



Request for Reinstatement of BOC Quotation Trading

Bougainville Copper Limited (ASX: **BOC**) (Company) is seeking reinstatement of quotation trading on the ASX.

Trading of the BOC securities was suspended from quotation under listing rule 17.5 on Tuesday 1 September 2026 for not lodging the Appendix 4D Half Yearly report for the six months to 30 June 2026, by 31 August 2026. The Company lodged the Half Yearly report on 14 October 2026.

BOC acknowledges that they had previously late filed the 2025 Appendix 4E Preliminary Final Report due on 27 February 2026, and the Audited Annual Report for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2025, due on 31 March 2026. A unique series of events affected the company's operations including:

- changes in key management staff and the resulting loss of capacity and institutional knowledge at critical times.
- The resignation in May 2026 of the recently appointed external auditor, and the subsequent replacement recruitment, so close to the end of the half year.
- The uncertainty when;
 - the strategic partnering process was abruptly terminated in February 2026 when the Autonomous Bougainville Government advised it preferred a development partner of its own choosing; and
 - then in June 2026 the suspension and subordination of the Exploration Licence EL after the passing of the Bougainville Mining (Amendment) Act 2026 and the grant of a large scale mining lease to Bougainville Minerals Limited over the same land area as ELO1 in June 2026.

The Company accepts that these events do not excuse the recurrence of late lodgements and underline the need for more resilient systems and controls.

Following the issues identified over the course of 2026, the Company has reviewed and strengthened the following existing systems and procedures:

- Preparation of monthly income and expenditure reports, balance sheets and cashflows,
- Preparation and review of balance sheet clearing accounts,
- Quarterly income and expenditure reports, balance sheets and cashflows prepared and reported through the Audit and risk committee for approval by the board
- Introduction of a centralised compliance calendar recording all ASX periodic and continuous disclosure deadlines (including quarterly, half-yearly and annual reporting obligations), which is owned and actively maintained by the Company Secretary.

- The Company has designated back-up personnel with responsibility for ASX compliance deadlines to ensure continuity of oversight during periods when primary personnel are unavailable or engaged.
- The Board's Audit and Risk Committee has, from the most recent quarter, commenced reviewing compliance with ASX periodic reporting obligations on a quarterly basis as a standing agenda item.

Bougainville Copper Limited confirms that, as a result of the above review, the Company considers it now has appropriate arrangements in place to meet the ongoing reporting obligations.

Otherwise, the Company confirms that it is complying with the ASX Listing Rules

Authorised for release by the Board



Mark Hitchcock
Company Secretary

