## Gold Coast dental roll-up Smiles Inclusive admits to another reporting blunder

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SMILES Inclusive has admitted to another reporting blunder – this time for stating a loan was repayable by December and then changing the date to after June this year.

The admissions are contained in Smiles' response to another grilling by the sharemarket operator from Friday over its disclosure obligations.

The Burleigh Heads-based company was asked to explain why it stated in its annual report released in November last year that a \$700,000 loan was repayable in December and then changed the date to 'after June 30' in its last quarterly cashflow report in July.

The ASX said it had received market intelligence that the terms of the loan agreement stipulated that it was repayable after January 31.



miles Inclusive has still not released its half-year results. Photo: iStock

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In response Smiles said the loan was repayable after January 31, although it offered no explanation why the date was originally reported as December.

The company went on to say that the date was changed to after June 30 because that was the applicable reporting period covered by the cashflow report.

"Given the statement ...(from July 31) relates to the balance date of 30 June, 2020, and given each of the loans is repayable upon agreement and had not been paid by that date, SIL determined that it was appropriate to disclose that the loans were therefore repayable after 30 June 2020," the statement reads.

"SIL does however appreciate in hindsight that this may have caused some confusion but maintains the statement ... is correct."

Smiles said the loan was provided by "lenders associated with a dentist SIL has a long relationship with".

Earlier this month Smiles announced a plan to raise capital, recapitalise the company and repay its main lender NAB back \$12 million by September 11.

In response to a question from the ASX about how it planned to repay the funds, Smiles said these details will be provided "in due course".

"SIL is still working to finalise and put into effect its capital raising and recapitalisation plan," Smiles said.

"While this has taken longer than SIL had hoped, SIL remains optimistic the final stages of the plan will be agreed in the near future."

Smiles said it plans to ask NAB for an extension to the repayment date, which it expects to receive.

Smiles shares have been <u>suspended from trading on the ASX</u> since March after the company failed to lodge its half-year accounts.