

# **Strategic Energy Resources Limited**

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**Annual Report - 30 June 2022**

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| Directors                        | Mr Stuart Rechner - Executive Chairman<br>Dr David DeTata - Managing Director<br>Mr Anthony McIntosh - Non-Executive Director   |
| Company Secretary                | Mr Mathew Watkins   |
| Notice of annual general meeting | The Company will hold its Annual General Meeting of shareholders on 16 November 2022.   |
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| Auditor                          | Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd<br>Collins Square, Tower 5<br>727 Collins Street<br>Melbourne, VIC 3008  |
| Stock exchange listing           | Strategic Energy Resources Limited securities are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code: SER)  |
| Website                          | <a href="http://www.strategicenergy.com.au">www.strategicenergy.com.au</a>  |
| Corporate Governance Statement   | Corporate governance statements are available in Group's website. Please refer to <a href="https://www.strategicenergy.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://www.strategicenergy.com.au/corporate-governance/</a> |

## REVIEW OF OPERATIONS FY2021-22

SER's purpose is to discover economic mineral deposits. We believe the best place to do this is the untested greenfield frontiers of Australia. We are industry leaders in securing the best ground and experts at exploring undercover using cutting-edge geoscience. Frontier exploration under deep cover is difficult and expensive – thus we partner with governments and larger companies to share the risks and costs.

On 1 July 2021, SER appointed accomplished scientist and exploration executive Dr David DeTata BSc MSc PhD MBA GAICD as Managing Director. Over the course of the 2021-22 Financial Year, David and Exploration Manager Neil Chalmers led SER to drill multiple targets in the Northern Territory and Queensland; generate and unlock new projects across Australia; and win several rounds of government funding.

The most important development this year was the intersection of thick intervals of nickel-elevated ultramafic rock with semi-massive sulphide zones in drilling at SER's **Canobie Project** in northwest Queensland. Drilling targeted a combined magnetic, gravity and electromagnetic anomaly and both holes intersected significant Ni-Cu mineralisation, proving a fertile magmatic system. These results, especially when viewed alongside historical nickel intercepts at the nearby Tea Tree Prospect, significantly increase the potential of the district to host major Ni + Cu sulphide mineralisation (SER holds the entire district). World-renowned magmatic nickel sulphide expert, Dr Steve Beresford, has since led a review of the project and designed a work program to vector towards areas of higher tenor. SER will next conduct a detailed gravity survey further north over an elongate gravity feature interpreted as a chonolith (constrained section of the intrusion) with the potential to host major nickel-copper sulphide mineralisation.

SER also drilled in the emerging **East Tennant** Iron Oxide Copper-Gold (IOCG) province of the Northern Territory. While the results of the drill program at the 'Cottage' prospect were disappointing, we remain convinced of the potential of the region given the encouraging results from the MinEx CRC National Drilling Initiative campaign and the multiple drilling campaigns underway by neighbouring explorers. SER recently won a grant from the Northern Territory Government to undertake an Induced Polarisation (IP) survey over our identified gravity / magnetic targets to distinguish prospects more likely to host metal sulphides.

Another significant achievement was the unlocking of the **Isa North** Copper-Gold Project which SER acquired from Newcrest in 2021. SER successfully negotiated a critical landholder access agreement, removing an obstacle that had previously prevented exploration activities. This exciting new project covers 900km<sup>2</sup> of the northern extension of the mineralised Mt Gordon fault which hosts several large deposits to the south. Since SER secured the ground, Fortescue Metals Group, Rio Tinto and Anglo American have pegged new exploration licences completely surrounding our tenure. SER has identified multiple high priority drill targets and will secure final land access approvals prior to presenting a comprehensive drill campaign to potential funding partners.

At **South Cobar**, airborne magnetics and subsequent ultrafine ground geochemistry revealed a significant coincident Cu-Au anomaly along a magnetic shear zone at the Achilles 1 Prospect. Drill approvals are imminent, and SER has received NSW Government co-funding for a 5 hole, 1700m diamond drill program.

In addition to the above highlights, SER also:

- partnered with machine learning pioneers Caldera Analytics to develop a deep learning model to interpret basement geology from geophysical data across our **Isa Undercover** Initiative (Canobie & Isa North), identifying multiple new IOCG targets;
- sold the non-core Benmara project in the Northern Territory to Resolution Minerals for \$250,000;
- successfully secured four new, highly prospective projects in NSW via competitive tender; and
- raised \$1.32m by Share Placement to fund the drilling of East Tennant and Canobie.

The SER team would like to thank our shareholders for their continual support in our search for Australia's next major discovery.



Stuart Rechner  
Executive Chairman

## STATEMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

SER publicly reports Exploration Results and Mineral Resource estimates in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules and the requirements and guidelines of the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves – the JORC Code.

SER's governance for public reporting of Exploration Results and Mineral Resource estimates includes important assurance measures. All reports are signed-off by appropriate JORC Competent Persons with JORC Code Table 1 Checklists as required. Exploration Results and Mineral Resource estimates are also peer reviewed (either by SER technical staff or suitably qualified external consultants) before Board approval and ASX release.

Table 1: SER Statement of Mineral Resources at 30 June 2022 (no changes since 30 June 2021)

| Ambergate Heavy Mineral Sands Mineral Resource estimate |          |        |            |                  |
|---|----------|--------|------------|------------------|
| Low grade<br>HM cut-off<br>(%)                          | Inferred |        |            |                  |
|   | (Mt)     | HM (%) | Slimes (%) | Total HM<br>(kt) |
| 3.0   | 11.2     | 5.1    | 13.6       | 569              |

The Ambergate Mineral Resource estimate is calculated with a low grade Heavy Mineral cut-off of 3% and Slimes cut off of <22%. The heavy mineral assemblage at Ambergate includes: 73% ilmenite (average TiO<sub>2</sub> content of 58.7%), 12% leucoxene, 12% zircon, 0.6% monazite and 2% other minerals. The Ambergate mineral resource was produced by an independent Mineral Resource Estimation Study conducted by SRK Consulting who have no beneficial interest in the outcome of the technical assessment.

Refer ASX announcement on 17 April 2018. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information contained in this presentation and, in the case of mineral resource estimates, all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates included in this presentation continue to apply and have not materially changed.

## COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENTS

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and overall Annual Report Compilation is based on information compiled by Mr Stuart Rechner BSc (Geology) MAIG MAusIMM, a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Rechner is Executive Chairman and a shareholder of Strategic Energy Resources Ltd. Mr. Rechner has sufficient experience which is relevant to the styles of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activity being undertaken 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 Reserves'. Mr. Rechner consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this statement that relates to the Ambergate Mineral Resource Estimate is based on work conducted by David Slater of SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd. David Slater takes responsibility for the Mineral Resource Estimate. David Slater is a Member of The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and a member of the Australian Institute of Geologists (AIG) and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as Competent Person in terms of the Australian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code, 2012 edition). David Slater consents to the inclusion of such information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

## **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company is subject to both risks specific to the Company and the Company's business activities, as well as general risks.

### Future funding risks

The Company is involved in exploration for minerals in Australia and yet to generate revenues. The Company has a cash and cash equivalents balance of \$604,809 and net assets of \$5,311,224. The Company may require substantial additional financing in the future to sufficiently fund exploration commitments and its other longer-term objectives.

As the Company is still in the early stages of exploration development it has the ability to control the level of its operations and hence the level of its expenditure over the next 12 months. However, the Company's ability to raise additional funds will be subject to, among other things, factors beyond the control of the Company and its Directors, including cyclical factors affecting the economy and share markets generally. If for any reason the Company was unable to raise future funds, its ability to meet the exploration commitments and future development would be significantly affected.

The Directors regularly review the spending pattern and ability to raise additional funding to ensure the Company's ability to generate sufficient cash inflows to settle its creditors and other liabilities.

### Environmental and social risks

The Consolidated Entity holds participating interests in a number of exploration tenements across Australia. The various authorities granting such tenements require the Company to comply with the terms of the grant of the tenement and all directions given to it under those terms of the tenement. The long-term viability of the Company is closely associated to the wellbeing of the communities and environments in which the Company conduct operations. At any stage of the asset life cycle, the Company's operations and activities may have or be seen to have significant adverse impacts on communities and environments. In these circumstances, the Company may fail to meet the evolving expectations of our stakeholders (including investors, governments, employees, suppliers, customers and community members) whose support is needed to realise our strategy and purpose. This could lead to loss of stakeholder support or regulatory approvals, increased taxes and regulation, enforcement action, litigation or class actions, or otherwise impact our licence to operate and adversely affect our reputation, fund raising capability, ability to attract and retain talent, operational continuity and financial performance.

### Dependence on service providers and third-party collaborators

There is no guarantee that the Company will be able to find suitable third-party providers and third-party collaborators to complete the exploration work. The Company therefore is exposed to the risk that any of these parties can experience problems related to operations, financial strength or other issues, and collaborative agreements may be terminable by the Company's partners. Non-performance, suspension or termination of relevant agreements could negatively impact the progress or success of the Company's exploration efforts, financial condition and results of operations.

The COVID-19 pandemic creates particular risks and challenges for the Company, which outsources activities, as operational progress may be slowed or arrested as jurisdictions and suppliers respond to differing conditions. The Company monitors commercial developments and engages proactively with key stakeholders to manage this risk.

### Reliance on key personnel

The Company's success depends to a significant extent upon its key management personnel, as well as other management and technical personnel including those employed on a contractual basis. The loss of the services of such personnel or the reduced ability to recruit additional personnel could have an adverse effect on the performance of the Company.

The Company maintains a mixture of permanent staff and expert consultants to advance its programs and ensure access to multiple skill sets. The Company, through the Remuneration and Nomination Committee (or in its absence the Board) reviews remunerations to human resources regularly.

### IT system failure and cyber security risks

Any information technology system is potentially vulnerable to interruption and/or damage from a number of sources, including but not limited to computer viruses, cyber security attacks and other security breaches, power, systems, internet and data network failures, and natural disasters.

The Company is committed to preventing and reducing cyber security risks. IT services are outsourced to a reputable third-party services provider and in addition, the Company has an insurance policy covering IT and cyber security matters.

### Impact of COVID-19

The global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the advice and responses from health and regulatory authorities, is continuously evolving. The global economic outlook is facing uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has had and may continue to have a significant impact on capital markets and share prices.

To date, COVID-19 has affected equity markets, governmental action, regulatory policy, quarantining, self-isolations and travel restrictions. These impacts are creating risks for the Company's business and operations in the short to medium term. Shipping and supply (domestic and international) delays have impacted and may continue to impact the Company and the wider business community as a whole.

The Company has in place business continuity plans and procedures to help manage the key risks that may cause a disruption to the Company's business and operations, but their adequacy cannot be predicted. The Company's Directors are closely monitoring the situation and considering the impact on the Company's business from both a financial and operational perspective.

### Exploration Risk

Mineral exploration and development is a speculative and high-risk undertaking that may be impeded by circumstances and factors beyond the control of the Company. Success in this process involves, among other things:

- securing and maintaining title to mineral exploration projects;
- discovery and proving up, or acquiring, an economically recoverable resource or reserve;
- access to adequate capital throughout the acquisition/discovery and project development phases;
- obtaining required development consents and approvals necessary for the acquisition, mineral exploitation, development, and production phases; and
- accessing the necessary experienced operational staff, the applicable financial management and recruiting skilled contractors, consultants, and employees.

There can be no assurance that exploration on the Company's projects, or any other exploration properties that may be acquired in the future, will result in the discovery of an economic mineral resource. Even if an apparently viable mineral resource is identified, there is no guarantee that it can be economically exploited. The future exploration activities of the Company may be affected by a range of factors including geological conditions, limitations on activities due to seasonal weather patterns, unanticipated operational and technical difficulties, industrial and environmental accidents, changing government regulations and many other factors beyond the control of the Company. The Company is entirely dependent upon its projects, which are the sole potential source of future revenue, and any adverse development affecting these projects would have a material adverse effect on the Group, its business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

### Grant of future authorisations to explore and mine

If the Company discovers an economically viable mineral deposit that it then intends to develop, it will, among other things, require various approvals, licences and permits before it will be able to mine the deposit. There is no guarantee that the Company will be able to obtain all required approvals, licences and permits. To the extent that required authorisations are not obtained or are delayed, the Company's operational and financial performance may be materially adversely affected.

### Resource and reserve estimates

Whilst the Company intends to undertake exploration activities with the aim of defining new resources, no assurances can be given that the exploration will result in the determination of a resource. Even if a resource is identified, no assurance can be provided that this can be economically extracted. Resource and reserve estimates are expressions of judgement based on knowledge, experience, and industry practice. Estimates which were valid when initially calculated may alter significantly when new information or techniques become available or commodity prices change. In addition, by their very nature, resource and reserve estimates are imprecise and depend to some extent on interpretation which may prove to be inaccurate.

### Future profitability

The Company is in the growth stage of its development and is currently making losses. The Company's performance will be impacted by, among other things, the success of its exploration activities, economic conditions in the markets in which it operates, competition factors and any regulatory developments. Accordingly, the extent of future profits (if any) and the time required to achieve sustained profitability are uncertain and cannot be reliably predicted.

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'Consolidated Entity') consisting of Strategic Energy Resources Limited (referred to hereafter as the 'Company' or 'parent entity') and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2022.

## **Directors**

The following persons were Directors of Strategic Energy Resources Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Mr Stuart Rechner - Executive Chairman

Dr David DeTata - Managing Director (appointed as Managing Director on 1 July 2021, previously a Non-Executive Director)

Mr Anthony McIntosh - Non-Executive Director

## **Principal activities**

Strategic Energy Resources Ltd is a specialised undercover mineral explorer and project generator focused on discovery in greenfield frontiers of Australia. During the financial year the principal continuing activities of the Consolidated Entity consisted of exploration for minerals in Australia.

## **Dividends**

There were no dividends paid, recommended or declared during the current or previous financial year.

## **Financial Results**

The loss for the Consolidated Entity after providing for income tax amounted to \$755,736 (30 June 2021: \$2,265,126).

Operating expenses for the year was \$1,033,827 (2021: \$2,649,811). Corporate expenses amounted to \$301,456 (2021: \$298,267) resulting from continuing operations. Employee benefit expenses amounted to \$132,718 (2021: \$170,512). A total of 6,833,333 unlisted options were issued to Directors and Employees during the year (2021: 9,800,000) and the Consolidated Entity recognised share based payment expenses of \$124,633 (2021: \$405,200). The Consolidated Entity incurred \$96,188 (2020: \$343,047) on tenement due diligence and related exploration expenses. In addition, based on the periodic impairment review, the Consolidated Entity has written off carried forward exploration expenses of \$343,231 (2021: \$1,390,893) which were in relation to tenements which are either relinquished or identified as commercially not viable.

The net assets of the Consolidated Entity increased by \$514,820 to \$5,311,224 (2021: \$4,796,404) as at 30 June 2022. The movements during the year was largely due to the capital raised during the year amounting to \$1,256,646 (net of transaction costs) and losses from operations amounting to \$755,736. Working capital, being current assets less current liabilities, decreased by \$1,525,161 to \$482,148 (2021: \$2,007,309). The Consolidated Entity had a net cash outflows from operating activities for the period of \$516,262 (2021: \$727,897) and invested \$ 2,618,309 (2021: \$1,627,799) in exploration assets.

The review of operations preceding this report outlines the exploration activities and corporate matters for the year.

## **Significant changes in the state of affairs**

On 14 September 2021, the Company issued 27,625,000 fully paid ordinary shares to professional, sophisticated and other exempt investors at an issue price of \$0.044 (4.4 cents) per Share, raising \$1,215,500 before costs.

On 11 November 2021, the Company announced the completion of the divestment of the Benmara Project to Resolution Minerals Ltd (RML). The consideration for the final stage of the agreement of outright purchase of the Tenement (EL32228) comprised a payment of \$250,000 in RML shares or cash, at RML's election. RML has elected to make payment via the issue of 13,773,778 shares as approved by shareholders at Annual General Meeting held on 11 November 2021. The consideration shares were issued on 12 November 2021, and this results in the Company holding a total of 16,273,778 shares in RML.

On 25 November 2021, the Company issued 2,375,000 fully paid ordinary shares to Directors of the Company at an issue price of \$0.044 (4.4 cents) per Share, raising \$104,500 before costs following the receipt of shareholder approval granted on 17 November 2021.

On 30 November 2021, the Company issued 6,333,333 Unlisted Performance Options to current directors, Nil exercise price, expiring on 30 November 2024, subject to vesting conditions including share price and operational performance.

On 17 January 2022, the Company was awarded a \$120,000 co-funding grant from New South Wales Government to support diamond drilling at the Achilles 1 Prospect within our South Cobar project.

On 7 June 2022, the Company was awarded a \$110,000 Northern Territory Government co-funding grant to conduct Induced Polarisation (IP) surveys across Copper-Gold targets at our East Tennant project.



There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Consolidated Entity during the financial year.

#### **Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year**

On 15 August 2022, the Consolidated Entity announced that it has raised \$875,000 by way of a placement where it would issue 51,470,589 fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.017 (1.7 cents) per Share to professional, sophisticated and other exempt investors. Directors participated in the Placement and subscribed for a total of 12,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares which are subject to shareholder approval. On 18 August 2022, the Company completed tranche one of the Placement issuing 39,470,589 fully paid ordinary shares.

18 August 2022, the Company issued 2,633,333 fully paid ordinary shares at nil consideration in relation to the exercise of Options that were issued to Directors and Employees in the prior years.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Consolidated Entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the Consolidated Entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### **Likely developments and expected results of operations**

The Consolidated Entity will continue to pursue its objective of maximising value of its investments held in exploration assets through continued exploration of areas of interest and sale of interests in permits held.

The Consolidated Entity's focus for the coming periods will be on advancing its exploration projects and reviewing additional potential exploration project acquisitions.

#### **Environmental regulation**

The Consolidated Entity holds participating interests in a number of exploration tenements across Australia. The various authorities granting such tenements require the tenement holder to comply with the terms of the grant of the tenement and all directions given to it under those terms of the tenement. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, the Consolidated Entity 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.

#### **Information on Directors**

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Name:                                | Mr Stuart Rechner   |
| Title:                               | Executive Chairman  |
| Qualifications:                      | BSc LLB MAIG MAusIMM GAICD  |
| Experience and expertise:            | Mr Rechner is an experienced company director and geologist with degrees in both geology and law. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. For over ten years Mr Rechner was an Australian diplomat responsible for the resources sector with postings to Beijing and Jakarta. |
| Other current directorships:         | Kingston Resources Limited (ASX: KSN)   |
| Former directorships (last 3 years): | None  |
| Interests in shares:                 | 5,850,000 fully paid ordinary shares  |
| Interests in options:                | 1,000,000 Unlisted Options, exercise price \$0.10 (10 cents), expiring 12 December 2022<br>4,000,000 Unlisted Options, exercise price \$0.10 (10 cents), expiring 4 December 2023   |

Name: Dr David DeTata  
 Title: Managing Director (appointed as Managing Director on 1 July 2021)  
 Qualifications: BSc MSc PhD (Chemistry) MBA GAICD  
 Experience and expertise: Dr DeTata is an accomplished scientist and exploration executive who has served as a Director of SER since 2017 and has been instrumental in forming and executing SER's strategy of Frontier Discovery. David has 20-years' experience leading technical programs across government, public and private companies. Dr DeTata serves on the Science Advisory Committee of the world's largest mineral exploration collaboration, the Mineral Exploration Cooperative Research Centre (MinEx CRC) and has been critical in identifying key pre-competitive data from various Geological Surveys around Australia to build SER's pipeline of highly prospective greenfields exploration projects. Dr DeTata holds a Doctor of Philosophy in energetic materials analysis and Master of Business Administration from the University of Western Australia.

Other current directorships: None  
 Former directorships (last 3 years): None  
 Interests in shares: 4,900,000 fully paid ordinary shares  
 Interests in options: 3,000,000 Unlisted Options, exercise price \$0.10 (10 cents), expiring 4 December 2023  
 800,000 Unlisted Options, exercise price \$0.10 (10 cents), expiring 12 December 2022

Name: Mr Anthony McIntosh  
 Title: Non-Executive Director  
 Qualifications: BCom GAICD  
 Experience and expertise: Mr McIntosh is an experienced and accomplished director with experience in investor relations, marketing and strategic planning skills, as well as a strong network of stockbroker and fund manager supporters. Mr McIntosh served as a board member of Echo Resources Ltd for seven years until it was acquired by Northern Star Resources for \$235 million in 2019. He holds board positions with several listed and unlisted companies and manages a portfolio of investments, including both listed and unlisted companies as well rural, residential and commercial properties.

Other current directorships: Copper Strike Limited (ASX: CSE), K-Tig Limited (ASX: KTG), Koonenberry Gold Limited (ASX: KNB)  
 Former directorships (last 3 years): Alice Queen Limited (ASX: AQX)  
 Interests in shares: 4,718,914 Fully paid ordinary shares  
 Interests in options: 2,000,000 Unlisted Options, exercise price \$0.10 (10 cents), expiring 4 December 2023

Other current directorships' quoted above are current directorships for listed entities only and excludes directorships in all other types of entities, unless otherwise stated.

Former directorships (in the last 3 years)' quoted above are directorships held in the last 3 years for ASX listed entities only and excludes directorships in all other types of entities, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Company secretary**

##### ***Mr Mathew Watkins***

Mr Watkins is a Chartered Accountant who has extensive ASX experience within several industry sectors including Biotechnology, Bioscience, Resources and Information Technology. He specialises in ASX statutory reporting, ASX compliance, Corporate Governance and board and secretarial support. Mr Watkins is appointed Company Secretary on a number of ASX listed Companies. Mr Watkins is employed at Vistra Australia Pty Ltd (Vistra), a professional Company Secretarial and Accounting firm. Vistra is a prominent provider of specialised consulting and administrative services to clients in the Fund, Corporate, Capital Markets, and Private Wealth sectors.

#### **Meetings of Directors**

The number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors ('the Board') held during the year ended 30 June 2022, and the number of meetings attended by each Director were:

|               | Full Board*<br>Attended | Full Board<br>Held |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr S Rechner  | 5                       | 5                  |
| Mr A McIntosh | 5                       | 5                  |
| Mr D DeTata   | 5                       | 5                  |

- \* There are no sub-committees.

Held: represents the number of meetings held during the time the Director held office or was a member of the relevant committee.

### **Remuneration report (audited)**

The remuneration report, which has been audited, outlines the Director and executive remuneration arrangements for the Consolidated Entity and the Company, in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and its Regulations.

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including all Directors.

The remuneration report is set out under the following main headings:

- Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration
- Details of remuneration
- Service agreements
- Share-based compensation
- Additional information
- Additional disclosures relating to key management personnel

### ***Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration***

The objective of the Consolidated Entity's and Company's executive reward framework is to ensure reward for performance is competitive and appropriate for the results delivered. The framework aligns executive reward with the achievement of strategic objectives and the creation of value for shareholders, and conforms with market best practice for delivery of reward. The Board of Directors ('the Board') ensures that executive reward satisfies the following key criteria for good reward governance practices:

- competitiveness and reasonableness
- acceptability to shareholders'
- performance linkage / alignment of executive compensation
- transparency

The Board is responsible for determining and reviewing remuneration arrangements for its Directors and Executives. The performance of the Consolidated Entity and the Company depends on the quality of its Directors and Executives. The remuneration philosophy is to attract, motivate and retain high performance and high-quality personnel.

In accordance with best practice corporate governance, the structure of Non-Executive Director and Executive Director remuneration is separate.

### ***Non-Executive Directors remuneration***

Fees and payments to Non-Executive Directors reflect the demands which are made on, and the responsibilities of, the Directors. Non-Executive Directors' fees and payments are reviewed annually by the Board.

For additional duties in assisting management beyond the normal time commitments of Non-Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors are paid at a rate that is agreed between the Consolidated Entity and the Director, with the amounts approved by the Board.

ASX Listing rules requires that the aggregate Non-Executive Directors remuneration shall be determined periodically by a general meeting. The most recent determination was at the Annual General Meeting held on 25 November 2009, where the shareholders approved an aggregate remuneration of \$300,000. No amendments have been made to the available Non-Executive Director remuneration pool since that date.

### ***Executive remuneration***

The Consolidated Entity and Company aims to reward executives with a level and mix of remuneration based on their position and responsibility, which is both fixed and variable.

The executive remuneration and reward framework has two components:

- base pay
- share-based payments

The combination of these comprises the executive's total remuneration.

Fixed remuneration, consisting of base salary and superannuation are reviewed annually by the Board, based on the overall performance of the Consolidated Entity and comparable market remunerations.

Executives can receive their fixed remuneration in the form of cash or other fringe benefits (for example motor vehicle benefits) where it does not create any additional costs to the consolidated entity and adds additional value to the executive. However, there are no fringe benefits programmes currently in place.

The long-term incentives ('LTI') includes share-based payments.

#### *Consolidated Entity performance and link to remuneration*

The remuneration of the Directors and executives may be directly linked to the performance, share price or earnings of the Consolidated Entity. During the year the Consolidated Entity issued Performance Options to Executives which would vest subject to meeting various share price hurdles in addition to vesting conditions subject to OH&S related matters surrounding the Company's operations.

Non-Executive Directors and executives were granted 6,333,333 options over shares during the financial year (2021: 9,600,000). The recipients of options are responsible for growing the entity and increasing shareholders' value. The options provide an incentive to the recipients to remain with the Consolidated Entity and to continue to enhance the shareholders' value.

#### *Voting and comments made at the Company's 17 November 2021 Annual General Meeting ('AGM')*

The Company received 97.80% of 'for' votes in relation to its remuneration report for the year ended 30 June 2021. The Company did not receive any specific feedback at the AGM regarding its remuneration practices.

#### **Details of remuneration**

##### *Amounts of remuneration*

Details of the remuneration of key management personnel of the Consolidated Entity are set out in the following tables.

The key management personnel of the Consolidated Entity consisted of the following Directors of Strategic Energy Resources Limited:

- Mr Stuart Rechner - Executive Chairman
- Dr David DeTata - Managing Director (resigned as Non-Executive Director on 1 July 2021 and appointed as Managing Director on 1 July 2021)
- Mr Anthony McIntosh - Non-Executive Director

|                                 | Short-term benefits  |               | Post-employment benefits | Share-based payments     | Total          |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|                                 | Cash salary and fees | Annual Leave  | Super-annuation          | Equity (options) settled |                |
| <b>30 June 2022</b>             | \$                   | \$            | \$                       | \$                       | \$             |
| <i>Non-Executive Directors:</i> |                      |               |                          |                          |                |
| Mr A McIntosh                   | 42,400               | -             | 4,240                    | 12,333                   | 58,973         |
| <i>Executive Directors:</i>     |                      |               |                          |                          |                |
| Mr D DeTata*                    | 248,219              | 18,829        | 24,349                   | 48,400                   | 339,797        |
| Mr S Rechner**                  | 123,273              | -             | 6,000                    | 48,400                   | 177,673        |
|                                 | <u>413,892</u>       | <u>18,829</u> | <u>34,589</u>            | <u>109,133</u>           | <u>576,443</u> |

\* Included in cash salary and fees are consulting fees of \$8,219 (including superannuation), for various geological and administrative services offered to the Company during the previous year in the month of June 2021 and paid in July 2021.

\*\* Included in cash salary and fees are \$60,000 of director fees (including superannuation) and \$63,273 for geological services provided by Diplomatic Exploration Pty Ltd (an entity associated with Mr S Rechner). Geological services provided include personnel, vehicles, field equipment and specialised software.

|                                 | Short-term benefits        | Post-employment benefits | Share-based payments           | Total    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
|                                 | Cash salary and fees<br>\$ | Super-annuation<br>\$    | Equity (options) settled<br>\$ |          |
| <b>30 June 2021</b>             |                            |                          |                                |          |
| <i>Non-Executive Directors:</i> |                            |                          |                                |          |
| Mr H Kaplan*                    | 11,403                     | 1,083                    | (72,427)                       | (59,941) |
| Mr D DeTata**                   | 113,631                    | 10,795                   | 30,293                         | 154,719  |
| Mr A McIntosh                   | 31,800                     | 3,021                    | 82,200                         | 117,021  |
| <i>Executive Directors:</i>     |                            |                          |                                |          |
| Mr S Rechner***                 | 300,000                    | 5,700                    | 59,767                         | 365,467  |
|                                 | 456,834                    | 20,599                   | 99,833                         | 577,266  |

\* Mr H Kaplan resigned from the board on 7 October 2020

\*\* Dr D DeTata's cash salaries includes consulting fees of \$77,998 (including superannuation), for various geological and administrative services offered to the Company during the year.

\*\*\* Included in cash salary and fees are \$65,700 of director fees (including superannuation) and \$240,000 for geological services provided by Diplomatic Exploration Pty Ltd (an entity associated with Mr S Rechner). Geological services provided include personnel, vehicles, field equipment and specialised software.

| Name                            | Fixed remuneration |              | At risk - LTI |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                 | 30 June 2022       | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2022  | 30 June 2021 |
| <i>Non-Executive Directors:</i> |                    |              |               |              |
| Mr A McIntosh                   | 79%                | 30%          | 21%           | 70%          |
| <i>Executive Directors:</i>     |                    |              |               |              |
| Dr D DeTata                     | 86%                | 80%          | 14%           | 20%          |
| Stuart Rechner                  | 73%                | 84%          | 27%           | 16%          |

### Service agreements

Remuneration and other terms of employment for key management personnel are formalised in service agreements. Details of these agreements are as follows:

Name: Dr David DeTata  
Title: Managing Director  
Agreement commenced: 1 July 2021  
Term of agreement: Ongoing  
Details: Dr D DeTata's fixed remuneration is \$240,000 per annum (plus statutory superannuation). The executive can terminate the agreement with three (3) months' notice. The Company can terminate the agreement with three (3) months' notice, or payment in lieu thereof.

Name: Mr Stuart Rechner  
Title: Geological Consultant (separate to Chair responsibilities)  
Agreement commenced: 1 July 2021  
Term of agreement: Ongoing  
Details: Mr S Rechner is contracted to provide geological and technical services to Strategic Energy Resources Limited, and is remunerated on a daily rate at \$1,200 per day. It is expected that the services would be provided totalling approximately 4 days per month however can increase by mutual agreement. The Company may terminate the agreement by giving two (2) months' notice in writing. Mr S Rechner can terminate the agreement by giving two (2) months' notice.

Key management personnel have no entitlement to termination payments in the event of removal for misconduct.

### Share-based compensation

#### Issue of shares

There were no shares issued to Directors and other key management personnel as part of compensation during the year ended 30 June 2022 (2021: Nil).

#### Options

| Grant date       | Exercisable date  | Expiry date      | Exercise price | Fair value per option at grant date |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 25 November 2019 | 17 December 2019  | 12 December 2022 | \$0.1000       | \$0.030                             |
| 18 November 2020 | 4 December 2020   | 4 December 2023  | \$0.1000       | \$0.041                             |
| 18 November 2020 | 4 December 2020   | 12 December 2022 | \$0.1000       | \$0.034                             |
| 17 November 2021 | 30 November 2021* | 30 November 2024 | \$0.0000       | \$0.037                             |
| 17 November 2021 | 30 November 2021* | 30 November 2024 | \$0.0000       | \$0.057                             |

\*The vesting conditions attached to these Options are split between a market-based vesting condition ("Tranche 1") and non-market-based vesting conditions ("Tranche 2" and "Tranche 3"), as summarised below:

- Tranche 1 Options will vest upon the achievement of 20-day VWAP share price hurdles prior to 1 July 2022; and
- Tranche 2 Options will vest upon satisfaction of various operational vesting conditions (exploration, financial, and safety & environment) prior to 1 July 2022; and
- Tranche 3 Options will vest upon the holder remaining a Director of the Company as at 30 June 2022.

These options are not exercisable until the vesting conditions are met.

Options granted carry no dividend or voting rights.

The number of options over ordinary shares granted to and vested by directors and other key management personnel as part of compensation during the year ended 30 June 2022 are set out below:

| Name             | Number of options granted during the year 30 June 2022 | Number of options granted during the year 30 June 2021 | Number of options vested during the year 30 June 2022 | Number of options vested during the year 30 June 2021 |
|------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Stuart Rechner   | 3,000,000  | 4,000,000  | -   | 4,000,000   |
| Harvey Kaplan*   | -  | 600,000  | -   | 600,000   |
| David DeTata     | 3,000,000  | 3,000,000  | -   | 3,000,000   |
| Anthony McIntosh | 333,333  | 2,000,000  | -   | 2,000,000   |

\* Mr H Kaplan resigned from the board on 7 October 2020.

Values of options over ordinary shares granted, exercised and lapsed for Directors and other key management personnel as part of compensation during the year ended 30 June 2022 are set out below:

| Name             | Value of options granted during the year<br>\$ | Value of options exercised during the year<br>\$ | Value of options lapsed during the year<br>\$ | Remuneration* consisting of options for the year<br>% |
|------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Anthony McIntosh | 12,333   | -  | -   | 21%   |
| David Detata     | 48,400   | -  | -   | 14%   |
| Stuart Rechner   | 48,400   | -  | -   | 27%   |

*Performance rights*

There were no performance rights over ordinary shares granted to or vested by Directors and other key management personnel as part of compensation during the year ended 30 June 2022.

**Additional information**

The earnings of the Consolidated Entity for the five years to 30 June 2022 are summarised below:

|                                 | 2022<br>\$ | 2021<br>\$  | 2020<br>\$ | 2019<br>\$ | 2018<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Interest and other income       | 278,091    | 384,685     | 127,747    | 24,784     | 40,177     |
| Profit/(loss) before income tax | (755,736)  | (2,265,126) | (425,684)  | (694,845)  | (766,260)  |
| Profit/(loss) after income tax  | (755,736)  | (2,265,126) | (425,684)  | (694,845)  | (766,260)  |

The factors that are considered to affect total shareholders return ('TSR') are summarised below:

|   | 2022    | 2021    | 2020    | 2019    | 2018    |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Share price at financial year end (cents per share) | 0.018   | 0.053   | 0.050   | 0.060   | 0.040   |
| Loss per share (cents per share)                    | (0.368) | (1.295) | (0.044) | (0.780) | (0.980) |

**Additional disclosures relating to key management personnel**

*Shareholding*

The number of shares in the Company held during the financial year by each Director and other members of key management personnel of the Consolidated Entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

|                        | Balance at the start of the year | Received as part of remuneration | Additions | Disposals/ other | Balance at the end of the year |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Ordinary shares</i> |                                  |                                  |           |                  |                                |
| Mr S Rechner           | 4,000,000                        | -                                | 950,000   | -                | 4,950,000                      |
| Dr D DeTata            | 3,000,000                        | -                                | 1,000,000 | -                | 4,000,000                      |
| Mr A McIntosh          | 3,435,581                        | -                                | 950,000   | -                | 4,385,581                      |
|                        | 10,435,581                       | -                                | 2,900,000 | -                | 13,335,581                     |

*Option holding*

The number of options over ordinary shares in the Company held during the financial year by each Director and other members of key management personnel of the Consolidated Entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

|                                     | Balance at<br>the start of<br>the year | Granted as<br>compensatio<br>n | Exercised | Expired /<br>Others | Balance at<br>the end of<br>the year |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Options over ordinary shares</i> |  |                                |           |                     |                                      |
| Mr S Rechner                        | 5,000,000                              | 3,000,000                      | -         | -                   | 8,000,000                            |
| Dr D DeTata                         | 3,800,000                              | 3,000,000                      | -         | -                   | 6,800,000                            |
| Mr A McIntosh                       | 2,000,000                              | 333,333                        | -         | -                   | 2,333,333                            |
|                                     | <u>10,800,000</u>                      | <u>6,333,333</u>               | -         | -                   | <u>17,133,333</u>                    |

***This concludes the remuneration report, which has been audited.***

**Shares under option**

Unissued ordinary shares of Strategic Energy Resources Limited under option at the date of this report are as follows:

| Grant date       | Expiry date      | Exercise price | Number under option |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 17 December 2019 | 12 December 2022 | \$0.1000       | 2,000,000           |
| 12 August 2020   | 12 December 2022 | \$0.1000       | 200,000             |
| 4 December 2020  | 4 December 2023  | \$0.1000       | 9,000,000           |
| 4 December 2020  | 12 December 2022 | \$0.1000       | 600,000             |
|                  |                  |                | <u>11,800,000</u>   |

No person entitled to exercise the options had or has any right by virtue of the option to participate in any share issue of the Company.

**Shares under performance rights**

There were no unissued ordinary shares of Strategic Energy Resources Limited under performance rights outstanding at the date of this report.

**Shares issued on the exercise of options**

The following fully paid ordinary shares of Strategic Energy Resources Limited were issued to Director and employee at an exercise price of Nil during the year ended 30 June 2022 and up to the date of this report on the exercise of options granted:

| Date options granted | Exercise price | Number of shares issued |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 30 November 2021     | \$0.0000       | 2,133,333               |
| 8 February 2022      | \$0.0000       | 500,000                 |
|                      |                | <u>2,633,333</u>        |

**Shares issued on the exercise of performance rights**

There were no ordinary shares of Strategic Energy Resources Limited issued on the exercise of performance rights during the year ended 30 June 2022 and up to the date of this report.

**Indemnity and insurance of officers**

The Company has indemnified the directors of the Company for costs incurred, in their capacity as a director, for which they may be held personally liable, except where there is a lack of good faith.



During the financial year, the Company paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the directors of the Company against a liability to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of liability and the amount of the premium.

#### **Indemnity and insurance of auditor**

The Company has not otherwise, during or since the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the Company or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

During the financial year, the Company has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the Company or any related entity.

#### **Proceedings on behalf of the Company**

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001 for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or part of those proceedings.

#### **Non-audit services**

There were no non-audit services provided during the financial year by the auditor.

#### **Officers of the Company who are former partners of Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd**

There are no officers of the Company who are former partners of Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd.

#### **Auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out immediately after this Directors' report.

#### **Auditor**

Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the Corporations Act 2001.

#### **Rounding of amounts**

Strategic Energy Resources Limited is a type of Company that is referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 and therefore the amounts contained in this report and in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors



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Stuart Rechner  
Executive Chairman

7 September 2022  
Melbourne

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## Auditor's Independence Declaration

### To the Directors of Strategic Energy Resources Limited

In accordance with the requirements of section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, as lead auditor for the audit of (Strategic Energy Resources Limited) for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd  
Chartered Accountants



T S Jackman  
Partner – Audit & Assurance

Melbourne, 7 September 2022

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**Strategic Energy Resources Limited**  
**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**



|  |             | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|--|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>Note</b> | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|  |             | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| <b>Other income</b>  |             |                     |                     |
| Interest income  | 5           | 277,709             | 381,743             |
|  |             | 382                 | 2,942               |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |             |                     |                     |
| Employee benefits expense  |             | (132,718)           | (170,512)           |
| Corporate expenses   |             | (301,456)           | (298,267)           |
| Tenement due diligence and other exploration expenses  |             | (96,188)            | (343,047)           |
| Share based payments   | 28          | (124,633)           | (405,200)           |
| Exploration expenditure written off  | 10          | (343,231)           | (1,390,893)         |
| Other expenses   |             | (35,601)            | (41,892)            |
| <b>Loss before income tax expense</b>  |             | (755,736)           | (2,265,126)         |
| Income tax expense   | 6           | -                   | -                   |
| <b>Loss after income tax expense for the year attributable to the owners of Strategic Energy Resources Limited</b> |             | (755,736)           | (2,265,126)         |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b>  |             |                     |                     |
| <i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>  |             |                     |                     |
| Gain / (loss) on the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax  |             | (110,723)           | 589,496             |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax  |             | (110,723)           | 589,496             |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the owners of Strategic Energy Resources Limited</b>    |             | (866,459)           | (1,675,630)         |
|  |             | <b>Cents</b>        | <b>Cents</b>        |
| Basic loss earnings per share  | 27          | (0.368)             | (1.295)             |
| Diluted loss earnings per share  | 27          | (0.368)             | (1.295)             |

*The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**Strategic Energy Resources Limited**  
**Statement of financial position**  
**As at 30 June 2022**



|   |             | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|---|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>Note</b> | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|   |             | \$                  | \$                  |
| <b>Assets</b>   |             |                     |                     |
| <b>Current assets</b>   |             |                     |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 7           | 604,809             | 2,076,700           |
| Other receivables   | 8           | 8,160               | 9,910               |
| Prepayments   |             | 22,335              | 30,023              |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                                       |             | <u>635,304</u>      | <u>2,116,633</u>    |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>   |             |                     |                     |
| Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income | 9           | 802,756             | 857,836             |
| Property, plant and equipment                                     |             | 5,710               | 5,632               |
| Exploration and evaluation  | 10          | 3,898,132           | 1,884,627           |
| Other non-current assets  | 11          | 122,478             | 41,000              |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>                                   |             | <u>4,829,076</u>    | <u>2,789,095</u>    |
| <b>Total assets</b>   |             | <u>5,464,380</u>    | <u>4,905,728</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |             |                     |                     |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>  |             |                     |                     |
| Trade and other payables  | 12          | 123,396             | 99,652              |
| Employee provisions   |             | 29,760              | 9,672               |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                                  |             | <u>153,156</u>      | <u>109,324</u>      |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  |             | <u>153,156</u>      | <u>109,324</u>      |
| <b>Net assets</b>   |             | <u>5,311,224</u>    | <u>4,796,404</u>    |
| <b>Equity</b>   |             |                     |                     |
| Issued capital  | 13          | 37,438,128          | 36,181,482          |
| Reserves  | 14          | 1,063,695           | 1,056,959           |
| Accumulated losses  |             | <u>(33,190,599)</u> | <u>(32,442,037)</u> |
| <b>Total equity</b>   |             | <u>5,311,224</u>    | <u>4,796,404</u>    |

*The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**Strategic Energy Resources Limited**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**



| <b>Consolidated</b>  | <b>Contributed equity</b><br><b>\$</b> | <b>Accumulated losses</b><br><b>\$</b> | <b>Reserves</b><br><b>\$</b> | <b>Total equity</b><br><b>\$</b> |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2020                                       | 32,661,027                             | (30,467,559)                           | 352,911                      | 2,546,379                        |
| Loss after income tax expense for the year                   | -                                      | (2,265,126)                            | -                            | (2,265,126)                      |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax          | -                                      | -                                      | 589,496                      | 589,496                          |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>               | <b>-</b>                               | <b>(2,265,126)</b>                     | <b>589,496</b>               | <b>(1,675,630)</b>               |
| <i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i> |  |  |                              |                                  |
| Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs (note 13)  | 3,520,455                              | -                                      | -                            | 3,520,455                        |
| Share-based payments (note 28)                               | -                                      | -                                      | 405,200                      | 405,200                          |
| Lapse of options   | -                                      | 290,648                                | (290,648)                    | -                                |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2021</b>                               | <b>36,181,482</b>                      | <b>(32,442,037)</b>                    | <b>1,056,959</b>             | <b>4,796,404</b>                 |
| <b>Consolidated</b>  | <b>Contributed equity</b><br><b>\$</b> | <b>Accumulated losses</b><br><b>\$</b> | <b>Reserves</b><br><b>\$</b> | <b>Total equity</b><br><b>\$</b> |
| Balance at 1 July 2021                                       | 36,181,482                             | (32,442,037)                           | 1,056,959                    | 4,796,404                        |
| Loss after income tax expense for the year                   | -                                      | (755,736)                              | -                            | (755,736)                        |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax          | -                                      | -                                      | (110,723)                    | (110,723)                        |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>               | <b>-</b>                               | <b>(755,736)</b>                       | <b>(110,723)</b>             | <b>(866,459)</b>                 |
| <i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i> |  |  |                              |                                  |
| Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs (note 13)  | 1,256,646                              | -                                      | -                            | 1,256,646                        |
| Share-based payments (note 28)                               | -                                      | -                                      | 124,633                      | 124,633                          |
| Transfer upon disposal of investments                        | -                                      | 7,174                                  | (7,174)                      | -                                |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>                               | <b>37,438,128</b>                      | <b>(33,190,599)</b>                    | <b>1,063,695</b>             | <b>5,311,224</b>                 |

*The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**Strategic Energy Resources Limited**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**



|   |             | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|---|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>Note</b> | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|   |             | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                             |             |                     |                     |
| Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)                  |             | (546,483)           | (903,805)           |
| Interest received   |             | 380                 | 3,314               |
| COVID-19-related government grants                                      |             | -                   | 78,191              |
| Receipt of R&D tax refund   |             | 29,841              | 14,403              |
| Receipts from sale of Uley Graphite Royalty                             | 5           | -                   | 80,000              |
| <b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>                            | <b>26</b>   | <b>(516,262)</b>    | <b>(727,897)</b>    |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                             |             |                     |                     |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment                              |             | (4,104)             | (4,805)             |
| Payments for exploration and evaluation                                 | 10          | (2,618,309)         | (1,627,799)         |
| Payments for security deposits  |             | (81,478)            | (20,000)            |
| Government Grant for exploration activities                             |             | 299,333             | -                   |
| Proceeds from disposal of investment                                    |             | 192,283             | -                   |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>                            |             | <b>(2,212,275)</b>  | <b>(1,652,604)</b>  |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                             |             |                     |                     |
| Proceeds from issue of shares   | 13          | 1,320,000           | 3,666,002           |
| Cost of capital raising   |             | (63,354)            | (145,547)           |
| Repayment of borrowings   |             | -                   | (8,500)             |
| <b>Net cash from financing activities</b>                               |             | <b>1,256,646</b>    | <b>3,511,955</b>    |
| <b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>           |             | <b>(1,471,891)</b>  | <b>1,131,454</b>    |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year</b> |             | <b>2,076,700</b>    | <b>945,246</b>      |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>       | <b>7</b>    | <b>604,809</b>      | <b>2,076,700</b>    |

*The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

## **Note 1. General information**

The financial statements cover Strategic Energy Resources Limited as a Consolidated Entity consisting of Strategic Energy Resources Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Strategic Energy Resources Limited's functional and presentation currency.

Strategic Energy Resources Limited is a listed public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

Level 4, 100 Albert Road  
South Melbourne, VIC 3205

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of Directors, on 7 September 2022. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

## **Note 2. Significant accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out either in the respective notes or below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### **New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted**

The Consolidated Entity has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period. The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any material impact on the financial performance or position of the Consolidated Entity.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

### **Going concern**

The financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis, which assumes continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

The working capital position as at 30 June 2022 of the Consolidated Entity results in an excess of current assets over current liabilities of \$482,148 (30 June 2021: \$2,007,309). The Consolidated Entity made a loss after tax of \$755,736 during the financial year (2021 loss: \$2,265,126) and had net operating cash outflows of \$516,262 (30 June 2021: \$727,897) and net investing cash outflow \$2,212,275 (30 June 2021: \$1,652,604). The cash balances as at 30 June 2022 was \$604,809 (2021: \$2,076,700). The continuing viability of the Consolidated Entity and its ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon the Consolidated Entity being successful in its continuing efforts in exploration projects and accessing additional sources of funding to meet the commitments within one year from the date of signing the financial report.

In assessing the appropriateness of the going concern assumption, the directors have considered the Consolidated Entity's successful history of capital raising and following events:

- On 14 September 2021, the Company issued 27,625,000 fully paid ordinary shares to professional, sophisticated and other exempt investors at an issue price of \$0.044 (4.4 cents) per Share, raising \$1,215,500 before costs.
- On 25 November 2021, the Company issued 2,375,000 fully paid ordinary shares to Directors of the Company at an issue price of \$0.044 (4.4 cents) per Share, raising \$104,500 before costs following the receipt of shareholder approval granted on 17 November 2021
- On 17 January 2022, the Company was awarded \$120,000 co-funding grant from New South Wales Government to support diamond drilling activities at the Achilles 1 Prospect within our South Cobar project.
- On 7 June 2022, the Company was awarded a \$110,000 Northern Territory Government Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations (GDC) co-funding grant.
- On 15 August 2022, the Consolidated Entity announced that it has raised \$875,000 by way of a placement were it would issue 51,470,589 fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.017 (1.7 cents) per Share.

## **Note 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

The funds from this capital raising will enable further geophysics and drilling at the Consolidated Entity's exploration projects and general working capital requirements.

The Consolidated Entity is involved in exploration for minerals in Australia. To meet these funding requirements as and when they fall due the Consolidated Entity may take appropriate steps, including a combination of:

- Raising additional capital through the Company's existing placement capacity;
- Liquidating some or all of its investments;
- Subject to negotiation and approval, minimum work requirements may be varied or suspended, and/or permits may be surrendered or cancelled; and
- Meeting its obligations by farm-out of the Consolidated Entity's exploration interests.

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. Should the Consolidated Entity be unable to obtain the funding as described above, there is a material uncertainty as to whether the Consolidated Entity will be able to continue as a going concern, and therefore, whether it will be required to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities other than in the normal course of business and at amounts different from those stated in the financial report.

The financial report does not include any adjustment relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts nor to the amounts and classification of liabilities that may be necessary should the Consolidated Entity be unable to continue as a going concern. Having assessed the potential uncertainties relating to the Consolidated Entity's ability to effectively fund exploration activities and operating expenditures, the Directors believe that the Consolidated Entity will continue to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the Directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

In the event that the Consolidated Entity is unable to achieve the actions noted above, the Consolidated Entity may not be able to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets at amounts different to those currently recognised, settle liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business and make provisions for other costs which may arise as a result of cessation or curtailment of normal business operations.

### **Rounding of amounts**

Strategic Energy Resources Limited is a type of Company that is referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 and therefore the amounts contained in this report and in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

### **Basis of preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for for-profit oriented entities. These financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

### *Historical cost convention*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income and certain classes of property, plant and equipment.

### *Critical accounting estimates*

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Consolidated Entity's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

### **Parent entity information**

In accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, these financial statements present the results of the Consolidated Entity only. Supplementary information about the parent entity is disclosed in note 22.



## **Note 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **Principles of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Strategic Energy Resources Limited ('Company' or 'parent entity') as at 30 June 2022 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Strategic Energy Resources Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in these financial statements as the 'Consolidated Entity'. A list of subsidiaries is included in note 23. Reporting period and accounting policies of all the subsidiaries are consistent with the Company.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the Consolidated Entity has control. The Consolidated Entity controls an entity when the Consolidated Entity is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Consolidated Entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between entities in the Consolidated Entity 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.

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. A change in ownership interest, without the loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction, where the difference between the consideration transferred and the book value of the share of the non-controlling interest acquired is recognised directly in equity attributable to the parent.

Where the Consolidated Entity loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets including goodwill, liabilities and non-controlling interest in the subsidiary together with any cumulative translation differences recognised in equity. The Consolidated Entity recognises the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any investment retained together with any gain or loss in profit or loss.

### **Current and non-current classification**

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the Consolidated Entity's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the Consolidated Entity's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are always classified as non-current.

### **Joint operations**

A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. The Consolidated Entity has recognised its share of jointly held assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of joint operations. These have been incorporated in the financial statements under the appropriate classifications.

### **Investments and other financial assets**

Investments and other financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

## **Note 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the Consolidated Entity has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, its carrying value is written off.

### *Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income*

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income include equity investments which the Consolidated Entity intends to hold for the foreseeable future and has irrevocably elected to classify them as such upon initial recognition.

### *Impairment of financial assets*

The Consolidated Entity recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the Consolidated Entity's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income with a corresponding expense through profit or loss. In all other cases, the loss allowance reduces the asset's carrying value with a corresponding expense through profit or loss.

### **Interest income**

Interest income is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

### **New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted**

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the Consolidated Entity for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2022. The Consolidated Entity has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

## **Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

### *Share-based payment transactions*

The Consolidated Entity measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by using either the Monte-Carlo simulation and Black-Scholes model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted. The accounting estimates and assumptions relating to equity-settled share-based payments would have no impact on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period but may impact profit or loss and equity.

### **Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)**

#### *Fair value measurement hierarchy*

The Consolidated Entity is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being: Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

#### *Recovery of deferred tax assets*

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences only if the Consolidated Entity considers it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

#### *Exploration and evaluation costs*

Exploration and evaluation costs have been capitalised on the basis that the Consolidated Entity will commence commercial production in the future, from which time the costs will be amortised in proportion to the depletion of the mineral resources. Key judgements are applied in considering costs to be capitalised which includes determining expenditures directly related to these activities and allocating overheads between those that are expensed and capitalised. In addition, costs are only capitalised that are expected to be recovered either through successful development or sale of the relevant mining interest. Factors that could impact the future commercial production at the mine include the level of reserves and resources, future technology changes, which could impact the cost of mining, future legal changes and changes in commodity prices. To the extent that capitalised costs are determined not to be recoverable in the future, they will be written off in the period in which this determination is made.

Indicators of impairment are:

- a. The right to explore has expired or will expire and is not expected to be renewed
- b. Expenditure or further exploration is not budgeted or planned
- c. No commercially viable discoveries have been made and the decision has been made to discontinue activities
- d. The carrying amount of the asset is unlikely to be recovered from the development or sale

Significant judgment is required in determining whether it is likely that future economic benefits will be derived from the capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure. In the judgement of the Directors, at 30 June 2022 exploration activities in each area of interest have not yet reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or other of economically recoverable reserves.

The management reviewed all of the area of interest and addressed each of these indicators and none of the indicators exist in relation on area of interest that needs to be written down. There is nothing to indicate that carrying amount of assets would not be recovered from further development or sale. Sufficient judgement involved in determining whether impairment indicators are present.

### **Note 4. Operating segments**

During the current financial year, the Consolidated Entity operated in one segment being an explorer of base and precious metals.

AASB 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about the components of the Consolidated Entity that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance. In the current year the board reviews the Consolidated Entity as one operating segment being mineral exploration within Australia.

#### *Assets and liabilities by geographical area*

All assets and liabilities and operations are based in Australia.

#### *Accounting policy for operating segments*

Operating segments are presented using the 'management approach', where the information presented is on the same basis as the internal reports provided to the Chief Operating Decision Makers ('CODM'). The CODM is responsible for the allocation of resources to operating segments and assessing their performance.

**Note 5. Other income**

|   | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|   | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| Fair value of options received to sell EL32228 Benmara Station (Tenement) | -                   | 97,500              |
| COVID-19-related government grants  | -                   | 19,000              |
| Gain from sale of tenements   | 247,868             | -                   |
| Sale of Uley Graphite Royalty   | -                   | 250,840             |
| R&D tax refund received   | 29,841              | 14,403              |
|   | <u>277,709</u>      | <u>381,743</u>      |
| Other income  | <u>277,709</u>      | <u>381,743</u>      |

*Sale of EL32228 "Benmara"*

On 15 December 2020, the Company signed a binding term sheet with Resolution Minerals Ltd (ASX: RML) for a 12-month Option to sell EL32228 (Tenement). RML had a 12-month Option to purchase a 100% interest in the Tenement. RML issued 2,500,000 shares as Consideration to SER for entering into the Option agreement, which is recognised as other income in the income statement. These shares were recognised as other income in the financial statement.

On 11 November 2021 RML exercised its purchase option and elected to make payment via the issue of 13,773,778 shares as approved by shareholders at its Annual General Meeting. The Consolidated Entity recognized these consideration shares through the income statement, at their issue date fair value of \$247,928. In May 2022 the Company disposed of 1,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares for a cash consideration of \$13,000 at a loss of \$26,000.

*Sale of Uley Graphite Royalty*

On 16 June 2020, the Company has entered into an agreement to sell its 1.5% Gross Revenue Royalty on production from the Uley Graphite Project in South Australia to Vox Royalty Australia Pty Ltd (Vox Australia), a wholly owned subsidiary of Vox Royalty Corp (TSXV:VOX) (Vox Royalty) for total consideration of AUD\$500,000. The consideration comprised AUD 80,000 cash, AUD 200,000 in Vox Royalty shares upon satisfaction of certain completion conditions and AUD 220,000 in Vox Royalty shares upon commercial production at Uley.

The agreement was completed in July 2020, when certain conditions attached the agreement were satisfied. The Company received \$80,000 cash and 58,031 VOX shares amounting to \$170,840 (at their issue date fair value), which was recognised as other income in the financial statements with corresponding shares being recognised as a financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income. These investments are revalued as per the Consolidated Entity's accounting policies at 30 June 2022. The remaining AUD 220,000 worth shares are contingent subject to commencement of commercial production at Uley, therefore not recognised in the financial statements. During the year the Company disposed of 49,631 fully paid ordinary shares for a cash consideration of \$179,284 at a gain of \$33,174.

*COVID-19-related government grants*

COVID-19-related government grants represent the job keeper, cash flow boost payments and other grants received from State and Federal Governments in response to ongoing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Government grants are recognised in the financial statements at expected values or actual cash received when there is a reasonable assurance that the Consolidated Entity will comply with the requirements and that the grant will be received. The Consolidated Entity has recognised its share of revenues, expenses and expenses reimbursements of joint operations, which give rise to job keeper payments, within exploration assets in the financial statements.

Note 6. Income tax

|  | <b>Consolidated</b> | <b>Consolidated</b> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|  | \$                  | \$                  |
| <i>Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense and tax at the statutory rate</i>  |                     |                     |
| Loss before income tax expense   | (755,736)           | (2,265,126)         |
| Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25% (2021: 26%)                                     | (188,934)           | (588,933)           |
| Tax effect amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income: |                     |                     |
| Share-based payments   | 31,159              | 105,352             |
| Other permanent differences  | -                   | 5                   |
| Non-deductible R&D expenditure   | 9,690               | 8,609               |
|  | (148,085)           | (474,967)           |
| Income tax losses carried forward not taken up as a benefit                          | 148,085             | 474,967             |
| Income tax expense   | -                   | -                   |

|   | <b>Consolidated</b> | <b>Consolidated</b> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|   | \$                  | \$                  |
| <i>Tax losses not recognised</i>                                      |                     |                     |
| Unused tax losses for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised | 33,421,936          | 30,818,688          |
| Potential tax benefit @ 25%   | 8,355,484           | 7,704,672           |

The above potential tax benefit for tax losses has not been recognised in the statement of financial position. These tax losses can only be utilised in the future if the continuity of ownership test is passed or, failing that, the same business test is passed.

The taxation benefits of tax losses and temporary difference not brought to account will only be obtained if:

- (i) the Consolidated Entity derives future assessable income of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefit from the deductions for the losses to be realised;
- (ii) the Consolidated Entity continues to comply with the conditions for deductibility imposed by law; and
- (iii) no change in tax legislation adversely affects the Consolidated Entity in realising the benefits from deducting the losses.

|   | <b>Consolidated</b> | <b>Consolidated</b> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|   | \$                  | \$                  |
| <i>Deferred tax assets not recognised</i>   |                     |                     |
| Deferred tax assets not recognised comprises temporary differences attributable to: |                     |                     |
| Tax losses (revenue losses)   | 8,355,484           | 8,012,859           |
| Temporary differences   | (1,078,419)         | (629,862)           |
| Tax losses (capital losses)   | 2,140,157           | 2,301,108           |
| Total deferred tax assets not recognised  | 9,417,222           | 9,684,105           |

*Accounting policy for income tax*

The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on that period's taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate for each jurisdiction, adjusted by the changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences, unused tax losses and the adjustment recognised for prior periods, where applicable.

#### Note 6. Income tax (continued)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to be applied when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates that are enacted or substantively enacted, except for:

- When the deferred income tax asset or liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting nor taxable profits; or
- When the taxable temporary difference is associated with interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

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.

The carrying amount of recognised and unrecognised deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date. Deferred tax assets recognised are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that future taxable profits will be available for the carrying amount to be recovered. Previously unrecognised deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that there are future taxable profits available to recover the asset.

- Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only where there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities; and they relate to the same taxable authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend to settle simultaneously.

#### Note 7. Current assets - cash and cash equivalents

|              | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|              | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|              | \$                  | \$                  |
| Cash at bank | <u>604,809</u>      | <u>2,076,700</u>    |

##### *Accounting policy for cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

#### Note 8. Current assets - other receivables

|                | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|                | \$                  | \$                  |
| GST receivable | <u>8,160</u>        | <u>9,910</u>        |

Due to the short term nature of the receivables, their carrying value is assumed to be approximately their fair value. No collateral or security is held. The Consolidated Entity has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all receivable are received within the credit time frame.

##### *Accounting policy for trade and other receivables*

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

**Note 8. Current assets - other receivables (continued)**

*Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes*

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

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

**Note 9. Non-current assets - Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income**

|  | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|  | \$                  | \$                  |
| Equity investments in quoted equity shares   | 148,756             | 203,836             |
| Equity investments in unquoted equity shares | 654,000             | 654,000             |
|  | <u>802,756</u>      | <u>857,836</u>      |

|  | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|  | \$                  | \$                  |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>  |                     |                     |
| Reconciliation of the fair values of the equity investments at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below: |                     |                     |
| Opening fair value   | 857,836             | -                   |
| Fair value increments on Ionic Industries Limited  | -                   | 654,000             |
| Disposal of investment in Vox Royalty Corp   | (179,284)           | -                   |
| Additions: Vox Royalty Corp  | -                   | 170,840             |
| Revaluation increments Vox Royalty Corp  | 54,514              | (19,504)            |
| Disposal of investment in Resolution Minerals Ltd  | (13,000)            | -                   |
| Additions: Resolution Minerals Ltd   | 247,928             | 97,500              |
| Revaluation decrements Resolution Minerals Ltd   | (165,238)           | (45,000)            |
| Closing fair value   | <u>802,756</u>      | <u>857,836</u>      |

Equity investments which are not held for trading, and which the Consolidated Entity has irrevocably elected at initial recognition to recognise as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income. These are strategic investments and the Consolidated Entity considers this classification as most appropriate in the financial statements.

Refer to note 17 for further information on fair value measurement.

*Investments in Vox Royalty Corp (TSXV: VOX)*

At the beginning of the reporting period the Company held 58,031 Vox shares and these were valued using current market fair values at the balance sheet date. During the year ended the Company sold 49,631 shares for \$ 179,284 at a gain \$33,174.

Subsequent to the year end, on 4 August 2022 the Company sold the remaining shares 8,400 for \$25,717 at a loss of \$1,218.

**Note 9. Non-current assets - Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (continued)**

*Investments in Resolution Minerals Ltd (ASX: RML)*

At the reporting date, the Consolidated Entity held 15,273,778 ordinary shares in RML, which are recognised at their fair value.

Refer note 5 for further information.

*Ionic Industries Limited (Ionic)*

The Consolidated Entity holds 87,155,625 shares in Ionic Industries Limited (an unlisted company) valued at \$654,000 in December 2020 using Level 2 measurement principles from the fair value hierarchy. Level 2 assets are financial assets that do not have regular market pricing but whose fair value can be determined based on other data values or market prices. Specifically, in the case of Ionic, this was by reference to material capital raising completed on an arm's length basis at the valuation date.

However, there were no additional observable price inputs during the year 2022. Given the limited information, management concluded that the fair value of the investment cannot be reliably measured and decided to transfer this investment from Level 2 to Level 3 of fair valuation hierarchy (inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)). Management will continue to assess the fair value of this investment in future.

Refer note 17 for further information.

*Gasfields Limited*

The Consolidated Entity currently holds 20,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares in Gasfields Limited, which have been valued at \$Nil. During the year 2021 the ASX delisted GFS from the ASX and therefore management has continued to carry the investment at Nil value as no information to indicate return of value to the investors. There has been no further changes during the half-year 2022.

*Impairment of financial assets*

The Consolidated Entity recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the Consolidated Entity's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

**Note 10. Non-current assets - exploration and evaluation**

Exploration and evaluation - at cost

| <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
| \$                  | \$                  |
| 3,898,132           | 1,884,627           |



**Note 10. Non-current assets - exploration and evaluation (continued)**

*Reconciliations*

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

| <b>Consolidated</b>                 | <b>Exploration<br/>\$</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2020              | 1,619,745                 |
| Expenditure during the year         | 1,655,775                 |
| Exploration expenditure written off | <u>(1,390,893)</u>        |
| Balance at 30 June 2021             | 1,884,627                 |
| Expenditure during the year         | 2,656,069                 |
| Exploration expenditure written off | (343,231)                 |
| Government Grants*                  | <u>(299,333)</u>          |
| Balance at 30 June 2022             | <u><u>3,898,132</u></u>   |

\* During the year, the Company has been awarded Government funding for its exploration activities. In accordance with AASB 120.24, these funds were recognised against the respective tenement.

The exploration and evaluation assets relate to the following areas of interest.

Note 10. Non-current assets - exploration and evaluation (continued)

| Area of interest                       | Tenement number                                     | Fulfilled expenditure commitments           | Interest owned 2022 % | Interest owned 2021 % |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Myall Creek - South Australia          | EL6140 (Farm-In Agreement No <sup>1</sup> with FMG) |   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Roopena - South Australia              | EL5898 (Farm-In Agreement No <sup>1</sup> with FMG) |   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Mabel Creek, Nymagee - New South Wales | EL6626  | Yes   | 80.00%                | -                     |
| Ambergate - Western Australia          | E70/4793  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Ambergate West - Western Australia     | E70/5012  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Ambergate Far West - Western Australia | E70/5344  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| East Tennant - Northern Territory      | EL32109   | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| East Tennant - Northern Territory      | EL32306   | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| East Tennant - Northern Territory      | EL32307   | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Barkly 1 - Northern Territory          | EL32617   | No, granted during the period <sup>2</sup>  | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| East Tennant - Northern Territory      | EL 32760  | No, granted during the period <sup>2</sup>  | 100.00%               | -                     |
| Saxby - Queensland                     | EPM15398  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Saxby North - Queensland               | EPM27378  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Canobie1 - Queensland                  | EPM27586  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Canobie2 - Queensland                  | EPM27587  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Canobie3 - Queensland                  | EPM27588  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Canobie4 - Queensland                  | EPM27638  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Canobie5 - Queensland                  | EPM27676  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Isa North 1 - Queensland               | EPM 26439   | No, acquired during the period <sup>2</sup> | 100.00%               | -                     |
| Isa North 2 - Queensland               | EPM 26440   | No, acquired during the period <sup>2</sup> | 100.00%               | -                     |
| Isa North 3 - Queensland               | EPM 26442   | No, acquired during the period <sup>2</sup> | 100.00%               | -                     |
| South Cobar - New South Wales          | EL9012  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| East Cowal - New South Wales           | EL9057  | Yes   | 100.00%               | 100.00%               |
| Garema - New South Wales               | EL9393  | No, granted during the period <sup>2</sup>  | 100.00%               | -                     |
| Nymagee - New South Wales              | EL6396  | No, granted during the period <sup>2</sup>  | 100.00%               | -                     |
| South Cowal - New South Wales          | EL6397  | No, granted during the period <sup>2</sup>  | 100.00%               | -                     |
| Mundi- New South Wales                 | EL9362  | No, granted during the period <sup>2</sup>  | 100.00%               | -                     |
| Mundi 2 - New South Wales              | EL9388  | No, granted during the period <sup>2</sup>  | 100.00%               | -                     |

**Note 10. Non-current assets - exploration and evaluation (continued)**

- (1) Mining tenement expenditure commitment for this exploration interest was not fulfilled due to factors beyond management's and operators control including COVID-19 related restrictions. Management is in the process of submitting a project variation application with the granting authority and confident that there will no adverse implications to the exploration interest.
- (2) Mining tenement license granted/acquired during the current financial year. The due date to meet the exploration expense commitment hasn't expired at 30 June 2022. Based on the current forecasts, management is confident that the expenditure commitments will be met by their respective due dates.

The recoverability of the carrying amounts of the exploration and evaluation expenditure is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively the sale, of the respective areas of interest. A review of the Consolidated Entity's exploration licenses was undertaken during the financial year. Based on the review management written off \$343,231, which were in relation to tenements which are either relinquished or identified as commercially not viable. Further information on operating activities and development are included in the directors report.

In order to maintain current rights to tenure to exploration and mining tenements, the Consolidated Entity has an agreed amount exploration expenditure commitment up until expiry of leases. These obligations, which may be varied from time to time and which are subject to renegotiation at the lease renewal. Based on the current estimates, expense commitments related to the newly awarded areas of interest are expected to be met by due dates. In the event, if the commitments are not expected to be met, management is confident that these obligations can be renegotiated with the respective granting authorities.

*Accounting policy for exploration and evaluation assets*

Exploration and evaluation expenditure in relation to separate areas of interest for which rights of tenure are current is carried forward as an asset in the statement of financial position where it is expected that the expenditure will be recovered through the successful development and exploitation of an area of interest, or by its sale; or exploration activities are continuing in an area and activities have not reached a stage which permits a reasonable estimate of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves. Where a project or an area of interest has been abandoned or other indicators of impairment exist, the expenditure incurred thereon is written off in the year in which the decision is made or the impairment event occurred.

**Note 11. Non-current assets - other non-current assets**

|                             | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                             | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|                             | \$                  | \$                  |
| Performance guarantee bonds | 102,478             | 21,000              |
| Other deposits              | 20,000              | 20,000              |
|                             | <u>122,478</u>      | <u>41,000</u>       |

Other deposits represent a term deposit of \$20,000 lodged as security over a credit card facility.

## Note 12. Current liabilities - trade and other payables

|                | Consolidated |              |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                | 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2021 |
|                | \$           | \$           |
| Trade payables | 67,643       | 56,965       |
| Other payables | 55,753       | 42,687       |
|                | 123,396      | 99,652       |
|                | 123,396      | 99,652       |

Refer to note 16 for further information on financial instruments.

### Accounting policy for trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Consolidated Entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

## Note 13. Equity - issued capital

|                              | Consolidated |              |              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                              | 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2021 |
|                              | Shares       | Shares       | \$           | \$           |
| Ordinary shares - fully paid | 242,639,790  | 212,639,790  | 37,438,128   | 36,181,482   |
|                              | 242,639,790  | 212,639,790  | 37,438,128   | 36,181,482   |

### Movements in ordinary share capital

| Details                             | Date              | Shares      | Issue price | \$         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Balance                             | 1 July 2020       | 118,750,206 |             | 32,661,027 |
| Issue of fully paid ordinary shares | 12 August 2020    | 41,250,000  | \$0.0340    | 1,402,500  |
| Issue of fully paid ordinary shares | 3 February 2021   | 40,000,050  | \$0.0430    | 1,720,002  |
| Issue of fully paid ordinary shares | 22 March 2021     | 12,639,534  | \$0.0430    | 543,500    |
| Capital raising costs               |                   | -           |             | (145,547)  |
| Balance                             | 30 June 2021      | 212,639,790 |             | 36,181,482 |
| Issue of fully paid ordinary shares | 14 September 2021 | 27,625,000  | \$0.0440    | 1,215,500  |
| Issue of fully paid ordinary shares | 5 November 2021   | 2,375,000   | \$0.0440    | 104,500    |
| Capital raising costs               |                   | -           |             | (63,354)   |
| Balance                             | 30 June 2022      | 242,639,790 |             | 37,438,128 |
|                                     |                   | 242,639,790 |             | 37,438,128 |

### Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on the winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held. The fully paid ordinary shares have no par value and the Company does not have a limited amount of authorised capital.

On a show of hands every member present at a meeting in person or by proxy shall have one vote and upon a poll each share shall have one vote.

### Capital risk management

The Consolidated Entity's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimum capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

Capital is regarded as total equity, as recognised in the statement of financial position, plus net debt. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings less cash and cash equivalents.

**Note 13. Equity - issued capital (continued)**

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Consolidated Entity may, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

The Consolidated Entity would look to raise capital when an opportunity to invest in a business or company was seen as value adding relative to the Company's current share price at the time of the investment.

The Company does not have a defined share buy-back plan.

There is no current intention to incur debt funding on behalf of the Company as on-going exploration expenditure will be funded via equity or joint ventures with other companies.

The Consolidated Entity is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

Management reviews management accounts on a monthly basis and reviews actual expenditure against budget on a quarterly basis.

The capital risk management policy remains unchanged from the 30 June 2021 Annual Report.

*Accounting policy for issued capital*

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

**Note 14. Equity - reserves**

|  | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|  | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| Financial assets at fair value reserve | 471,599             | 589,496             |
| Options reserve                        | 592,096             | 467,463             |
|  | <u>1,063,695</u>    | <u>1,056,959</u>    |

*Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income reserve*

The reserve is used to recognise increments and decrements in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

*Options reserve*

The reserve is used to recognise the value of equity benefits provided to employees and Directors as part of their remuneration, and other parties as part of their compensation for services.

#### Note 14. Equity - reserves (continued)

##### Movements in reserves

Movements in each class of reserve during the current and previous financial year are set out below:

| <b>Consolidated</b>   | <b>Option<br/>reserve<br/>\$</b> | <b>Financial<br/>assets at fair<br/>value<br/>reserve<br/>\$</b> | <b>Total<br/>\$</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2020  | 352,911                          | -  | 352,911             |
| Share-based payments  | 405,200                          | -  | 405,200             |
| Lapse of options  | (290,648)                        | -  | (290,648)           |
| Revaluation decrements on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income | -                                | 589,496  | 589,496             |
| Balance at 30 June 2021   | 467,463                          | 589,496  | 1,056,959           |
| Share-based payments  | 124,633                          | -  | 124,633             |
| Revaluation decrements on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income | -                                | (110,723)  | (110,723)           |
| De-recognition of asset revaluation reserve surplus upon sale                               | -                                | (7,174)  | (7,174)             |
| Balance at 30 June 2022   | <u>592,096</u>                   | <u>471,599</u>   | <u>1,063,695</u>    |

#### Note 15. Equity - dividends

There were no dividends paid, recommended or declared during the current or previous financial year.

#### Note 16. Financial instruments

##### Financial risk management objectives

The Consolidated Entity's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign currency risk, price risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Consolidated Entity's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Consolidated Entity. The Consolidated Entity uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rate & foreign exchange, ageing analysis for credit risk and cashflow forecasts to determine liquidity risk.

Risk management is carried out by senior finance executives ('finance') under policies approved by the Board of Directors ('the Board'). These policies include identification and analysis of the risk exposure of the Consolidated Entity and appropriate procedures, controls and risk limits. Finance identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks within the Consolidated Entity's operating units. Finance reports to the Board on a monthly basis.

##### Market risk

###### Foreign currency risk

The Consolidated Entity is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk.

###### Price risk

The Consolidated Entity is exposed to price risk in relation to the shares that it owned in other listed and unlisted entities. The risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

###### Interest rate risk

The Consolidated Entity is not exposed to significant interest rate risk as deposits are held with established banks with interest rates that are in line with the RBA and other bank rates. The Consolidated Entity doesn't have any interest-bearing liabilities.

**Note 16. Financial instruments (continued)**

**Credit risk**

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Consolidated Entity. The Consolidated Entity has a strict code of credit, including obtaining agency credit information, confirming references and setting appropriate credit limits. The Consolidated Entity obtains guarantees where appropriate to mitigate credit risk. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements. The Consolidated Entity does not hold any collateral.

Generally, trade receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators of this include the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan, no active enforcement activity and a failure to make contractual payments for a period greater than 1 year.

**Liquidity risk**

Vigilant liquidity risk management requires the Consolidated Entity to maintain sufficient liquid assets (mainly cash and cash equivalents) and available borrowing facilities to be able to pay debts as and when they become due and payable.

The Consolidated Entity manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves and available borrowing facilities by continuously monitoring actual and forecast cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

**Remaining contractual maturities**

The following tables detail the Consolidated Entity's remaining contractual maturity for its financial instrument liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the financial liabilities are required to be paid. The tables include both interest and principal cash flows disclosed as remaining contractual maturities and therefore these totals may differ from their carrying amount in the statement of financial position.

**Consolidated - 30 June 2022**

**Non-derivatives and non-interest bearing**

|                          | 1 year or less<br>\$ | Remaining contractual maturities<br>\$ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Trade and other payables | 123,396              | 123,396                                |
| Total non-derivatives    | <u>123,396</u>       | <u>123,396</u>                         |

**Consolidated - 30 June 2021**

**Non-derivatives and non-interest bearing**

|                          | 1 year or less<br>\$ | Remaining contractual maturities<br>\$ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Trade and other payables | 99,652               | 99,652                                 |
| Total non-derivatives    | <u>99,652</u>        | <u>99,652</u>                          |

The cash flows in the maturity analysis above are not expected to occur significantly earlier than contractually disclosed above.

**Fair value of financial instruments**

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

**Note 17. Fair value measurement**

*Fair value hierarchy*

The following tables detail the Consolidated Entity's assets and liabilities, measured or disclosed at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

| <b>Consolidated - 30 June 2022</b>           | <b>Level 1</b> | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>      |
| <i>Assets</i>                                |                |                |                |                |
| Equity investments in quoted equity shares   | 148,756        | -              | -              | 148,756        |
| Equity investments in unquoted equity shares | -              | -              | 654,000        | 654,000        |
| <b>Total assets</b>                          | <b>148,756</b> | <b>-</b>       | <b>654,000</b> | <b>802,756</b> |

| <b>Consolidated - 30 June 2021</b>           | <b>Level 1</b> | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>      |
| <i>Assets</i>                                |                |                |                |                |
| Equity investments in quoted equity shares   | 203,836        | -              | -              | 203,836        |
| Equity investments in unquoted equity shares | -              | 654,000        | -              | 654,000        |
| <b>Total assets</b>                          | <b>203,836</b> | <b>654,000</b> | <b>-</b>       | <b>857,836</b> |

*Valuation techniques for fair value measurements categorised within level 2 and level 3*

The Consolidated Entity holds 87,155,625 shares in Ionic Industries Limited (an unlisted company) valued at \$654,000 in December 2020 using Level 2 measurement principles from the fair value hierarchy. Level 2 assets are financial assets that do not have regular market pricing but whose fair value can be determined based on other data values or market prices. Specifically, in the case of Ionic, this was by reference to material capital raising completed on an arm's length basis at the valuation date

However, there were no additional observable price inputs during the year 2022. Given the limited information, management concluded that the fair value of the investment cannot be reliably measures and decided to transfer this investment from Level 2 to Level 3 of fair valuation hierarchy (inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). Management will continue to assess the fair value of this investment in future.

*Accounting policy for fair value measurement*

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified into three levels, using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. Classifications are reviewed at each reporting date and transfers between levels are determined based on a reassessment of the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

For recurring and non-recurring fair value measurements, external valuers may be used when internal expertise is either not available or when the valuation is deemed to be significant. External valuers are selected based on market knowledge and reputation. Where there is a significant change in fair value of an asset or liability from one period to another, an analysis is undertaken, which includes a verification of the major inputs applied in the latest valuation and a comparison, where applicable, with external sources of data.



**Note 18. Key management personnel disclosures**

*Directors*

The following persons were Directors of Strategic Energy Resources Limited during the financial year:

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Mr Stuart Rechner   | Executive Chairman  |
| Dr David DeTata     | Managing Director (appointed as Managing Director on 1 July 2021) |
| Mr Anthony McIntosh | Non-Executive Director  |

*Compensation*

The aggregate compensation made to Directors and other members of key management personnel of the Consolidated Entity is set out below:

|                              | <b>Consolidated</b> | <b>Consolidated</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|                              | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| Short-term employee benefits | 432,721             | 456,834             |
| Post-employment benefits     | 34,589              | 20,599              |
| Share-based payments         | 109,133             | 99,833              |
|                              | <u>576,443</u>      | <u>577,266</u>      |

**Note 19. Remuneration of auditors**

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd, the auditor of the Company:

|  | <b>Consolidated</b> | <b>Consolidated</b> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|  | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| <i>Audit services - Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd</i> |                     |                     |
| Audit or review of the financial statements          | <u>43,151</u>       | <u>34,750</u>       |

**Note 20. Commitments**

|   | <b>Consolidated</b> | <b>Consolidated</b> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|   | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| <i>Exploration Commitments</i>  |                     |                     |
| Committed at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities, payable: |                     |                     |
| Within one year   | 1,278,619           | 1,216,983           |
| Two to five years   | 4,056,234           | 4,865,167           |
|   | <u>5,334,853</u>    | <u>6,082,150</u>    |

The commitments above represent the minimum spending required for each areas of interest owned by the Consolidated Entity and exclude formed-out exploration interests, which are not managed by the Consolidated Entity. Refer note 10 to the financial statements for further information on areas of interest owned by the Consolidated Entity.

In order to maintain current rights to tenure to exploration and mining tenements, the Consolidated Entity has the above exploration expenditure requirements up until expiry of leases. These obligations, which may be varied from time to time and which are subject to renegotiation on lease renewal dates – therefore are not provided for in the financial statements as payable.

**Note 20. Commitments (continued)**

Within the mineral industry it is common practice for companies to farm-out, transfer or sell a portion of their exploration rights to third parties or to relinquish some exploration and mining tenements altogether, and as a result obligations will be significantly reduced or extinguished altogether. The farm-in partners also expended funds on the permits during the year which can result in work programs for certain years being met.

**“Isa North” Copper-Gold project acquisition terms**

The Company acquired 100% of EPM26439, EPM26442 and EPM26440 from Newcrest Mining Limited (ASX: NCM) in return for NCM retaining a First Right of Refusal to any future transaction on the project; a 1% Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) capped at 10 years of production and access to technical data concerning the project.

**Note 21. Related party transactions**

*Parent entity*

Strategic Energy Resources Limited is the parent entity.

*Subsidiaries*

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 23.

*Joint operations*

Interests in joint operations are set out in note 24.

*Key management personnel*

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 18 and the remuneration report included in the Directors' report.

*Transactions with related parties*

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

|                                  | <b>Consolidated</b> | <b>Consolidated</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|                                  | \$                  | \$                  |
| Payment for geological services* | 69,600              | 240,000             |
| Payment for Rent**               | 6,400               | -                   |

\* During the year the Company made payments to Diplomatic Exploration Pty Ltd, a related entity of Mr Stuart Rechner. The entity provided exploration services to the Company and the Consolidated Entity throughout the year.

\*\* During the year the Company made payments to Pillage Investments Pty Ltd, a related entity of Mr. David DeTata. The entity provided rental services to the Company and the Consolidated Entity effective November 2021 at market rates.

*Receivable from and payable to related parties*

The following balances are outstanding at the reporting date in relation to transactions with related parties:

|                                       | <b>Consolidated</b> | <b>Consolidated</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                       | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|                                       | \$                  | \$                  |
| Current payables:                     |                     |                     |
| Trade and other payables to directors | -                   | 12,000              |

*Loans to/from related parties*

There were no loans to or from related parties at the previous reporting date.

*Terms and conditions*

All transactions with related parties are entered into on normal commercial terms and conditions.

## Note 22. Parent entity information

Set out below is the supplementary information about the parent entity.

### Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

|                            | Parent       |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                            | 30 June 2022 | 30 June 2021 |
|                            | \$           | \$           |
| Loss after income tax      | (755,736)    | (2,265,126)  |
| Total comprehensive income | (755,736)    | (2,265,126)  |

### Statement of financial position

|  | Parent           |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | 30 June 2022     | 30 June 2021     |
|  | \$               | \$               |
| Total current assets                   | 635,303          | 2,116,633        |
| Total assets                           | 5,464,379        | 4,905,743        |
| Total current liabilities              | 153,156          | 109,323          |
| Total liabilities                      | 153,156          | 109,323          |
| Equity                                 |                  |                  |
| Issued capital                         | 37,438,127       | 36,181,482       |
| Financial assets at fair value reserve | 471,599          | 589,496          |
| Options reserve                        | 592,096          | 467,463          |
| Accumulated losses                     | (33,190,599)     | (32,442,021)     |
| Total equity                           | <u>5,311,223</u> | <u>4,796,420</u> |

### Guarantees entered into by the parent entity in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries

The parent entity had no guarantees in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries as at 2022 and 2021.

### Contingent liabilities

The parent entity had no contingent liabilities as at 2022 and 2021.

### Capital commitments - Property, plant and equipment

The parent entity had no capital commitments for property, plant and equipment at as 2022 and 2021.

### Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies of the parent entity are consistent with those of the Consolidated Entity, as disclosed in note 2, except for the following:

- Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost, less any impairment, in the parent entity.
- Investments in associates are accounted for at cost, less any impairment, in the parent entity.
- Dividends received from subsidiaries are recognised as revenue by the parent entity and its receipt may be an indicator of an impairment of the investment.

### Note 23. Interests in subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2:

| Name                      | Principal place of business /<br>Country of incorporation | Ownership interest |                   |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
|                           |   | 30 June 2022<br>%  | 30 June 2021<br>% |
| Strategic Nickel Pty Ltd* | Australia   | -                  | 100%              |
| Strategic Sands Pty Ltd   | Australia   | 100%               | 100%              |
| Strategic Caldera Pty Ltd | Australia   | 80%                | 80%               |

\* Strategic Nickel Pty Ltd was deregistered with ASIC on 10 February 2022. No commercial activity was being undertaken by the company.

### Note 24. Farm-outs in the exploration and evaluation phase

The Consolidated Entity had interests in unincorporated joint operations at 30 June 2021 as follows;

| Name                                   | Principal place of business /<br>Country of incorporation | Ownership interest |                   |
|--|---|--------------------|-------------------|
|  |   | 30 June 2022<br>%  | 30 June 2021<br>% |
| Myall Creek (EL6140) - South Australia | Australia   | 100.00%            | 100.00%           |
| Roopena (EL5898) - South Australia     | Australia   | 100.00%            | 100.00%           |

Myall Creek Project – on 21 June 2019, the Company entered into a farm-out agreement with FMG Resources Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Fortescue Metals Group Limited (ASX: FMG), for drilling at Myall Creek (EL6140 and EL5898). FMG will be the operator during the period and committed to spend \$1.5m on exploration over 5 years, including a minimum of 1500m of drilling at Myall Creek to earn an 80% interest in the project.

The Consolidated Entity does not record any expenditure made by the farmee on its accounts. It does not recognise any gains or losses on its exploration and evaluation farm-out arrangements but redesignates any costs previously capitalised in relation to the whole interest as relating to the partial interest retained. Any cash consideration received directly from the farmee credited against the cost previously capitalised in relation to the whole interest with any excess accounted by the farmor as a gain on disposal.

### Note 25. Events after the reporting period

On 15 August 2022, the Consolidated Entity announced that it has raised \$875,000 by way of a placement where it would issue 51,470,589 fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.017 (1.7 cents) per Share to professional, sophisticated and other exempt investors. Directors participated in the Placement and subscribed for a total of 12,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares which are subject to shareholder approval. On 18 August 2022, the Company completed tranche one of the Placement issuing 39,470,589 fully paid ordinary shares.

18 August 2022, the Company issued 2,633,333 fully paid ordinary shares at nil consideration in relation to the exercise of Options that were issued to Directors and Employees in the prior years.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Consolidated Entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the Consolidated Entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

**Note 26. Reconciliation of loss after income tax to net cash used in operating activities**

|  | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|  | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| Loss after income tax expense for the year     | (755,736)           | (2,265,126)         |
| Adjustments for:                               |                     |                     |
| Depreciation and amortisation                  | 4,025               | 2,853               |
| Share-based payments                           | 124,633             | 405,200             |
| Exploration costs written off                  | 343,231             | 1,390,893           |
| Net fair value investment recognised as income | (247,868)           | (268,340)           |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities:    |                     |                     |
| Decrease in other receivables                  | 1,750               | 61,704              |
| Decrease/(increase) in prepayments             | 7,687               | (547)               |
| Decrease in trade and other payables           | (14,074)            | (64,206)            |
| Increase in employee benefits                  | 20,090              | 9,672               |
| Net cash used in operating activities          | <u>(516,262)</u>    | <u>(727,897)</u>    |

**Note 27. Loss per share**

|   | <b>Consolidated</b> |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>30 June 2022</b> | <b>30 June 2021</b> |
|   | <b>\$</b>           | <b>\$</b>           |
| Loss after income tax attributable to the owners of Strategic Energy Resources Limited    | <u>(755,736)</u>    | <u>(2,265,126)</u>  |
|   | <b>Number</b>       | <b>Number</b>       |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share   | <u>205,488,629</u>  | <u>174,970,344</u>  |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share | <u>205,488,629</u>  | <u>174,970,344</u>  |
|   | <b>Cents</b>        | <b>Cents</b>        |
| Basic loss earnings per share   | (0.368)             | (1.295)             |
| Diluted loss earnings per share   | (0.368)             | (1.295)             |
| Diluted loss per share  |                     |                     |

The options held by option holders have not been included in the weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of calculating diluted EPS as they do not meet the requirements for inclusion in AASB 133 "Earnings per Share". The options are non-dilutive as the Consolidated Entity has generated a loss for the year.

As at 30 June 2022, the Consolidated Entity had 18,633,333 (2021: 11,800,000) unlisted options on issue. These options have not been included in the above diluted loss earnings per share calculation. These equity instruments are considered to be anti-dilutive, as their inclusion would not decrease earnings per share nor increase the loss per share, from continuing operations.

*Accounting policy for earnings per share*

*Basic loss per share*

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Strategic Energy Resources Limited, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the financial year.

**Note 27. Loss per share (continued)**

*Diluted loss per share*

Diluted loss per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic loss per share to take into account the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares.

**Note 28. Share-based payments**

On 30 November 2021, the Company issued 6,333,333 unlisted options to current directors, at nil exercise price, expiring on 30 November 2024.

The grant of the share options was approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 17 November 2021.

The vesting conditions attached to the Options are split between a market-based vesting condition ("Tranche 1") and none market-based vesting conditions ("Tranche 2" and "Tranche 3"), as summarised below:

- Tranche 1 Options will vest upon the achievement of 20-day VWAP share price hurdles prior to 1 July 2022; and
- Tranche 2 Options will vest upon satisfaction of various operational vesting conditions (exploration, financial, and safety & environment) prior to 1 July 2022; and
- Tranche 3 Options will vest upon the holder remaining a Director of the Company as at 30 June 2022.

Set out below are summaries of options granted under the plan:

**30 June 2022**

| Grant date                      | Expiry date | Exercise price | Balance at the start of the year | Granted   | Exercised | Forfeited | Balance at the end of the year |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 17/12/2019                      | 12/12/2022  | \$0.1000       | 2,000,000                        | -         | -         | -         | 2,000,000                      |
| 12/08/2020                      | 12/12/2022  | \$0.1000       | 200,000                          | -         | -         | -         | 200,000                        |
| 04/12/2020                      | 04/12/2023  | \$0.1000       | 9,000,000                        | -         | -         | -         | 9,000,000                      |
| 04/12/2020                      | 12/12/2022  | \$0.1000       | 600,000                          | -         | -         | -         | 600,000                        |
| 30/11/2021                      | 30/11/2024  | \$0.0000       | -                                | 6,333,333 | -         | -         | 6,333,333                      |
| 08/02/2022                      | 30/11/2024  | \$0.0000       | -                                | 500,000   | -         | -         | 500,000                        |
|                                 |             |                | 11,800,000                       | 6,833,333 | -         | -         | 18,633,333                     |
| Weighted average exercise price |             |                | \$0.1000                         | \$0.0000  | \$0.0000  | \$0.0000  | \$0.1000                       |

**30 June 2021**

| Grant date                      | Expiry date | Exercise price | Balance at the start of the year | Granted   | Exercised | Forfeited   | Balance at the end of the year |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 27/11/2017                      | 28/11/2020  | \$0.1000       | 6,250,000                        | -         | -         | (6,250,000) | -                              |
| 17/12/2019                      | 12/12/2022  | \$0.1000       | 2,000,000                        | -         | -         | -           | 2,000,000                      |
| 12/08/2020                      | 12/12/2022  | \$0.1000       | -                                | 200,000   | -         | -           | 200,000                        |
| 04/12/2020                      | 04/12/2023  | \$0.1000       | -                                | 9,000,000 | -         | -           | 9,000,000                      |
| 04/12/2020                      | 12/12/2022  | \$0.1000       | -                                | 600,000   | -         | -           | 600,000                        |
|                                 |             |                | 8,250,000                        | 9,800,000 | -         | (6,250,000) | 11,800,000                     |
| Weighted average exercise price |             |                | \$0.1000                         | \$0.1000  | \$0.0000  | \$0.1000    | \$0.1000                       |

A total of 6,333,333 unlisted options were issued to Directors and Key Management Personal during the year (2021: 9,600,000). The weighted average remaining contractual life of options outstanding at the end of the financial year was 1.65 years (2021: 2.20 years).

Options issued during the financial year have been valued using the Black-Scholes and Monte-Carlo simulation method and the Consolidated Entity recognised share-based payment expenses of \$124,633 (2021: \$405,200).

**Note 28. Share-based payments (continued)**

Set out below are the options exercisable at the end of the financial year:

| Grant date | Expiry date | 30 June 2022<br>Number | 30 June 2021<br>Number |
|------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 17/12/2019 | 12/12/2022  | 2,000,000              | 2,000,000              |
| 12/08/2020 | 12/12/2022  | 200,000                | 200,000                |
| 04/12/2020 | 04/12/2023  | 9,000,000              | 9,000,000              |
| 04/12/2020 | 12/12/2022  | 600,000                | 600,000                |
| 30/11/2021 | 30/11/2024  | 6,333,333              | -                      |
| 08/02/2022 | 30/11/2024  | 500,000                | -                      |
|            |             | <u>18,633,333</u>      | <u>11,800,000</u>      |

The Consolidated Entity valued the options using either Black-Scholes or Monte-Carlo simulation valuation methodologies, with the following inputs used to determine the fair value for options granted during current and previous period.

| Grant date | Expiry date | Share price<br>at grant date | Exercise<br>price | Expected<br>volatility | Risk-free<br>interest rate | Fair value<br>at grant date |
|------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 30/11/2021 | 30/11/2024  | \$0.0340                     | \$0.0000          | 100.00%                | 0.99%                      | \$0.037                     |
| 08/02/2022 | 30/11/2024  | \$0.0260                     | \$0.0000          | 114.14%                | 1.17%                      | \$0.031                     |

*Accounting policy for share-based payments*

Equity-settled share-based compensation benefits are provided to employees.

Equity-settled transactions are awards of shares, or options over shares, that are provided to employees in exchange for the rendering of services.

The cost of equity-settled transactions are measured at fair value on grant date. Fair value is independently determined using either the Monte-Carlo or Black-Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the impact of dilution, 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, together with non-vesting conditions that do not determine whether the Consolidated Entity receives the services that entitle the employees to receive payment. No account is taken of any other vesting conditions.

The cost of equity-settled transactions are recognised as an expense with a corresponding increase in equity over the vesting period. The cumulative charge to profit or loss is calculated based on the grant date fair value of the award, the best estimate of the number of awards that are likely to vest and the expired portion of the vesting period. The amount recognised in profit or loss for the period is the cumulative amount calculated at each reporting date less amounts already recognised in previous periods.

Market conditions are taken into consideration in determining fair value. Therefore, any awards subject to market conditions are considered to vest irrespective of whether or not that market condition has been met, provided all other conditions are satisfied.

If equity-settled awards are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the modification has not been made. An additional expense is recognised, over the remaining vesting period, for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based compensation benefit as at the date of modification.

If the non-vesting condition is within the control of the Consolidated Entity or employee, the failure to satisfy the condition is treated as a cancellation. If the condition is not within the control of the Consolidated Entity or employee and is not satisfied during the vesting period, any remaining expense for the award is recognised over the remaining vesting period, unless the award is forfeited.

If equity-settled awards are cancelled, it is treated as if it has vested on the date of cancellation, and any remaining expense is recognised immediately. If a new replacement award is substituted for the cancelled award, the cancelled and new award is treated as if they were a modification.


In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as described in note 2 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The Directors have been given the declarations required by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors



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Stuart Rechner  
Executive Chairman

7 September 2022  
Melbourne



## Independent Auditor's Report

### To the Members of Strategic Energy Resources Limited

#### Report on the audit of the financial report

##### Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial report of Strategic Energy Resources Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Consolidated Entity) which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

##### Basis for qualified opinion

Included within Note 9 of the financial report, the Consolidated Entity continues to value its investment in unlisted public company Ionic Industries Limited at an amount of \$654,000. Due to the lack of information available in the current period as outlined in Note 9, we have been unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support the valuation of this level 3 investment under AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement as at 30 June 2022.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

### Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 2 in the financial statements, which indicates that the Consolidated Entity made a loss after tax of \$755,736 and had net operating cash outflows of \$516,262 and net investing cash outflows of \$2,212,275 for the year ended 30 June 2022. As stated in Note 2, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 2, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

In addition to the matter described in the Material uncertainty related to going concern section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

| Key audit matter  | How our audit addressed the key audit matter  |
|---|---|
| <b>Exploration and evaluation assets – Note 10</b>  |   |
| <p>At 30 June 2022 the carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets was \$3,898,132.</p> <p>In accordance with AASB 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources, the Group is required to assess at each reporting date if there are any triggers for impairment which may suggest the carrying value is in excess of the recoverable value.</p> <p>The process undertaken by management to assess whether there are any impairment triggers in each area of interest involves an element of management judgement.</p> <p>This area is a key audit matter due to the significant judgement involved in determining the existence of impairment triggers.</p> | <p>Our procedures included, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• obtaining the management reconciliation of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure and agreeing to the general ledger;</li><li>• reviewing management's area of interest considerations against AASB 6;</li><li>• conducting a detailed review of management's assessment of trigger events prepared in accordance with AASB 6 including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– tracing projects to statutory registers, exploration licenses and third party confirmations to determine whether a right of tenure existed;</li><li>– enquiry of management regarding their intentions to carry out exploration and evaluation activity in the relevant exploration area, including review of management's budgeted expenditure;</li><li>– understanding whether any data exists to suggest that the carrying value of these exploration and evaluation assets are unlikely to be recovered through development or sale;</li></ul></li><li>• assessing the accuracy of impairment recorded for the year as it pertained to exploration interests;</li><li>• evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of management in the evaluation of potential impairment triggers; and</li><li>• assessing the appropriateness of the related financial statement disclosures.</li></ul> |

### Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Consolidated Entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of the Directors' for the financial report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Consolidated Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Consolidated Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar1\\_2020.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar1_2020.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Report on the remuneration report

#### Opinion on the remuneration report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in the Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Strategic Energy Resources Limited, for the year ended 30 June 2022 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

## Responsibilities

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.



Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd  
Chartered Accountants



T S Jackman  
Partner – Audit & Assurance

Melbourne, 7 September 2022

The shareholder information set out below was applicable as at 29 August 2022.

|                                       | Ordinary shares<br>Number<br>of holders | Ordinary shares<br>Number<br>of units | Ordinary shares<br>% of total<br>shares<br>issued | Options over<br>ordinary<br>shares<br>Number<br>of holders | Options over<br>ordinary<br>shares<br>Number<br>of units | Options over<br>ordinary<br>shares<br>% of total<br>of holders |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 1 to 1,000                            | 167                                     | 48,327                                | 0.02  | -  | -  | -  |
| 1,001 to 5,000                        | 193                                     | 533,744                               | 0.19  | -  | -  | -  |
| 5,001 to 10,000                       | 204                                     | 1,803,764                             | 0.63  | -  | -  | -  |
| 10,001 to 100,000                     | 660                                     | 24,354,615                            | 8.55  | 2  | 200,000  | 1.70   |
| 100,001 and over                      | 259                                     | 258,003,262                           | 90.61   | 6  | 11,600,000   | 98.30  |
|                                       | <b>1,483</b>                            | <b>284,743,712</b>                    | <b>100.00</b>                                     | <b>8</b>   | <b>11,800,000</b>  | <b>100.00</b>  |
| Holding less than a marketable parcel |   |                                       |   |  |  | <b>899</b>   |

### Equity security holders

#### Twenty largest quoted equity security holders

The names of the twenty largest security holders of quoted equity securities are listed below:

|   | Ordinary shares<br>Number held | % of total<br>shares<br>issued |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Abadi Investments Pty Ltd                   | 35,264,087                     | 12.38                          |
| Pillage Investments Pty Ltd                 | 25,000,000                     | 8.78                           |
| KSLcorp Pty Ltd                             | 11,575,869                     | 4.07                           |
| E E R C Australasia Pty Ltd                 | 8,882,353                      | 3.12                           |
| Mr Graeme Eric Kirke                        | 8,000,000                      | 2.81                           |
| Newpuzzle Holdings Pty Ltd                  | 7,941,177                      | 2.79                           |
| Mr Mark Anthony Broglio                     | 7,500,000                      | 2.63                           |
| Omen Pty Ltd                                | 6,401,174                      | 2.25                           |
| Mr Nicolas Terranova                        | 6,000,000                      | 2.11                           |
| Osmium Holdings Pty Ltd                     | 5,850,000                      | 2.05                           |
| Hongmen Pty Ltd                             | 4,834,865                      | 1.70                           |
| George WA Pty Ltd                           | 4,000,000                      | 1.40                           |
| Ateq Investments Pty Ltd                    | 3,747,743                      | 1.32                           |
| National Nominees Limited                   | 3,676,471                      | 1.29                           |
| Mr Zhongming Hong                           | 3,382,353                      | 1.19                           |
| Mr Mark Andrew Tkocz                        | 3,350,000                      | 1.18                           |
| Mr Craig Michael Lake & Mrs Judith May Lake | 3,220,000                      | 1.13                           |
| Mr Mark Broglio                             | 2,800,000                      | 0.98                           |
| Mr Jeremy Michael Kitchin                   | 2,600,000                      | 0.91                           |
| Ms Xiaodan Wu                               | 2,471,926                      | 0.87                           |
|   | <b>156,498,018</b>             | <b>54.96</b>                   |

#### Unquoted equity securities

|                                     | Number<br>on issue | Number<br>of holders |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Options over ordinary shares issued | 11,800,000         | 8                    |

The following persons hold 20% or more of unquoted equity securities:

| Name                    | Number held |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Osmium Holdings Pty Ltd | 5,000,000   |
| Dr David Detata         | 3,800,000   |

#### **Substantial holders**

Substantial holders in the Company are set out below:

|                 | Ordinary shares |                          |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                 | Number held     | % of total shares issued |
| Graeme Kirk     | 44,575,869      | 15.65                    |
| Datt Capital    | 38,940,557      | 13.68                    |
| Anthony Rechner | 15,583,527      | 5.47                     |

#### **Voting rights**

The voting rights attached to ordinary shares are set out below:

##### *Ordinary shares*

On a show of hands every member present at a meeting in person or by proxy shall have one vote and upon a poll each share shall have one vote.

##### *Unlisted options*

The unlisted options on issue do not carry any voting rights.

#### **Director Nomination**

The Company will hold its Annual General Meeting of shareholders on Wednesday, 16 November 2022. The Company also advises that in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 14.5 and the Company's constitution the Closing Date for receipt of nominations for the position of Director is Wednesday, 29 September 2021. Any nominations must be received in writing no later than 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on this date at the Company's Registered Office.