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August 9, 2017

Mr John Johansson Senior Adviser (Melbourne) ASX Compliance Pty Ltd 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your August 4, 2017 letter referencing Haoma's July 13, 2017 announcement titled "Significant Gold and Platinum grades measured in dore recovered from: Bamboo Creek Tailings, and 'Slimes fraction' of Mt Webber Low Grade Iron Ore"

Please note that since Haoma's July 13, 2017 announcement Haoma on July 31, 2017 released to shareholders its "Activities Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2017".

We note that you have referenced Haoma's January 30, 2013 announcement titled "Haoma Market Releases re Bamboo Creek Tailings and Other Pilbara Ores". Since that release, Haoma has attached the following note to all announcements in relation to test work conducted at its Bamboo Creek Laboratory and Pilot Plant and other testing facilities:

The information & data in this report as it relates to Metallurgical Results is based on information compiled by Mr. Peter Cole who is an expert in regard to this type of metallurgical test work. The results relate to testing the effectiveness of a new method of assaying for gold and other mineral content (the Refined Elazac Assay Method) and a new method for extraction of gold and other minerals from the ore (the Refined Elazac Extraction Method). These methods are together referred to as the Elazac Process. The information reported relates solely to ongoing test work in relation to bringing the Elazac Process to commercial realisation. Mr. Cole has worked in the mining industry for over 30 years and has been associated with the development of the Elazac Process over a long period (approximately 15 years). Mr. Cole is one of only a few people with sufficient relevant knowledge and experience to report results in relation to test work on the Refined Elazac Assay Method and Refined Elazac Extraction Method. Mr. Cole has consented to the inclusion in this report of the information and data in the form and context in which it appears.

Haoma has never advised that any test work conducted at Bamboo Creek or at other testing facilities in relation to ongoing development of the Elazac Process and the reporting thereof is in accordance with the JORC Code or the presentation of JORC Code compliant mineral and resource estimates.

Haoma's Directors believe it is important that those interested in progress reports regarding the development of the Elazac Process are aware that Haoma has available mineralised tailings material used in test work that can in the future be processed to produce precious metals using the Bamboo Creek Plant.

Upon review of the July 13, 2017 release Haoma agrees that the quantification of the number of tonnes of tailings available for re-processing at Bamboo Creek ("about a million tonnes") could allow for an implied resource calculation. This is not intended.

The Bamboo Creek Tailings 'head grade' of 462g/t relates solely to the results of test work conducted on a sample. The subsequent reference to the quantity of Bamboo Creek Tailings in-situ at Bamboo Creek is to indicate that the reason for focusing on the Bamboo Creek Tailings for test work is because Haoma has a ready supply of this material that is available when the process can be put into production.

To avoid the potential for an implied resource calculation Haoma will in future not provide an approximate tonnage of Bamboo Creek Tailings contained near the Bamboo Creek Pilot Plant.

The information note in relation to test work results will be changed to state the test work is not conducted in compliance with JORC.

The reference to beneficiation of Mt Webber iron ore in Appendix 2 to Haoma's July 13, 2017 announcement is made in the context of beneficiation test work conducted on low grade iron ore sourced from Mt Webber. It is not attached to any table containing mineralised reserve or resource estimates and does not indicate to the reader that there is any mineralised reserve or mineralised resource estimate to be made. The test work has shown that the grade of low grade Mt Webber iron ore can be increased in the 'Metal fraction' when a 'Wet' beneficiation process is used and precious metals (gold and platinum) can be measured in the 'Slimes fraction' recovered.

Haoma will amend the paragraph to remove the reference to iron ore reserves so as not to imply that there is any Reserve calculation to be made or adjusted.

Attached are amended versions of Haoma's July 13, 2017 and July 31, 2017 announcements.

Yours sincerely,

**Gary C Morgan,** CHAIRMAN

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4 August 2017

Jim Wallace Company Secretary Haoma Mining NL 401 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000

By email: Jim.Wallace@roymorgan.com

Dear Mr Wallace

## Haoma Mining NL ("HAO"): query letter

ASX Limited ("ASX") refers to the following:

- A. HAO's announcement titled "Significant Gold and Platinum grades measured in dore recovered from: Bamboo Creek Tailings, and 'Slimes fraction' of Mt Webber Low Grade iron Ore" lodged on the ASX Market Announcements Platform and released at 3:52 pm on 13 July 2017 (the "Announcement"), disclosing further results from test work trials at Bamboo Creek and Mt Webber stating a 'head grade' of 462 g/t gold of which there are about a million tonnes at Bamboo Creek and an average grade gold and platinum grade from 4 samples at 117 g/t and 151 g/t respectively at Mt Webber (the "Statements of Gold Grade").
- B. HAO's announcement titled "Haoma Market Releases re Bamboo Creek Tailings and Other Pilbara Ores" lodged on the ASX Market Announcements Platform and released at 3:58 pm on 30 January 2013, acknowledging that certain statements made in earlier disclosures relating to work at Bamboo Creek "were not prepared by a Competent Person as defined by the JORC, and as such do not comply with the JORC Code". The announcement confirmed HAO's retraction of the relevant statements on that basis.
- C. ASX listing rule 5.6 states:

Subject to rule 5.10, a public report prepared by an entity must be prepared in accordance with rules 5.7 to 5.24 if applicable and Appendix 5A (JORC Code) if applicable if the report includes a statement relating to any of the following:

- Exploration targets.
- Exploration results.
- Mineral resources or ore resources.
- Production targets.
- D. ASX confirms the JORC Code applies to the Statements of Gold Grade and these statements do not comply with the JORC Code as follows.



• Statements made by HAO referring to gold grade and tonnages of the tailings appear to imply a resource of 462 million grams of gold. This does not comply with Clause 41. Clause 41 states that the JORC Code applies to:

"the reporting of all potentially economic mineralised material. This can include mineralised fill, remnants, pillars, low grade mineralisation, stockpiles, dumps and tailings (remnant materials) where there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction in the case of Mineral Resources, and where extraction is reasonably justifiable in the case of Ore Reserves. Unless otherwise stated, all other Clauses of the Code (including Figure 1) apply".

- Statements made by HAO in reference to beneficiation of Iron Ore in Appendix 2 of the Announcement also make reference to a potential reserve upgrade. These statements do not comply with Clause 29 of the JORC Code. Any grounds for stating a reserve must be fully and properly disclosed in accordance with Clause 29.
- Sections 1, 2 and 3 of JORC table 1 must be included to clarify the validity and context of the reported 'assay' results and potential resources/reserves.
- All details of sampling techniques, sample preparation, QAQC and independent verification of results must be disclosed in section 1 of JORC Table 1.
- The Announcement is not signed off by a Competent Person in accordance with Clause 6 of the JORC Code.

Having regard to the above, ASX requests that HAO provide a statement in a form suitable for release to the market which does the following.

- 1. Fully retracts the Statements of Gold Grade;
- 2. Fully retracts reference to beneficiation of Iron Ore in Appendix 2;
- 3. Acknowledges that in future HAO's disclosures in relation to Bamboo Creek must comply with the JORC Code, including provision of all relevant JORC table 1 information and be signed off by a Competent Person.

## When and where to send your response

This request is made under, and in accordance with, Listing Rule 18.7. Your statement covering points 1 to 3 above is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by not later than half an hour before the start of trading (i.e. before 9.30 a.m. AEST on 10 August 2017. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will have no choice but to consider suspending trading in HAO's securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

You should note that if the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under Listing Rule 3.1 and it does not fall within the exceptions mentioned in Listing Rule 3.1A, HAO's obligation is to disclose the information "immediately". This may require the information to be disclosed before the deadline set out in the previous paragraph.

ASX reserves the right to release a copy of this letter and your response on the ASX Market Announcements Platform under Listing Rule 18.7A. Your statement should be sent to me by e-mail. It should <u>not</u> be sent directly to the ASX Market Announcements Office. This is to allow me to review your response to confirm



that it is in a form appropriate for release to the market, before it is published on the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

## Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A

In responding to this letter, you should have regard to HAO's obligations under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and also to Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure: Listing Rules 3.1* – 3.1B.

It should be noted that HAO's obligation to disclose information under Listing Rule 3.1 is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

# **Trading halt**

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in HAO's securities under Listing Rule 17.1.

If you wish a trading halt, you must tell us:

- the reasons for the trading halt;
- how long you want the trading halt to last;
- the event you expect to happen that will end the trading halt;
- that you are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted; and
- any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

We may require the request for a trading halt to be in writing. The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted.

You can find further information about trading halts in Guidance Note 16 *Trading Halts & Voluntary Suspensions*.

If you have any queries or concerns about any of the above, please contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely

[Sent electronically without signature]

John Johansson Senior Adviser (Melbourne)