

S&P/ASX Indices Consultation on the Implementation of BHP's Potential Unification

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021: S&P Dow Jones Indices ("S&P DJI") is conducting a consultation with market participants on the implementation of the potential unification of BHP Group Limited (XASX: BHP) and BHP Group Plc (XLON: BHP) within the S&P/ASX Indices.

BACKGROUND

BHP has proposed unifying its dual-listed company corporate structure into a single entity, BHP Group Limited, incorporated in Australia.¹ Under BHP's proposal, shares in BHP Group Plc (XLON: BHP) would be exchanged for shares in BHP Group Limited (XASX: BHP) on a one-for-one basis.

Unification, if adopted, is expected to occur in the first half of 2022, subject to final Board approval, third party consents, regulatory, shareholder and court approvals.

Should unification occur, the size of the event and its impact on the S&P/ASX Indices and the wider Australian market, including the market's ability to accommodate the significant trading volumes anticipated are expected to be material. Therefore, S&P DJI is seeking feedback on whether to upweight the stock in S&P/ASX Indices at:

1. The full float-adjusted market capitalization ("FMC") weight all at once, effective on or around the unification ex-date, or
2. In two tranches, with the first tranche added on or around the unification ex-date, and the second tranche added on the subsequent rebalancing effective date.

Please note that BHP's proposed unification is still subject to various approvals and has not been finalized. S&P DJI will continue to work towards finalizing index treatment as more details become available. The final decision regarding index treatment, should unification occur, may not be determined until closer to the actual unification ex-date.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

The table below shows the projected unified weight of BHP in the S&P/ASX 200 as of October 28, 2021. Based on recent market capitalization figures, BHP will become the largest stock in all S&P/ASX FMC indices in which it is a constituent if unification occurs.

Stock	Weight in S&P/ASX 200		Estimated Funding Trade ²	Days to Trade ³
	Current	Projected Unified		
BHP	5.20%	8.61%	~AUD 10.87 billion	34.16

¹ For additional details on BHP's proposal, please refer to <https://www.bhp.com/about/our-businesses/unified-corporate-structure>.

² The estimated funding trade is calculated using an estimated AUD 319 billion in Australian equity funds benchmarked to S&P/ASX Indices derived from [S&P DJI's ETFs Turn 20 in Australia](#) as of Dec. 31, 2020, multiplied by the approximate upweight of BHP in the S&P/ASX 200 as of Oct. 28, 2021.

³ Estimated using the three-month average volume traded in BHP on the ASX as of Oct. 28, 2021.

QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions and provide S&P DJI with the reasoning behind your answers:

1. **Should unification occur, how should it be implemented in the S&P/ASX Indices?**
 - **Upweight BHP all at once, effective on or around the unification ex-date**
 - **Upweight BHP in two tranches, with the first tranche occurring on or around the unification ex-date, and the second tranche occurring on the subsequent rebalancing effective date**
2. **If you chose to upweight BHP in two tranches in question 1 above, how should the weighting be spread across the tranches?**
3. **Do you have any other comments or feedback regarding the potential implementation of BHP's unification within the S&P/ASX Indices?**

Your participation in this consultation is important as we gather information from various market participants in order to properly evaluate your views and preferences. Please respond to this survey by **January 14, 2022**. After this date, S&P DJI will no longer accept survey responses. Prior to the Index Committee's final review, S&P DJI may request clarifications from respondents as part of that review.

To participate in this consultation, please visit the online survey available [here](#).

For further information about this consultation, please contact S&P Dow Jones Indices at SPDJI_Index_Governance@spglobal.com.

Please be advised that all comments from this consultation will be reviewed and considered before a final decision is made; however, S&P DJI makes no guarantees or is under any obligation to comply with any of the responses. The survey may result in no changes or outcome of any kind. If S&P DJI decides to change the index methodology, an announcement will be posted on our website.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

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