

# Interim Financial Report for the half-year ended 30 June 2020

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This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2019 and any public announcements made by Australian Bauxite Limited during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

# **CORPORATE DIRECTORY**

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Australian Bauxite Limited shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

This financial report covers the Consolidated Entity consisting Australian Bauxite Limited and its controlled entities.

Australian Bauxite Limited is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

# **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

### **Corporate**

- At Australian Bauxite Limited's (ABx) Annual General Meeting in May 2020, all resolutions put to the meeting, were passed. Shareholders approved the issue of 4.26 million shares to directors in lieu of outstanding director fees.
- Group cash balance was \$0.54 million at 30 June 2019 and is currently about \$3.0 million following the completion of ABx's recent bauxite shipment and receipt of ATO R&D rebate for 2019.
- The company has changed its head office address to Level 5, 52 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000
- Number of shareholders is approximately 2,000.

### Activities during the half-year

- ABx delivered 33,405 tonnes of cement-grade bauxite to Bell Bay port from the Bald Hill mine near Campbell Town in northern Tasmania and early ship-loading was completed on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Demand for cement-grade will grow as new infrastructure projects increase concrete use
- Exploration was partly-constrained by COVID-19 travel restrictions but staff at ABx and its 89%-owned technology subsidiary, ALCORE Limited (Alcore) stayed focussed and achieved a successful half-year despite rising costs and lost time caused by ever-increasing regulatory burdens
- ABx delivered an urgent order of 778 tonnes of fertiliser grade bauxite from the Bald Hill Bauxite Project
  as part of a regularly supply contract with Impact Fertilisers in Hobart. Sales of fertiliser grade bauxite
  grow as agricultural fertiliser demand rises after recent droughts have broken
- The approval process for the development of the Binjour Bauxite project in Queensland continued at a
  modest pace due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Binjour samples are being tested for upgrading
  factors that may affect equipment selection for the Binjour mine development.
- Testing of Penrose bauxite deposit, 90km inland from Port Kembla by several large companies continued during the half-year and will accelerate in the next half-year

# ALEXE Refine and Recycle Project

- Aluminium fluoride (AIF<sub>3</sub>) is a strategically important mineral because it is an essential ingredient for aluminium smelting. It is also being investigated for advanced lithium ion batteries
- Alcore is conducting advanced laboratory production of AlF<sub>3</sub> from aluminium smelter waste materials and from ABx's gibbsite-rich clean bauxite
- Alcore is to be the first domestic producer of AlF₃ to increase security of supply for Australian smelters
- Alcore's method is the world's first production of AIF<sub>3</sub> from the recycling of aluminium smelter waste and low-grade bauxite, and uses the aluminium-related parts of the CORE Technology (patent pending)

### Alcore has recently demonstrated:

- Production of hydrofluoric acid (HF) from aluminium smelter waste
- Production of AIF<sub>3</sub> using this waste-produced HF that is indistinguishable from AIF<sub>3</sub> produced with purchased HF
- Consistent production of AIF<sub>3</sub> with composition meeting commercial specifications, superior to that produced in Q2 2020. The chemical analysis was performed by CSIRO (see Table 1)
- Production of AlF<sub>3</sub> from bauxite with removal of impurities by simple filtration
- Production of AlF₃ dross, a waste material from aluminium smelting



Figure 1: High purity AlF₃ produced by Alcore

### Alcore has now proven it can:

- 1. Produce hydrofluoric acid (HF) from aluminium smelter waste
- 2. Produce AIF<sub>3</sub> from gibbsite with composition meeting commercial specifications
- 3. Produce AIF<sub>3</sub> from gibbsite and HF recovered from aluminium smelter waste that is indistinguishable from AIF<sub>3</sub> produced gibbsite and purchased HF
- 4. Manufacture saleable Corethane gas-substitute by reducing ash content in coal from 28% to less than 0.3%\*, thus making an ideal, ultra-clean substitute for coke and ideal for industrial heating as a substitute for gas and diesel

### Alcore is currently:

- 1. Designing a pilot plant, to confirm process and product performance, and produce larger samples for evaluation by aluminium smelters
- 2. Conducting experiments to:
  - Optimise the process conditions to ensure that required physical properties of AlF₃ are consistently achieved
  - Produce AIF<sub>3</sub> from bauxite and dross of equivalent quality to that produced from gibbsite

Table 1: CSIRO chemical analyses of recent Alcore AIF<sub>3</sub> products.

	AlF₃	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Na₂O	CaO	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
Commercial specification	>90%	<0.05%	<0.28%	<0.60%	<0.09%	<0.04%
Alcore Sample 1	95%	0.040%	0.015%	0.341%	0.106%	<0.005%
Alcore Sample 2	92%	0.040%	0.018%	0.347%	0.082%	<0.005%
Alcore Sample 3	99%	0.040%	0.005%	0.336%	0.090%	<0.005%
Alcore Sample 4	94%	0.056%	0.012%	0.316%	0.091%	<0.005%

**Comment**: these are exceptionally good results

### **COMMERCIAL ISSUES**

- AlF<sub>3</sub> is an essential electrolyte ingredient for aluminium smelting. Global demand for AlF<sub>3</sub> increases as aluminium production increases and the use of AlF<sub>3</sub> in lithium-ion batteries increases
- Market prices for AlF<sub>3</sub> are mainly determined by the Chinese export price set on the basis of free-on-board in Chinese Ports which is published by China Customs, similar to bauxite, alumina and aluminium prices
- Market prices are still around the long-term base price of US\$1,200 per tonne (see Figure 2).
- Alcore is to be the first producer of AlF<sub>3</sub> in the southern hemisphere, starting at the production rate of approximately 10,000 tonnes of AlF<sub>3</sub> per year. Australian imports from China in 2019-20 totalled 25,000 tonnes averaging US\$1,340 per tonne and global annual production exceeds 1.3 million tonnes.
- Alcore has demonstrated all of the key requirements at the laboratory scale and is fast-tracking a pilot plant scale confirmation of the engineering parameters for the first module. It is planned to present a feasibility study to investors as soon as possible
- Alcore's business plan is to increase production steadily by commissioning five of these 10,000 tonne production
  modules at an industrial site in Bell Bay, northern Tasmania; an industrial precinct that currently has an aluminium
  smelter, a manganese smelter and an aluminium powder plant, all powered by hydro-power. Alcore's refine and
  recycle process can further enhance aluminium's environmental credentials

**Governments:** Discussions continue with governments, agencies and with major companies in the aluminium industry. AlF<sub>3</sub> is a strategically important mineral product.



Figure 2

Prices 7 tonnes for aluminium fluoride AIF<sub>3</sub> to 30 June 2020

AIF<sub>3</sub> markets remain positive for the ALCORE project

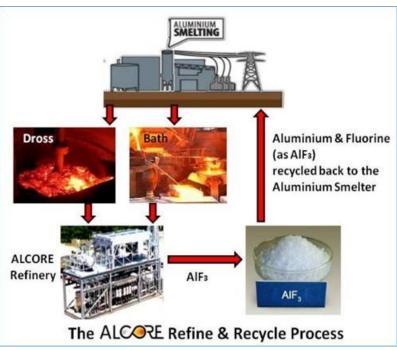


Figure 3

Summary of the Alcore 'Refine & Recycle' strategy

This process has the strong potential to be the simplest and lowest cost method to make AIF<sub>3</sub>. It provides an economically attractive way to utilise the aluminium-rich and fluoride-rich byproducts from many aluminium smelters.

The \$2.5 million Alcore laboratory below is a climate-controlled laboratory constructed inside the Alcore Research Centre to produce test samples of AlF<sub>3</sub> and co-products.



Figure 4: Preparation & Analytical Lab, XRF & furnaces



Figure 5: Alcore test lab, fume cabinets with hi-tech scrubbers, showers, microscopes & Drager air monitor (wall)

# Binjour project, Queensland located 115 kms inland from Bundaberg Port

- 1. ABx's board of directors approved the lodgement of mining lease application and related project strategy for the Binjour Bauxite Project in early 2020.
- 2. The Binjour Bauxite Project pre-production and working capital costs are fully funded by ABx's marketing partner, Rawmin Mining and Industries of India.
- 3. Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ABx, Rawmin Mining and Industries of India and Tianshan Aluminium of China is for the sale of 0.5 to 1.5 million tonnes of bauxite from Binjour to Tianshan's new low temperature refinery in southern China which was due to commence production in late 2020 but is delayed by the COVID-19 effects on global demand. The recently announce stimulation package in China is expected to stimulate bauxite demand needed for the Binjour project.
- 4. ABx considers Binjour to be the best source of gibbsite-trihydrate (**THA**) bauxite in Queensland that is suitable for processing in low-temperature Bayer-technology alumina refineries and sweetener circuits
- 5. Bauxite resources total 40.5 million tonnes comprising 37 million tonnes of thick bauxite at Binjour plateau and 3.5 million tonnes in the granted mining lease at Toondoon, located 46 kms south of Binjour <sup>1</sup>
- 6. Binjour bauxite is 3 to 15 metres thick and comprises 10.4 million tonnes suitable for simple bulk mining and shipping as "DSO Bauxite 1" and 26.6 million tonnes to be upgraded by ABx's proprietary TasTech technology to achieve the long-term sales grade of 44% to 45% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> & 5% SiO<sub>2</sub> which is ideal "metallurgical bauxite" for producing aluminium metal via the low-temperature Bayer alumina refineries

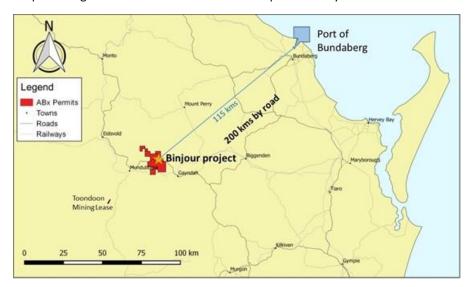


Figure 6
Locations of Binjour bauxite project and transport infrastructure in Queensland

- 7. **Bulk sampling & processing testwork** confirmed ABx's decision to committing to project development. This work confirmed that Binjour bauxite screens well (ASX: 30 May 2019). It also discovered that an extensive deep bauxite layer grading more than 48% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and less than 3% SiO<sub>2</sub> that is the highest quality gibbsite-trihydrate bauxite in eastern Australia which was obscured by an overlying red mud layer that conceals the bauxite.
- 8. **Mining simulation**: Bulk sampling tested production parameters including **dilution** from red mud overburden, **mining** behaviour, screening and handling characteristics.
- **9. Grades**: Results show that bulk-mined, bulk-screened bauxite from Binjour can meet the required DSO grades to be marketable.
- **10. Operations**: Information about operating methods, dust and noise management, environmental issues, and rehabilitation options was also learned.
- 11. **Rehabilitation**: ABx always examines post-mining reinstatement of the land at the outset of all mining projects. This important planning work commenced in November-December 2019 and several attractive options exist to leave the land significantly better than we found it. We only operate where welcomed.
- 12. **Bulk dry-screening of Binjour bauxite**: A 28 tonne bulk sample was mined and mixed onto a stockpile from Pits 10 & 11, using methods that are expected to be used during production. This sample was trucked to Gympie and screened using a rotating trommel with a 10mm aperture screen.

1. See Resource Statement



Figure 7

Screening & environmental measurements of Binjour bauxite conducted at Gympie, QLD

This bulk-screening testwork confirmed the laboratory tests conducted in mid 2019 that Binjour bauxite is ideal for dry-screening to remove fine fractions that must be minimised for safe shipping.

Dust-carry was measured to help decide the location and size of any mining lease application(s).

### Selection of an Initial Mining Lease Application Area at Binjour

Based on the evidence from bulk sampling, ABx has assessed the results from its 1,000 drillholes at Binjour and has identified sites that:

- 13. Are on freehold land titles, with no strategic cropping or environmental issues
- 14. Are ideally located for transport, processing, environmental and community issues; and
- 15. Contain the high quality layer of bauxite which will be in great demand.

**Coordinated production**: The Binjour Bauxite Project will maximise production during the Queensland dry season from April to November and ABx's Tasmanian mines will maximise production in summer from December to May. Rawmin's mines in north western India will maximise production in the Indian dry season from November to May but cease shipments in monsoon months June to September. Coordinated production and shipments will achieve all-year delivery to the customer of bauxite at a consistent specification

**Memorandum of Understanding Agreement** for access to the preferred stockpile site at the Port of Bundaberg was finalised and executed during 2019

# Penrose bauxite types in strong demand

- 16. ABx's Penrose bauxite deposit located in a pine plantation 90km inland of Port Kembla NSW contains a bottom layer grading 55% Al2O3 and very low iron content suitable for refractory bauxite applications. The strategy for Penrose is to sell each layer to separate customers but a primary customer-partner is needed.
- 17. ABx has concluded that whilst Penrose bauxite is ideal feedstock for the Alcore bauxite refining technology, it is best for the manufacture of an Australia building product and separate sale of other layers

### Search of other low-iron grey-white bauxite deposits

Prior to making an offer to the "primary partner" for ABx's grey-white bauxite, ABx has searched its large database for other deposits of this type of bauxite and has found low-iron bauxite in Tasmania, Binjour in QLD and in the Taralga project area located north of Goulburn NSW. ABx has drafted a business proposal but this work has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Bald Hill Bauxite Project, Campbell Town, Northern Tasmania

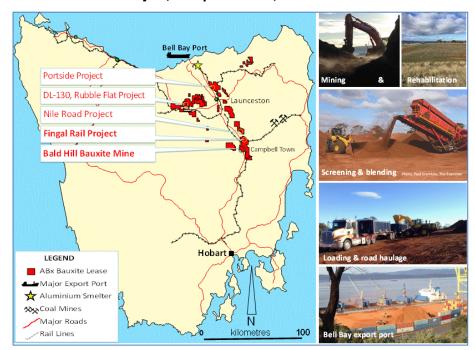


Figure 8
Locations of ABx bauxite mines, projects and transport infrastructure in Tasmania

### Rehabilitation on schedule



# Figure 9 Rehabilitated land in the foreground and bottom right is now being cropped.

Pre-mining, the rocky ridge was only suited to grazing but stone-removal by rock-picking machines and reseeding to landholder specifications has resulted in an improved outcome.

ABx's paramount policy is to implement best practices on agricultural land and strive to leave land and environment better than we find it.

We only operate where welcomed.

Mine operators are waiting for optimum weather for seeding and weed suppression.

# Corporate skills in rehabilitating agricultural lands post-mining

Unlike several other bauxite producers which operate in remote tropical savannah regions, ABx has considerable experience dealing with the rehabilitation of good quality agricultural land. This experience will be important when ABx commences mining and rehabilitation operations in Binjour 115kms inland from Bundaberg, QLD.

ABx has declared bauxite resources totalling 137 million tonnes <sup>1</sup> in eastern Australia – see Figure 10 and Table 2 below.

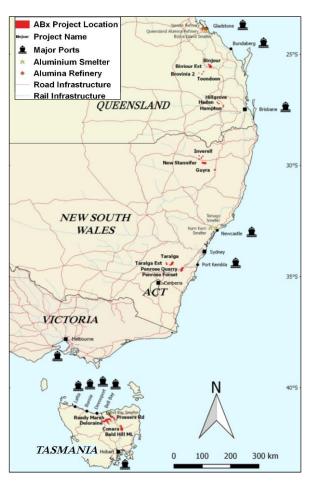


Figure 10: ABx Project Tenements & Major Infrastructure in ABx's major bauxite project areas nearest export ports in Eastern Australia as follows, from south to north:

- 1. Northern Tasmania, south of Bell Bay Port
- 2. **Southern NSW** Taralga & Penrose pine forest west of Port Kembla
- 3. **Central Queensland** based on the major Binjour Bauxite Project, southwest of Port of Bundaberg

# **Qualifying statements**

**General:** The information in this report that relate to Exploration Information and Mineral Resources are based on information compiled by Jacob Rebek and Ian Levy who are members of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Rebek and Mr Levy are qualified geologists and Mr Levy is a director of Australian Bauxite Limited.

**Mainland:** The information relating to Mineral Resources on the Mainland was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity, which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have consented in writing to

**Tasmania:** The information relating to Exploration Information and Mineral Resources in Tasmania has been prepared or updated under the JORC Code 2012.

the inclusion in this report of the Exploration Information in the form and context in which it appears.

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**Disclaimer Regarding Forward Looking Statements:** This ASX announcement (Announcement) contains various forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to uncertainties in that they may be affected by a variety of known and unknown risks, variables and factors which could cause actual values or results, performance or achievements to differ materially from the expectations described in such forward-looking statements.

ABx does not give any assurance that the anticipated results, performance or achievements expressed or implied in those forward-looking statements will be achieved.

### **Patent**

As advised previously, Refined Ore Industries Ltd (ROIL) was the owner of the CORE process technology via ROIL's intellectual property company, Berkeley Process Technologies Pty. Ltd which issued a global exclusive licence for the aluminium-related portion of the CORE process technology to ABx in November 2017 and ABx has issued a global exclusive sub-licence to ALCORE Limited when ALCORE was incorporated on 1 July 2018. After a company restructure and expansion of the patent definition to cover isolation and extraction of mineral compounds, metals, metalloids, alloys and elements from waste streams, mineral ores, recyclable commodities, industrial by-products and mixed substances, the holding company is now named Core Refining Limited (CRL)

and the intellectual property company is Core Intelligence Australia Pty Ltd (CIAL) which holds the Patent Application No. 2019904311 and the global exclusive licences to ABx and ALCORE continue in force.

CRL's CORE process technology involves the refining of a wide range of ore types using a combination of fluorine acids and related thermal energy process steps. The technology that is licensed to ABx and ALCORE by CRL is part of CRL's broader Core technology.

### **Resource Statement**

Tabulated below are the Mineral Resources for each ABx Project. The initial ASX disclosure for these Resources is given in the footnotes to the table. Refer to these announcements for full details of resource estimation methodology and attributions. Tabulated Resource numbers have been rounded for reporting purposes. The Company conducts regular reviews of these Resources and Reserve estimates and updates as a result of material changes to input parameters such as geology, drilling data and financial metrics. Global Mineral Resources total 137.1 million tonnes.

Table 2: ABx JORC-Compliant Resource Estimates

Region	Resource	Million	Thickness	$Al_2O_3$	SiO <sub>2</sub>	A/S	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>	LOI	AlaQa Avi	Rx SiO <sub>2</sub>	AvI/Rx	% Lab	O'Burden	Int.Waste
	Category	Tonnes	(m)	%	%	ratio	%	%	%	@ 143°C %	%	ratio	Yield	(m)	(m)
CAMPBELL TOWN	Inferred	1.3	3.0	42.6	3.5	12	25.4	3.5	24.6	36.7	3.0	12	50	2.1	0.1
AREA TASMANIA 7	Indicated	1.4	3.2	42.5	3.2	14	26.4	3.0	24.5	36.2	2.8	14	55	1.8	0.1
AREA IASIVIANIA	Total	2.7	3.1	42.5	3.3	13	25.9	3.3	24.5	36.5	2.9	13	52	2.0	0.1
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Fingal Rail Cement-		2.4	3.3	30.9	19.5		35.4	3.9	16.7		-	-		1.9	0.1
Grade Bauxite 8	Indicated	3.9	3.8	31.1	19.0	-	35.2	4.0	16.9	-	-	-	-	1.7	0.1
	Total	6.3	3.6	31.0	19.2		35.3	4.0	16.8	-	-	-		1.8	0.1
DL-130 AREA TAS 1	Inferred	5.7	3.8	44.1	4.3	10	22.8	3.1	25.0	37.6	3.2	12	55	1.5	0.1
	Total Tas	14.7	3.6	38.2	10.5	n.a.	28.7	3.5	21.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	54	1.7	0.1
BINJOUR QLD 2	Inferred	14.2	4.3	40.7	7.3	6	24.7	4.3	22.1	32.3	6.7	5	80	8.5	0.3
DSO, Screen & Cement	Indicated	22.8	4.0	33.5	19.2	2	24.9	4.2	16.8	15.8	17.4	1	63	6.6	0.3
	Total	37.0	4.1	36.2	14.6	3	24.9	4.2	18.8	22.1	13.3	2	69	7.3	0.3
TOONDOON QLD 3	Inferred	3.5	4.9	40.2	7.2	6	25.3	4.9	21.7	32.8	5.2	6	67	1.5	0.0
TARALGA S. NSW 4	Inferred	9.9	3.1	40.4	5.7	7	24.6	4.1	22.2	35.2	1.9	18	54	0.1	0.2
	Indicated	10.2	3.7	41.3	5.3	8	25.9	4.0	22.9	36.1	1.9	19	55	0.7	0.4
	Total	20.1	5.6	40.8	5.5	7	25.3	4.0	22.6	35.7	1.9	19	55	0.5	0.3
PDM-DS0*	Inferred	7.6	2.5	37.0	6.0	6	38.4	3.5	13.3	22.1*	1.3	17	72	0.2	0.1
	Indicated	10.3	3.1	37.6	3.9	10	40.4	3.7	13.5	22.4*	1.1	20	71	0.7	0.4
	Total	17.8	5.8	37.3	4.8	8	39.6	3.6	13.5	22.3*	1.2	18	72	0.5	0.3
	Total Taralga	37.9	5.7	39.2	5.2	8	32.0	3.8	18.3	35.4	1.6	23	63	0.5	0.3
INVERELL N. NSW 5	Inferred	17.5	4.7	39.8	4.8	8	27.7	4.3	22.2	31.0	4.2	7	61	2.3	
	Indicated	20.5	4.8	40.6	4.7	9	26.9	4.1	22.5	32.0	4.0	8	60	2.4	
	Total	38.0	4.8	40.2	4.7	9	27.3	4.2	22.4	31.6	4.1	8	61	2.4	
GUYRA N. NSW <sup>6</sup>	Inferred	2.3	4.2	41.4	3.6	12	26.2	3.3	24.6	35.0	2.8	13	56	3.4	
	Indicated	3.8	5.9	43.1	2.6	16	27.3	3.9	24.5	37.4	2.0	18	61	4.4	
	Total	6.0	5.3	42.5	3.0	14	26.9	3.7	24.5	36.5	2.3	16	59	4.0	
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL AREAS</b> 137.1 * PDM is Al₂O₃ spinel. Al₂O₃ Avl at 225°C is >35%															

Explanations: All resources 100% owned & unencumbered. Resource tonnage estimates are quoted as in-situ, pre mined tonnages. All assaying done at NATA-registered ALS Laboratories, Brisbane. Chemical definitions: Leach conditions to measure available alumina "AI2O3 AVI" & reactive silica "Rx SiO2" is 1g leached in 10ml of 90gpl NaOH at 143°C for 30 minutes. LOI = loss on ignition at 1000°C. "AVI/Rx" ratio is (AI2O3 AVI)/(Rx SiO2) and "AI5" ratio is AI2O3/SiO2. Values above 6 are good, above 10 are excellent Tonnage is for bauxite in-situ. Lab Yield is for drill dust samples screened by ALS lab at 0.26mm. Production yields are not directly related and are typically between 60% and 75%. Tonnages requiring no upgrade will have 100% yield. Resource estimates exclude large tonnages of potential extensions, overburden & interburden detrital bauxite and underlying transitional bauxite mineralisation. Production will clarify these materials.

The information above relates to Mineral Resources previously reported according to the JORC Code (see Competent Person Statement) as follows:

- $^{1}$  Maiden Tasmania Mineral Resource, 5.7 million tonnes announced on 08/11/2012
- <sup>2</sup> Binjour Mineral Resource, 37.0 million tonnes announced on 18/06/2018
- $^{3}\,$  QLD Mining Lease 80126 Maiden Resource, 3.5 million tonnes announced on 03/12/2012
- <sup>4</sup> Goulburn Taralga Bauxite Resource Increased by 50% to 37.9 million tonnes announced on 31/05/2012
- <sup>5</sup> Inverell Mineral Resource update, 38.0 million tonnes announced on 08/05/2012
- <sup>6</sup> Guvra Maiden Mineral Resource. 6.0 million tonnes announced on 15/08/2011
- <sup>7</sup> Initial resources for 1st Tasmanian mine, 3.5 million tonnes announced on 24/03/2015
- <sup>8</sup> Resource Upgrade for Fingal Rail Project, Tasmania announced on 25/08/2016

### Table 3: Tenement information required under LR 5.3.3

Notes: All tenements are in good standing, 100% owned and not

New South Wale	<u> </u>
EL 6997	Inverell
EL 8370	Penrose Forest
EL 7357	Taralga
EL 8600	Penrose Quarry
Queensland	
EPM 18014	Binjour
EPM 18772	Binjour Extension
EPM 25146	Toondoon EPM
ML 80126	Toondoon ML
Tasmania	
EL 7/2010	Conara
EL 9/2010	Deloraine
EL 18/2014	Prosser's Road
ML 1961 P/M	Bald Hill Bauxite

subject to Farm-in or Farm-out agreements, third-party royalties nor encumbered in any way.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your directors present their report together with the financial statements of the parent entity and the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the Group) consisting of Australian Bauxite Limited (the Company) and the entities it controlled at the end of or during the period ended 30 June 2020 and the Auditor's Review Report thereon.

**Principal activities** The principal continuing activities of the Group during the

reporting period were selling bauxite mineral, conducting the bauxite processing, development and exploration programs.

Financial performance The net consolidated loss of the Group for the six months ended

30 June 2020 was \$0.84 million (2019: Loss \$1.56 million). Cash holding of the Group at 30 June 2020 was \$0.54 million. The Group will have sufficient cash reserves to fund its current

exploration, processing and development programs.

**Review of operations** Information on the operations and financial position of the Group

and its business strategies and prospects are set out in the Review

of Operations on pages 3 to 10 of this report.

**Dividends**The Directors of the Company do not recommend that any amount

be paid by way of dividend. The Company has not paid or declared any amount by way of dividend since the commencement of the

financial year.

### **Directors**

The following persons were directors of Australian Bauxite Limited during the whole of the period and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Paul Lennon Non-Executive Chairman
 Ian Levy Managing Director / CEO
 Ken Boundy Non-Executive Director

### **Subsequent Events**

At the date of this report there are no matters or circumstances which have arisen since 30 June 2020 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial half-year subsequent to 30 June 2020, of the Group;
- the results of those operations; or
- the state of affairs, in financial half-year subsequent to 30 June 2020, of the Group.

# Rounding

The amounts contained in the half year financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (where rounding is applicable) under the option available to the Company under ASIC Class Order 98/100. The Company is an entity to which the Class Order applies.

# **Directors' Report (continued)**

# **Environmental Regulations**

The Group is subject to significant environmental regulation in respect of its exploration activities as follows:

- The Company's operations in the State of Queensland involve drilling operations. These operations are governed by the *Environmental Protection Act* (1994).
- The Company's operations in the State of NSW involve exploration activities. These operations are governed by the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- The Company's operations in the State of Tasmania involve drilling operations. These operations are governed by the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.
- The Company operates within the resources sector and conducts its business activities with respect
  for the environment while continuing to meet the expectations of the shareholders, employees and
  suppliers.
- The Company aims to ensure that the highest standard of environmental care is achieved, and that it complies with all relevant environmental legislation. The Directors are mindful of the regulatory regime in relation to the impact of the Company's activities on the environment.
- To the best of the directors' knowledge, the Group has adequate systems in place to ensure compliance with the requirements of all environmental legislation described above and are not aware of any breach of those requirements during the financial year and up to the date of the Directors' Report.

### Environmental Code of Practice for Bauxite Mineral Exploration, adopted 1 March 2010

The Company is committed to conducting its exploration programs by following industry best practice in accordance with published government guidelines and codes.

The following policy is specific to bauxite exploration on the Company's east Australian bauxite province.

### **Access to Land**

Prior to the commencement of any work, the Company makes contact with landholders/leaseholders and discusses the general aims and types of work likely to be conducted. Discussion with landowners, leaseholders and Native Title Claimants is ongoing. It commences prior to any work being conducted and continues throughout the program and beyond the cessation of exploration work.

The Company establishes conditions of access with landholders and where practicable, signs a written access agreement that sets out conditions and includes a schedule of agreed compensation payments. The Company endeavours to provide landholders with ample warning prior to commencing any work and landholders are kept informed upon commencement, during and upon completion of an exploration program.

# Type of Land

The type of land is determined and its inhabitants are assessed to identify areas of particular environmental concern including identification of sensitive areas or areas prone to erosion, water catchment, heritage sites, and areas home to vulnerable and endangered species.

Land use is taken into consideration and land under cultivation is not disturbed without the express consent of the landholder.

### **Mineral Exploration Programs Access**

The Company utilises existing tracks for access where possible. Climatic conditions are considered when assessing areas to avoid access during extreme conditions such as during bush fire risk during hot, windy conditions and damage to tracks after heavy rain. Surface disturbances are kept to a minimum.

# **Directors' Report (continued)**

### Drilling

Drilling programs include rehabilitation and where possible holes are positioned in areas requiring little or no clearing. Small, manoeuvrable drill rigs are used to minimise the need for track clearing and to reduce ground compaction. Where required, topsoil is removed and stored separately so that it can be replaced during rehabilitation of the site. Ground sheets are used where required to avoid oil/fuel spills contaminating the soil.

### Rehabilitation

Drill sites are rehabilitated as soon as practicable and drill holes are filled and capped where necessary. Landholders are asked to confirm at the end of each program that exploration has been conducted to their satisfaction and that sites have been rehabilitated.

### **Qualifying Statements**

With respect to Exploration Results: The information is extracted from the following ASX release entitled:

Which are available to view on <a href="www.australianbauxite.com.au/Media.htm">www.australianbauxite.com.au/Media.htm</a>. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

Information in this report relating to Exploration Information & Mineral Resources are based on information compiled by Jacob Rebek & Ian Levy who are members of The Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy & the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Rebek & Mr Levy are qualified geologists & Mr Levy is a director of ABx. Information in this report relating to Mineral Resources in Tasmania has been prepared or updated by Mr Levy in accordance with the JORC Code 2012.

Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity, which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Resources. Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have consented to the inclusion in this announcement of the Exploration Information in the form and context in which it appears.

# **Directors' Report (continued)**

# **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

A copy of the independence declaration by the auditor K.S. Black and Co. under section 307C is included on page 15 of this half year financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

Ian Levy

**Managing Director** 

**Paul Lennon** 

Chairman

7 September 2020

# **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

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### Lead Auditors' Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Director's of Australian Bauxite Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the half-year ended 30 June 2020 there has been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

The entities are in respect of Australian Bauxite Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

KS Black & Co Chartered Accountants

Scott Bennison

Partner

Dated in Sydney on this 7th day of September 2020

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Directors of Australian Bauxite Limited

### Report on the Consolidated Interim Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year Consolidated Interim Financial Report of Australian Bauxite Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement in changes in equity and the statement of cash flows; for the half-year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other selected explanatory notes and the declaration by those charged with governance.

### The Director's Responsibility for 30 June 2020 Consolidated Interim Financial Report

The Directors of the Consolidated Group are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year Consolidated Interim Financial Report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility for the Consolidated Interim Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standards on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material respects, with the Corporations Law 2001. As the auditor of Australian Bauxite Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of the person responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

### Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

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### Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the half-year financial report of Australian Bauxite Limited does not present fairly, in all material respects including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the financial half-year ended on that date; and
- ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Act 2001.

KS Black & Co Chartered Accountants

Scott Bennison

Partner

Dated: 7/9/2020

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# **DECLARATION BY DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Company declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, set out on pages 19 to 32, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, and:
  - give a true and fair view of the financial position of the consolidated entity as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date;
     and
  - comply with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.
- 2. In the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

Ian Levy

**Managing Director** 

7 September 2020

**Paul Lennon** 

Chairman

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2020

# **Consolidated Group**

	Notes	Half- year ended 30 Jun 2020 \$'000	Half- year ended 30 Jun 2019 \$'000
REVENUE	3	37	2,082
Other Income and Expenses	3	260	-
Development, exploration and administrative expenses	3	(1,187)	(3,623)
Finance expenses	3	(17)	(25)
PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAX Income tax		(907) -	(1,566)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	_	(907)	(1,566)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Other comprehensive income before income tax Income tax OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	_	- - -	- - -
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD		(907)	(1,566)
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests		60	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PARENT ENTITY		(847)	(1,566)
EARNINGS PER SHARE  Basic earnings/(losses) per share (cents per share)  Diluted earnings/(losses) per share (cents per share)	_	Cents (0.58) (0.57)	Cents (1.07) (1.06)

This Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the interim financial report.

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

as at 30 June 2020

		Consolida	ted
		2020	2019
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	540	909
Trade and other receivables		76	83
Other current assets		69	72
Total current assets		685	1,064
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables		49	56
Plant and equipment		373	496
Mining tenements	5	15,702	15,501
Total non-current assets	_	16,124	16,053
Total Assets	_	16,809	17,117
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		1,897	1,464
Employee benefits provision		130	102
Other Liabilities		258	303
Total current liabilities	_	2,285	1,869
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits provision		125	117
Other Liabilities		315	315
Total non-current liabilities	_	440	432
Total Liabilities		2,725	2,301
Net Assets		14,084	14,816
FOURTY			
EQUITY	6	25 242	25 242
Issued capital	6	25,312	25,312
Reserves Accumulated losses		2,843 (14,050)	2,691
		14,105	(13,203) 14,800
Total equity attribute to equity holder of parent entity  Non-controlling interest		14,105 (21)	14,800
Total Equity		14,084	14,816
rotar Equity		14,004	14,010

This Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the interim financial report.

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

for the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2020

			Reserve Other		Non Controlling		
		Issued	Contributed		Interest	Accumulated	Total
	Note	Capital	Equity	Reserve		Losses	Equity
Consolidated		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 31 December 2018		25,312	1,519	593	-	(10,727)	16,697
Business combination		-	387	-	-	-	387
Loss for the period		-	-	-	-	(1,566)	(1,566)
At 30 June 2019	•	25,312	1,906	593	-	(12,293)	15,518
							_
At 30 June 2019		25,312	1,906	593	-	(12,293)	15,518
Share placement		-	-	-	-	-	-
Business combination		-	(1,906)	2,098	16	-	208
Loss for the period		-	-	-	-	(910)	(910)
As at 31 December 2019	6	25,312	-	2,691	16	(13,203)	14,816
						(40.000)	44.040
As at December 2019		25,312	-	2,691	16	(13,203)	14,816
Business combination		-	-	152	(37)	-	115
Share issued in lieu of services		-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss for the period	. <u>-</u>	-	-	-	-	(847)	(847)
As at 30 June 2020	6	25,312	-	2,843	(21)	(14,050)	14,084

This Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the interim financial report.

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW**

for the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2020

		Consoli	dated
	Notes	Half-year ended	Half-year ended
		30 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2019
		\$'000	\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipt from customer and government		189	2,041
Interest received		2	14
Payment for exploration and development expenditures		(592)	(2,370)
Payments for administration expenses	_	(202)	(242)
NET CASH FLOWS (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	_	(603)	(557)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for plant and equipment	_	-	<u>-</u>
NET CASH FLOWS (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	_	-	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from share issues/placements – controlled entity		175	-
Convertible note – controlled entities		-	387
Advance to other party		(91)	(672)
Repayment to/advance from other parties	<u>-</u>	150	300
NET CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY/(USED IN )FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		234	15
NET (DECREASE)/ INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	_	(369)	(542)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		909	1,844
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE	_	303	1,044
REPORTING PERIOD	4	540	1,302

This Statement of Cash Flow is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the interim financial report.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2020

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT Reporting Entity

Australian Bauxite Limited (the "**Company**") is a company domiciled in Australia. The consolidated interim financial report of the Company as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2020 comprises the Company and its controlled entities (together referred to as the "**consolidated entity**").

### **Statement of Compliance**

The consolidated interim financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### **Estimates**

The preparation of the interim financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

### (a) Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporation Act 2001*.

Statement of Compliance

Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial report of Australian Bauxite Limited complies with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS").

Critical judgements

Management have made the following judgements when applying the Group's accounting policies:

# (i) Capitalisation of exploration costs

The Group follows the guidance of AASB 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources when determining if exploration costs incurred can be capitalised. This determination requires significant judgement. In making this judgement, the Group evaluates if any one of the following conditions is met:

 The exploration and evaluation expenditures are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest, or alternatively, by its sale; and

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

- Exploration and evaluation activities in the area of interest have not at the reporting date
  reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of
  economically recoverable reserves, and active and significant operations in, or in relation to,
  the areas of interest are continuing.
- During the period, there were commodity price drops. No impairment losses were recognised
  as no significant production has occurred resulting in sales at prices requiring write-down of
  capitalised expenditures.

If one of the above conditions is met then the Group has made the judgement to capitalise the associated exploration expenses.

Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on the historical cost convention except where noted in these accounting policies.

Material accounting policies

The policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

### (b) Principles of consolidation

**Subsidiaries** 

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Australian Bauxite Limited ("parent entity") as at reporting date and the results of all subsidiaries for the period then ended.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the parent entity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the parent entity controls another entity.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the parent entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between consolidated entity entities are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the consolidated entity.

**Business Combinations** 

Business combinations occur where an acquirer obtains control over one or more businesses.

A business combination is accounted for by applying the acquisition method, unless it is a combination involving entities or business under common control. The business combination will be accounted for from the date that control is attained, whereby the fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) assumed is recognised (subject to certain limited exemptions).

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

When measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination, any asset or liability resulting from a contingent arrangement is also included, subsequent to initial recognition, contingent consideration classified as equity is not remeasured and its subsequent settlement accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is remeasured in each reporting period to fair value, recognising any change to fair value in profit or loss, unless the change in value can be identified as existing at acquisition date.

All transaction costs incurred in relation to business combinations are recognised as expenses in profit or loss when incurred.

The acquisition of a business may result in the recognition of goodwill or a gain from a bargain purchase.

### (c) Segment reporting

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different to those of other business segments. A geographical segment is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment and is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

# (d) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues taking into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

Other Income

Income from other sources is recognised when proceeds or the fee in respect of other products or service provided is receivable.

### (e) Income Tax

The income tax expense or revenue for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income based on the income tax rate adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, and to unused tax losses.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to apply when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted for each jurisdiction. The relevant tax rates are applied to the cumulative amounts of deductible and taxable temporary differences to measure the deferred tax asset or liability. An exception is made for certain temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of an asset or a liability. No deferred tax asset or liability is recognised in relation to these temporary differences if they arose in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction did not affect either accounting profit or taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognised for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in controlled entities where the parent

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

entity is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity are also recognised directly in equity.

### (f) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis except for the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

### (g) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and in at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investment in money market instruments maturing within less than two months, net of bank overdrafts.

### (h) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at original invoice amounts and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Trade receivables are due for settlement no more than 60 days from the date of recognition.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that entities in the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

### (i) Acquisition of assets

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for all acquisitions of assets regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. Cost is measured as the fair value of the assets given, shares issued or liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition.

### (j) Tenement exploration, evaluation and development costs

Costs incurred in the exploration for, and evaluation of, tenements for suitable resources are carried forward as assets provided that one of the following conditions is met:

• the carrying values are expected to be justified through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest; or

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

exploration activities in the area of interest have not yet reached a stage
which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of
recoverable mineral resources, and active and significant operations in
relation to the area are continuing.

Expenses failing to meet at least one of the aforementioned conditions are written off as incurred.

Costs associated with the commercial development of resources are deferred to future periods, provided they are, beyond any reasonable doubt, expected to be recoverable. These costs are be amortized from the commencement of commercial production of the product to which they relate on a straight-line basis over the period of the expected benefit.

Costs associated with the development of resources are expensed as incurred if their recoverability is unlikely or unable to be determined.

### (k) Impairment of assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting period. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

### (I) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

### (m) Restoration and rehabilitation provisions

Both for close down and restoration and for environmental clean-up costs from exploration programs, if any, a provision will be made in the accounting period when the related disturbance occurs, based on the net present value of estimated future costs.

### (n) Employee Benefits

(i) Wages, salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in other payables in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

(ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

### (o) Share based payments

Ownership-based remuneration is provided to employees via an employee share option plan.

Share-based compensation is recognised as an expense in respect of the services received, measured on a fair value basis.

The fair value of the options at grant date is independently determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the vesting and performance criteria, the impact of dilution, the non-tradeable nature of the option, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk-free interest rate for the term of the option.

The fair value of the options granted excludes the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. At each balance date, the Group revises its estimate of the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. The employee benefit expense recognised each period takes into account the most recent estimate.

Upon the exercise of options, the balance of the share-based payments reserve relating to those options is transferred to share capital.

### (p) Earnings per share (EPS)

Basic EPS is calculated as net profit attributable to members, adjusted to exclude costs of servicing equity (other than dividends), divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

Diluted EPS is calculated as net profit attributable to members, adjusted for costs of servicing equity (other than dividends), the after tax effect of dividends and interest associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares that have been recognised as expenses; and other non- discretionary changes in revenues or expenses during the period that would result from the dilution of potential ordinary shares; divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

# 3. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

# **Specific Items**

Profit/(loss) before income tax expense/(benefit) includes the following revenues and expenses whose disclosure is relevant in explaining the performance of the consolidated entity:

	Consolidate	ed
	Half- year	Half-year
	ended	ended
	30 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2019
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue		
Sale of mineral	31	2,043
Interest income	6	39
	37	2,082
Other Income and Expenses Government package Other	158 102 260	- - -
<b>Development, exploration and administration expenses</b> Development costs and exploration costs not capitalized	(969)	(3,321)
Consultancy and professional fees	(30)	(46)
Director and employee expenses	(68)	(116)
Other administrative expenses	(120)	(140)
	(1,187)	(3,623)
Finance expenses Depreciation Interest paid Others	(16) (1) (17)	(1) (5) (19) (25)

# 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Consolidated		
	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2019	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Cash at bank and deposit	185	504	
Cash held in trust – tenement guarantees and deposits	355	405	
	540	909	

### 5. MINING TENEMENT

	Consolidat	ted
	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2019
	\$'000	\$'000
Tenement interest, development costs and capitalized exploration expenditures	15,702	15,501
capitalized exploration experiationes	15,702	15,501

The ultimate recoupment of costs carried forward for exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploration or sale of the respective areas.

The carrying values of the exploration tenements are valued using the Exploration Expenditure Method and are limited to exploration expenditure incurred by the Company and its subsidiaries. Historical expenditure by other entities has not been included.

The Company regularly considers the commercial viability of its exploration tenements and reduces the area or relinquishes the exploration tenement where the commercial prospects are diminished.

### **Tenement List**

Application No	Licence No	Project	Status	Area (sq km)	Mining tenement
					cost + capitalisation
					\$
ABx1 Pty Ltd					
	EL 6997	Inverell	Granted	54	2,504,971
Sub-total				54	2,504,971
ABx2 Pty Ltd					
	EL 7357	Taralga	Granted	123	1,579,936
	EL 8370	Penrose Forest	Granted	57	-
	EL 8600	Penrose Quarry	Granted	6	147,195
Sub-total				186	1,727,131
ABx3 Pty Ltd					
	EPM 18014	Binjour	Granted	126	3,045,167
	EPM 18772	Binjour Extension	Granted	21	593,802
	EPM 25146	Toondoon	Granted	9	48,345
	ML 80126	Toondoon	Granted	1	-
Sub-total				157	3,687,315
ABx4 Pty Ltd					
					-
	EL 7/2010	Conara	Granted	129	3,344,876
	EL 9/2010	Deloraine	Granted	136	1,087,252
	EL 18/2014	Prossers Road	Granted	56	335,301
	ML 1961P/M	Bald Hill	Granted	0	1,918,590
		Mining Production			1,096,369
Sub-total				321	7,782,388
Total				718	15,701,804

### 6. ISSUED CAPITAL

	Consolidated Entity and Parent Entity		Consolidated Entity and Parent Entity	
	June 2020	Dec 2019	June 2020	Dec 2019
	Shares	Shares	\$'000	\$'000
Ordinary shares issued	145,967,005	145,967,005	25,312	25,312
(a) Movements during the year:				
Opening balance	145,967,005	145,967,005	25,312	25,312
Share placement	-	-	-	-
Share issued in lieu of services	-	-	-	-
Share issuing costs	-	-	-	
Closing balance	145,967,005	145,967,005	25,312	25,312

### (b) Options

There have been no options issued or granted over unissued shares during the reporting period.

### (c) Terms and Conditions

Each ordinary share participates equally in the voting rights of the Company. Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held.

### 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The minimum exploration expenditure commitments and lease payments on the Company's exploration tenements totalling approximately \$0.29 million (2019:\$0.48million) over remaining term of tenements.

### **Executive services agreement**

In addition the Company has agreed with Mr Ian Levy as Managing Director in providing the services to the Company at an agreed rate of \$250,000 per annum.

# **Corporate service agreement**

The Company has entered into a Corporate Service Agreement with Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited pursuant to which Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited has agreed to provide its office management, registered office, administrative, accounting and secretarial services.

The term of the Corporate Services Agreement has no fixed expiry term and the fee payable is that amount agreed between the parties from time to time. The terms of the Services Agreement provide that Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited shall act in accordance with the directions of the Board.

# 8. SEGMENT REPORTING

The consolidated entity operates one business being the mining and exploration of bauxite, minerals and related development projects in Australia.

# 9. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

At the date of this report there are no other matters or circumstances, other than noted above, which have arisen since 30 June 2020 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial half-year subsequent to 30 June 2020, of the Group;
- the results of those operations; or
- the state of affairs, in financial half-year subsequent to 30 June 2020, of the Group.