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#### FINANCIAL PRODUCT DEALING POLICY

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#### Introduction

- 1. This is a Board approved governance policy. The approach to corporate governance in Comvita Limited ("Comvita") is set out in the Board and Board Committee Charters and related documents.
- 2. This policy applies to all Directors, officers and employees of Comvita and its subsidiaries who intend to deal in Comvita Restricted Securities.
- 3. In addition to this policy, the more specific and stringent rules in Schedule 1 (Additional Rules for Restricted Persons) ("Additional Rules") also apply to dealing in Comvita Restricted Securities by Directors and certain employees of Comvita.

#### **Policy Statement**

- 4. Comvita Limited ("Comvita") is committed to complying with all legal and statutory requirements. New Zealand and Australian legal requirements make it unlawful to deal in Comvita Restricted Securities while in possession of Inside Information.
- 5. This policy details Comvita's policy and rules for dealings in Comvita Restricted Securities, but the two core rules which all Comvita Directors, officers and employees must comply with at all times are the following:
  - Comvita Directors, officers and employees must not deal in Comvita Restricted Securities, or the securities of any other issuers, or encourage others to do so, while in possession of Inside Information.
  - Confidential information of Comvita should not be disclosed to third parties unless those persons are covered by express or implied duties of confidentiality.
- 6. Comvita Directors, officers and employees must comply with the rules and should follow the guidance in this Policy to reduce any risk of liability for insider trading.

# Fundamental Rule: No dealing may be done while in possession of Inside Information

- 7. This is the primary rule under the insider trading laws. If you have any Inside Information, it is illegal for you to:
  - deal in Comvita Restricted Securities;
  - procure, advise or encourage another person to deal in or hold Comvita Restricted Securities;
  - procure, advise or encourage a person to procure, advise or encourage another person to deal in or hold Comvita Restricted Securities; or
  - directly or indirectly communicate, or pass on the Inside Information to anyone else –
    including colleagues, family, friends, nominees, partners, and trusts or companies you control
     knowing, or where you ought reasonably to have known, that the other person will or is
    likely to use that information to deal in, continue to hold, or procure, advise or encourage
    someone else to deal in, or hold, Comvita Restricted Securities.
- 8. This offence, called "insider trading", can subject you to criminal liability including large fines and/or imprisonment, and civil liability, which may include being sued by another party or Comvita, for any loss suffered as a result of illegal dealing.
- 9. This Policy restricts dealing in Comvita Restricted Securities. It does not replace your legal obligations. You should be aware that insider trading laws relate to a broad range of securities

including interests in managed investment schemes, superannuation products, and other financial products which are able to be traded on a financial market. If you have inside information concerning securities (including the financial products described) insider trading laws will apply to your conduct in relation to those securities. You should satisfy yourself of compliance with insider trading laws before making any decisions in relation to those securities.

#### Guidance

## What is dealing in Comvita Restricted Securities?

- 10. This Policy applies to any "dealing" in "Comvita Restricted Securities":
  - "deal" includes applying for, acquiring or disposing of Comvita Restricted Securities or agreeing to do so, whether as principal or agent.
  - "Comvita Restricted Securities" means any Comvita shares, options, derivatives and debt securities. Comvita Restricted Securities include:
    - ordinary shares of Comvita listed on the NZX Main Board Market;
    - any other securities of Comvita and any options, derivatives or other financial products issued or created over or in respect of any securities of Comvita.
- 11. This Policy applies to any dealing which you are involved or instrumental in, whether or not the Comvita Restricted Securities are held or received in your own name or that of your spouse, children, other relatives, associates, trusts of which you are a trustee or companies which you control.

#### What is "Inside Information"?

- 12. "**Inside Information**" is 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 securities.
- 13. Information is "generally available" if it is readily obtainable or made known to people who commonly invest in the securities (such as by NZX or ASX announcements) and since it was made known, a reasonable period for it to be disseminated among such persons has elapsed.
- 14. It does not matter how you come to know the Inside Information (including whether you learn it in the course of carrying out your responsibilities, or in passing in the corridor, or in a lift, or at a social function).
- 15. Information includes rumours, matters of supposition, intentions or likely intentions of a person (including Comvita or its subsidiaries), and information, which is insufficiently definite to warrant disclosure to the public.

# What are some examples of Inside Information?

- 16. Inside Information could include information relating to any of the following (but this list is illustrative only):
  - an unannounced upcoming performance announcement, especially if it contains unexpected results;
  - the unannounced imminent introduction of an important new product or service;
  - a possible change in the strategic direction of Comvita;
  - a possible acquisition or sale of any material assets or company by Comvita;
  - entry into or the likely entry into or termination or likely termination of material contracts or other business arrangements which are not publicly known;
  - a possible change in Comvita' capital structure;
  - a change in the historical pattern of dividends;
  - executive management changes;
  - a material legal claim by or against Comvita;
  - major new regulation of Comvita; or

- any other material and unexpected liability.
- 17. If you have knowledge of any of these matters or any other information likely to affect the price or value of Comvita Restricted Securities in the market, you should not deal or procure anyone else to deal in those Comvita Restricted Securities until such matters become public knowledge and a reasonable period for the information to be disseminated has elapsed.

# Short term dealing should be avoided

- 18. You should not engage in short term dealing (i.e. buying and selling Comvita Restricted Securities within a 3 month period) unless there are exceptional circumstances discussed and approved by the Company Chair and Chief Executive Officer CEO). In the case of the short-term trading by the CEO this should be approved by the Company Chair and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- 19. Short term trading might give rise to allegations of insider trading, particularly if short term dealing is undertaken on a regular basis, in large amounts, or around important events which affect the price of the Comvita Restricted Securities. These events may not be expected or known by you, but if they do occur your short term dealing may be viewed adversely with the benefit of hindsight. To reduce the risk of an allegation of insider trading, do not deal in Comvita Restricted Securities on a short-term basis.

#### If in doubt, don't

20. The rules contained in this Policy do not replace your legal obligations. The boundary between what is (and is not) in breach of the law is not always clear. Sometimes behaviour that you consider to be ethical actually may be insider trading or it may give rise to the public drawing adverse inferences as to Comvita's conduct. **If in doubt, don't**.

#### **Dealing/Issue/Exercise Periods**

21. There are **no** "safe" periods for dealing in Comvita Restricted Securities. You may **never** deal in Comvita Restricted Securities if you have Inside Information.

#### Don't "tip" or encourage dealing by others

- 22. You should not either directly or indirectly advise or encourage any person to deal in Comvita Restricted Securities when you are in possession of Inside Information. You should take particular care not to "tip". This means to directly or indirectly communicate or cause to be communicated Inside Information to those who you know or suspect are likely to deal in or otherwise hold Comvita Restricted Securities or to procure others to deal in or otherwise hold Comvita Restricted Securities. Tipping is illegal and you could be liable for any dealings by these people.
- 23. In addition, you should not deal in or procure, advise or encourage others to deal in, or tip with respect to, securities of another company if you have Inside Information about that other company.

#### Companies or trusts which you control are also caught

24. You cannot avoid the insider trading laws by dealing in Comvita Restricted Securities through companies or trusts you control. If the companies or trusts that you control deal in Comvita Restricted Securities while you have Inside Information, you will be deemed to have procured the company or trust to deal in Comvita Restricted Securities, exposing yourself and the company or trust to liability.

# Only disclose Comvita Inside Information to other Comvita personnel on a "need to know" basis

25. Inside Information should not be freely discussed by employees other than for work purposes. The "need to know" rule is part of Comvita' general security policy. This will reduce the flow of Inside Information within Comvita and help lessen the risk of insider trading.

Do not disclose Comvita Inside Information to third parties unless they are covered by express or implied duties of confidentiality

26. All Directors and employees have a duty of confidentiality to Comvita. You must not reveal any confidential information concerning Comvita to a third party unless you have been authorised to disclose the information. You also must not use any confidential information in any way which may cause loss or damage to Comvita or allow you to gain an advantage for yourself. Express obligations will arise where specific confidentiality agreements are entered into to cover disclosure in specific instances. Implied duties of confidentiality can arise in circumstances such as disclosure to legal advisers for the purposes of obtaining legal advice. You should ensure external advisers keep Comvita information confidential. You are also to read and comply with Comvita's Continuous Disclosure Policy.

# How this applies to any Employee Share Schemes, Performance Rights Scheme, Regular Savings Plans or Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP)

- 27. The acquisition of shares under any Comvita Employee Share Scheme, Performance Rights Scheme, any regular Savings Plan or DRP (if any or all of those are implemented by Comvita in future) while in possession of Inside Information will not normally be caught by the definition of dealing in Comvita Restricted Securities for the purposes of the insider trading regime.
- 28. While in possession of Inside Information, Directors, Officers and employees of Comvita who participate in a programme or a regular Savings Plan into Comvita restricted securities cannot change the amount of such contribution including ceasing contributions into the Savings Plan.
- 29. Please note that while we consider it important to be aware of potential Inside Information, it is likely that most Comvita employees will not have Inside Information and will be able to participate in the any future Comvita Employee Share Scheme, Performance Rights Scheme or DRP without needing to cease contributions to the Schemes.

#### Are there any exceptions?

30. This Policy may be reviewed to allow exceptions for Restricted Persons or employees in possession of Inside Information to acquire or be issued Comvita shares under any employee incentive arrangements approved by the Board.

### This policy applies to dealings anywhere in the world

31. This policy applies whether the dealing is to be done in New Zealand or overseas.

# **Breaches of Policy**

32. Strict compliance with this policy is a condition of employment. Breaches of this policy may result in disciplinary action which may include termination of employment. Comvita may monitor the trading of directors and employees as part of its administration of this policy.

#### Seek advice

33. Remember: if in doubt consult the Company Chair, Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer or your own legal adviser.

# Schedule 1: Additional Rules for Restricted Persons Persons covered by these Additional Rules

- 1. These Additional Rules apply to all of the following ("**Restricted Persons**"):
  - All Directors of Comvita.
  - The Chief Executive.
  - All members of the leadership team.
  - All direct reports to members of the leadership team.
  - All members of the Chief Financial Officer's Team.
  - Trusts and companies controlled by the above persons.

- All other people designated by the Company Chair or Chief Financial Officer. Such designation
  may be by name, position or business function and shall be for such period of time as
  determined by the Company Chair or Chief Financial Officer.
- From time to time other persons may be temporarily designated as Restricted Persons, in which case the Company Chair or Chief Financial Officer will keep a list and inform those persons when their temporary designation lapses.

For the purpose of these Additional Rules, any person named above (including any company or Trust controlled by that person) shall continue to be treated as a Restricted Person and bound by these Additional Rules for a period of 6 months after they have ceased to be employed or engaged by the Company.

- 2. Restricted Persons should also be aware that:
  - These Additional Rules apply in addition to the general rules in the Financial Products Dealing Policy, and are in addition to New Zealand and Australian legislative requirements.
  - Employees and directors will be considered responsible for the actions of trusts and companies controlled by them. In this respect, "control" is not to be construed in a technical way, but by looking at how decisions are made in practice.

## No dealing within black-out periods

- 3. Restricted Persons are prohibited from dealing in any Comvita Restricted Securities during the following specific "black-out" periods:
  - From Comvita's half-year balance date (31 December), until 24 hours after the release of half-year results to the NZX.
  - From Comvita's year end balance date (30 June), until 24 hours after the release of full-year results to the NZX.
  - Such other period as determined by the Company Chair and Chief Financial Officer (e.g. prior to release of a financial product disclosure document for a general public offer of Comvita shares).
- 4. Restricted Persons are not permitted to deal in any Comvita Restricted Securities during a blackout period unless the Company Chair or Chief Financial Officer provides a specific exemption in **Exceptional Circumstances**, which may include:
  - The Restricted Person is in severe financial hardship.
  - The Restricted Person is required by a court order or other court enforceable undertaking to transfer or sell Comvita Restricted Securities.
  - The dealing by the Restricted Person is, in the opinion of the Company Chair, "contrary" to the Inside Information and the counterparty to the deal is not a related person to the Restricted Person. (For example, a sale by a Restricted Person of Comvita Restricted Securities on the open market to a non-related party at current market price, when the Inside Information held by the Restricted Person is expected to result in a higher market price once released to the market).

# Dealing outside black-out periods

5. Outside the black-out periods specified above, Restricted Persons who do **not** possess Inside Information may deal in Comvita Restricted Securities subject to the notification and consent requirements set out below. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

#### No dealing if in possession of Inside Information

6. Restricted Persons must not deal in Comvita Restricted Securities at any time if in possession of Inside Information (whether during or outside a black-out period). The only exception to this is where the Restricted Person is acquiring options, rights or shares under any future Comvita

Employee Share Scheme, Performance Rights Scheme, Fixed Trading Plan or regular Savings Plan in accordance with this Policy.

## **Consent required before dealing**

- 7. Before dealing in Comvita Restricted Securities (or having Comvita Restricted Securities dealt in your name or on your behalf), at any time, you must:
  - Notify the Company Chair or Chief Financial Officer of your intention to deal in Comvita
    Restricted Securities and seek consent to do so on the basis you are not in possession of any
    Inside Information. Consent should be sought in the form attached as an Appendix to this
    Policy.
  - Confirm that you do not possess Inside Information.
  - Confirm that there is no known reason to prohibit dealing in any Comvita Restricted Securities.
  - Where Exceptional Circumstances exist and the Restricted Person wishes to deal inside a black-out period, specify the nature of the Exceptional Circumstances.
- 8. All dealings involving Restricted Persons must be approved by the Chairman of the Board. All dealings involving the Chairman must be approved by the Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee.
- 9. By way of example, consent is required should you wish to:
  - Acquire or dispose of Comvita shares (including a disposal of shares that have been acquired through the exercise of any options or rights (zepos) or the vesting of shares under any future Comvita employee incentive scheme).
  - Otherwise deal in Comvita shares (e.g. gifting shares to a family member or transferring shares to a trust).
  - Enter any future Comvita Employee Share Scheme or regular Savings Plan.
  - Re-enter any future Comvita Employee Share Scheme or regular Savings Plan following cessation of contributions due to you being in possession of Inside Information.
  - Cease or change contributions to a Comvita Employee Share Scheme or regular Savings Plan.

# **Requirements for consent**

- 10. Consent to deal will not be unreasonably withheld and will only be given if the Comvita Chairman is reasonably satisfied as to all the following:
  - The decision to deal in the Comvita Restricted Securities has not been made on the basis of Inside Information.
  - The information provided in the internal dealing form is true.
  - If a Restricted Person is seeking consent to deal inside a black-out period, Exceptional Circumstances exist.
  - If the Restricted Person left the employment of the company within the last 6 months, they are not making the request to trade on the basis of Inside Information.
  - The Company is not poised to make a public announcement of a material nature (share price sensitive) within the next 24 hours, even if the Restricted Person is not in possession of Inside Information.

# When consent is granted

- 11. Consent to deal, if it is granted, will be provided by way of letter or email.
- 12. A consent is only valid for a period of 10 trading days after notification (and a new consent is required for dealings in Comvita Restricted Securities which will be completed more than 10 trading days after a previous consent was given).
- 13. A consent is automatically deemed to be withdrawn if the Restricted Person becomes aware of Inside Information prior to dealing.

# **Consent not required in certain circumstances**

14. Consent is **not** required if you:

- Acquire Comvita shares through the vesting of your restricted shares under any future Comvita Employee Share Scheme or Performance Rights Scheme.
- 15. Consent is also not required should your restricted shares, options or rights (zepos) granted under any future Comvita Employee Share Scheme lapse or be forfeited.

# Disclosures after dealing

- 16. Once dealing is complete, this must be disclosed to the Company Secretary or Chief Financial Officer. Additional disclosure requirements apply to any dealings in Comvita Restricted Securities by any of the following:
  - Directors of Comvita.
  - The Chief Executive.
  - The Chief Financial Officer.

These disclosure obligations require that these persons instruct the Company Secretary or Chief Financial Officer to, under Subpart 6, Sections 297(2) and 298(2) of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013, file Disclosure of Directors and Officers Relevant Interests to the NZX and Financial Markets Authority, as soon as possible after dealing in Comvita Restricted Securities. This reporting to the NZX and Financial Markets Authority should be completed within 48 hours of dealing in the Restricted Securities.

These disclosure requirements remain valid for a period of 6 months after the Director or Officer mentioned above have ceased to be employed or engaged by the Company.

#### Status of Additional Rules

- 17. Failure to comply with these requirements will be treated seriously. Full and accurate disclosure of all relevant facts must be made when completing the internal dealing form.
- 18. These Additional Rules form part of the "Financial Products Dealing Policy" which applies to all Directors, officers and employees.

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