

Annexure A

Product Disclosure Statement

S A Mason Super Fund

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Schedule 6 to this deed

Form of Product Disclosure Statement

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S A Mason Super Fund

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The details of the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) start on the next page. Attach that page and the following pages of the PDS to the Member Application form and to any Employer-Sponsor Application form.

Introduction

This PDS contains a summary of the important provisions of the fund's deed and the effects which those provisions may have on you. The *Corporations Act* requires that you be given this PDS within 3 months after you become a member of the fund.

If you have any questions at any time, you should refer those to the trustee. However, the trustee can only provide you with information – so you will need to seek your own legal, accounting and financial advice.

Terms which are capitalised in this PDS are either defined in the fund's deed or are contained in Schedule 1.

You should consider getting professional advice about the fund

Your decision to become a member of the fund is important and involves issues including retirement planning, estate planning, taxation, and social security. The trustee strongly recommends that you consider consulting an appropriately qualified adviser before you decide to become a member or to have contributions made to the fund on your behalf.

This PDS is prepared for your general information only and is not, and is not intended to be, a recommendation to become a member of the fund. This PDS does not take into account your investment objectives, financial situation or retirement planning needs. You should not base a decision whether to become a member solely on the information in this PDS. You need to consider,

and obtain advice on, the suitability of the fund in view of your investment objectives, financial situation and retirement planning needs.

Information about your potential benefits

1 Details of potential lump sum benefits

1.1 On your retirement

On your retirement, you will become entitled to a lump sum benefit, equal to the amount in your Accumulation Account on your retirement. As the definition of retirement in Schedule 1 suggests, there will be some circumstances in which you will become entitled to payment of a retirement benefit while you are still employed or when you retire and have reached the relevant Preservation Age. Your trustee will be able to advise you further in this regard at the relevant time.

1.2 Total and permanent disability

If you become totally and permanently disabled, you may become entitled to a lump sum benefit from your Accumulation Account. Your trustee will be able to advise you further in this regard at the relevant time.

1.3 Temporary total disability

If you become totally disabled temporarily, you may become entitled to payment of a pension or annuity representing the amount:

- decided by the trustee, provided it does not infringe the limit set out in the superannuation law; or
- payable to the trustee under an insurance policy which the trustee may have purchased and which covers the disability you suffer. (Premiums for these insurance policies are generally paid by the trustee from your Accumulation Account but may be paid out of other Accounts of the fund (such as the Income Account)).

1.4 On death

On your death, the trustee may choose to or may be required to pay a pension or lump sum benefit from your Accumulation Account and any pension account to the persons named in your 'Death Benefit: Beneficiary Nomination' (which is on your Application for Membership) or to your dependants. The trustee may have also taken out a life insurance policy for you which may also entitle your dependants, or some other person, to a pension or lump sum benefit. Your 'Death Benefit: Beneficiary Nomination' can be binding or non-binding on the trustee (you can choose). Binding nominations need to be renewed every 3 years.

To overcome the requirement to renew binding nominations every 3 years, you can also choose to implement a 'death benefit agreement' under the fund's deed. The form of death benefit agreement is set out in Schedule 7 to the fund's deed.

Your death benefits will also include any residue in a pension account previously established for you, unless the arrangements in respect of that pension are that the pension will revert on your death to a Pension Dependant.

Generally speaking, you should seek professional advice concerning what plans need to be made in respect of your death benefits and what options are available to you.

The Deed provides for:

- **death benefit agreements** (which binds the trustee and which do not expire, see clauses 97 and 98);
- **binding death benefit notices** (which bind the trustee but which expire after 3 years or earlier if replaced or revoked); and
- **non-binding nomination forms** (which do not bind the trustee and which do not expire until replaced or revoked).

Death benefit agreements take priority over binding death benefit notices and non-binding nomination forms.

What you need to consider

When you, as a member, are considering signing a death benefit agreement, a binding death benefit notice or a non-binding nomination form it is important to consider that:

- a death benefit agreement *takes priority* over any binding death benefit notice or any non-binding nomination form;
- to the extent permitted by superannuation law, the trustee must pay or apply the relevant benefit in accordance with the death benefit agreement. Therefore if you sign a binding death benefit notice or a non-binding nomination form, then they will have no effect on any earlier or later death benefit agreement that you sign; and
- if any part of a death benefit agreement is invalid, then the trustee (as required by the fund's deed) will pay or apply the "invalid" part of the death benefit in accordance with any binding death benefit notice, or by reference to any non-binding nomination form, you have signed.

1.5 Other circumstances

'Severe Financial Hardship' – in the case of severe financial hardship, you may be able to apply to have all benefits owing to you, paid to you by the trustee. There are certain conditions to be met and the benefits can only be paid to you to meet expenses in the nature of treatment of life-threatening illnesses, prevention of foreclosure under a mortgage, medical transport costs, palliative care costs and so on.

2 Details of potential income benefits

Income benefits where you retire or reach your preservation age

When you become entitled to payment of a **lump sum benefit**, the trustee may allow you to choose to receive that lump sum in the form of regularly paid income. This is called a pension. The fund can only provide you with an 'account-based pension'.

The rules for an 'account-based pension' include:

- **Minimum annual amount:** a minimum amount of the capital funding the pension must be paid to the pensioner each year. The minimum, which is expressed as a percentage of the capital, is determined by reference to the pensioner's age. You should speak to your adviser about relief from minimum pension payment amounts as the government does provide relief from time to time.
- **No maximum:** there will be no maximum amount that can be paid in a year, reflecting the fact that pensions and lump sums will be taxed in the same way. RBLs do not apply from 1 July 2007.
- **But a maximum for transition to retirement pensions:** pensioners being paid a transition to retirement pension will only be able to be paid a maximum of 10% of the capital per annum.
- **Transfer on death:** on death, the pension may only be transferred to a Pension Dependant or cashed as a lump sum to the pensioner's dependants or estate.

Existing pensions

If this PDS is being provided as a consequence of an update to the fund's existing deed, and the fund is presently paying you a pension, then:

- the pension will be deemed to meet the current rules provided that it was commenced before 20 September 2007 in accordance with the rules that applied at that time;
- if the pension is a complying pension (such as a life pension) then it will only be able to be terminated pursuant to the rules as they were in force before 1 July 2007; and
- if the pension is an allocated pension then it may be transferred to an 'account-based' pension without having to first be commuted.

Social Security Eligibility

Your eligibility for a government age pension is means tested.

The assets test reduces the amount of any aged pension payments to which a member may be eligible by \$1.50 per fortnight for every \$1,000 of the member's assets. This will

give you a part pension, which will reduce to zero once your assets reach the amount set out in the current asset tables specified by the Government. The current asset tables are available [here](#).

Income benefits where you may not have retired but you have reached your preservation age.

In some circumstances, you may be able to be paid a pension before you actually retire but after you have reached your preservation age. In the fund's deed these are referred to as 'Transition to retirement pensions'.

2.1 Transition to retirement pensions

Once you reach your preservation age you may still be restricted from accessing your superannuation benefits (because, for instance, you may not have retired). However, once you reach your preservation age you may access a non-commutable pension, or what the fund's deed refers to as a transition to retirement pension.

So you may receive an 'account-based' pension as a 'transition to retirement pension', but additional restrictions apply if you want to commute (or cash out) that pension. Essentially the transition to retirement pensions are 'non-commutable' but there are some very limited exceptions. If you are interested in a transition to retirement pension, you should discuss this in detail with the trustee before requesting the payment of such a pension.

3 Taxation of benefits

3.1 Seek advice

This section is general only. You must seek professional advice concerning your own circumstances and how tax will impact on your participation in the fund and on amounts payable to you.

3.2 Benefits paid to you

Superannuation benefits paid to persons **aged less than 60** are taxed as follows:

- **Lump sum benefits** have two components: an exempt component and a taxed component. The exempt component is tax free (it includes amounts such as pre-1983 contributions and undeducted contributions). The taxed component is tax free up to a low rate threshold (initially in 2008-2009 \$145,000, in 2010-2011 \$160,000, in 2011-2012 \$165,000, in 2012-2013 \$175,000). After that threshold, it is taxed at 16.5% (incl Medicare levy) — except where the recipient is aged less than 55, in which case the whole taxed component is taxed at 21.5% (incl Medicare levy).
- **Pension benefits** are taxed in a similar manner to lump sums at the moment, though overall tax can be less in some circumstances. Once the recipient turns 60, the pension is tax free.
- **Proportional drawdown:** In both cases, payments are deemed to include both exempt and taxable components, paid in proportion to the amount these components constitute of the recipient's total benefit.

3.3 Death benefits

Benefits paid in the event of your death are taxed as follows:

- **Lump sum benefits** to a member's dependant are tax free, as long as they are also a death benefits dependant as defined in section 302-195 of the ITAA97. Lump sum benefits paid to a dependant (who is not a death benefits dependant for ITAA97 purposes) have the taxable component taxed at 16.5% (incl Medicare levy).
- **Reversionary pensions** are taxed according to the age of the primary and reversionary beneficiaries. If the primary beneficiary was aged 60 or over at the time of death, then the payments to the reversionary will be tax free. If the primary beneficiary was aged less than 60, then the payments will be taxed at the reversionary beneficiary's marginal tax rate until the reversionary turns 60 (then it will be tax-free). However, a reversionary pension will only be payable to a Pension Dependant. Also a pension paid to a Pension Dependant who is a child will have to be cashed to a lump sum when the child turns 25 (unless they're permanently disabled).
- Pensions can only revert to a Pension Dependant: simply being a dependant is not sufficient. Therefore, these benefits must be paid as a lump sum to a dependant or the member's estate.

Information about risks associated with the fund

4 Details of risks: General

The assets of the fund must be invested in accordance with an appropriate investment strategy as devised by the trustee. Although the trustee decides on an investment strategy aimed at increasing the value of the fund's assets, this value can be reduced by movements in the underlying value of the fund's assets, for instances movement in share or property prices. This may mean the value of the assets held in the fund for your benefit, or to pay you a pension, may be reduced. Indeed, if the performance of the fund's assets is very poor, the value of the assets held in the fund for your benefit, or to pay you a pension, may be less than the value of the contributions made to the fund on your behalf. Poor investment performance may also affect the trustee's capacity to make payments to you or to sustain the level of payments made to you. More information about risks associated with the fund borrowing in order to invest are set out under "Investment of fund assets" at paragraph 10 below.

If you choose to receive a pension then the amounts you receive are calculated by reference to the value of the assets in the fund. Therefore, if the value of the assets decreases, there may be a corresponding decrease in benefit or pension amounts payable to you and you effectively bear the risk associated with potentially poor investment performance of those assets. Broadly speaking, 100% of the amount used to fund the pension will be taken into account for the aged pension means test.

Finally, if a benefit payable to you is commuted so that the trustee may purchase:

- an annuity from a third party (such as a life assurance company), then you will have a regular income stream and the associated risk will be born by the third party; or

- an 'account-based' pension from a third party (such as a life assurance company), then the situation is the same as for an 'account-based' pension from the trustee and you effectively bear the risk associated with the variations in the value of the assets which fund the pension.

5 Regulatory Risk

The fund is a self-managed superannuation fund regulated by the ATO. As a member, you will also have to be a trustee, or a director of the corporate trustee. These persons are responsible for ensuring the fund complies with all relevant superannuation laws, as enforced by the ATO.

Serious consequences flow if the fund is operated in a manner inconsistent with these rules. The consequences include prosecution by the ATO or a determination by the ATO that the fund is non-complying, with the result that the concessional tax treatment of the fund ends.

You must ensure that you are familiar with, and understand these rules. If you are not confident of this, then you should seek professional advice as to whether you will be in a position to comply with these obligations on joining the fund as a member.

Information about amounts paid to the fund for or by you

6 Contributions

If you have an employer, who is an Employer-Sponsor or a Participating Employer of the fund, then they must contribute a certain portion of your income to the fund. In this situation, contributions made personally by you are unlikely to be deductible for taxation purposes although if you are on a smaller wage, you may be entitled to a co-contribution from the Federal Government (that is, the Government will match your payments to set units in certain circumstances which are described generally under "Superannuation co-contributions" below).

If you are unemployed or self-employed, then you may make contributions to the fund yourself. These contributions are deductible for tax purposes, subject to the caps discussed immediately below.

Alternatively you may make contributions, or another person may make contributions on your behalf.

Superannuation co-contributions

You will be eligible to receive a co-contribution from the Federal Government if you satisfy the following criteria:

- you make a personal super contribution by 30 June of a financial year;
- your total income is less than the prescribed amount (\$61,920 for the 2011-2012 financial year). The Government has announced that it will freeze this amount for the 2012 to 2013 financial year– for updates on this announcement see the ATO's Updates [here](#));
- 10% of your income is from employment sources, such as an employer or running your own business;
- you are 71 years or younger; and
- you lodge your income tax return.

If you are eligible, the Federal Government will match the value of your personal super contributions up to certain thresholds, which can be found [here](#).

Tax on concessional contributions: A tax of 15% applies to superannuation contributions by individuals who receive an annual income up to \$300,000. From 1 July 2012, if an individual's income is \$300,000 or greater, the tax levied on their contributions is 30%. You should seek advice concerning what amounts are included in your income for the purposes of this assessment.

Caps on concessional contributions: This paragraph sets out the cap for the 2013-2014 financial year. You may make, or have made on your behalf, up to \$25,000 in concessional contributions (they used to be referred to as 'deductible contributions') in a year across all of your superannuation accounts. Concessional contributions are taxed at 15%. Members aged 50 years or over in the 5 years from 1 July 2007 (and who are eligible to contribute to super) may make, or have made on their behalf, up to \$50,000 per annum in concessional contributions for the 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 financial years. These concessional contributions are only available until 30 June 2012, after which date the figure will revert to \$25,000 for all taxpayers. From 1 July 2013, members aged 59 years or over as at 30 June 2013 (and who are eligible to contribute to super) may make, or have made on their behalf, up to \$35,000 per annum in concessional contributions. From 1 July 2014, members aged 49 years or over as at 30 June 2014 (and who are eligible to contribute to super) may make, or have made on their behalf, up to \$35,000 in concessional contributions. Generally, concessional contributions can only be made by employers or persons who are self-employed.

From 1 July 2013, members who exceed their concessional contributions cap will be able to withdraw any excess concessional contributions from the fund and have the excess amount taxed at the member's marginal tax rate (plus an interest charge for the late payment of income tax).

Caps on non-concessional contributions: This paragraph sets out the cap for the 2012-2013 financial year and the cap may then be indexed from year to year (you will need to check this at the relevant time). You are entitled to make up to \$150,000 in non-concessional contributions (they used to be referred to as 'non-deductible contributions' and are contributions that are made from money on which you have already paid applicable income tax) in a year across all of your superannuation accounts.

In addition, if you are under 65 and eligible to contribute to super, then you may bring forward two years of contributions and contribute \$450,000 of non-concessional contributions in one year, and not make any contributions for the following two years.

Contributions-splitting

Spouses may split superannuation contributions between them. Contributions-splitting allows members to ask the trustee to transfer certain contributions made after 1 January 2006 (**Splittable contributions**) made in respect of the member to the superannuation fund, or account of that member's spouse.

The contributions splitting applications must be lodged with the fund by 30 June in the financial year.

At present, the split can only take place in respect of splittable contributions made in the previous financial year.

Information about amounts deducted from the fund

7 Debits from your Accumulation and Pension Accounts

The trustee can make deductions from your Accumulation or Pension Accounts to, for example, meet the fund's expenses, to pay taxes (or to set aside for anticipated taxes), to pay for an insurance policy or Annuity premiums or to pay an amount from your Pension Account to your Accumulation Account or vice versa.

8 Other application of income

The trustee also:

- maintains an income account: This is a general account of the fund and does not relate to a specific member. Amounts such as the income and profits of the fund or proceeds of insurance policies (which the trustee decides not to pay to a member or beneficiary) are paid into this account. From this income account the trustee can make payments to your Accumulation Account, but it may also make deductions from the income account to:
 - pay the expenses of the fund;
 - pay taxes due and payable, or likely to become due and payable;
 - pay costs of insurance policies;
 - meet losses suffered on disposal of an asset of the fund and so on.
- may maintain an Equalisation Account: This is also a general account of the fund. The trustee may decide to pay amounts into this account to:
 - smooth the investment earnings of the fund (that is, to even out years of good growth and performance with years of poor growth and performance);
 - provide for tax liabilities;
 - pay fund expenses;
 - otherwise provide for contingencies of the fund.

The trustee is not permitted to charge fees in relation to the services it provides to the fund.

Other significant information about the fund

9 Preservation Age

Set out below are the Preservation Ages relevant to members of the fund:

- for a person born before 1 July 1960 – 55 years
- for a person born during the year 1 July 1960 to 30 June 1961 – 56 years
- for a person born during the year 1 July 1961 to 30 June 1962 – 57 years
- for a person born during the year 1 July 1962 to 30 June 1963 – 58 years
- for a person born during the year 1 July 1963 to 30 June 1964 – 59 years
- for a person born after 30 June 1964 – 60 years.

10 Investment of fund assets

The trustee is permitted to make a wide range of investments provided that they accord with the trustee's investment strategy. The trustee is required to establish an investment strategy or strategies, outlining how the assets of the fund will be invested. The trustee

can alter the strategy or strategies provided they remain appropriate. If the trustee offers more than one strategy, you may choose the appropriate strategy but you cannot choose the investments the trustee is to make within the strategy.

The trustee cannot loan money from the fund to a member or a member's relative.

The trustee may borrow money to make any investment — but only in restricted circumstances. In such cases:

- the only fund asset that may be used as security for the borrowing is the asset that the fund is acquiring with the borrowed money;
- the asset acquired must be an asset which the fund could ordinarily and lawfully acquire (for example, the fund is prohibited from acquiring assets which do not satisfy the sole purpose test in section 62 of the SIS Act – this stays the same even though the fund is borrowing to acquire the asset);
- the terms on which the asset is acquired must meet strict requirements set out in superannuation law.

The risks associated with any investment (as described generally under "Details of risks: General" at paragraph 4 above) increase when made using borrowed money. You should always obtain professional advice before making any such investment.

11 Valuation of fund assets

The Trustee will ensure that the fund's assets are valued at their market value. Market value has the same meaning as in the SIS Act.

12 Taxation

12.1 Income of the fund

For tax purposes, the fund's income is divided into 2 components:

- **Special Component:** which includes the fund's special income (income such as private company distributions, non arms-length income, trust distributions), reduced by tax deductions relating to that special income.
- **Standard Component:** which is the total of all fund income, less the Special Component.

The Standard Component is taxed at the concessional rate of 15% in the hands of the trustee. The Special Component is taxed at the rate of 45%.

12.2 Pension earnings

Generally, while you are alive the fund will not have to pay income tax on income or capital gains attributable to the assets in your pension account.

12.3 Contributions

Contributions to the fund (made by your employer, yourself, your spouse, etc) are generally treated as contributions of capital and will not be included in the fund's Income. However, if the person making a contribution is entitled to a tax deduction in relation to that contribution, then the contribution will usually be treated as fund Income and will be taxed as outlined in paragraph 12.1 above.

Information about the deductibility of contributions is in paragraph 6 above.

12.4 Surcharge on High Income Earners

With effect from 1 July 2005 the superannuation contributions surcharge was abolished in respect of all contributions made **on or after 1 July 2005**. However it still applies to contributions made before that date. From 1 July 2012 individuals with income of \$300,000 or more will be subject to a contributions tax of 30% on concessional contributions made to superannuation. You should seek advice concerning what amounts are included in your income for the purposes of this assessment.

12.5 Low Income Spouse Rebate

If a person makes a contribution on behalf of a member who is their low income (or no income) spouse, the person making the contribution may be entitled to a tax rebate.

Spouse's Assessable Income (AI)	Maximum Rebatable Contributions (MRC)	Maximum Rebate (18% of the lesser of)
\$0 - \$10,800	\$3,000	MRC or actual contributions
\$10,801 to \$13,799	\$3,000 - (AI - \$10,800)	MRC or actual contributions
\$13,800	\$0	\$0

For example, if the spouse's assessable income is \$5,000, the maximum amount of contributions which are rebatable is \$3,000. If actual contributions were \$2,700, then the rebate would be $18\% \times \$2,700 = \486 .

The current low-income spouse rebate figures, and other key superannuation rates, can be confirmed at:

<http://www.ato.gov.au/super/content.asp?doc=/content/60489.htm&mnu=26961&mfp=001/006>; and

<http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/19144.htm>.

13 Insurance

As part of its investment strategy, the trustee will consider whether to hold a contract of insurance that provides insurance cover for one or more members of the fund.

14 The fund deed

The fund deed is written in plain English. Provisions that are not relevant to the particular fund of which you are a member have been excluded. For example, if individuals are trustees of the fund, then all provisions relevant to a company being a trustee of the fund have been removed. Therefore, if a company is later appointed as trustee, the fund deed will have to be varied to include the relevant provisions.

You should read the trust deed and seek professional advice if you do not understand it.

15 Other considerations concerning investments made by the fund

The trustee is required to inform you of whether labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations are, or will be, taken into account when the trustee selects, retains or realises an investment. At this stage, the trustee does not take any such considerations into account. However, the trustee is obviously free to incorporate this into its investment strategy if it sees fit.

16 Contacting the trustee for additional information

If at any time you require further information including information concerning the fund, the fund deed, the fund's performance or your rights as a member, you can contact the trustee using the contact details at the beginning of this PDS.

Product Disclosure Statement – Schedule 1

Definitions

Where a term is capitalised in this PDS, the meaning is either explained below or is explained in the trust deed:

Accumulation Account means the account established for you by the trustee. Each member of the fund has an Accumulation Account, into which are paid that member's contributions or contributions made on behalf of that member, as well as other amounts specific to that member (such as the proceeds of an insurance policy taken out by the trustee for your benefit).

Annuity means what it means under superannuation law. Essentially, it refers to a financial product which is purchased by providing a lump sum (capital) to the financial product supplier who undertakes to pay you an income for a specified time. Unlike a pension, the capital disappears when you purchase the annuity and you receive a contractual right to receive income.

Commute has the same meaning as under superannuation law. Generally, it refers to when a right to receive a **regular payment** (like pension or annuity payments) is converted into the right to receive a **lump sum payment**.

Dependant – in relation to a member, former member or beneficiary (the 'primary person'), means each of the following:

- the spouse or widow or widower of that primary person.
- any child of that primary person, including a person who, in the trustee's opinion, is or was actually maintained by the primary person as the child of the primary person.
- any person with whom the primary person has an interdependency relationship.
- any other person who, in the trustee's opinion, was substantially dependent on the primary person at the relevant time.

Pension refers to a financial product which is purchased by providing a lump sum (capital) to the financial product supplier, who invests the lump sum, manages that investment, and pays you a regular income from the proceeds of those investments. As well as paying you the proceeds of the investments, the financial product supplier may include in your payments part of the initial capital you contributed.

Pension Dependant means a dependant of a member to whom a pension may be paid on the member's death, as defined by regulation 6.21(2A) of the SIS Regulations.

Preservation Age means what it means under superannuation law. Essentially it is the minimum age after which your benefit arising from a preserved payment may be paid to you. Those ages are set out in paragraph 9 above.

Preserved Payment means a payment made to the fund which is required to be preserved under superannuation law if the fund is to be a complying superannuation fund.

Retirement occurs:

- if you have reached a Preservation Age less than 60, and
 - an arrangement under which you were gainfully employed comes to an end; and

- the trustee is reasonably satisfied that you never intend to become gainfully employed (either full time or part time); or
- if you have reached age 60 and an arrangement under which you were gainfully employed has come to an end and either of the following circumstances apply;
 - you have attained that age on or before ending employment; or
 - the trustee is reasonably satisfied that you never intend to become gainfully employed (either full time or part time).

Superannuation Contributions Surcharge means an amount which you may be liable to pay if your taxable income is greater than the relevant superannuation surcharge level for a year of income.