

Notice of change in interests of substantial holder

To: Company Name/Scheme: **DRILLSEARCH ENERGY LIMITED (DLS))**

ABN **006 474 844**

1. Details of substantial holders ⁽¹⁾

Name		ACN / ABN
RIVKIN FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED	(RFS)	ABN 58 061 287 045
RIVKIN INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED	(RIPL)	ABN 58 096 139 374
HTH TRADING PTY LIMITED	(HTH)	ABN 60 105 905 904

There was a change in the interests of the substantial holders on: 2 February 2005
The previous notice was given to the company on: 14 October 2004
The previous notice was dated: 14 October 2004

2. Previous and present voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate⁽²⁾ had a relevant interest⁽³⁾ in when last required, and when now required, to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Class of securities ⁽⁴⁾	Previous notice		Present notice	
	Person's votes	Voting power ⁽⁵⁾	Person's votes	Voting power ⁽⁵⁾
Ordinary Shares	28,198,016	9.45% ^(A)	24,788,016	8.31% ^(A)

(A) Based on DLS total issued share capital being 298,330,975 shares

3. Changes in relevant interests

Particulars of each change in, or change in the nature of, a relevant interest of the substantial holder or an associate in voting securities of the company or scheme, since the substantial holder was last required to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme are as follows:

Date of change	Person whose relevant interest changed	Nature of change ⁽⁶⁾	Consideration given in relation to change ⁽⁷⁾ \$	Class and number of securities affected	Person's votes affected
				Ordinary Shares	
24-Jan-05	The parties named in (1) above	Sale on ASX by HTH	(77,010.00)	(1,090,000)	(1,090,000)
25-Jan-05			(63,579.05)	(910,000)	(910,000)
27-Jan-05			(21,760.00)	(320,000)	(320,000)
28-Jan-05			(37,700.00)	(580,000)	(580,000)
02-Feb-05			(34,690.00)	(510,000)	(510,000)
Sub-totals			(234,746.05)	(3,410,000)	(3,410,000)

4. Present relevant interests

Particulars of each relevant interest of the substantial holder in voting securities after the change are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder ⁽⁸⁾	Nature of relevant interest ⁽⁷⁾	Class and number of securities and Person's votes
				Ordinary Shares
HTH	HTH	HTH	Legal, beneficial and registered holder of shares	24,788,016
RIPL	HTH	HTH	Taken under section 608(3)(b) of the Corporations Act to have a relevant interest in securities in which HTH has a relevant interest	
RFS	HTH	HTH	Taken under section 608(3)(b) of the Corporations Act have a relevant interest in securities in which RIPL has a relevant interest	

5. Changes in association

The persons who have become associates⁽²⁾ of, ceased to be associates of, or have change the nature of their association⁽⁹⁾ with, the substantial holder in relation to voting interests in the company or scheme are as follows:

Name	ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
None	N/A	N/A

6. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
HTH	Level 33, Citigroup Centre, 2 Park Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000
RIPL	Level 33, Citigroup Centre, 2 Park Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000
RFS	Level 33, Citigroup Centre, 2 Park Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000

Signature

sign here _____
print name Victor Ho

Date 3 February 2005
capacity Secretary of RFS, RIPL and HTH

DIRECTIONS

(1) If there are a number of substantial holders with similar or related relevant interests (eg a corporation and its related corporations, or the manager and trustee of an equity trust), the names could be included in an annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons are essentially similar, they may be referred to throughout the form as a specifically named group if the membership of each group, with the names and addresses of members is clearly set out in paragraph 6 of the form.

(2) See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

(3) See the definition of "relevant interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act.

(4) The voting shares of a company constitute one class unless divided into separate classes.

(5) The person's votes divided by the total votes in the body corporate or scheme multiplied by 100.

(6) Include details of:

- (a) any relevant agreement or other circumstance because of which the change in relevant interest occurred. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any document setting out the terms of any relevant agreement, and a statement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, scheme or arrangement, must accompany this form, together with a written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement; and
- (b) any qualification of the power of a person to exercise, control the exercise of, or influence the exercise of the voting powers or disposal of the securities to which the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly the particular securities to which the qualification applies).

See the definition of "relevant agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

(7) Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.

(8) If the substantial holder is unable to determine the identity of the person (eg if the relevant interest arises because of an option) write "unknown".

(9) Give details, if appropriate, of the present association and any change in that association since the last substantial holding notice.