

ASTERAND PLC

NOTIFICATION OF TRANSACTIONS OF DIRECTORS, PERSONS DISCHARGING MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY OR CONNECTED PERSONS

This form is intended for use by an *issuer* to make a *RIS* notification required by *DR* 3.1.4R(1).

- (1) An *issuer* making a notification in respect of a transaction relating to the *shares* or debentures of the *issuer* should complete boxes 1 to 16, 23 and 24.
- (2) An *issuer* making a notification in respect of a derivative relating the *shares* of the *issuer* should complete boxes 1 to 4, 6, 8,13, 14, 16, 23 and 24.
- (3) An *issuer* making a notification in respect of options granted to a *director/person discharging managerial responsibilities* should complete boxes 1 to 3 and 17 to 24.
- (4) An *issuer* making a notification in respect of a *financial instrument* relating to the *shares* of the *issuer* (other than a debenture) should complete boxes 1 to 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 23 and 24.

Please complete all relevant boxes should in block capital letters.

1. Name of the *issuer*

ASTERAND PLC

2. State whether the notification relates to (i) a transaction notified in accordance with *DR* 3.1.4R or

(ii) a disclosure made in accordance LR 9.8.6R(1) or

(iii) a disclosure made in accordance with section 793 of the Companies Act (2006)

(i) A TRANSACTION NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DR 3.1.4R

3. Name of *person discharging managerial responsibilities/director*

MARTYN COOMBS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

4. State whether notification relates to a *person* connected with a *person discharging managerial responsibilities/director* named in 3 and identify the *connected person*

N/A

5. Indicate whether the notification is in respect of a holding of the *person* referred to in 3 or 4 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

HOLDING

6. Description of *shares* (including *class*), debentures or derivatives or financial instruments relating to *shares*

ORDINARY SHARES

7. Name of registered shareholders(s) and, if more than one, the number of *shares* held by each of them

MARTYN COOMBS 344,764

8 State the nature of the transaction

PURCHASE OF ORDINARY SHARES

9. Number of *shares*, debentures or financial instruments relating to *shares* acquired

60,000

10. Percentage of issued *class* acquired (*treasury shares* of that *class* should not be taken into account when calculating percentage)

0.05%

11. Number of *shares*, debentures or financial instruments relating to *shares* disposed

N/A

12. Percentage of issued *class* disposed (*treasury shares* of that *class* should not be taken into account when calculating percentage)

N/A

13. Price per *share* or value of transaction

15.9p

14. Date and place of transaction

30 MARCH 2010

15. Total holding following notification and total percentage holding following notification (any *treasury shares* should not be taken into account when calculating percentage)

404,764 0.35%

16. Date issuer informed of transaction

31 MARCH 2010

If a person discharging managerial responsibilities has been granted options by the issuer complete the following boxes

17 Date of grant

N/A

18. Period during which or date on which it can be exercised

N/A

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option

N/A

20. Description of *shares* or debentures involved (*class* and number)

N/A

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at the time of exercise

N/A

22. Total number of *shares* or debentures over which options held following notification

N/A

23. Any additional information

N/A

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

JOHN STCHUR – TEL: 001 313 263-0960

Name and signature of duly authorised officer of *issuer* responsible for making notification

JOHN STCHUR, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND SECRETARY

Date of notification

31 MARCH 2010