POLICY



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1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

Securities of the Company are listed on the NZX. This policy outlines when Key Management Personnel (KMP) and other Employees may deal in Company Securities, and their associated procedures, to reduce the risk of insider trading and the appearance of insider trading.

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2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this policy is to address the requirements of the NZX Listing Rules which requires the Company to provide a framework to KMP and Employees when Dealing in Securities of the Company. The policy has been prepared taking into consideration the following:
 - **2.1.1** obligations under the Companies Act 1993 not to Deal in Company Securities whilst in possession of Inside Information;
 - **2.1.2** rights of shareholders under the Constitution of the Company to freely trade their shares; and
 - **2.1.3** contractual and statutory rights embedded in the Securities.

3.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to Key Management Personnel, including directors, the company secretary, and all employees, secondees, contractors and consultants of Cannasouth and its subsidiaries. This includes in relation to a director, the company secretary, and employees or consultant employed by the company who have a significant influence in the management of the

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Company, that person's spouse or child or a company the person controls. See also Definitions and Abbreviations.

4.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ROLES	RESPONSIBILITIES
Senior Management	Responsible for ensuring the policy is accurate and fit for purpose and preparing reviews of the policy for presentation to the Board.
Staff	Responsible for approval of the Policy.

5.0 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

TERM/ABBREVIATION	DEFINITION		
NZX	NZX means NZX Limited and where the context permits, the New Zealand Stock Exchange operated by NZX Limited.		
Business Day	Business Day means any day of the week other than a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday.		
	Closed Period means:		
	a) during the 10 Business Day period prior to the expected		
	release of, and two hours after the actual release of,		
	announcements regarding:		
	i. material information relating to results and any		
	processing results;		
	ii. sales and production figures;		
Closed Period	iii. profit forecasts;		
	iv. material borrowings or material changes to terms of		
	existing borrowings;		
	v. material changes to liquidity and material cash flow		
	information;		
	vi. significant changes in operations;		
	vii. significant litigation;		
	viii. significant mergers, joint ventures, acquisitions,		
	restructures, or takeovers;		

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	ix. major asset purchases or sales; and		
	x. capital raisings by the Company (except participation		
	by a KMP in the capital raising itself).		
	b) during the 10 Business Day period prior to the expected		
	release of, and two hours after the actual release of, the		
	following:		
	i. half year financial results, and full year financial results;		
	ii. a disclosure document for the offer of Securities in the		
	Company containing Inside Information or information		
	that has not been announced to the market under NZX		
	Listing Rules;		
	iii. a target statement for a takeover offer for Securities in		
	the Company;		
	iv. a bidder's statement for the issue of Securities in the		
	Company; or		
	v. a scheme booklet for a merger by way of a scheme of		
	arrangement involving the Securities of the Company.		
Company	Company means Cannasouth Limited.		
Company Securities	Company Securities means all Securities in the Company		
(also referred to as Financial	(including financial products issued or created over or in respect		
Products) of the Company's Securities).			
Companies Act			
	Companies Act means the Companies Act 1993.		
	Deal includes acquiring, disposing of, subscribing for, and		
Deal	Dealing has a corresponding meaning. A decision to join, or		
(also referred to as Trade)	subscribe for shares under, any dividend reinvestment plan is not		
	dealing in Company Securities.		
Employee	Employee means any employee or consultant of the Company.		
F 11 101 1	Exceptional Circumstance has the meaning outlined in section		
Exceptional Circumstance	6.14.		
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Generally Available Information	Generally available information is information that is: a) is readily observable; b) has been made known in a manner likely to bring it to the attention of persons who commonly invest in securities of the relevant type and a reasonable period for that information to be disseminated has elapsed since it was made known; or c) consists of deductions, conclusions or inferences made or drawn from information falling under paragraphs (a) or (b).
Group	Group means the Company and each of its controlled entities.
Inside Information	Inside Information means 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 the Company's Securities. For the purposes of this Policy, Inside Information generally includes, but is not limited to the following (prior to it being generally available): a) material information relating to results; b) sales figures; c) profit forecasts; d) material borrowings or material changes to terms of existing borrowings; e) material changes to liquidity and material cash flow information; f) significant changes in operations; g) significant litigation; h) impending mergers, joint ventures, acquisitions, restructures, takeovers; and i) major asset purchases or sales.
Key Management Personnel or KMP	Key Management Personnel or KMP means those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise), chief executive officer, chief financial officer or company secretary

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	of that entity.	
	For the purposes of this Policy, information is taken to be	
	Material or will have a Material Effect if the information would,	
	or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly acquire	
	securities in deciding whether or not to acquire or dispose of	
	the Company's Securities.	
	A person has a Relevant Interest in securities if they:	
	a) are the holder of the securities; or	
Relevant Interest	b) have power to exercise, or control the exercise of, a right	
Kelevarii irrieresi	to vote attached to the securities; or	
	c) have power to dispose of, or control the exercise	
	of a power to dispose of, the securities.	
	Security includes shares, debentures, rights, options,	
Security	employee options, prescribed interests and warrants and	
	Securities has a corresponding meaning.	
	Transaction Entity means an entity which the Company has	
Transaction Entity	business dealings which is listed on the NZX or any other	
	financial market.	

6.0 POLICY & PROCEDURES

6.1 Breach of Policy

- **6.1.1** A breach of this Policy by an Employee (even if the Employee is not a KMP) is serious and may lead to disciplinary action, including dismissal in serious cases. It may also be a breach of the law.
- **6.1.2** Insider trading is a serious matter which is a criminal offence. It is punishable by substantial fines or imprisonment or both.
- **6.1.3** Insider trading may also attract civil penalties. A court may impose substantial pecuniary penalties for insider trading and order payment of compensation to persons who suffer loss or damage because of insider trading.

6.2 When Employees May Deal

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An Employee (who is not a KMP) may Deal in Company Securities if he or she does not have information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, is Inside Information in relation to Company Securities.

6.3 When Employees May Not Deal

An Employee who is not a KMP may not Deal or procure another person to Deal in Company Securities if he or she has information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, is Inside Information in relation to Company Securities.

6.4 When a KMP May Deal

Subject to the requirements of this Policy (including the required prior approvals and restrictions during Closed Periods), a KMP may Deal in Company Securities if he or she does not have information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, is Inside Information in relation Company Securities.

6.5 When a KMP May Not Deal

- **6.5.1** Subject to clause 6.6 and 6.7 of this Policy, a KMP may not Deal or procure another person to Deal in Company Securities:
 - 6.5.1.1 if he or she has information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, is Inside Information in relation to Company Securities;
 - 6.5.1.2 during a Closed Period;
 - **6.5.1.3** if he or she has information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, has not been announced to the market under NZX listing rules in relation to Company Securities.
- **6.5.2** KMP are prohibited at all times from Dealing in financial products issued or created over or in respect of the Company's Securities. For the avoidance of doubt this clause does not apply to an option over unissued capital granted by the Company.
- **6.5.3** KMP are prohibited at all times from entering into margin lending or similar arrangements in respect to Company Securities they hold or in which they have a Relevant Interest.

6.6 Excluded Trading

This Policy does not prohibit Dealing in the Company's Securities during a Closed Period as outlined in section 6.13.

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6.7 Exceptional Circumstances

- **6.7.1** The Chairman may give clearance during a Closed Period for a KMP to sell (but not buy) Company Securities in Exceptional Circumstances.
- **6.7.2** The Chairman may not give clearance under the exception in 6.7.1. If there is a matter about which there is Inside Information in relation to Company Securities (whether or not the KMP knows about the matter) when the KMP requests clearance or proposes to Deal in Company Securities. This prohibition is subject to any lawful obligation to the contrary (for example, for an order of a court).
- **6.7.3** The KMP seeking clearance to Deal in the Securities must outline in writing to the Chairman the circumstances of their severe financial hardship or as to why their circumstances are otherwise exceptional and that the proposed Dealing in the Securities is the only reasonable course of action available.
- **6.7.4** The Chairman will decide if the Exceptional Circumstances exist.
- **6.7.5** A list of matters that may constitute Exceptional Circumstances is contained in section 6.14.

6.8 Clearance From The Chairman

- **6.8.1** At least 2 Business Days prior to when a KMP intends to Deal in Company Securities, the KMP must first inform the Chairman (and at the same time the Company Secretary) by submitting a completed Securities Trading Request Form. If the KMP is not able to email a scanned copy of the Securities Trading Request Form, then the KMP may send an email with the same information in it to the Chairman.
- **6.8.2** The Chairman must approve or reject the Securities Trading Request as soon as practicable (generally within 2 Business Days). The KMP must not Deal in Company Securities until it has received the clearance from the Chairman.
- **6.8.3** The Chairman may not give clearance if:
 - **6.8.3.1** there is a matter about which there is or may be Inside Information in relation to Company Securities (whether or not the KMP knows about the matter) when the KMP requests clearance or proposes to deal in Company Securities;
 - **6.8.3.2** the Securities Trading Request form is lodged during a Closed Period;
 - **6.8.3.3** the proposed Dealing is during a Closed Period; or
 - **6.8.3.4** the Chairman has any other reason to believe that the proposed Dealing breaches this Policy.

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- **6.8.4** In making a determination under 6.8.3 about the existence of Inside Information the Chairman should exercise caution and refuse the clearance if there is any possibility that Inside Information may exist.
- **6.8.5** Irrespective of any clearances given under this Policy, the Employee or KMP is not to Deal with Company Securities whilst in possession of Inside Information.
- **6.8.6** The Chairman must:
 - **6.8.6.1** keep a written record of
 - **6.8.6.1.1** any information received from a KMP in connection with this Policy; and
 - **6.8.6.1.2** any clearance given under this policy, including the duration for which the clearance applies; and
 - **6.8.6.2** send a copy of the written record to the Company Secretary for keeping.
- **6.8.7** The Company Secretary must keep a file of any written record referred to in clauses 6.8.1 and 6.8.6.
- **6.8.8** For the purposes of this policy, written requests and clearances may include facsimiles and emails and are valid for a period the earlier of:
 - **6.8.8.1** 5 Business Days
 - **6.8.8.2** the Business Day before the Company enters a Closed Period; and
 - **6.8.8.3** the time that the KMP comes into possession of Inside Information.
- **6.8.9** In the event of trading by the Chairman, approval needs to be given by the Chairman of the audit and finance committee.

6.9 Dealings in Which a KMP Has a Relevant Interest

A KMP must prohibit any Dealing in the Company Securities in which the KMP has a Relevant Interest while the KMP is in possession of Inside Information.

6.10 Communicating Inside Information

6.10.1 If an Employee (including a KMP) has information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, is Inside Information in relation to Company Securities, the Employee must not directly or indirectly communicate that information to another

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person if he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, that the other person would or would be likely to:

- 6.10.2 Deal in Company Securities; or
- **6.10.3** Procure another person to Deal in Company Securities.

6.11 Notification of Trades in Company Securities

KMP must notify the Company Secretary of any Dealings in the Company's securities with two business days of such Deal occurring. Initial, ongoing and final notifications will be required which must include the details set out below.

6.11.1 Initial disclosure

The KMP will provide the following information as at the date of appointment, as soon as reasonably possible, in any event not later than two Business Days after the date KMP's date of appointment:

- **6.11.1.1**details of all Company Securities registered in the KMP's name. These details include the number and class of the Company Securities;
- 6.11.1.2 details of all Company Securities not registered in the KMP's name but in which the KMP has a Relevant Interest. These details include the number and class of the Company Securities, the name of the registered holder and the circumstances giving rise to the Relevant Interest; and
- 6.11.1.3 details of all contracts (other than contracts to which the Company is a party) to which the KMP is a party or under which the KMP is entitled to a benefit, and that confer a right to call for or deliver shares in, debentures of, or interests in a managed investment scheme made available by, the Company or a related body corporate. These details include the number and class of shares, debentures or interests, the name of the registered holder if the shares, debentures or interests have been issued and the nature of the KMP's interest under contract.

6.11.2 Ongoing disclosure

The KMP will provide the following information as soon as reasonably possible after the date of the change and in any event no later than two Business Days after the date of the change:

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- 6.11.2.1 details of changes in Company Securities registered in the KMP's name other than changes occurring as a result of corporate actions by the Company. These details include the date of the change, the number and class of the Company Securities held before and after the change, and the nature of the change, for example on-market transfer. The KMP will also provide details of the consideration payable in connection with the change, or if a market consideration is not payable, the value of the Company Securities the subject of the change;
- 6.11.2.2details of changes in Company Securities not registered in the KMP's name but in which the KMP has a Relevant Interest. These details shall include the date of the change, the number and class of the Company Securities held before and after the change, the name of the registered holder before and after the change, and the circumstances giving rise to the Relevant Interest. The KMP will also provide details of the consideration payable in connection with the change, or if a market consideration is not payable, the value of the Company Securities the subject of the change; and
- 6.11.2.3 details of all changes to contracts (other than contracts to which the Company is a party) to which the KMP is a party or under which the KMP is entitled to a benefit, and that confer a right to call for or deliver shares in, debentures of, or interests in a managed investment scheme made available by, the Company or a related body corporate. These details include the date of the change, the number and class of the shares, debentures or interests to which the interest relates before and after the change, the name of the registered holder if the shares, debentures or interests have been issued, and the nature of the KMP's interests under the contract.

6.11.3 Final disclosure

The KMP will provide the following information as at the date of ceasing to be a KMP as soon as reasonably possible, and in any event, no later than two Business Days after the date of ceasing to be a KMP:

- **6.11.3.1**details of all Company Securities registered in the KMP's name. These details include the number and class of the Securities;
- **6.11.3.2**details of all Company Securities not registered in the KMP's name but in which the KMP has a Relevant Interest. These details include the number and class of

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the Company Securities, the name of the registered holder and the circumstances giving rise to the Relevant Interest; and

6.11.3.3 details of all contracts (other than contracts to which the Company is a party) to which the KMP is a party or under which the KMP is entitled to a benefit, and that confer a right to call for or delivery shares in, debentures of, or interests in a managed investment scheme made available by, the Company or a related body corporate. These details include the number and class of the shares, debentures or interests, the name of the registered holder if the shares debentures or interests have been issued and the nature of the interest under the contract.

6.12 Speculative Dealing

A KMP may not deal in Company Securities on considerations of a short-term nature.

6.13 Exclusions From the Financial Products Trading Policy

Dealing excluded from the operation of Policy includes:

- **6.13.1** transfers of Securities already held into a superannuation fund or other saving scheme in which the KMP is a beneficiary;
- **6.13.2** transfers of Securities where there is no change in beneficial ownership;
- 6.13.3 an investment in, or trading in units of, a fund or other scheme (other than a scheme only investing in the securities of the entity) where the assets of the fund or other scheme are invested at the discretion of a third party;
- **6.13.4** where a KMP is a trustee, trading in Securities by that trust provided the KMP is not a beneficiary of the trust and any decision to trade during a Closed Period is taken by the other trustees or by the investment managers independently of the KMP;
- **6.13.5** undertakings to accept, or acceptance of, a takeover offer;
- 6.13.6 trading under an offer or invitation made to all or most of the security holders, such as, a rights issue, a security purchase plan, a dividend or distribution reinvestment plan and an equal access buy-back, where the plan that determines the timing and structure of the offer has been approved by the board. This includes decisions relating to whether or not to take up the entitlements;
- **6.13.7** the exercise (but not the sale of securities following exercise) of an option or a right under an employee incentive scheme, or the conversion of a convertible security;

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- **6.13.8** trading under a non-discretionary trading plan for which prior written clearance has been provided in accordance with procedures set out in the trading policy (including a plan whereby the Company or an agent sells Securities on behalf of KMP to meet any taxation consequences arising from the conversion of rights or exercise of options held by KMP) and where:
 - 6.13.8.1 the KMP did not enter into the plan or amend the plan during a Closed Period;
 - **6.13.8.2** the trading plan does not permit the KMP to exercise any influence or discretion over how, when, or whether to trade; and
 - **6.13.8.3** the entity's trading policy does not allow for the cancellation of a trading plan during a Closed Period other than in exceptional circumstances; and
- **6.13.9** the issue or grant of Company Securities by the Company to a KMP where shareholder approval for the issue of the Company Securities has been obtained and if Inside Information exists both the Company and KMP are fully aware of the Inside Information.

6.14 Exceptional Circumstances

For the purposes of this Policy, Exceptional Circumstances include:

- 6.14.1 severe financial hardship whereby the Employee has a pressing financial commitment that cannot be satisfied otherwise than by selling the relevant Securities. For example, a tax liability of an Employee would not normally constitute severe financial hardship unless the person has no other means of satisfying the liability. A tax liability relating to Securities received under an employee incentive scheme would also not normally constitute severe financial hardship or otherwise be considered an Exceptional Circumstance.
- **6.14.2** The Employee is required by a court order, or there are court enforceable undertakings, for example, in a bona fide family settlement, to transfer or sell the securities of the entity or there is some other overriding legal or regulatory requirement for him or her to do so.
- **6.14.3** An unforeseen circumstance that is considered by the Board to be consistent with the objectives of this Policy.

6.15 Distribution of Policy

This policy must be distributed to all KMPs and Employees.

6.16 Assistance And Additional Information

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Employees who are unsure about any information they may have in their possession, and whether they can use that information for Dealing in Company Securities, should contact the Company Secretary.

7.0 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

CP006-01 Financial Products Trading Request CP007 Market Disclosure Policy

8.0 REFERENCES

<u>Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013</u>
NZX Listing Rules

9.0 REVIEW DETAILS

This Policy will be reviewed at least every two years.

Next review due: October 2024