Securities in any way or procure a third person to deal in MLA Securities in any way.
- (d) A person may obtain inside information in relation to another company. For example, in the course of negotiating a transaction with MLA, another company might provide confidential information about itself. The prohibition on insider trading is not restricted to information affecting MLA Securities. Persons in possession of inside information must not deal in securities of those other companies.
- (e) A person who deals in MLA Securities while in possession of inside information or communicates that information in the circumstances described in paragraph 2(b) above will be liable to both civil and criminal penalties. The penalties are:
- i. In the case of an individual:
    - a criminal penalty of a fine of up to \$220,000 and/or imprisonment for 5 years; and
    - a civil penalty of up to \$200,000;
  - ii. in the case of a company:
    - a criminal penalty of a fine of up to \$1.1 million; and
    - a civil penalty of up to \$1 million; and
  - iii. unlimited civil liability equivalent to the damages caused.

### **3. Examples of inside information**

Examples of information which may be considered to be inside information include the details relating to the items listed below:

- a) production figures or results;
- b) prospective financial information;
- c) unpublished announcements;
- d) proposed changes in capital structure, including share issues, rights issues and the redemption of securities;
- e) impending mergers, acquisitions, reconstructions or takeovers.
- f) significant litigation and disputes;

- g) significant changes in operations or proposed changes in the general character or nature of the business of MLA or its subsidiaries;
- h) cashflow information;
- i) management restructuring or MLA changes;
- j) an entity proposing to buy, or a security holder proposing to sell, a substantial number of MLA Securities;
- k) industry issues that may have a material impact on MLA;
- l) decisions on significant issues affecting MLA by regulatory bodies in Australia or other relevant jurisdictions;
- m) allegations of any breach of the law or other regulatory requirements by MLA;
- n) major or material purchases or sales of assets; and
- o) proposed or new significant contracts.

#### **4. Company policy on dealing with MLA Securities**

Persons should note the following general principles:

- a) Persons must comply with the insider trading provisions of the Corporations Act at all times.
- b) Persons who possess inside information must not deal or procure dealing in MLA Securities.
- c) Persons must avoid, and be seen to avoid, actual or potential conflict between their personal interest and the interests of MLA and other security holders in a manner which is in breach of the Corporations Act, ASX Listing Rules or other legal obligations.
- d) Persons must not derive personal advantage from information which is not generally available and which has been obtained by reason of their connection with MLA in a manner which is in breach of the Corporations Act, ASX Listing Rules or other legal obligations.

#### **5. Recommended times for trading**

Subject to the Trading Embargo referred to in paragraph 6 of this Trading Policy, the recommended times (to avoid any suggestion of insider trading) for Key Personnel in dealing in MLA Securities are in the period after:

- a) holding of MLA's Annual General Meeting or any other meeting of shareholders;
- b) release by MLA of its half yearly results announcement to ASX;

- c) release by MLA of its full year results announcement to ASX; or
- d) release of a prospectus or other disclosure document offering securities in MLA; or
- e) release by MLA of any information that is not generally available and if it were generally available, a reasonable person would expect it to have a material effect on the price or value of MLA Securities,

Provided that at such times MLA Key Personnel are not in possession of any inside information relating to MLA or its Securities that is not generally available and if it were generally available, a reasonable person would expect it to have a material effect on the price or value of MLA Securities.

## **6. Trading Embargo**

In addition a trading embargo exists in respect of which Key Personnel must refrain from dealing in MLA Securities during the period being 4 weeks prior to the release of the interim and full year results company announcements.

Key Personnel may request the Chairman to grant special circumstances relief from the limitations referred to above after first presenting to the Chairman an opinion from an approved Australian legal practitioner, that the Key Person is not at that time in possession of any inside information relating to MLA or its Securities that is not generally available and if it were generally available, a reasonable person would expect it to have a material effect on the price or value of MLA Securities.

## **7. Chairman**

The Chairman must not deal in MLA Securities without the prior approval of the Chief Executive Officer before commencing the transaction. The Chairman must notify the Chief Executive Officer and the Company Secretary of the Chairman's intention to trade and must subsequently notify the Company Secretary of any trade that has occurred.

## **8. Directors**

Directors (other than the Chairman) must not deal in MLA Securities without prior written notification to the Chairman before commencing the transaction. The person intending to trade must also notify the Company Secretary of the person's intention to trade and must subsequently notify the Company Secretary in writing, of any trade that has occurred.

## **9. Other Key Personnel**

Persons other than those identified in Sections 7 and 8 above, must not deal in MLA Securities without the prior written notification to the Company Secretary before commencing the transaction.

## **10. Exercise of options, participation in employee share option plans or share plans**

Subject to the insider trading provisions of the Corporations Act, directors and employees of MLA may at any time:

- a) subscribe for securities offered under a disclosure document (e.g. a prospectus);
- b) acquire MLA 's ordinary Shares or Options by conversion of securities giving a right of conversion to ordinary Securities - but may not deal with any of the Securities received upon conversion other than in accordance with this policy and the insider trading provisions;
- c) acquire MLA Securities under a bonus issue made to all holders of Securities of the same class;
- d) acquire MLA Securities under a dividend reinvestment, that is available to all holders of securities of the same class;
- e) acquire MLA Securities under a Company sponsored share plan where such Securities are purchased by an independent Trustee and on an agreed period purchase basis.
- f) acquire, or agree to acquire, options under an MLA share option plan; and
- g) exercise options acquired under an MLA share option plan (but may not sell all or part of the Securities received upon exercise of the options other than in accordance with these procedures).

## **11. Notification by directors**

A director is required to notify the Company Secretary if there is any change in the director's relevant interest in securities of MLA or a related body corporate of MLA.

A director must notify the Company Secretary in writing of the requisite information for the Company Secretary to make the necessary notifications to ASIC and ASX of the change as required by the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules. The director must provide the Company Secretary with the written notification as soon as possible after the change occurs and, in any event, to allow the Company Secretary to make the necessary notifications within 5 business days after the change occurs.

## **12. Consequences of breach**

Breaches of this policy may damage MLA's reputation in the investment community and undermine confidence in the market for MLA Securities. Accordingly breaches will be taken seriously by MLA.

Ian B. Mitchell  
Company Secretary