

## METCASH SECURITIES TRADING POLICY

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### 1. Scope of this Policy

1.1 This Securities Trading Policy (**Policy**) applies to dealings in Securities by all Team Members. Certain aspects of this Policy apply only to Directors and the GLT or Management, as well as their 'connected persons'. Directors, the GLT and Management must ensure that their connected persons are aware of the rules in this Policy.

1.2 In this Policy:

**Director** means a director of Metcash Limited;

**GLT** means the Group Leadership Team (being the Group CEO and his or her direct reports);

**Management** means members of the GLT and Metcash employees who are advised of closed period trading restrictions in March and September each year and **Manager** has a corresponding meaning;

**Metcash** means Metcash Limited and its subsidiaries;

**Securities** means all Metcash shares, options, notes, performance rights, debentures and other securities on issue or granted from time to time; and

**Team Members** means all directors, employees, contractors and consultants of Metcash.

### 2. Restrictions applying to all Team Members

2.1 Team Members must not 'deal' in Securities if they are aware of 'inside information' in relation to Metcash or the Team Member has been notified by Metcash that they must not deal in Securities (either for a specified time or until Metcash gives further notice). The terms 'deal' and 'inside information' are explained in section 7 below.

2.2 Team Members must apply a "Front Page Test" before dealing in Securities. Applying a Front Page Test means asking the following question:

- (a) If the market was aware of all the current circumstances, could I be perceived to be taking advantage of my position in an inappropriate way?
- (b) How would it look if the transaction were reported on the front page of the newspaper?

2.3 If the Team Member is unsure, he or she should consult the Metcash Company Secretary before dealing.

2.4 Team Members must not:

- (a) deal in Securities on a speculative or short-term trading basis, which includes buying and selling Securities on market within a 3 month period, and entering into other short-term dealings. Note, selling Securities received following the vesting or exercise of entitlements under an executive or employee incentive plan within 3 months of the vesting or exercise date is **not** a short-term dealing for the purposes of this Policy; or
- (b) short-sell Securities, which involves borrowing the Securities and selling them in the hope that you will be able to buy the Securities back at a lower price at some point in the future to make a profit.

### 3. Restrictions applying to Directors and Management

3.1 No Director or Manager may deal in Securities between:

- (a) 1 October and 10am on the next trading day following the announcement of the half year results; and

- (b) 1 April and 10am on the next trading day following the announcement of the preliminary full year results,

except with the prior written authority of the Chair of Metcash Limited which authority will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and where the Director or Manager is not in possession of inside information. Such exceptional circumstances may include where the person:

- (a) is in severe financial hardship; or
- (b) is required under a court order or undertaking to dispose of the Securities or is required to do so as part of a family settlement.

3.2 The Chair may restrict dealings in Securities during any other period if, in his or her opinion, information is available to Directors or Management which, if published, could affect the price or value of the Securities. This may occur, for example, where Metcash proposes to make an announcement containing market sensitive information. Dealing in Securities may be restricted for certain periods prior to such announcement.

3.3 Directors and Managers must take appropriate steps to ensure that their 'connected persons' only deal in Securities in circumstances where they would be permitted to deal under this Policy. For example, by obtaining clearance in accordance with this Policy in respect of the dealing if the Director or Manager would be required to obtain such clearance under this Policy.

3.4 Connected persons are:

- (a) a family member who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, the Director or Manager in their dealings with Metcash or Securities (this may include the Director or Manager's spouse, partner and children, the children of their partner, or their dependants or dependents of their partner); and
- (b) a company or any other entity which the Director or Manager has an ability to control.

#### **4. Seeking approval to deal during prohibited periods – Directors and Management**

4.1 A Director or Manager who wishes to deal in Securities during a prohibited period referred to in section 3.1 or 3.2 must request the approval of the Chair of Metcash Limited to do so by submitting such request to the Company Secretary in writing or by email and the Company Secretary will communicate the request to the Chair.

4.2 The Chair may grant or refuse the request and impose conditions on the dealing.

4.3 The Chair is not obliged to provide reasons for any aspect of his/her decision, and may revoke approval at any time.

4.4 If a request is not approved or an approval is revoked, that fact must be kept confidential.

4.5 If a request is approved, the approved dealing must occur within 5 business days following approval (or such other time specified in the approval), otherwise the approval is no longer effective and fresh approval must be sought.

#### **5. Seeking approval to deal outside prohibited periods – Directors and GLT**

5.1 A Director or member of the GLT who wishes to deal in Securities outside a prohibited period referred to in section 3.1 or 3.2 must first request the approval of the Chair of Metcash Limited to do so by submitting such request to the Company Secretary in writing or by email and the Company Secretary will communicate the request to the Chair. The proposed dealing must not be engaged in until the Chair has approved the request. If a request is approved, the approved dealing must occur within 5 business days following approval (or such other time specified in the approval), otherwise the approval is no longer effective and fresh approval must be sought.

## 6. Hedging, margin loans and excluded dealings

6.1 Team Members must not enter into a hedging or other derivative transaction in connection with Securities:

- (a) acquired under any executive or employee incentive plan prior to vesting; or
- (b) whilst they are subject to a holding lock or restriction on dealing under the terms of any executive or employee incentive plan.

The use of hedging or other derivative transactions in these circumstances can have the effect of distorting the proper functioning of time and/or performance hurdles under executive or employee incentive plans and reduce the intended alignment between management and shareholders, as well as being prohibited under the Corporations Act for Directors, Metcash's key management personnel and their closely related parties.

6.2 Directors and members of the GLT who finance acquisitions of Securities by margin call loans must advise the Company Secretary of these arrangements who must maintain a register of these arrangements and provide a copy to the Board on any change (addition or deletion) to the register. Directors and members of the Group Leadership Team must advise the Company Secretary (who must in turn advise the Chair) of any lender's intention to sell Securities held by them to satisfy margin loans. This Policy in no way alters the obligation of Directors and GLT members to notify the Company Secretary of any change in the beneficial ownership of Securities held by them.

6.3 The following dealings are excluded from the restrictions on short-term dealing (section 2.4), restrictions on dealings during prohibited periods (section 3) and restrictions on dealings outside prohibited periods (section 5) set out in this Policy:

- (a) participation in an executive or employee incentive plan operated by Metcash. However, where Securities granted under an executive or employee incentive plan cease to be held under the terms of that plan (e.g. when shares are issued on vesting of performance rights), any dealings in those Securities must only occur in accordance with this Policy;
- (b) the following categories of trades:
  - acquisition of Securities through a dividend reinvestment plan;
  - acquisition of Securities through a Security purchase plan available to all retail Security holders;
  - acquisition of Securities through a rights issue; and
  - the disposal of Securities through the acceptance of a takeover offer, scheme of arrangement or equal access buy-back;
- (c) dealings that result in no effective change to the beneficial interest in the Securities (for example, transfers of Securities already held into a superannuation fund or trust of which the Team Member is a beneficiary);
- (d) trading under a pre-approved non-discretionary trading plan, where the Team Member did not enter into the plan or amend the plan during a blackout period, the plan does not permit the Team Member to exercise any influence or discretion in relation to trading under the plan and the plan cannot be cancelled during a blackout period, other than in exceptional circumstances; and
- (e) a disposal of Securities that is the result of a secured lender exercising their rights, for example, under a margin lending arrangement.

6.4 However, given the above dealings **remain subject to the insider trading laws**, Team Members should still consider any legal or reputational issues (and discuss any concerns they have with the Company Secretary) before proceeding with any Securities dealing.

## **7. Insider trading – Further information**

7.1 Under the insider trading provisions of the Corporations Act, it is an offence for a person who:

- (a) has information (which includes intentions and matters of supposition); and
- (b) knows (or ought to know) that:
  - the information is not generally available (that is it has not been made known in a way in which it would or would be likely to come to the attention of persons who commonly invest in the securities affected by the information); and
  - if it were generally available, a reasonable person would expect the information to have a material effect on the price or value of those securities (which will be the case if it would or would be likely to influence persons who commonly invest in securities in deciding whether or not to buy or sell the relevant securities),

to 'deal' which means:

- (a) apply for, acquire or dispose of the relevant securities or agree to do so;
- (b) procure, incite, induce or encourage another person to apply for, acquire or dispose of the relevant securities or agree to do so; or
- (c) directly or indirectly communicate the information to another person if the person knows (or ought to know) that the other person would or would be likely to do any of the above things.

7.2 The prohibited conduct under the Corporations Act includes dealings not only in Securities but also in securities of other listed companies with which Metcash may be dealing (including Metcash's customers, contractors or business partners) where a Team Member possesses 'inside information' in relation to that other company.

## **8. Breaches of this Policy**

8.1 Breaches of this Policy will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action against relevant Team Members, up to and including termination of employment or engagement (as applicable).