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# Form 603

**Corporations Act 2001**
**Section 671B**

## Notice of initial substantial holder

To Company Name/Scheme: EQ Resources Ltd

ACN/ARSN: 115 009 106

**1. Details of substantial holder (1)**

Name: Van Eck Associates Corporation (VEAC) and its associates as referred to in paragraph 6 (together, "VanEck").

ACN/ARSN (if applicable): n/a

The holder became a substantial holder on 18/09/2026

**2. Details of 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 on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

| Class of securities (4) | Number of securities | Person's votes (5) | Voting power (6) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary Shares | 277,199,830 | 277,199,830 | 5.36% |

**3. Details of relevant interests**

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

| Holder of relevant interest | Nature of relevant interest (7) | Class and number of securities |
|---|---|---|
| VEAC | VEAC holds its relevant interest by having the power 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 in the ordinary course of investment management business. | 277,199,830 |

**4. Details of present registered holders**

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

| Holder of relevant interest | Registered holder of securities | Person entitled to be registered as holder (8) | Class and number of securities |
|---|---|---|---|
| See Annexure 'B' | | | |

**5. Consideration**

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

| Holder of relevant interest | Date of acquisition | Consideration (9) | | Class and number of securities |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Cash | Non-cash | |
| See Annexure 'A' | | | | |

**6. Associates**

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:

| Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable) | Nature of association |
|---|---|
| Van Eck Securities Corporation | Associate under section 12(2) of the Corporations Act. |
| Van Eck Absolute Return Advisers, Inc. | Associate under section 12(2) of the Corporations Act. |
| VanEck Australia Pty Ltd | Associate under section 12(2) of the Corporations Act. |
| VanEck Investments Limited | Associate under section 12(2) of the Corporations Act. |
| VanEck Asset Management B.V. | Associate under section 12(2) of the Corporations Act. |

**7. Addresses**

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

| Name | Address |
|---|---|
| VEAC | 666 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017 |
| Van Eck Securities Corporation | 666 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017 |
| Van Eck Absolute Return Advisers, Inc. | 666 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017 |
| VanEck Australia Pty Ltd | Level 47 Suite 2, 25 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 |
| VanEck Investments Limited | Level 47 Suite 2, 25 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 |
| VanEck Asset Management B.V. | Barbara Strozzilaan 310, 1083 HN Amsterdam, Netherlands |

## Signature

print name Ashley Sousa capacity AVP - Van Eck Associates Corporation

**sign here** date 21/09/2026

**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 7 of the form.

(2) See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.

(3) See the definition of "relevant interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act 2001.

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

(5) The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme (if any) that the person or an associate has a relevant interest in.

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

(7) Include details of:

(a) any relevant agreement or other circumstances by which the relevant interest was acquired. 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 2001.

(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) 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.

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**ANNEXURE A TO FORM 603 DATED 2026-09-18**



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**POSITION: AVP - Van Eck Associates Corporation**

| Holder of Relevant Interest | Date | Transaction Type | Price | Consideration (Cash) | Class (Ordinary) and number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals ETF | 2026-09-15 | Purchase | 0.4318 | 16,575,159.4328 | 38,386,196.00 |
| VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals ETF | 2026-09-16 | Purchase | 0.458 | 6,258,636.41 | 13,665,145.00 |
| VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF | 2026-09-18 | Purchase | 0.485 | 51,332,207.94 | 105,839,604.00 |
| VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals ETF | 2026-09-18 | Purchase | 0.485 | 58,677,272.495 | 120,984,067.00 |
| VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF | 2026-09-18 | Sale | 0.485 | 959,371.71 | 1,978,086.00 |
| VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals ex China ETF | 2026-09-18 | Purchase | 0.485 | 146,908.44 | 302,904.00 |

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**POSITION: AVP - Van Eck Associates Corporation**

| Holder of relevant interest | Registered holder securities | Persons entitled to be registered holder | Number of securities |
|---|---|---|---|
| VEAC | State Street Bank and Trust Company as custodian for VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals ETF | VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals ETF | 173,035,408.00 |
| VEAC | State Street Bank and Trust Company as custodian forVanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals ex China ETF | VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals ex China ETF | 302,904.00 |
| VEAC | State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited as depositary for VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF | VanEck Rare Earth and Strategic Metals UCITS ETF | 103,861,518.00 |