



# WIDGIE NICKEL

Critical metals for a cleaner future

**Widgie Nickel Limited**

**ACN 648 687 094**

**Financial Report**

**for the Period 15 March 2021 to 30 June 2022**

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## REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The directors of Widgie Nickel Limited (“Company” and “Widgie”) present the Company’s first financial report for the Company and its controlled entities (“Consolidated Entity” and “Group”) for the period from incorporation on 15 March 2021 to 30 June 2022.

### Demerger and ASX listing

In July 2021, Widgie’s then parent entity, Neometals Ltd (NMT) provided seed funding of \$1,000,000 for 5,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.20 per share. In August 2021, NMT distributed, via in-specie distribution, its entire shareholding in the Company of 130,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares to NMT shareholders. Pursuant to the Widgie Prospectus lodged on 19 August 2021 the Company launched a fully underwritten entitlement issue and raised a total of \$24,000,000, before costs, through the issue of a further 120,000,000 new fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.20 per share.

On 22 September 2021, following the successful completion of the entitlement offer Widgie was admitted to the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code: WIN) and the Company’s fully paid ordinary shares commenced trading.

### Targeting early production, new discoveries and resource growth

#### Mt Edwards Nickel and Lithium Project (Widgie 100%)

Widgie controls a dominant ~240 square kilometre land package over the prolific nickel producing Widgiemooltha Dome located 80km south of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia.

Ideally positioned adjacent to key infrastructure with an already established Mineral Resource base of some 168kt of contained nickel over 12 separate deposits, the Company plans to advance its Mt Edwards Nickel Project through to initial low capital cost development in addition to carrying out ongoing exploration searching for more high-grade sulphide nickel in the region.

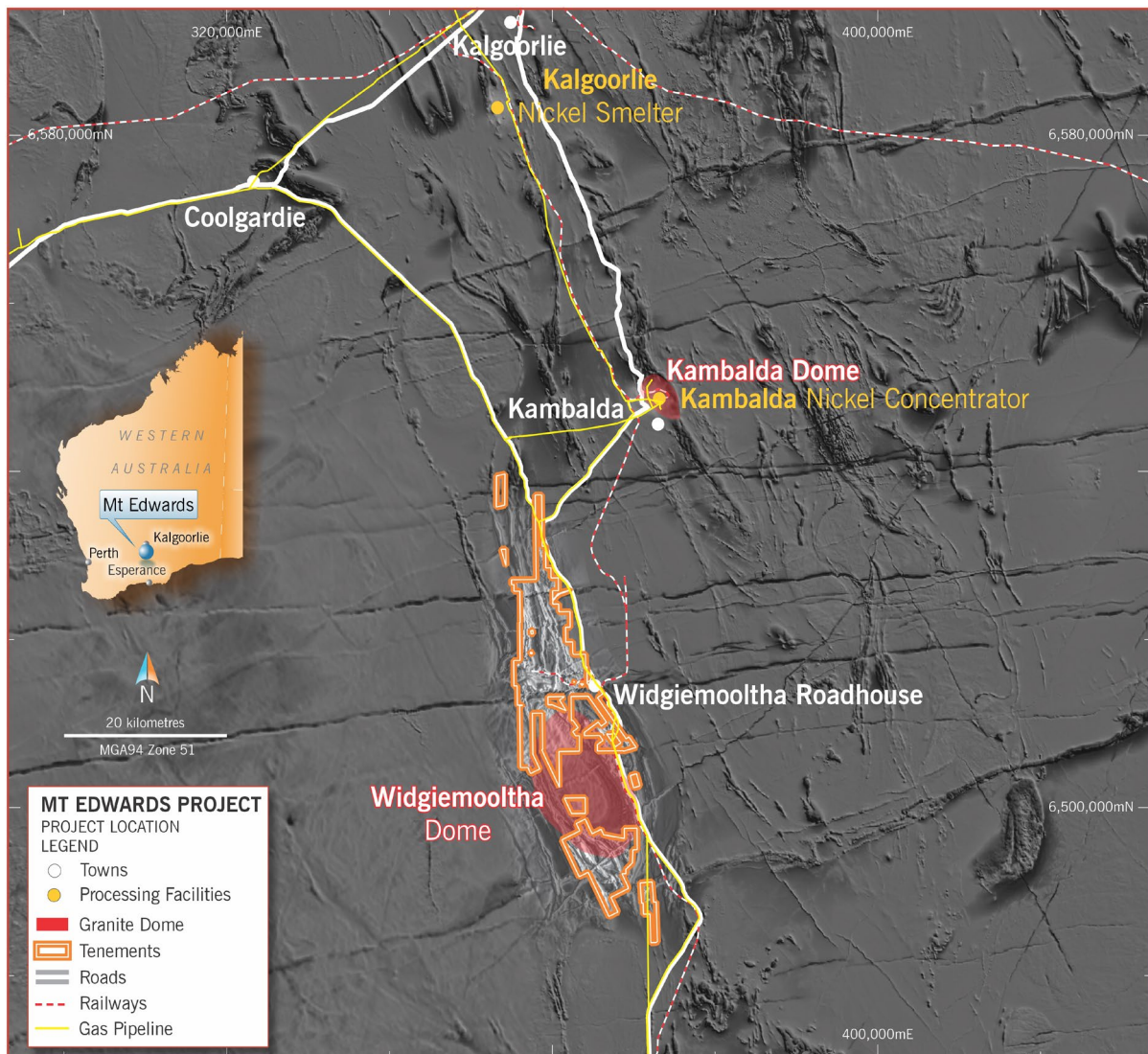
Table 1 – Mt Edwards Project Nickel Mineral Resources

Deposit	Indicated		Inferred		TOTAL Mineral Resources*		
	Tonne (kt)	Nickel (%)	Tonne (kt)	Nickel (%)	Tonne (kt)	Nickel (%)	Nickel Tonnes
Widgie 3			626	1.5	626	1.5	9,160
Gillett			1,306	1.7	1,306	1.7	22,500
Widgie Townsite	1,183	1.7	1,293	1.5	2,476	1.6	39,300
Munda			320	2.2	320	2.2	7,140
Mt Edwards 26N			871	1.4	871	1.4	12,400
132N	34	2.9	426	1.9	460	2.0	9,050
Cooke			154	1.3	154	1.3	2,000
Armstrong	526	2.1	107	2.0	633	2.1	13,200
McEwen			1,133	1.4	1,133	1.4	15,340
McEwen Hangingwall			1,916	1.4	1,916	1.4	26,110
Zabel	272	1.9	53	2.0	325	2.0	6,360
Inco Boundary			464	1.2	464	1.2	5,590
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>8,669</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>10,684</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>168,150</b>

Mineral Resources quoted using a 1% Ni block cut-off grade, except Munda at 1.5% Ni. Small discrepancies may occur due to rounding

\*refer to the Widgie Nickel Prospectus: <https://www.widgienickel.com.au/site/investor-centre/prospectus> and ASX release of 9 March 2022 titled *Widgie grows Mt Edwards Nickel Resource*

Figure 1 – Location map of Widgie’s Project Area – Mt Edwards



### Early production potential - Armstrong deposit

The Company is actively seeking to develop the Armstrong deposit initially with work programs during the year comprising infill and extensional diamond and reverse circulation (RC) drilling to improve the resource confidence levels (and to quantify the by-product endowment), provide fresh ore samples for metallurgical testing and further geotechnical information. In total 37 RC holes and 13 diamond tails were completed for 9,079m and 1,888.5m respectively.

Understanding these critical elements flowing from the drilling will allow detailed technical assessment, ultimately see a full feasibility study targeting completion by the end of the year to underpin the successful development of Widgie’s first mining project.

This reaffirms the Company’s commitment to ensure Widgie is production ready by the end of 2023. Early works to enable this timetable to be achieved include lodgement of applications with regulatory bodies to enable pit dewatering to be completed during the current calendar year.

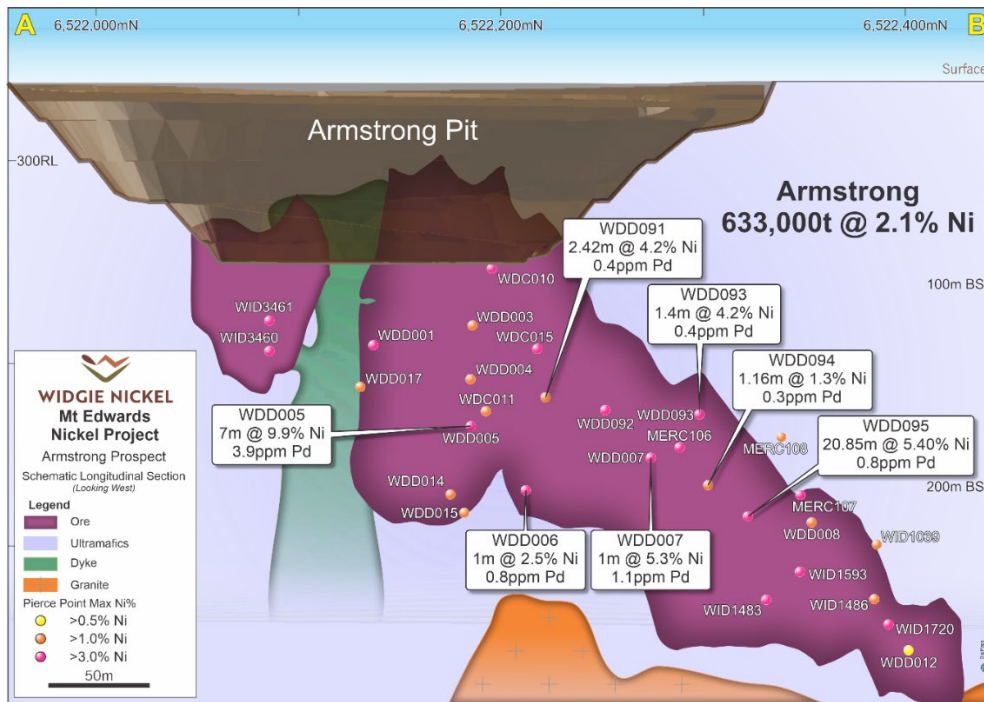


Figure 2 – Long section of Armstrong mineralisation looking west

## New discoveries

### Exploration success at Gillett North

Maiden exploration drill hole MERC225 drilled approximately 350m north of previous Widgie drilling on the Gillett structure intersected multiple mineralised intervals including 12m @ 3.40% Ni and 18m @ 4.69% Ni.

These results are very significant in that the mineralisation grade is notably higher than the main Gillett body south of this intercept, further drilling has the potential to extend the known Gillett mineralisation towards Widgie Townsite Resource located along strike further to the north.

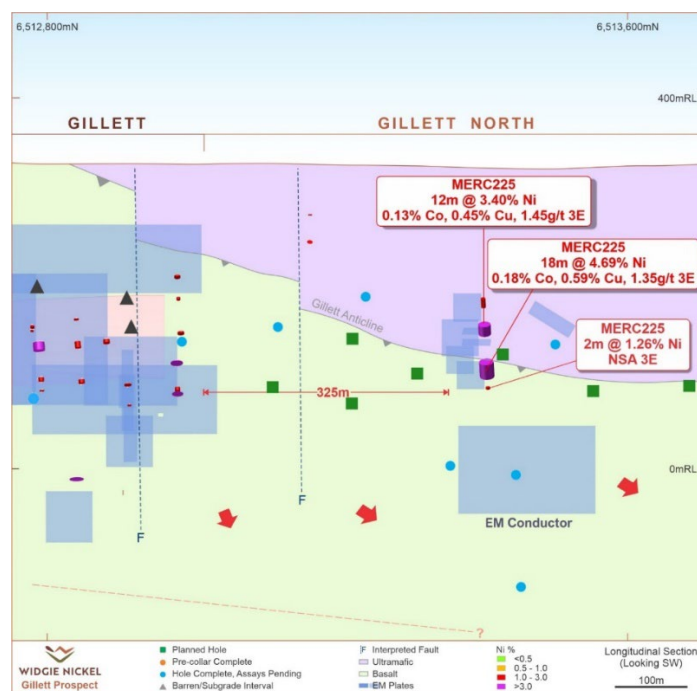


Figure 3 – Long section looking south-west showing recent drilling at Gillett North, MERC225 and DHEM conductors



Significant by-product assays in MERC225 also demonstrate the PGM/by-product potential of Mt Edwards:

**12 metres at 3.40% Ni, 0.13% Co, 0.45% Cu, 1.45 g/t 3E** from 200 metres downhole;  
and

**18 metres at 4.69% Ni, 0.18% Co, 0.59% Cu, 1.35 g/t 3E** from 246 metres downhole.

3E = Palladium (Pd) + Platinum (Pt) + Gold (Au) in g/t

The high-grade result from MERC225, enhances Widgie’s position to refine its future exploration targets within the Widgie South area. Widgie South currently comprises 70,800t Ni (Indicated and Inferred Resources) across three deposits within close proximity of each other (see Figure 5) as part of the overall Mt Edwards resource base. Gillett North, with further drilling, potentially extends Gillett to 1200m of strike.

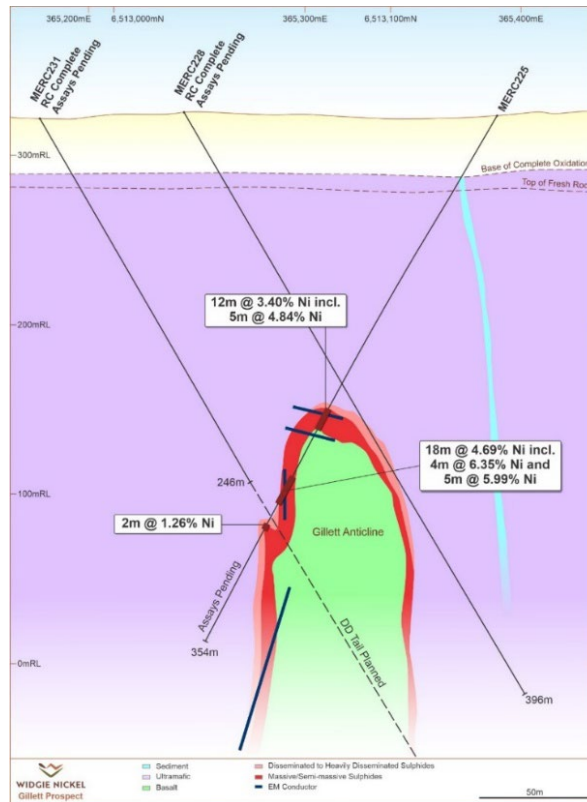


Figure 4 – Gillett North cross-section (looking NW), showing RC hole MERC225 and intercepts

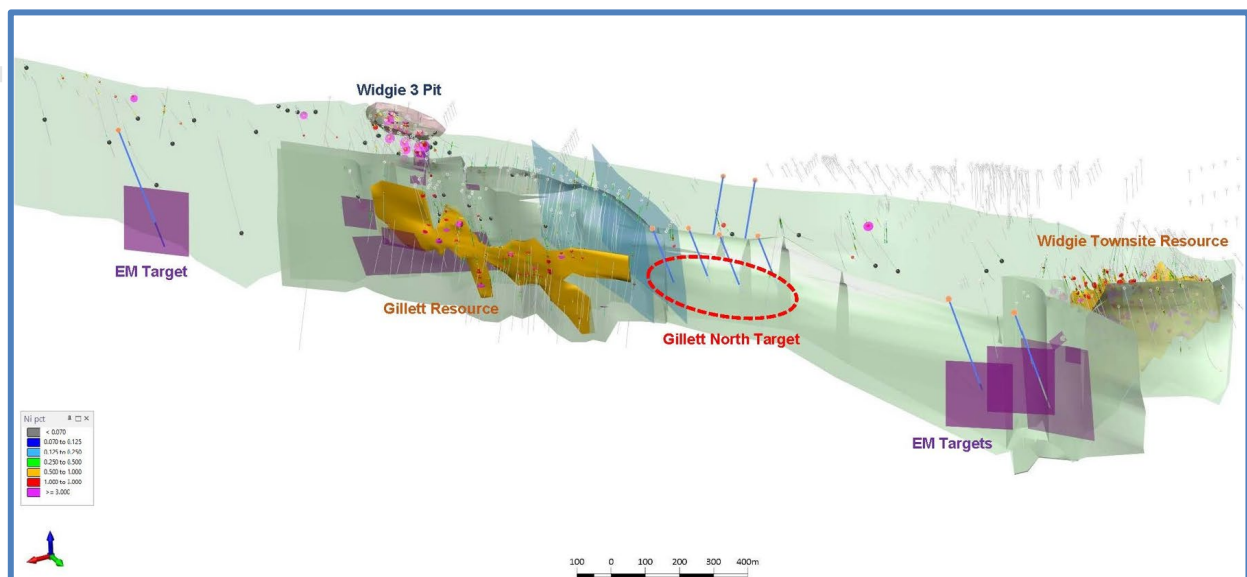


Figure 5 - Isometric view - Widgie South

## Electromagnetic (EM) targeting

High Order EM targets were generated in the heart of Mt Edwards at Widgie West & Widgie South, the product of an Electromagnetic (EM) survey carried out early in the new year.

### Widgie South EM Survey (Mason Prospect)

A total of 5.4-line kms of moving loop EM was completed at Widgie South (Mason Prospect) during March 2022. The survey was completed using 200 metre loops and 100 metre spaced stations. The EM survey identified a bedrock conductor with a conductance of 3,531 siemens. The conductor has been modelled by geophysical consultancy Newexco with a plate generated for drill targeting.

Nickel sulphides have previously been intersected in bedrock drilling at the Mason Prospect. The host ultramafic unit in the area is highly prospective, hosting the Gillett nickel sulphide deposit located 5km along strike and to the northwest. A single hole has been designed to test the EM anomaly.

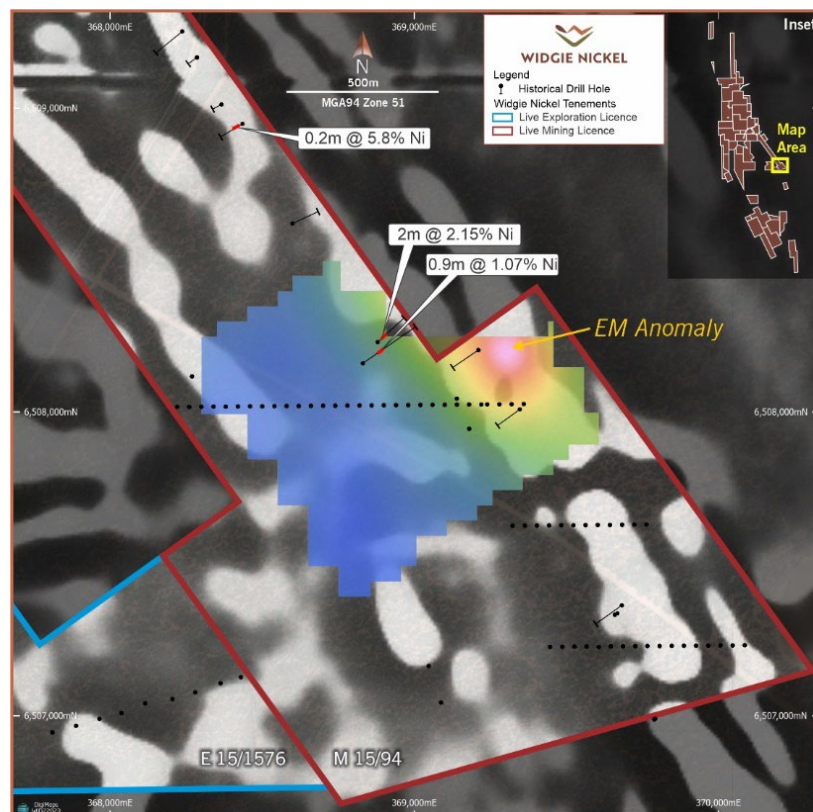


Figure 6 - Widgie South – Mason EM Anomaly

### Widgie West EM Survey (Axis and Dead Lizard Prospects)

A total of 19.1-line kms of moving loop EM was completed at Widgie West (Axis and Dead Lizard prospects) during March 2022. The survey was completed using 200 metre loops and 100 metre spaced stations. The EM survey identified five (5) bedrock conductors and two (2) anomalous responses which range in conductance from 50 to 2,500 siemens. The conductors have been modelled by geophysical consultancy Newexco, with plates generated for drill targeting.

The conductors are located close to the interpreted basal contact position and have conductivities consistent with the electromagnetic signature of sulphide accumulations. The basal contact has a moderate dip to the west and north. Nickel sulphide mineralisation has been previously identified in drilling at both the Axis and Dead Lizard Prospects. The host ultramafic unit in the area is highly prospective, hosting the Munda, Inco Boundary and Mt Edwards nickel sulphide deposits located along strike and to the east.

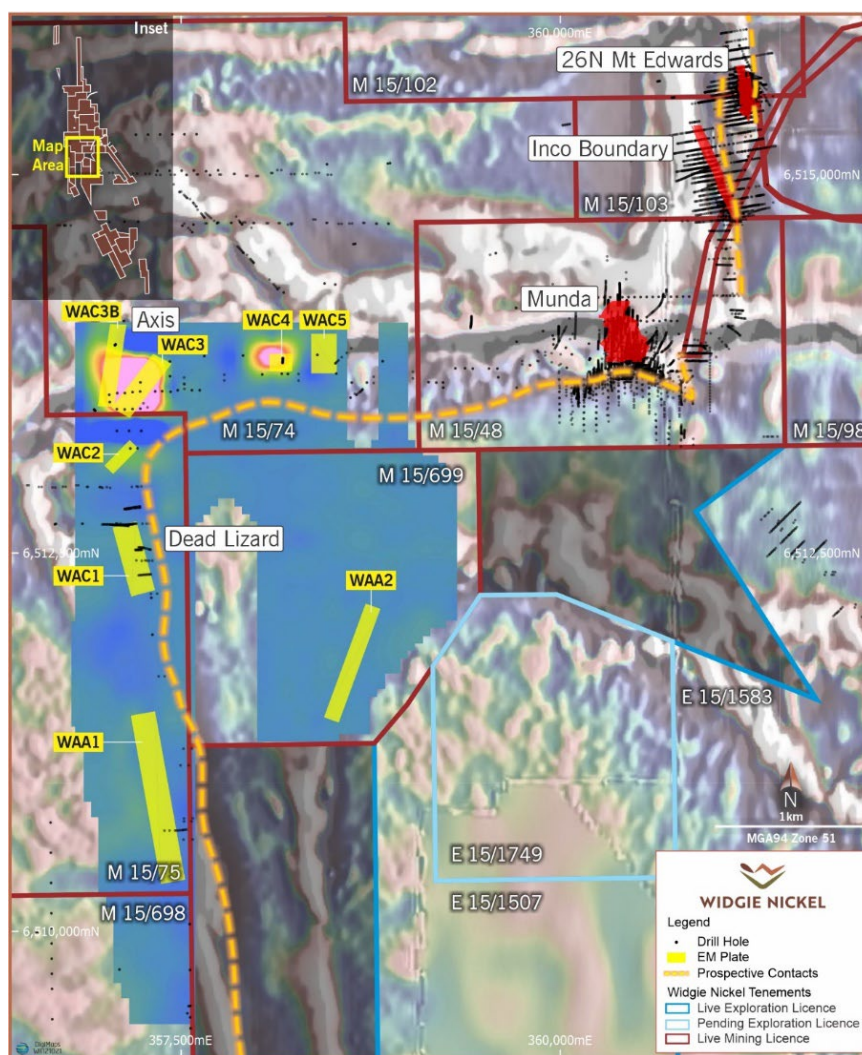


Figure 7 - Widgie West - EM Anomalies

## Resource Growth

### Inco Boundary resource - added 5,590t of contained Ni (@ 1% Ni cut-off)

Inco-Boundary deposit was added to the Mt Edwards' Mineral Resources. Inco-Boundary contains an Inferred Resource of 464,000t at 1.2% Ni for 5,590t of contained Ni (@ 1% Ni cut-off).

Following an independent assessment of the Inco-Boundary deposit by Auralia Mining Consulting, this new body of nickel mineralisation has been added to the Mt Edwards' resource base. Modelling of historical reverse circulation (RC) and diamond drilling (DD) carried out at the deposit has resulted in an Inferred resource at the Inco-Boundary deposit of 464,000 tonnes, at a grade of 1.2% nickel, representing 5,590 tonnes of contained nickel.

Inco Boundary located proximal to the Mt Edwards 26N mine and Munda, to the south, boasts a much larger low grade endowment. When considering the resource at a lower cut-off grade of 0.5% Ni cut-off the resource increases to 2.785Mt @ 0.83% Ni for 23,037t of contained nickel. Its location, the potential for increased payability and higher nickel prices in the medium to longer term provides encouragement that this resource may be viable in days to come and have relevance to Widgie's downstream production aspirations.



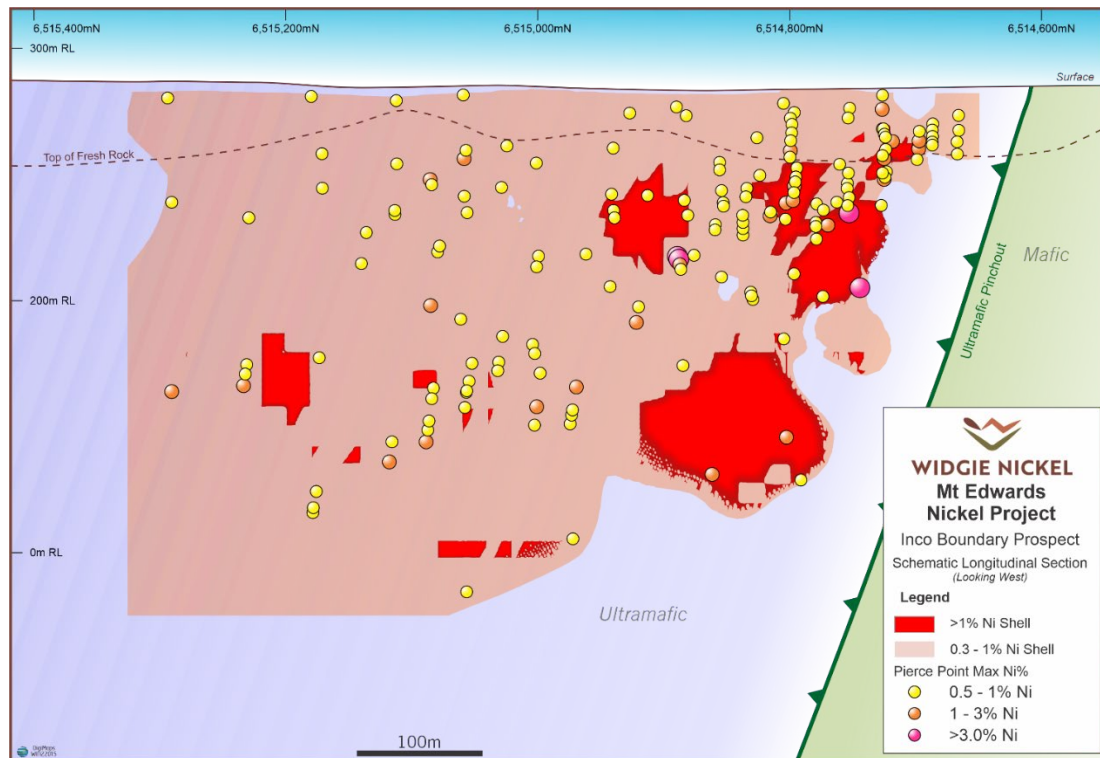


Figure 8 - Long-section looking North-East showing Inco-Boundary Modelled Domains

### Widgie South focus area

Widgie South comprises Widgie 3 (9,160Ni t), Gillett (22,500Ni t) and Widgie Townsite (39,300 Ni t).

Nickel mineralisation was discovered in the Widgie South Trend area of the Mt Edwards Project in 1967. With Gillett, located only 300m east of Widgie 3 only recently discovered in 2008, a blind discovery not having any surface expression.

The unique situation with the close proximity of multiple mineralised bodies bodes well for reduced capital requirements with potential shared infrastructure. Gillett remains open in all directions thus any expansion of this resource will readily enhance the overall economic potential (see Figure 5 - Isometric view Widgie South).

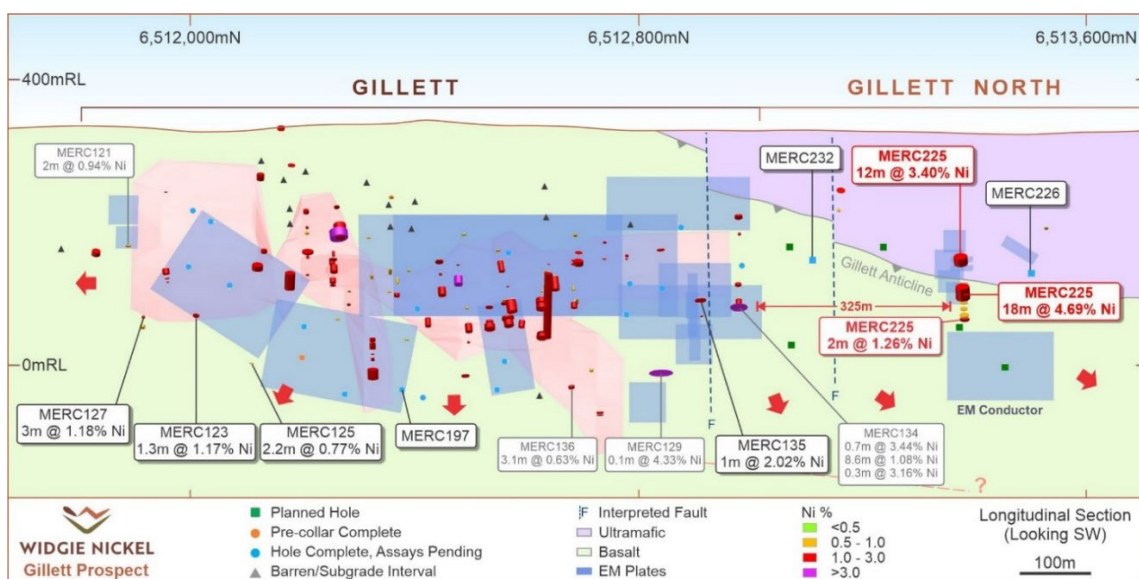


Figure 9 – Oblique long section looking south-west showing Gillett Mineral Resource, MERC225 and DHEM conductors

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- RC drilling commenced on the Widgie South area in Mid November 2021.
- Work on infilling and expanding Gillett the primary objective with some 66 RC holes drilled during the year with 21 diamond tails completed for an aggregate of 14,516m of RC and 4,771.7m of diamond drilling.
- Low capex exploitation of three deposits may be possible, providing scalability and given the significant endowment will translate to a long life project.
- Resource re-estimation of Gillett occurring in September 2022 quarter.

## Munda

This high-grade deposit provides strong upside potential for Mt Edwards. The nickel endowment remains open down dip and along strike primarily as a result of drilling density dropping off markedly with depth. The tenor of mineralisation is best illustrated by drilling by Auric Mining in mid 2021 (hole AMRC003) targeting gold mineralisation which intersected thick massive nickel sulphides;

24m @ 3.22% Nickel, 0.20% Copper, 0.53 g/t Palladium and 0.26 g/t Platinum from 52m;

Including:

16m @ 4.58% Nickel, 0.29% Copper, 0.76 g/t Palladium and 0.38 g/t Platinum from 59m

The Company identified Munda as a resource warranting further drilling to increase confidence in the existing resource and potentially expand the size of the endowment. With this in mind drilling has been carried out here to infill and extend mineralisation with this work ongoing as at the end of the financial year.

During the year the Company drilled 29 RC holes and completed 4 diamond tails for a total of 5,747m of RC and 841.8m of diamond drilling.

## Oxide drilling

A short campaign of drilling was completed at the Zabel (M15/97), Armstrong (M15/99), 26N Mt Edwards (M15/102) and Munda (M15/87) with the aim to provide samples of oxide mineralisation for metallurgical test work. A total of thirteen RC holes for 998 metres was completed.

This work was completed to provide samples to examine and evaluate the potential for upgrade of the lower grade oxide caps that exist above the deeper fresh sulphide mineralisation. Mt Edwards is unique in that some 11 separate oxide occurrences exist in a 15km mineralised corridor. The oxide cap of any one of these in isolation doesn't warrant examination, however in aggregate they may be sufficient in scale to be considered for future development.

### *Nickel Market*

During the course of the reporting period the nickel market has tightened with LME stocks dropping, this in turn leading to a rapid appreciation in nickel price to \$US100,000/t momentarily. This spike led to an unprecedented suspension of the LME trading platform in March 2022. Trading has since been restored and nickel has traded in a narrower range of between US\$20,000 and US\$23,000 per ton for the remainder of the financial year.

### *Metallurgy and Marketing*

The Company retained the services of well respected process engineer Mr Gavin Beer (Metchem consulting) to supervise and advise the Company on evaluating the processing options for oxide mineralisation at Mt Edwards. WOOD plc have been engaged to oversee sulphide metallurgical testwork.

### *Future Work*

The company intends to continue infill and extensional drilling activities on Gillett, Widgie 3, Widgie Townsite, Munda, 132N and Armstrong to allow design and evaluation of each resource with a view to being production ready as at the end of 2023. The Company will complement this work with Greenfields exploration activities to advance our understanding and the potential of each of the exploration targets identified on the Company's tenure.

### Approvals

Government approvals are in place for planned exploration activities at prospects across Mt Edwards including; Armstrong, 32N, Munda and Widgie South (Widgie Townsite, Gillett and Widgie 3).

### Competent Person Statement

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration results is based on and fairly represents information and supporting documentation compiled by Mr Don Huntly, who is a full-time employee of Widgie Nickel Limited. Mr Huntly is a Competent Person and a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Huntly has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit 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 Huntly consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

### Disclaimer

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resource Estimates and exploration results for the Mt Edwards Project are extracted from the ASX Announcements listed in the table below, which are also available on the Company's website at [www.widgienickel.com.au](http://www.widgienickel.com.au)

8 Sep 22	Confidence in Gillett Grows with Impressive Assay Results
28 Jul 22	Resource growth potential confirmed at Gillett North
22 Jul 22	Significant By-product assays for Gillett North discovery
27 Jun 22	High-grade nickel sulphide discovery at Gillett North
30 May 22	Exploration drilling discovers new mineralisation at Gillett
02 May 22	EM survey identifies new conductors at Widgie West and South
04 Apr 22	Strong Initial Assay Results at Gillett
09 Mar 22	Widgie grows Mt Edwards Nickel Resource
22 Sep 21	Munda Drill Results

For full details, please refer to the announcement as referenced. The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement(s), and in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original announcement.

### Forward Looking Statement

Caution regarding Forward Looking Information. This document contains forward looking statements concerning Widgie Nickel Limited. Forward looking statements are not statements of historical fact and actual events and results may differ materially from those described in the forward looking statements as a result of a variety of risks, uncertainties and other factors. Forward looking statements in this document are based on Widgie's beliefs, opinions and estimates as of the dates the forward looking statements are made, and no obligation is assumed to update forward looking statements if these beliefs, opinions or estimates should change or to reflect other future developments.

## Directors' Report

The directors of Widgie Nickel Limited submit their report for the financial period from the date of incorporation being 15 March 2021 to 30 June 2022.

The names and particulars of the directors of the Company during or since the end of the financial period are:

### Current Directors

Name	Particulars
Andrew Parker	<p><b>Non-executive Chairman (Independent)</b></p> <p>Andrew holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Western Australia and has significant experience in the exploration and mining industry and a wealth of expertise in corporate advisory, strategic consultancy and capital raisings.</p> <p>Andrew previously held various senior management roles, such as Director of Stadia Capital and co-founder of Trident Capital Pty Ltd, a corporate advisory and venture capital firm where he held the position of Managing Director until 2008. In both instances Mr Parker was the Responsible Manager under the relevant AFSL.</p> <p>He has also held senior legal roles, such as General Counsel of previously ASX listed B Digital Ltd, Senior Associate of Price Sierakowski and Senior Associate of Summers Partners.</p> <p><b>Appointed:</b> 1 July 2021</p> <p><b>Directorships of other listed companies current and in the last 3 years:</b> Non-executive Director of ASX listed Boab Metals Limited (ASX: BML) since October 2009.</p>
Steve Norregaard	<p><b>Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer</b></p> <p>Steve is a mining engineer and member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has a successful track record in heading the development of base and precious metals mining projects, including nickel projects, encompassing the early exploration stage through to ensuring sustained commercial production.</p> <p>Steve is an experienced resources industry executive, company director with over 25 years of experience. Former roles include MD of ASX listed RED 5 Limited and Tectonic Resources Ltd, Director of Operations with Westgold Resources Ltd and Chief Operating Officer of TSX listed Trelawney Mining and Exploration. Mr Norregaard is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.</p> <p><b>Appointed:</b> 1 July 2021</p> <p><b>Directorships of other listed companies current and in the last 3 years:</b> Executive Director of Westgold Resources Limited (ASX:WGX) from December 2016 to June 2020.</p>
Scott Perry	<p><b>Non-executive Director (Independent)</b></p> <p>Scott has a Bachelor of Engineering from the Western Australian School of Mines and more than 25 years' experience in commercial, mining, and process engineering roles. This includes over 10 years' experience with BHP Nickel West Pty Ltd.</p> <p>Scott is currently a Director of Process Engineering Australia Pty Ltd, an engineering, commercial and marketing consulting business focused in the mining, industrial chemicals and agricultural sectors. He is also a board member of Pollinators Inc, a member-based social enterprise, which uses a mix of earned revenue and grant</p>





	<p>Commerce in Accounting and Business Law from Curtin University and is a member of the Chartered Accountants Australia &amp; New Zealand, and Chartered Secretaries Australia.</p> <p><b>Appointed:</b> 15 March 2021 <span style="float: right;"><b>Ceased:</b> 1 July 2021</span></p>
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## Review of operations

A detailed review of the Company's operations during the financial year can be found on pages 1 to 9 of this Financial Report.

## Operating results

The consolidated loss after income tax for the year attributable to members of Widgie Nickel Limited was \$2.725 million.

## Changes in state of affairs

As described in the Review of Operations the Company completed a demerger and ASX listing process in September 2021 which saw the Company raise \$24,000,000, before costs, for the issue of 120,000,000 new fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.20 per share. Subsequently during the financial period the Consolidated Entity's primary focus centred on advancing the Mt Edwards Nickel and Lithium Project. There have not been any other significant changes in the affairs of the Consolidated Entity other than as disclosed in the Director's Report.

## Financial position

The net assets of the Group have increased to \$33,235,646 at 30 June 2022. The Group's working capital, being current assets less current liabilities, was \$13,744,360 at 30 June 2022. The Group had \$16.438 million cash at bank at the end of the reporting period and is well funded going into the 2022/2023 financial year to fund its exploration and evaluation activities and meet corporate and administration requirements.

## Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend and no amount has been paid or declared by way of a dividend to the date of this report.

## Principal activities

During the financial period, the principal continuing activities of the Group consisted of the exploration and evaluation of the Mt Edwards Nickel and Lithium Project.

## Events after the reporting period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial period that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect the operations, results of operations or state of affairs of the Group in subsequent financial years.

## Financial and Business Risks

The business, assets and operations of the Group have the potential to influence the operating and financial performance of the Group in the future. The Board aims to manage these risks by carefully planning its activities and implementing risk mitigation measures. A list of the key business and financial risks of the Group, include:

Exploration - the tenements comprising the Mt Edwards Project are prospective for Nickel, Lithium and other critical metals, however the prospects within the Project are at various stages of exploration. Mineral exploration is a high-risk undertaking, and there is a risk that the contemplated extensional and infill resource drilling programs, or the regional exploration activities to generate new resources will not be successful;

Development Studies - there is a risk that contemplated metallurgical and process investigations on the known mineralisation types may not lead to a viable processing route. Furthermore, there is a risk that the contemplated development studies may not lead to a project that is economically viable;

Licences, permits and approvals - the Mt Edwards Project has the necessary statutory operational and environmental licences, permits and approvals to conduct current exploration activities at the project. However, the Group may be required to obtain certain authorisations in future to undertake new exploration and development on the Project tenements. These requirements include Program of Work (POW) approvals and Aboriginal heritage clearances (in certain circumstances). Delays in obtaining, or the inability to obtain, required authorisations may significantly impact on the Group's operations;

Management Team - the Company does not have a full management team and relies heavily on contractors and consultants to perform key technical and commercial services. The Company will continue to assess this structure as the Project develops;

Commodity prices and foreign exchange rate fluctuations - the value and profitability of the Mt Edwards Project and any other assets developed or acquired by the Company in the future may be adversely affected by fluctuations in commodity prices and foreign exchange rate fluctuations, in particular the price of Nickel;

Government Legislation changes - changes in state and federal legislation and regulations may adversely affect ownership of mineral interests, taxation, royalties, land access, native title, labour relations and the mining and exploration activities of the Group;

## **COVID-19**

Widgie recognises that COVID-19 and the changing situations continue to impact us all. The disruption to global commerce is likely to continue to have, a significant impact on global capital markets, commodity prices and foreign exchange rates including the USD / AUD rate, and more locally to availability of labour and supplies of goods and services. Widgie finds itself well placed to continue to progress its projects and will continue to monitor any impacts the pandemic may have on its activities. The Company has implemented a COVID-19 management plan across its business at all locations in order to minimise the risk of infection for individuals. The COVID-19 management plan is reviewed and updated based on the latest guidance from health professionals and the government as the situation develops. During the financial year the COVID19 outbreak and disruption has not had a significant impact on Widgie financially or on its project timelines.

## **Environmental regulations**

The operations of the Group are subject to State and Commonwealth laws and regulations concerning the environment. If such laws are breached, the Group could be required to cease its operations and/or incur significant liabilities including penalties due to past or future activities.

As with most exploration projects and mining operations, the Group's activities are expected to have an impact on the environment, particularly if advanced exploration or mine development proceeds. Such impact can give rise to substantial costs for environmental rehabilitation, damage, control and losses. It is the Group's intention to conduct its activities to the highest standard of environmental obligation, including compliance with all environmental laws.

The cost and complexity of complying with the applicable environmental laws and regulations may prevent the Group from being able to develop potentially economically viable mineral deposits. Further, the Group may require additional approvals from the relevant authorities before it can undertake activities that are likely to impact the environment. Failure to obtain such approvals will prevent the Group from undertaking its desired activities.



The Company is unable to predict the effect of additional environmental laws and regulations which may be adopted in the future, including whether any such laws or regulations would materially increase the Group's cost of doing business or affect its operations in any area.

As required by section 299(1)(f) of the Corporations Act the Company confirms that it has performed all of its environmental obligations in accordance with applicable environmental regulations. The Directors are not aware of any breach of environmental legislation during the period.

## Risk Management

The Board is responsible for oversight of the Company's risk management framework and in determining the Company's tolerance and appetite to risk, with day to day risk identification and mitigation strategies delegated to the CEO and senior management team. Given the current size and activities of the Group the Board has not established a separate risk management committee at this time.

## Future developments

The Company intends to continue infill and extensional drilling activities to facilitate design and evaluation of each resource with a view to being production ready as at the end of 2023. The Company will complement this work with greenfields exploration activities to advance our understanding and expand the potential of the Company's tenure.

## Indemnification of officers and auditors

During the financial period the Company paid a premium in respect of a contract insuring the directors and officers of the Company and of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as a director or officer, to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

The Company has not otherwise, during or since the end of the financial period, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Group or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

## Unissued shares under option

Unissued ordinary shares of the Company under option to directors and employees:

Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Number under option
22 September 2024	\$0.20	3,050,000
22 September 2024	\$0.30	3,650,000*
22 September 2024	\$0.40	3,650,000*

\* Vesting subject to length of service milestone criteria.

During the period 200,000 options were exercised at \$0.20. Details of options movements during the financial period are detailed in the Remuneration Report.

Unissued ordinary shares of the Company under option to Euroz Hartleys (lead broker and manager to the Company's ASX listing and entitlement issue capital raising):

Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Number under option
22 September 2024	\$0.40	2,000,000

At the date of this report Performance Rights on issue to directors and employees are:

Vesting assessment date	Exercise Price	Number under option
30 September 2022	-	1,400,000*

\* Vesting subject to achievement of performance criteria.

Please refer to the Remuneration Report at page 18 below for details of Options and Performance rights issued as part of KMP remuneration.

### Directors' security holdings

The following table sets out each director's relevant interest in shares, debentures, and rights or options in shares or debentures of the Company or a related body corporate as at the date of this report:

Directors	Fully paid Ordinary Shares Number	Share Options Number	Performance rights Number
Andrew Parker	-	900,000	-
Steve Norregaard	11,711	3,900,000	770,000
Felicity Repacholi-Muir	-	600,000	-
Scott Perry	-	600,000	-

### Directors' meetings

The following table sets out the number of directors' meetings (including meetings of committees of directors) held during the financial period and the number of meetings attended by each director. During the financial period the Company did not have separately formed Nomination, Remuneration, Risk or Audit Committees with the full Board considering those activities that might otherwise be carried out by the relevant Committee.

Directors	Board of Directors	
	Held	Attended
Andrew Parker	14	14
Steve Norregaard	14	13
Felicity Repacholi-Muir	14	14
Scott Perry	14	14

Meeting numbers in the "Held" column are the number of meetings held whilst the relevant director was a member of the board.

## Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied for leave of the court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or 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. The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

## Corporate Governance Statement

The Company is committed to high standards of corporate governance designed to enable the Company to meet its performance objectives and better manage its risks.

The Company has adopted a comprehensive governance framework in the form of a formal corporate governance charter together with associated policies, protocols and related instruments (together "Charter").

The Company's Charter is based on a template which has been professionally verified to be complementary to and in alignment with the ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations 4th Edition 2019 ("ASX CGC P&R") in all material respects. The Charter also substantially addresses the suggestions of good corporate governance mentioned in the "Commentary" sections of the ASX CGC P&R.

The Charter was formally adopted by the board on 19 July 2021.

The Board of Widgie is responsible for the corporate governance of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Board has governance oversight of all matters relating to the strategic direction, corporate governance, policies, practices, management and operations of Widgie with the aim of delivering value to its Shareholders and respecting the legitimate interest of its other valued stakeholders, including employees, suppliers and joint venture partners.

Under ASX Listing Rule 4.10.3, Widgie is required to provide in its annual report details of where shareholders can obtain a copy of its corporate governance statement, disclosing the extent to which the Company has followed the ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations in the reporting period. Widgie will publish its corporate governance statement on the Corporate section of its website:

<https://www.widgienickel.com.au/site/about/corporate-governance1>

## Remuneration Report (audited)

### Key Management Personnel

The following persons were deemed to be Key Management Personnel ("KMP") during or since the end of the financial period for the purpose of Section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001 and unless otherwise stated were KMP for the entire reporting period.

#### Non-executive Directors

- Andrew Parker Non-executive Director/Chairman - from 1 July 2021
- Felicity Repacholi-Muir Non-executive Director - from 1 July 2021
- Scott Perry Non-executive Director - from 1 July 2021

#### Executive Directors

- Steve Norregaard Managing Director and CEO – from 1 July 2021
- Chris Reed\* Executive Director - from 15 March 2021 to 1 July 2021

#### Other executives

- Graeme Scott Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary – from 1 July 2021
- Jason Carone\* Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary - from 15 March 2021 to 1 July 2021

\*Neither Chris Reed or Jason Carone received any remuneration for their roles as KMPs of the Company and are not therefore detailed in any of the subsequent information in this Remuneration Report.



## Remuneration policy for key management personnel

### General

The remuneration policy for Directors and employees is developed by the board under the terms of the Company's Remuneration Policy taking into account market conditions and comparable salary levels for companies of a similar size and operating in similar sectors.

The Company adopted an Equity Incentive Plan (EIP) for its staff, executive KMP and Non-executive Directors in July 2021 and shareholders, by resolution, approved the issue of securities under the plan on 1 July 2021. The board believes that the STI and LTI schemes will assist the Consolidated Entity in remunerating and providing ongoing incentives to Directors and employees of the Group.

The rules of the EIP enable the Company to issue shares, options and performance rights to eligible personnel subject to performance and vesting conditions determined by the Company. Each option or performance right entitles the holder to one fully paid ordinary share in the Company for every option or performance right offered, if the applicable performance and vesting conditions set for that holder are satisfied and if applicable payment of the requisite exercise price (for options) is received by the Company.

The Company's remuneration is specifically designed to encourage loyalty and longevity of employment as well as aligning the Directors and employee's interests with those of the Company and the creation of genuine long term sustainable value for security holders.

The Company provides the KMP with performance based incentives in order to incentivise KMP to pursue strategies that are aligned with the overall business strategy and the interests of the shareholders. Where deemed appropriate the Company has set specific Key Performance Indicators as performance criteria for staff that have a direct role/responsibility in achieving a specific outcome. To ensure that KMP are also incentivised to pursue longer term strategies that increase shareholder wealth a portion of the KMP's remuneration is linked to a comparative share price performance versus Peers which links the level of the KMP remuneration to the Company's performance against a group of comparable ASX listed entities.

KMP are also issued with options with service conditions as vesting criteria which assist the Company to retain staff as well as aligning the interests of the KMP with shareholders. The Company has deemed the issue of service based options as an appropriate form of remuneration due to the uncertain nature of the Group's business, that is, mineral exploration and mining development.

All remuneration provided to KMP in the form of share based payments are valued pursuant to AASB 2 Share-based Payment at fair value on grant date and are expensed on a pro rata basis over the vesting period of the relevant security.

During the financial period a total of 7,500,000 options and 1,060,000 performance rights were issued to KMP as detailed in the applicable tables below.

### Non-executive directors

The board's policy is to remunerate Non-executive Directors at market rates for comparable companies for time, commitment and responsibilities. The board under the terms of the Company's Remuneration Policy determines payments to the Non-executive Directors and reviews their remuneration annually, based on market practice, shareholder sentiment, board workload, company cashflow capacity and corporate performance generally. Independent external advice and/or benchmark comparisons may be sought when required. The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to Non-executive Directors is \$250,000 as approved by shareholders resolution on 1 July 2021. Fees for Non-executive Directors are not linked to the performance of the economic entity. However, to align Directors' interests with shareholder interests, the Directors have been invited to participate in the Company's Long Term Incentive (LTI) Scheme.

Currently Directors fees are set at \$80,000 per annum for the Non-executive Chairman and \$55,000 per annum for the Non-executive Directors. In addition, as an initial sign-on and LTI, three tranches of options with exercise prices of \$0.20, \$0.30 and \$0.40 have been issued. Each respective tranche will vest progressively over six months, eighteen months, and thirty months service to the Company.

## Executive KMP

The Group's remuneration policy for executive KMP seeks to balance its desire to attract, retain and motivate high quality personnel with the need to ensure that remuneration incentivises them to pursue growth and success of the Company without taking undue risks and without it being excessive remuneration.

To align the interests of the executive with that of the Company, remuneration packages for executive KMPs may contain the following key elements:

- Fixed Base Salary – salary, superannuation and non-monetary benefits;
- Short Term Incentives – performance rights or cash incentives applied to a maximum percentage of Fixed Base Salary and structured against relative satisfaction (at the reasonable discretion of the board) of certain Company, corporate and personally related key performance indicators of the executive.
- Long Term Incentives – the grant of options in the Company vesting progressively while the KMP remains in service with the Company.

## Relationship between the remuneration policy and company performance

The table below sets out summary information about the Consolidated Entity's earnings and movements in shareholder wealth for the period to 30 June 2022:

	15 Mar 2021 to 30 June 2022
	\$
Revenue	-
Net profit / (loss) before tax	(2,724,933)
Net profit / (loss) after tax	(2,724,933)
Share price at start of the period	0.20
Share price at end of year	0.32
Market capitalisation on ASX listing	50,025,000
Market capitalisation at year end (undiluted)	80,104,000
Basic profit / (loss) cents per share	(1.57)
Diluted profit / (loss) cents per share	(1.57)
Dividends Paid	-

## Key management personnel remuneration

The KMP received the following amounts during the period as compensation for their services as directors and executives of the Company and/or the Group.

	Short term benefits		Post-employment benefits	Share based payments		Total	Proportion related to:	
	Salary & fees	Non-monetary <sup>3</sup>	Superannuation	Performance Rights	Options		Equity	Performance
30-Jun-22	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%
<b>Non-executive Directors</b>								

Andrew Parker	62,154	-	-	-	55,296	117,450	47%	0%
Felicity Repacholi-Muir	42,731	-	-	-	36,864	79,595	46%	0%
Scott Perry	42,731	-	-	-	36,864	79,595	46%	0%
	<b>147,615</b>	-	-	-	<b>129,023</b>	<b>276,639</b>		
<b>Executive Directors</b>								
Steve Norregaard <sup>1</sup>	339,167	16,813	27,500	269,392	241,868	894,740	57%	30%
<b>Executives</b>								
Graeme Scott <sup>2</sup>	208,333	5,382	20,833	106,192	92,160	432,900	46%	25%
<b>Total remuneration</b>	<b>695,115</b>	<b>22,195</b>	<b>48,333</b>	<b>375,584</b>	<b>463,051</b>	<b>1,604,278</b>		

Entitlements to payment of salary and fees for all KMP's commenced in September 2021.

1. A dependent (related party) of Mr Norregaard was employed as a casual employee of the Company during the period and received total remuneration of \$4,015 on normal arms length terms and rates for the role performed.
2. Mr Scott also received \$25,000 of shares at the \$0.20 entitlement issue raising price on completion of the Company's ASX listing process.
3. Non-monetary benefits reflect the movement in leave provisions. In addition executives receive reimbursement for mobile phone and home internet plans which may include an element of private usage.

### Service agreements and performance based remuneration

The KMP of the Company, other than non-executive directors, are employed under service agreements. A summary of performance conditions for relevant KMP are detailed below:

<b>Name:</b>	Steve Norregaard
<b>Position:</b>	Managing Director & CEO
<b>Term:</b>	Commencing 1 September 2021 with no defined term
<b>Termination:</b>	12 months notice period by the Company, 6 months notice period by the executive
<b>Base Salary:</b>	\$400,000 per annum exclusive of superannuation
<b>Other:</b>	Participation in LTI & STI scheme

### Incentive based remuneration

#### Short Term Incentive (STI)

Each financial year during the term of his service agreement will award the KMP a STI target value of 50% of the KMP's base annual salary package (\$400,000 per annum exclusive of superannuation commencing 1 September 2021). The board, at its sole discretion determines the STI to take the form of either performance rights or a cash bonus. The basis for calculating the STI will be a range of criteria including both the KMP's personal performance and the Company's financial performance/position and share price.

The number of performance rights to which the KMP may be granted is based on the following calculation and vesting of the performance rights are subject to further criteria which are also set out below.

$$P = \frac{50}{100} \times \frac{S}{SP}$$

Where:

P is the performance rights entitlement

S is the KMP's annual salary package for the applicable period (pro-rata from listing on 22 September 2021 at \$307,945)

SP is the share price of ordinary shares in Widgie Nickel Limited at commencement of the assessment period (\$0.20).

The STI for Mr Norregaard for 2021-22 was set as performance rights under the Company's EIP at 770,000 performance rights (potential reward value of STI at time of setting \$153,973) after pro-rata for the performance measurement period. Details of the performance measurement criteria are detailed below.

Performance rights issued to Mr Norregaard under the EIP were approved by shareholders at the Company's AGM on 31 March 2021.

#### *Long Term Incentive (LTI)*

Each financial year during the term of his service agreement the KMP is entitled to receive an LTI of up to 50% of the KMP's base annual salary package issued under the Company's EIP. In respect of the LTI the first award will be made in the fourth year of the executives employment.

Prior to ASX listing an award of options were made to Mr Norregaard as a signing on and LTI. Three equal tranches of options were issued as follows:

- Tranche 1 of 1,300,000 options vesting after 6 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.20 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024
- Tranche 2 of 1,300,000 options vesting after 18 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.30 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024
- Tranche 3 of 1,300,000 options vesting after 24 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.40 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024

All director options are subject to a two year escrow pursuant to the Company's ASX listing conditions.

**Name:** Graeme Scott

**Position:** CFO & Company Secretary

**Term:** Commencing 1 September 2021 with no defined term

**Termination:** 3 months notice period by the Company, 3 months notice period by the executive

**Base Salary:** \$250,000 per annum exclusive of superannuation

**Other:** Participation in LTI & STI scheme

#### **Incentive based remuneration**

##### *Short Term Incentive (STI)*

The STI for Mr Scott for 2021-22 was set at an STI target value of 30% of the KMP's base annual salary package (\$250,000 per annum exclusive of superannuation commencing 1 September 2021). The STI was set as performance rights under the Company's EIP at 290,000 performance rights (potential reward value of STI at time of setting \$57,740) after pro-rata for the performance measurement period. Details of the performance measurement criteria are detailed above.

##### *Long Term Incentive (LTI)*

Prior to ASX listing an award of options were made to Mr Scott as a signing on and LTI. Three equal tranches of options were issued as follows:

- Tranche 1 of 500,000 options vesting after 6 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.20 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024

- Tranche 2 of 500,000 options vesting after 18 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.30 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024
- Tranche 3 of 500,000 options vesting after 30 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.40 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024

All options are subject to a one year escrow pursuant to the Company's ASX listing conditions.

### Vesting criteria to be applied to the performance rights

The performance period relevant to the milestones for the Performance Rights commenced on 22 September 2021, being the date on which the Company's shares commenced quotation on ASX and ran until the end of the current financial period on 30 June 2022. The performance rights will either vest or lapse following the Board's assessment to be completed by 30 September 2022.

#### A. 20% of total STI award - Share price performance vs Peers

Vesting upon the Company achieving an appreciation in share price that is greater than a group of nominated Peer entities.

The highest and lowest share price movement will be eliminated and the average share price increase amongst the five remaining Peer entities will be calculated.

The vesting schedule for the Performance Rights is as follows:

Relative percentage	Performance Rights vesting
Same Share price percentage increase as the average of the Peer Entities	0%
Between the same Share price and Double the Share price percentage increase compared to the average of the Peer Entities	Straight-line pro-rata depending on the Company's Share price performance.
Double or more Share price percentage increase compared to average of the Peer Entities	100%

#### B. 20% of total STI award – Resources growth

100% vesting upon the Company achieving a 20% increase in the global Ni Resources (inferred, indicated or measured) from the Company's Mt Edwards Project, in accordance with the JORC Code at a cut-off grade of 0.5% Ni.

#### C. 20% of total STI award – Safety, human resources and environmental performance

Vesting upon the Company receiving no substantive formal safety, human resources or environmental related complaints or breaches from the relevant agencies during the performance period.

The vesting schedule for the Performance Rights is as follows:

Complaints or breaches	Performance Rights vesting
0	100%
1	75%
2	50%
3	25%
4+	0%



**D. 20% of total STI award (Mr Norregaard only) – Performance score of reporting employees**

Vesting in accordance with the median percentage performance score of all employees who are eligible to receive securities under the Plan.

The vesting schedule for the Performance Rights is set out below:

Median percentage employee score	Performance Rights vesting
100%	100%
75%	75%
50%	50%
25%	25%
0%	0%

Each of the line reports to the Managing Director, being:

1. the CFO;
2. the Exploration Manager; and
3. the Geology Manager.

Executive KMP performance is set and assessed through a balanced scorecard which includes a range of key measures that directly affect shareholder value. Each scorecard measure is weighted according to its importance, and is assessed quantitatively and qualitatively, and as is applicable to the Executive's role.

At the start of the performance period, the Board determines the performance requirements and planned and maximum levels of performance that form the STI scorecard.

The levels of performance set by the Board are challenging and are determined by the extent to which the objectives of each scorecard are achieved. Achievement of the planned levels of performance will deliver an employee score between 0% and 100% on a linear basis consistent with the level of performance attained as determined by the Board.

**E. 20% of total STI award – Executive's Performance**

The Board will review the executive's performance in accordance with a scorecard. At the start of the performance period, the Board determines the performance requirements and planned and maximum levels of performance that form the STI scorecard. The levels of performance set by the Board are challenging and are determined by the extent to which the objectives of each scorecard are achieved.

Achievement of planned levels of performance delivers the award of 50% of maximum opportunity for the relevant scorecard category. Awards from 50% to 100% of opportunity are on a linear basis consistent with the level of performance attained.

**F. 20% of total STI award (Mr Scott only) – Executive's Performance**

Vest based on the overall CFO and Company Secretarial performance of Mr Scott as determined by the Board at its discretion.

**Valuation**

AASB 2 *Share-based payment* requires that options and performance rights are valued at date of grant with reference to the Company's share price at that time. Performance rights with Market based performance milestones have been independently valued by a third party using a Monte Carlo simulation model, other performance rights are valued based on the underlying share price at the date of valuation and adjusted for a probability factor estimate of the number that will vest. The Company has valued options using the black-

scholes option pricing model. The Board set the quantum maximum number of performance rights to be issued based on the targeted STI percentage of base remuneration divided by Company's share price at the commencement of the measurement period.

The accounting valuation basis leads to a distorted view of individual remuneration, the ultimate realised reward to the participant being the market value of the Company's shares should, the options or performance rights vest, less any exercise price at the point of exercise.

During the financial period the Company's share price has ranged from a low of \$0.19 to a high of \$0.67 including the prices observed below on the following relevant dates:

- 22 September 2021 - commencement of the measurement period and bases of setting the performance rights and options award: \$0.20
- 31 March 2022 – AGM date and approval date for the grant and date for valuation of performance rights: \$0.48
- 30 June 2022 – end of measurement period and financial period end: \$0.32

### Options issued as part of KMP remuneration during the period

30-Jun-22	Date of issue	Number of options issued	Value per Option <sup>1</sup>	Total value of issue \$	Vesting Date	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	Number vested during the year
<b>Non-executive Directors</b>								
Andrew Parker	13-Aug-21	300,000	\$0.1070	32,103	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	300,000
	13-Aug-21	300,000	\$0.0879	26,360	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	300,000	\$0.0869	26,061	22-Mar-24	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
Felicity Repacholi-Muir	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.1070	21,402	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	200,000
	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.0879	17,573	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.0869	17,374	22-Mar-24	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
Scott Perry	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.1070	21,402	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	200,000
	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.0879	17,573	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.0869	17,374	22-Mar-24	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
		<b>2,100,000</b>		<b>197,221</b>				<b>700,000</b>
<b>Executive Directors</b>								
Steve Norregaard	13-Aug-21	1,300,000	\$0.1070	139,113	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	1,300,000
	13-Aug-21	1,300,000	\$0.0879	114,226	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	1,300,000	\$0.0744	96,775	22-Sep-23	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
		<b>3,900,000</b>		<b>350,113</b>				<b>1,300,000</b>
<b>Executives</b>								
Graeme Scott	13-Aug-21	500,000	\$0.1070	53,505	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	500,000

	13-Aug-21	500,000	\$0.0879	43,933	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	500,000	\$0.0869	43,434	22-Mar-24	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
		<b>1,500,000</b>		<b>140,872</b>				<b>500,000</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,500,000</b>		<b>688,206</b>				<b>2,500,000</b>

1. Options are valued using the Black-Scholes method on date of grant.

### Performance rights issued as part of KMP remuneration during the period

The following tables summarises information relevant to the current financial period in relation to the grant of performance rights to KMP as part of their remuneration. Performance rights are issued by Widgie Nickel Limited.

30-Jun-22	Date of issue	Number of performance rights issued	Value per performance right <sup>1</sup>	Total value of issue \$	Vesting Date <sup>2</sup>	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	Number vested during the year
<b>Non-executive Directors</b>								
Andrew Parker		-		-				-
Felicity Repacholi-Muir		-		-				-
Scott Perry		-		-				-
		-		-				-
<b>Executive Directors</b>								
Steve Norregaard	6-Apr-22	770,000	\$0.3909/\$0.48	269,392	30-Sep-22	\$0.0000	30-Sep-24	-
<b>Executives</b>								
Graeme Scott	6-Apr-22	290,000	\$0.3909/\$0.48	106,192	30-Sep-22	\$0.0000	30-Sep-24	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,060,000</b>		<b>375,584</b>				<b>-</b>

(1) Performance rights with Market based performance milestones are valued using a Monte Carlo simulation model \$0.3909, Other Performance rights are valued based on the underlying share price at the date of valuation \$0.48 and adjusted for the expectation of the number that will vest.

(2) Performance rights to vest on achievement of performance criteria to 30 June 2022, as determined by the Company's Board, by 30 September 2022.

The performance rights granted entitle the grantee to one fully paid ordinary share in Widgie Nickel Limited for nil cash consideration on satisfaction of the vesting criteria.

### Option Holdings of KMP's including performance rights

30-Jun-22	Opening Balance	Options Granted as Remuneration	Performance rights Granted as Remuneration	Exercise of Options & PRs	Expired/Cancelled	Market Transactions	Closing Balance	Vested at 30 June
<b>Directors</b>								
Andrew Parker	-	900,000	-	-	-	-	900,000	300,000

Felicity Repacholi-Muir	-	600,000	-	-	-	-	600,000	200,000
Scott Perry	-	600,000	-	-	-	-	600,000	200,000
	-	<b>2,100,000</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2,100,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>
<b>Executive Directors</b>								
Steve Norregaard	-	3,900,000	770,000	-	-	-	4,670,000	1,300,000
<b>Executives</b>								
Graeme Scott	-	1,500,000	290,000	-	-	-	1,790,000	500,000
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>7,500,000</b>	<b>1,060,000</b>	-	-	-	<b>8,560,000</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

### Shareholdings of key management personnel

30-Jun-22	Opening Balance	Granted as Remuneration	Exercise of Options/PRs	Cancelled	Market/ Other Movements	Closing Balance
<b>Directors</b>						
Andrew Parker	-	-	-	-	-	-
Felicity Repacholi-Muir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Perry	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Executive Directors</b>						
Steve Norregaard <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	11,711	11,711
<b>Executives</b>						
Graeme Scott <sup>2</sup>	-	125,000	-	-	-	125,000
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>125,000</b>	-	-	<b>11,711</b>	<b>136,711</b>

1. Acquired as a shareholder of Neometals Limited on demerger of Widgie Nickel Limited and participation in the Entitlement Offer.

2. Acquired on completion of Widgie Nickel Limited's listing on the ASX and are subject to escrow until 22 September 2022.

### Use of remuneration consultants

During the year the Company engaged an independent consultant to provide peer group benchmarking remuneration information to assist the Board's determination in setting the Company's 2021/2022 Short term incentive scheme awards.

***This is the end of the audited remuneration report.***

## Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration is included on page 31 of this Financial Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to s.298(2) of the Corporations Act 2001.  
On behalf of the directors of Widgie Nickel Limited.



Mr. Steve Norregaard  
Managing Director  
Perth, WA  
12 September 2022

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## Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Widgie Nickel Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial report of Widgie Nickel Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group) which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the period then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

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 Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

#### *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 for 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.

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Key Audit Matter	How the scope of our audit responded to the Key Audit Matter
<p><b>Demerger, Initial Public Offering and accounting treatment of associated costs</b></p> <p>As disclosed in Note 18, Widgie Nickel Limited demerged from Neometals Ltd on 26 August 2021 via a 100% in-specie distribution of the Group's shares to Neometals Ltd shareholders. The Group also completed an entitlement offer on 17 September 2021 raising \$24.0 million, before issue costs.</p> <p>As a result of these transactions, 250.1 million shares were issued and \$1.3 million of share issue costs were recorded against share capital. The demerger, initial public offering and accounting treatment of the associated costs is a key audit matter as these are significant transactions and the allocation of transaction costs between expenses and equity requires an element of judgement.</p>	<p>Our procedures included but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• determining the appropriateness of the demerger journals, including intercompany loan extinguishment following shareholder approvals, implementation of loan forgiveness agreements and issue of the Company's prospectus;</li> <li>• agreeing the proceeds from the capital raising to bank statements and verifying issued capital movements to supporting documentation;</li> <li>• on a sample basis, verifying underlying transaction costs and assessing the classification between equity and expenses; and</li> <li>• assessing the associated tax accounting impacts of the transactions.</li> </ul> <p>We also assessed the adequacy of the disclosures included in Notes 18 &amp; 19 to the financial statements.</p>
<p><b>Carrying value of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure</b></p> <p>At 30 June 2022, the carrying value of capitalised exploration and evaluation (E&amp;E) assets amounts to \$19.2 million as disclosed in Note 14.</p> <p>During the period the Group recorded a total amount of \$11.2 million related to the acquisition of assets from Neometals Ltd, including the investment in Mt Edwards Lithium Pty Ltd and the other tenement interests directly from Neometals Ltd, and incurred and capitalised subsequent expenditure of \$8.0 million.</p> <p>The carrying value of E&amp;E is assessed for impairment when facts and circumstances indicate the capitalised E&amp;E may exceed its recoverable amount.</p> <p>The determination as to whether there are any indicators of impairment involves judgement, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether the Group has tenure;</li> <li>• the Group's ability and intention to continue to evaluate and develop the projects; and</li> <li>• the results of E&amp;E work to date are sufficiently progressed for a decision to be made as to the commercial viability or otherwise of the project.</li> </ul> <p>The assessment of whether the expenditure is appropriate to qualify as E&amp;E under the Group's accounting policy also requires judgement.</p>	<p>Our procedures associated with E&amp;E expenditure performed during the year included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• obtaining an understanding of the relevant controls associated with the capitalisation or expensing of E&amp;E expenditure;</li> <li>• testing on a sample basis, the appropriateness and value of costs capitalised during the year, including whether they were consistent with the Group's accounting policy; and</li> <li>• assessing the treatment of the E&amp;E assets acquired from Neometals Limited</li> </ul> <p>Our procedures associated with assessing the carrying value of E&amp;E assets included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assessing the relevant controls associated with the identification of indicators of impairment;</li> <li>• evaluating management's impairment indicator assessment as to whether any matters exist at the reporting date which may indicate that exploration and evaluation assets may not be recoverable by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ obtaining a schedule of the areas of interest held by the Group and confirming whether the rights to tenure, or contractual rights, of those areas of interest remained current at balance date;</li> <li>▪ inquiring of management as to the status of ongoing exploration programmes in the respective areas of interest; and</li> <li>▪ assessing whether any facts or circumstances existed to suggest impairment testing was required.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>We also assessed the adequacy of the disclosures included in Note 14 to the financial statements.</p>

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and also includes the following information which will be included in the Group's annual report (but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon): Chairman's Letter, Review of Operations, ESG Report, Mineral Resources Statement, Schedule of Mining Tenements and Shareholders Information, which is expected to be made available to us after that date.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not and will 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 identified above 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 on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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.

When we read Chairman's Letter, Review of Operations, ESG Report, Mineral Resources Statement, Schedule of Mining Tenements and Shareholders Information, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to the directors and use our professional judgement to determine the appropriate action.

#### *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 ability of the Group 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 Group or to cease operations, or has 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group's audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### ***Report on the Remuneration Report***

#### *Opinion on the Remuneration Report*

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 16 to 25 of the Directors' Report for the period ended 30 June 2022.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Widgie Nickel Limited, for the period 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.

*Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*

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**Ian Skelton**

Partner

Chartered Accountants

Perth, 12 September 2022

The Board of Directors  
Widgie Nickel Limited  
Level 4/220 St Georges Terrace  
Perth WA 6000

12 September 2022

Dear Board Members

### Auditor's Independence Declaration to Widgie Nickel Limited

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Widgie Nickel Limited.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Widgie Nickel Limited for the period ended 30 June 2022, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- The auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully



DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



**Ian Skelton**  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants



## Directors' declaration

The directors declare that:

- (a) in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (b) the attached financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards as stated in note 2 to the financial statements;
- (c) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity; and
- (d) the directors have been given the declarations required by s.295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

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

On behalf of the directors of Widgie Nickel Limited,



Mr. Steve Norregaard  
Managing Director  
Perth, WA  
12 September 2022

**Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income  
for the period 15 March 2021 to 30 June 2022**

	Note	15 Mar 2021 to 30 June 2022 \$
<b>Continuing operations</b>		
Other income	5	48,145
Employee benefits expenses	5	(508,530)
Share based payments expenses	9	(1,203,292)
Project expenses		(6,361)
Administration expenses	5	(581,809)
Other expenses	5	(121,419)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	13 & 17	(92,309)
ASX Listing expenses	18	(251,971)
Finance costs	17	(7,387)
Loss before income tax		(2,724,933)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	7	-
<b>Loss for the period after tax</b>		<b>(2,724,933)</b>
Other Comprehensive Income/(loss)		-
<b>Total Comprehensive Loss for the period</b>		<b>(2,724,933)</b>
<b>Loss attributable to:</b>		
Owners of the Company		<b>(2,724,933)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Loss attributable to:</b>		
Owners of the Company		<b>(2,724,933)</b>
<b>Loss per share</b>		
From continuing operations		
Basic and fully diluted (cents per share)	21	(1.57)

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

## Consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022

	Note	30 June 2022 \$
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	11(a)	16,437,893
Trade and other receivables	12	174,001
Prepayments		42,160
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>16,654,054</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	13	476,473
Exploration and evaluation assets	14	19,185,048
Other assets	11(b)	88,695
Right of use assets	17	361,072
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>20,111,288</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>36,765,342</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	15	(2,727,174)
Provisions	16	(46,150)
Lease liability	17	(136,370)
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>(2,909,694)</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Provisions for tenement rehabilitation costs	16	(398,000)
Lease liability	17	(222,002)
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>(620,002)</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>(3,529,696)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>33,235,646</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Issued capital	18	23,751,467
Reserves	19	12,209,112
Accumulated losses		(2,724,933)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>33,235,646</b>

This consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Consolidated statement of changes in equity  
for the period 15 March 2021 to 30 June 2022**

	Notes	Issued Capital \$	Restructuring reserve \$	Share based payments reserve \$	Accumulated losses \$	Total \$
Balance as at 15 Mar 2021		-	-	-	-	-
Loss for the period		-	-	-	(2,724,933)	(2,724,933)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>		-	-	-	(2,724,933)	(2,724,933)
Equity issued	18	25,065,001	-	-	-	25,065,001
Corporate restructure reserve created on demerger	6,19	-	10,948,600	-	-	10,948,600
Recognition of share-based payments	19	-	-	1,269,631	-	1,269,631
Transfer to issued capital on exercise of options	18	9,119	-	(9,119)	-	-
Share issue costs	18	(1,322,653)	-	-	-	(1,322,653)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>		<b>23,751,467</b>	<b>10,948,600</b>	<b>1,260,512</b>	<b>(2,724,933)</b>	<b>33,235,646</b>

This consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Consolidated statement of cash flows**  
**for the period 15 March 2021 to 30 June 2022**

	Note	15 Mar 2021 to 30 June 2022 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,180,593)
Payment for exploration and evaluation costs		(5,602,910)
Net cash used in operating activities		(6,783,503)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payment for property, plant & equipment		(661,775)
Cash acquired on acquisition of Mt Edwards Lithium Pty Ltd	6	45,634
Interest received		34,638
Net cash used in investing activities		(581,503)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from issue of shares	18	25,040,001
Payments for costs of share issues	18	(1,231,315)
Payment for security deposits	11(b)	(88,695)
Proceeds from finance leases		154,038
Payments on lease liability		(63,743)
Interest and finance costs paid		(7,387)
Net cash provided by financing activities		23,802,899
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>16,437,893</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period</b>		
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies		-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>11(a)</b>	<b>16,437,893</b>

This consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



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## 1. General information

Widgie Nickel Limited was incorporated on 15 March 2021 and changed its company type to a limited public company on 14 August 2021. Accordingly, Widgie Nickel Limited's financial results reflect the period from 15 March 2021 to 30 June 2022. The Company is incorporated in Western Australia, Australia and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange under the code WIN. The principal activities of the Consolidated Entity are mineral exploration. Widgie Nickel Limited is the ultimate parent of the Group.

### Registered office and principal place of business

Level 4, 220 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

## 2. Significant accounting policies

### Statement of compliance

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and complies with other requirements of the law. The financial statements comprise the consolidated financial statements of the Consolidated Entity, comprising Widgie Nickel Limited and its controlled entities. For the purpose of preparing the financial statements the consolidated entity is a for-profit entity.

Accounting Standards include Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes of the Company and the Group comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors of Widgie Nickel Limited on 12 September 2022.

### Basis of preparation

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis. The accounting policies adopted are detailed below. These accounting policies are consistent with Australian Accounting Standards and with IFRS.

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical cost except for financial instruments which are measured at FVTPL or FVTOCI. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

### Going concern

The Directors believe that Widgie Nickel Limited will continue as a going concern, and as a result the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business.

In the event that the company progress Mt Edwards Project through to development and construction, the Board are aware that additional funding may be required at that point through debt, equity or other financing arrangements.

The Directors believe that, based on current conditions and performance assumptions, that Widgie Nickel Limited is sufficiently funded to meet its anticipated near-term funding needs, including required expenditure related to operations over the next 12 months.

### Standards and interpretations adopted in the current year

The Group has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Boards ("AASB") that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period beginning 15 March 2021.

With the exception of AASB 2018-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Definition of a Business, any new, revised or amending Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Any significant impact of the accounting policies of the Group from the adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations are disclosed below.

### Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

*AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment (effective 1 July 2022).*

A change to the treatment of proceeds which are received from selling minerals recovered from a mine before that mine is considered capable of operating in the manner intended by management (i.e. pre-commercial production). Under the current guidelines, in respect of pre commercial production, revenue and the associated cost of sale is excluded from profit or loss (earnings) and are included in capital (balance sheet) and offset against the costs of developing the mine.

The changes will require sales proceeds, along with their cost of sale, to be recognised in profit or loss (earnings). The cost of sale must be determined with respect to the accounting rules for measurement of inventory. This will require the Company to allocate some of the costs during the pre-commercial production phase to operating activities (producing minerals), whereas under the current guidelines all such costs would have been treated as capital. As required by Accounting Standards, depreciation of mine properties will continue to only commence when an asset is placed into commercial production. Consequently, cost of sales expensed on sale of minerals during a pre-commercial production phase will not include depreciation charges.

The required changes outlined above are expected to increase revenues and bring forward the recognition of costs to the income statement (which may increase or decrease profit and loss depending on whether the revenues generated are greater than the costs of sale). Over the life of a mining project the net impact to profit and loss will be nil, however the proportional allocation of expenses between mining, processing and other costs and depreciation will alter due to the change in treatment outlined above.

Given that the Company does not currently have any active mining operations this Standard will only become relevant when the Company commences mining operations.

#### **Critical accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. Refer to note 3 for a discussion of critical judgments in applying the entity's accounting policies, and key sources of estimation uncertainty.

#### **Significant accounting policies**

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report:

##### **(a) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash comprises cash on hand and term deposits with a 30 day cancellation policy. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

##### **(b) Employee benefits**

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave, long service leave, and sick leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

Liabilities recognised in respect of short-term employee benefits, are measured at their nominal values using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

Liabilities recognised in respect of long term employee benefits are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the Group in respect of services provided by employees up to reporting date.

##### **(c) Foreign currency translation**

#### **Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the financial statements of each of the group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollar (\$), which is Widgie's functional and presentation currency.

#### **Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at year end exchange rates are generally recognised in profit or loss. They are deferred in equity if they relate to qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges or are attributable to part of the net investment in a foreign operation.

All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the statement of profit or loss on a net basis within other income or other expenses.

**(d) Financial instruments issued by the company****Debt and equity instruments**

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

**Financial assets**

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed immediately.

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI). Fair value represents the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value where possible.

Financial assets at amortised cost are financial assets that are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

By default, all other debt investments and equity investments are measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

The Group classifies its financial assets into the following categories: those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income 'FVOCI' or through the income statement 'FVTPL') and those to be held at amortised cost. The classification depends on the Group's business model for managing its financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

**Impairment of financial assets**

The Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on investments in debt and equity instruments that are measured at amortised cost, FVTPL or at FVOCI. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument. The Group recognises lifetime ECL (expected credit loss) when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period in assessing the loss allowance for these financial assets.

**Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities 'at fair value through profit or loss' or at amortised cost.

**Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**

Financial liabilities are classified as at fair value through profit or loss where the financial liability is either held for trading or it is designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

A financial liability is held for trading if:

- It has been incurred principally for the purpose of repurchasing in the near future; or
- It is a part of an identified portfolio of financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- It is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

A financial liability other than a financial liability held for trading is designated as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition if:

- such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise; or

- the financial liability forms part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities or both, which is managed and its performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the Group's documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis; or
- it forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and AASB 9 'Financial Instruments' permits the entire combined contract (asset or liability) to be designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss incorporates any interest paid on the financial liability.

#### **Other financial liabilities at amortised cost**

Other financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset or to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

#### **Transaction costs on the issue of equity instruments**

Transaction costs arising on the issue of equity instruments are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the proceeds of the equity instruments to which the costs relate. Transaction costs are the costs that are incurred directly in connection with the issue of those equity instruments and which would not have been incurred had those instruments not been issued.

#### **Interest and dividends**

Interest and dividends are classified as expenses or as distributions of profit consistent with the balance sheet classification of the related debt or equity instruments or component parts of compound instruments.

#### **(e) Goods and service tax**

Other income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax ("GST"), except:

- where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or
- for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

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

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

#### **(f) Impairment of non-financial assets (other than exploration and evaluation expenditure)**

At each reporting date, the consolidated entity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the consolidated entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

**(g) Income tax****Current tax**

Current tax is calculated by reference to the amount of income taxes payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable profit or tax loss for the period. It is calculated using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. Current tax for current and prior periods is recognised as a liability (or asset) to the extent that it is unpaid (or refundable).

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is accounted for using the comprehensive balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising from differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax base of those items.

In principle, deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable amounts will be available against which deductible temporary differences or unused tax losses and tax offsets can be utilised. However, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences giving rise to them arise from the initial recognition of assets and liabilities (other than as a result of a business combination) which affects neither taxable income nor accounting profit. Furthermore, a deferred tax liability is not recognised in relation to taxable temporary differences arising from goodwill.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, branches, associates and joint ventures except where the consolidated entity is able to control the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with these investments and interests are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period(s) when the asset and liability giving rise to them are realised or settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the consolidated entity expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company/Consolidated Entity intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

**Current and deferred tax for the period**

Current and deferred tax is recognised as an expense or income in the profit and loss statement, except when it relates to items credited or debited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also recognised directly in equity, or where it arises from the initial accounting for a business combination, in which case it is taken into account in the determination of goodwill or gain on a bargain purchase.

**(h) Exploration and evaluation expenditure**

Exploration and evaluation expenditures, excluding general overhead, in relation to separate areas of interest are capitalised in the year in which they are incurred and are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses where the following conditions are satisfied;

- i) the rights to tenure of the area of interest are current; and
- ii) at least one of the following conditions is also met:
  - the exploration and evaluation expenditures are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploration of the area of interest, or alternatively, by its sale; or
  - exploration and evaluation activities in the area of interest have not at the reporting date reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active and significant operations in, or in relation to, the area of interest are continuing.

Capitalised exploration costs for each area of interest (considered to be the cash generating unit) are reviewed each reporting date to test whether an indication of impairment exists. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the capitalised exploration costs is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). The recoverable amount

for capitalised exploration costs has been determined as the fair value less costs to sell by reference to an active market. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in previous years.

Where a decision is made to proceed with development, accumulated expenditure is tested for impairment and transferred to capitalised development and then amortised over the life of the reserves associated with the area of interest once mining operations have commenced.

#### **Development expenditure**

Development expenditure is recognised at cost less any impairment losses. Where commercial production in an area of interest has commenced, the associated costs are amortised over the life of the reserves associated with the area of interest. Changes in factors such as estimates of proved and probable reserves that effect unit-of-production calculations are dealt with on a prospective basis.

#### **(i) Payables**

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when the Consolidated Entity becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

#### **(j) Principles of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements are prepared by combining the financial statements of all the entities that comprise the Consolidated Entity, being the Company (the parent entity) and its subsidiaries as defined in Accounting Standard AASB 10 'Consolidated Financial Statements'. Consistent accounting policies are employed in the preparation and presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

On acquisition, the assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of a subsidiary are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition. Any excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired is recognised as goodwill. If, after reassessment, the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired exceeds the cost of acquisition, the excess is credited to profit or loss in the period of acquisition. The consolidated financial statements include the information and results of each subsidiary from the date on which the Company obtains control and until such time as the Company ceases to control such entity. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all inter-company balances and transactions, and unrealised profits arising within the consolidated group are eliminated in full.

#### **(k) Property, plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the item. In the event that settlement of all or part of the purchase consideration is deferred, costs are determined by discounting the amounts payable in the future to their present value as at the date of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated on either a straight line or a diminishing value basis so as to write off the net cost or other re-valued amount of each asset over its expected useful life to its estimated residual value. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each annual reporting period with the effect of any changes recognised on a prospective basis.

The following estimated useful lives are used in the calculation of depreciation:

Furniture & Fittings	3-10 years
Plant and Equipment	3-10 years

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit and loss.

#### **(l) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the consolidated entity has a present obligation, the future sacrifice of economic benefits is probable, and the amount of the provision can be measured reliably.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, it's carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.



When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that recovery will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

**(m) Income recognition**

Other income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

**Dividend and interest revenue**

Dividend revenue from investments is recognised when the shareholder's right to receive the payment has been established. Interest revenue is recognised on a time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

**(n) Share-based payments**

Equity-settled share-based payments to employees and others providing services to the Group are measured at fair value at the date of grant.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Consolidated Entity's estimate of shares that will eventually vest, with a corresponding increase in equity.

Equity-settled share-based payments transactions with parties other than employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, except where the fair value cannot be estimated reliably, in which case they are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted, measured at the date the entity obtains the goods or the counter party renders the service. Equity settled share based payments with employees are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at grant date using appropriate valuation models.

**(o) Leased assets**

The Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable.

The lease liability is presented as a separate line in the consolidated statement of financial position. The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, less any lease incentives received and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation. Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease. The right-of-use assets are presented as a separate line in the consolidated statement of financial position.

### **3. Critical accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### **3.1 Critical judgments in applying the entity's accounting policies**

The following are the critical judgments that management has made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**(a) Recovery of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure**

The Group capitalises exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred on ongoing projects. The recoverability of this capitalised exploration expenditure is entirely dependent upon returns from the successful development of mining operations or from surpluses from the sale of the projects or the subsidiary companies that control the projects. At the point that it is determined that any capitalised exploration expenditure is definitely not recoverable, it is written off.

**(b) Share-based payments**

Equity-settled share-based payments granted are measured at fair value at the date of grant. The fair value of share options is measured by use of an appropriate option pricing model and requires substantial judgement.

The fair value of performance rights issued during the period was made with reference to the Company's closing share price on the date of grant. Management has been required to estimate the probability that the Company will meet the performance criteria determined by the board.

**4. Parent entity disclosure**

	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>
<b>Financial Position</b>	
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	15,923,376
Non-current assets	9,218,905
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>25,142,281</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities	402,787
Non-current liabilities	123,036
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>525,823</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>24,616,459</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Issued capital	23,751,467
Retained earnings	(2,637,944)
<b>Reserves</b>	
Share based payments	1,260,512
Corporate restructure reserve created on demerger	2,242,424
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>24,616,459</b>
<b>Financial Performance</b>	
<b>loss for the period</b>	<b>(2,637,944)</b>
Other comprehensive income	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>(2,637,944)</b>

The parent entity had no capital or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2022.

## 5. Loss for the year continuing operations

Note	2022 \$
<b>(a) Income</b>	
Income from operations consisted of the following items:	
Interest income	48,145
<b>(b) Loss before income tax</b>	
Loss before income tax has been arrived at after charging the following expenses:	
<i>Employee benefits expense:</i>	
Employee salaries	(1,255,093)
Directors fees	(156,263)
Superannuation expense	(109,374)
Other employee costs and taxes	(47,058)
Capitalised to project exploration and evaluation asset	1,059,258
	<b>(508,530)</b>
<i>Administration expenses:</i>	
Company secretarial	(144,723)
Corporate costs	(119,873)
Recruitment costs	(149,486)
Insurances	(67,704)
Other administration expenses	(100,023)
	<b>(581,809)</b>
<i>Other expenses:</i>	
Investor relations and marketing costs	(121,419)

## 6. Group Restructure – Asset Acquisition

The Company has determined that the restructuring transactions completed during the period whilst the Company was under the control of Neometals Ltd do not constitute a business combination in accordance with AASB 3 Business Combinations. The acquisition of the assets meets the definition of, and has been accounted for, as an asset acquisition under common control resulting in the assets acquired and liabilities assumed being recorded at their respective book values. No deferred tax will arise in relation to the acquired assets and assumed liabilities as the initial recognition exemption for deferred tax under AASB 112 Income Taxes is applied. No goodwill arises on the acquisition and transaction costs of the acquisition are included in the capitalised cost of the asset.

On 1 June 2021 the Company acquired 100% of Mt Edwards Lithium Pty Ltd (MELPL) for a consideration of \$2,242,424 by way of an intercompany loan transaction with Neometals Ltd. The loan was subsequently forgiven by Neometals Ltd as part of the demerger process. The following table illustrates the apportionment of the acquisition cost to the assets and liabilities of MELPL at their relative fair values at the acquisition date.

	1 June 2021 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	45,634
Trade and other receivables	9,765
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	2,247,449
Provisions	(37,500)
Trade and other payables	(22,924)
Fair value of net assets acquired	2,242,424

On 19 July 2021 the Company acquired 100% of Neometals Ltd's remaining tenement interests over the Mt Edwards Project for a consideration of \$8,609,583 by way of an intercompany loan transaction with Neometals Ltd. The loan was subsequently forgiven by Neometals Ltd as part of the demerger process. The following table illustrates the apportionment of the acquisition cost to the assets and liabilities acquired at their relative fair values at the acquisition date.

	19 July 2021 \$
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	8,970,083
Rehabilitation provision	(360,500)
Total cost acquisition	8,609,583

## 7. Income taxes

**(a) Major components of income tax expense / (benefit) recognised in profit or loss are:**

**Current income:**

Current income tax expense (benefit)	(3,323,661)
Current income tax charge not recognised	3,323,661

**Deferred income tax:**

Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,432,843)
Deferred tax expense (benefit) not recognised	1,423,843
Total tax expense / (benefit)	-

The prima facie income tax expense on pre-tax accounting profit from continuing operations reconciles to the income tax benefit in the financial statements as follows:

Loss before income tax	(2,724,933)
Income tax calculated at 30%	(817,480)
Add:	
Non-deductible share based payments	360,988
Non-deductible expenses (Non-assessable income)	2,905
Uplift in tax base of exploration upon consolidation	(578,702)
Temporary differences and tax losses not recognised	1,032,289
Income tax (benefit) / expense recognised	-

The tax rate used in the above reconciliation is the corporate tax rate of 30% payable by Australian corporate entities on taxable income under Australian tax law. There has been no change in the corporate tax rate during the reporting period.

**(b) Unrecognised deferred tax assets**

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:

	2022 \$
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,443,678)
Deferred tax assets	3,871,572
Net deferred tax balance not brought to account	1,423,843

**(c) Tax losses**

At 30 June 2022 the amount of tax losses carried forward was \$11,078,870.

The tax losses do not expire under current legislation. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these items because at this point it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Company can utilise the benefits.

**Tax Consolidation**

**Relevance of tax consolidation to the consolidated entity**

The Company and its wholly-owned Australian resident entities have formed a tax-consolidated group and are therefore taxed as a single entity. The head entity within the tax-consolidated group is Widgie Nickel Limited. The members of the tax-consolidated group are identified at note 22.

**Nature of tax funding arrangements and tax sharing agreements**

Entities within the tax-consolidated group have entered into a tax funding arrangement and a tax sharing agreement with the head entity. Under the terms of the tax funding arrangement, Widgie Nickel Limited and each of the entities in the tax consolidation group has agreed to pay a tax equivalent payment to or from the head entity, based on the current tax liability or current tax assets of the entity. Such amounts are reflected in amounts receivable from or payable to each entity in the tax consolidated group, and are eliminated on consolidation. The tax sharing agreement entered into between the members of the tax-consolidated group provides for the determination of the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its payment obligations or if an entity should leave the tax-consolidated group. The effect of the tax sharing agreement is that each member's tax liability for tax payable by the tax-consolidated group is limited to the amount payable to the head entity under the tax funding arrangement.

**8. Key management personnel compensation**

Details of key management personnel compensation are provided in the Remuneration Report within the Directors' Report.

The aggregate compensation made to key management personnel of the Group is set out below:

	2022 \$
Short-term employee benefits	695,115
Post-employment benefits	41,817
Share-based payments – performance rights	375,584
Share-based payments – options	463,051
	<b>1,575,567</b>

## 9. Share based payments

Widgie Nickel Limited has established an Equity Incentive Plan (EIP) to assist in the motivation, reward and retention of directors, senior executives and other employees that may be invited to participate in the plan from time to time. The EIP is designed to align the interests of employees with the interests of Shareholders, by providing an opportunity for directors and employees to receive an equity interest in the Company. The rules of the EIP provide flexibility for the Company to grant performance rights, share options and/or restricted shares as incentives, subject to the terms of individual offers and the satisfaction of performance and vesting conditions determined by the Board from time to time.

In accordance with the provisions of the EIP, as approved by shareholders on 1 July 2021, employees, Non-Executive Directors and consultants may be offered performance rights, share options and/or restricted shares at such times and on such terms as the board considers appropriate.

General terms of securities granted under the EIP:

- EIP securities will not be quoted on the ASX.
- EIP securities not exercised on or before the expiry date will lapse.
- All shares allotted upon the vesting of EIP securities rank equally in all respects to all previously issued shares.
- EIP securities confer no right to vote, attend meetings, participate in a distribution of profit or a return of capital or another participating rights or entitlements on the grantee unless and until the performance rights vest.

### Valuation

AASB 2 *Share-based payment* requires that options and performance rights are valued at date of grant with reference to the Company's share price at that time. The value of options and performance rights granted are expensed over the vesting period. Performance rights with Market based performance milestones have been independently valued by a third party using a Monte Carlo simulation model, other performance rights are valued based on the underlying share price at the date of valuation and adjusted for a probability factor estimate of the number that will vest. The Company has valued options using the black-scholes option pricing model. The Board set the quantum maximum number of performance rights to be issued based on the targeted STI percentage of base remuneration divided by Company's share price at the commencement of the measurement period.

During the financial period the Company's share price has ranged from a low of \$0.19 to a high of \$0.67 including the prices observed below on the following relevant dates:

- 22 September 2021 - commencement of the measurement period and bases setting of the performance rights and options award: \$0.20
- 31 March 2022 – AGM date and approval date for the grant and date for valuation of performance rights: \$0.48
- 30 June 2022 – end of measurement period and financial period end: \$0.32

The total expense recognised for the period arising from share-based payment transactions and accounted for as equity-settled share-based payment transactions is \$1,203,292 (performance rights \$483,765, options to directors and employees \$595,577, broker options \$98,950, and \$25,000 representing shares issued as a bonus on successful listing of the Company on ASX). A further share-based payment amount of \$91,339 has been recognised in equity as share issue costs related to the broker options.

### LTI – Options

During the period, Widgie's first as an ASX listed Company an award of options were made to directors and executives as a signing on Long Term Incentive (LTI). Three equal tranches of options were issued as follows:

- Tranche 1 vesting after 6 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.20 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024
- Tranche 2 vesting after 18 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.30 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024
- Tranche 3 vesting after 24 and 30 months continuous service to the Company exercisable at \$0.40 per share before expiry on 22 September 2024

## Options granted during the period and as at 30 June 2022:

	Issue Date	Number	Exercise Price/weighted Avg.	Value per option	Vested at 30 June 2022
Balance at the beginning of the period	-	-	-		
Granted during the period:					
Unlisted Options issued to Directors & Executives vesting subject to continuous service on 22/3/2022	13-Aug-21	2,500,000	\$ 0.200	\$ 0.106	Yes
Unlisted Options issued to Directors & Executives, vesting subject to continuous service on 22/3/2023	13-Aug-21	2,500,000	\$ 0.300	\$ 0.087	No
Unlisted Options issued to Director, vesting subject to continuous service on 22/9/2023	13-Aug-21	1,300,000	\$ 0.400	\$ 0.074	No
Unlisted Options issued to Directors & Executives, vesting subject to continuous service on 22/3/2024	13-Aug-21	1,200,000	\$ 0.400	\$ 0.086	No
Broker Options - Euroz Hartleys <sup>1</sup>	17-Sep-21	2,000,000	\$ 0.400	\$ 0.095	Yes
Unlisted Options issued to Employee, vesting subject to continuous service 7/4/2022	7-Oct-21	400,000	\$ 0.200	\$ 0.091	Yes
Unlisted Options issued to Employee, vesting subject to continuous service 22/3/2023	7-Oct-21	400,000	\$ 0.300	\$ 0.083	No
Unlisted Options issued to Employee, vesting subject to continuous service 22/3/2024	7-Oct-21	400,000	\$ 0.400	\$ 0.097	No
Unlisted Options issued to Employee, vesting subject to continuous service 1/5/2022	1-Nov-21	350,000	\$ 0.200	\$ 0.113	Yes
Unlisted Options issued to Employee, vesting subject to continuous service 22/3/2023	1-Nov-21	350,000	\$ 0.300	\$ 0.099	No
Unlisted Options issued to Employee, vesting subject to continuous service 22/3/2024	1-Nov-21	350,000	\$ 0.400	\$ 0.117	No
Exercised during the period	6-May-22	(200,000)	\$ 0.200		
Expired during the period		-	-		
<b>Outstanding at 30 June 2022</b>		<b>11,550,000</b>			
Exercisable at 30 June 2022		5,050,000	\$ 0.2686		

1. Options issued to broker Euroz Hartleys for services related to the Company's entitlement issue capital raising and ASX listing as disclosed in the Company's prospectus.

The Options have been valued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following inputs:

*Underlying share price:* \$0.20 to \$0.25

*Risk-free interest rate:* 0.56% to 1.56%

*Dividend yield:* 0%

*Expected volatility:* 100%

The expected volatility reflects the assumption that historical volatility for companies of a similar type to Widgie over a period similar to the life of the options is indicative of future trends, which may not necessarily be the case.

The Company's share price on 6 May 2022, the date of the issue of shares on exercise of the options during the period was \$0.44 per share.

### STI - Performance Rights

During the period an award of performance rights were made to an executive director and executives as a Short term Incentive (STI).



**Performance Rights granted during the period and as at 30 June 2022:**

	Grant Date	Number	Grant date share price	Probability factor	Fair value at grant date	Vested at 30 June 2022
Steve Norregaard - market performance based criteria <sup>1</sup>	31-Mar-22	154,000	0.48	n/a	0.39	No
Steve Norregaard - non-market performance based criteria <sup>1</sup>	31-Mar-22	616,000	0.48	70.75%	0.34	No
Graeme Scott - market performance based criteria	31-Mar-22	58,000	0.48	n/a	0.39	No
Graeme Scott - non-market performance based criteria	31-Mar-22	232,000	0.48	75.00%	0.36	No
Other employees - market performance based criteria	31-Mar-22	68,000	0.48	n/a	0.39	No
Other employees - non-market performance based criteria	31-Mar-22	272,000	0.48	62.50%	0.30	No
<b>Outstanding at 30 June 2022</b>		<b>1,400,000</b>				

1. Issues to Steve Norregaard were approved by shareholders at the Company's AGM on 31 March 2022.

2. Performance rights with Market based performance milestones have been independently valued by a third party using a Monte Carlo simulation model, other performance rights are valued based on the underlying share price at the date of valuation and adjusted for a probability factor estimate of the number that will vest.

3. Performance rights to vest on achievement of performance criteria to 30 June 2022, as determined by the Company's Board, by 30 September 2022. Refer to the Remuneration Report within the Directors Report for further details.

4. Vested performance rights have a nil exercise price.

**10. Dividends on equity instruments**

No dividends were paid or declared to the holders of fully paid ordinary shares during the period.

**11. Cash and cash equivalents****(a) Cash at bank**

	30 June 2022
	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	3,937,893
Short term deposits – maturities of less than 3 months	12,500,000
	16,437,893

**(b) Funds not available for use**

Restrictions exist on bank deposits with a total value of \$88,895. These deposits are classified as other assets.

Of the \$88,895 held in restricted bank deposits \$48,695 is held as security for a bank guarantee for Company's Perth office lease rental. The additional \$40,000 is held on deposit as security for the Company's credit card facility.

**(c) Reconciliation of profit / (loss) for the period to net cash flows from operating activities**

	2022
	\$
(Loss) / Profit for the year	(2,724,933)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>	
Project expenditure capitalized to exploration and evaluation asset	(7,898,175)
Depreciation and amortisation of non-current assets	92,309
Equity settled share-based payment	1,203,292
(Increase) / decrease in assets:	

Trade and other receivables	(164,236)
Other - prepayments	(42,160)
Increase / (decrease) in liabilities:	
Trade and other payables	2,704,250
Provisions	46,150
<b>Net Cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(6,783,503)</b>

## 12. Trade and other receivables

	30 June 2022 \$
GST refundable	160,494
Accrual for term deposits interest receivable	13,507
	174,001

Receivables are non-interest bearing, unsecured and are generally receivable in under 90 days.

## 13. Property, plant and equipment

	Consolidated Plant and equipment at cost \$
<b>Gross carrying amount</b>	
<b>Opening carrying value</b>	-
Additions	504,907
Disposals	-
Impairments	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>	504,907
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	
<b>Opening accumulated depreciation</b>	-
Disposals and write offs	-
Depreciation expense	(28,434)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>	(28,434)
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>As at 30 June 2022</b>	476,473

## 14. Exploration and evaluation assets

	30 June 2022
	\$
Opening carrying value	-
Acquisition of Mt Edwards Lithium Pty Ltd	2,247,449
Acquisition of tenement interests from Neometals Ltd	8,970,083
Additions	7,967,516
Closing carrying value	19,185,048

The recovery of exploration expenditure carried forward is dependent upon the discovery of commercially viable mineral and other natural resource deposits, their development and exploration, or alternatively their sale.

## 15. Trade and other payables

	30 June 2022
	\$
Trade payables	(1,748,434)
PAYG taxes and superannuation contributions	(178,724)
Accruals	(800,016)
	(2,727,174)

Payables are non-interest bearing, unsecured and are generally payable in 30 - 90 days.

## 16. Provisions

	30 June 2022
	\$
<b>Current</b>	
Annual leave	(46,150)
	(46,150)
<b>Non-current</b>	
Rehabilitation provision <sup>(i)</sup>	(398,000)
	(398,000)

(i) Refer to note 6 for further details

## 17. Leases

### Leasing arrangements as a lessee

Leases relate to the following:

- Property lease for the Company's head office at level 4, 220 St Georges Terrace, Perth. Lease term of 36 months commencing 1 February 2022 and expiring on 31 January 2025.
- Property lease for the workshop and storage premises in Carlisle, Western Australia. Lease term of 36 months commencing 1 July 2021 and expiring on 30 June 2024

- Finance leases for three leases over Toyota Hilux motor vehicles, and a photocopier lease. The lease for the motor vehicles are for periods of 36 months completing in October 2024, January 2025 and March 2025 respectively.
- Lease of a photocopier for a period of 36 months expiring in October 2024. The commitments are based on the fixed monthly lease payments.

	30 June 2022		
	Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Total
Right-of-use assets	\$	\$	\$
Cost	260,611	164,336	424,948
Accumulated Depreciation	(44,736)	(19,139)	(63,875)
Carrying Amount	215,875	145,197	361,072
Lease liability	Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Current	83,932	52,438	136,370
Non-current	135,236	86,766	222,002
Total	219,168	139,204	358,372
			15 Mar 2021 to 30 June 2022
			\$
Amounts recognised in profit or loss			
Depreciation expense on right-of-use asset			63,875
Interest expense on lease liabilities			7,387
			71,262

## 18. Share capital

During the reporting period, Widgie Nickel Limited issued the following share capital:

		Number	\$
Issued on incorporation	15 March 2021	1	1
Issued on share split	1 July 2021	124,999,999	-
Issued on receipt of \$1,000,000 seed funding	9 July 2021	5,000,000	1,000,000
Issued on completion of entitlement offer	17 September 2021	120,000,000	24,000,000
Issued on completion of ASX listing process	17 September 2021	125,000	25,000
Issued on exercise of share options	6 May 2022	200,000	40,000
Transferred from share based payments reserve on exercise of options	6 May 2022	-	9,119
Share issue costs		-	(1,322,653)
Balance at end of the period		250,325,000	23,751,467

**15 March 2021 and 1 July 2021**

Issue of 1 fully paid ordinary share on incorporation. On 1 July 2021 the Company undertook a 125,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares for 1 share split.

**9 July 2021 and 26 August 2021**

Issue of 5,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.20 per share to Neometals Limited for seed funding prior to the Company completing its ASX listing and capital raising.

The Company was demerged from Neometals Ltd on 26 August 2021 via an 100% in-specie distribution of the Company's shares to Neometals Ltd shareholders.

**17 September 2021**

Issue of 120,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares under the Company's 0.923 for 1 share entitlement Offer. Shares were issued at \$0.20 per share to raise gross proceeds before costs of \$24,000,000. An additional 125,000 shares at \$0.20 per share were issued to an executive of the Company on completion of ASX listing process.

**6 May 2022**

Issue of 200,000 fully paid ordinary shares on exercise of 200,000 options at \$0.20 per share pursuant to the Company's EIP.

Ordinary shares have the right to receive dividends as declared, and in the event of winding up the Company, to participate in the proceeds from the sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the number of and amounts paid upon on shares held. Ordinary shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the Company.

**ASX listing expenses and share issue costs**

The Company incurred a total of \$1,673,574 on ASX listing and capital raising costs, including a share based payment of \$190,289 related to share Options issued to Euroz Hartleys for services associated with the ASX listing process and entitlement issue capital raising. These costs have been apportioned to ASX listing fees and Share issue costs respectively depending on the specific nature of the activity or as otherwise apportioned on the ratio of shares on issue relative to new shares issued pursuant to the entitlement offer as follows:

ASX listing fees	\$251,971
Share based payments expense	\$98,950
Share Issue costs	\$1,231,314
Share based payments allocated to share issue costs	\$91,339
Total share issue costs	\$1,322,653

**Options over ordinary shares**

The Company has 11,550,000 unlisted Options on issue at the end of the period.

During the period a total of 9,750,000 Options have been issued to Directors and executives of the Company under the Company's EIP. As noted above 200,000 shares were issued during the period on exercise of 200,000 \$0.20 Options. The Options have been issued as a long term incentive and vest in four tranches; tranche 1: 3,050,000 (after the exercise of 200,000 referred to) exercisable at \$0.20 per share vesting 6 months after issue dependent on continuing service to the Company, tranche 2: 3,250,000 exercisable at \$0.30 per share vesting 12 months after issue dependent on continuing service to the Company, tranche 3: 1,300,000 exercisable at \$0.40 per share vesting 18 months after issue dependent on continuing service to the Company, tranche 4: 1,950,000 exercisable at \$0.40 per share vesting 24 months after issue dependent on continuing service to the Company.

In addition, 2,000,000 vested Options were issued to Euroz Hartleys for services associated with the ASX listing process and entitlement issue capital raising. These Options are exercisable at \$0.40 per share by 22 September 2024.

**19. Reserves**

The share based payments reserve arises on the grant of share options and performance rights for the provision of services by Directors, employees and consultants under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan, and to brokers and others, and to other parties for services provided. Amounts are transferred out of the reserve and into issued capital when the options are exercised or when shares are issued pursuant to the terms of the performance rights. Further information about share-based payments to employees is provided in note 9 to the financial statements.

**Share based payments reserve:**

	30 June 2022 \$
Balance at the beginning of the period	-
Share based payments expense for the period	1,203,292
Share based payments recognized in share issue costs	91,339
Amounts transferred to share capital on exercise	(34,119)
<b>Balance at the end of the period</b>	<b>1,260,512</b>

The restructuring reserve arises on the acquisition and demerger of the Mt Edwards project from Neometals Ltd.

**Restructuring reserve:**

	30 June 2022 \$
Balance at the beginning of the period	-
Forgiveness of borrowings due to Neometals Ltd	10,948,600
<b>Balance at the end of the period</b>	<b>10,948,600</b>

The forgiveness of borrowings by Neometals Ltd relates to the forgiveness of the purchase consideration of \$2,242,424 and \$8,609,583 on the acquisition of MELPL and tenement interests from Neometals Ltd respectively (refer Note 6). In addition, Neometals Ltd, on demerger, forgave a further \$96,593 for costs incurred by the Company funded by Neometals Ltd.

**20. Commitments for expenditure****(a) Exploration and evaluation and associate commitments**

Annual Tenement expenditure commitments for the group total \$1,977,140. These costs do not include the annual statutory rent and rates commitments which are expected to be met in the ordinary course of business. The annual expenditure commitment is expected to be met by the Company and other third party tenement interest holders.

**(b) Capital commitments**

At the end of the period the Company was in the process of completing installation of accommodation and messing facilities at site. Costs to completion are estimated at \$150,000.

**(c) Royalties**

Various royalty agreements exist over certain of the Company's tenement interests. The payment and amount of the royalties is contingent on commodity produced, levels of production and other factors. Royalties are brought to account by the Company when they are confirmed as likely due and payable.

**21. Earnings per share****Basic loss per share:**

	2022 Cents per share
Continuing operations	(1.57)

**Diluted loss per share:**

Continuing operations	(1.57)
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**Basic and diluted loss per share**

The loss and weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted loss per share are as follows:

	2022 \$
Loss <sup>(a)</sup>	
Continuing operations	(2,724,933)
	2022 No.
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic loss per share	173,143,922
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted loss per share	173,143,922

(a) Loss used in the calculation of profit / (loss) per share reconciles to net loss in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

(b) As at 30 June 2022 the Company has on issue 5,050,000 vested options, 6,500,000 unvested options and 1,400,000 unvested performance rights which may convert into additional ordinary shares at a future date. These are not recognised in the loss per share calculations as their effect would be anti-dilutive.

**22. Subsidiaries**

Name of entity	Country of incorporation	Ownership Interest 2022 %
<b>Parent entity</b>		
<b>Widgie Nickel Limited</b>	Australia	
<b>Subsidiary</b>		
Mt Edwards Lithium Pty Ltd	Australia	100%

All of these companies are members of a tax consolidated group. Widgie Nickel Limited is the head entity of the tax consolidated group.

**23. Segment information****Basis for segmentation**

AASB 8 *Operating Segments* requires the presentation of information based on the components of the entity that management regularly reviews for its operational decision making. This review process is carried out by the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") for the purpose of allocating resources and assessing the performance of each segment. The amounts reported for each operating segment is the same measure reviewed by the CODM in allocating resources and assessing performance of that segment.

For management purposes, the Group operates under one operating segments comprised of exploration and development activities over the Mt Edwards Project.



For the period year ended 30 June 2022

Reportable operating segments	Exploration & Development	Corporate and unallocated	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Total revenue – Interest received	-	48,145	48,145
Project expenses	(6,361)	-	(6,361)
Other expenses	-	(1,463,730)	(1,463,730)
Share based payments expense	-	(1,203,292)	(1,203,292)
Depreciation and amortisation	(55,274)	(37,035)	(92,309)
Finance costs	(4,231)	(3,156)	(7,387)
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>	<b>(65,865)</b>	<b>(2,659,068)</b>	<b>(2,724,933)</b>
<b>Loss for the year from discontinued operations</b>	<b>(65,865)</b>	<b>(2,659,068)</b>	<b>(2,724,933)</b>
Income tax expense	-	-	-
<b>Consolidated profit/(loss) after tax</b>	<b>(65,865)</b>	<b>(2,659,068)</b>	<b>(2,724,933)</b>

Reportable operating segments	Exploration & Development	Corporate and unallocated	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Total segment assets	20,531,149	16,234,193	36,765,342
Total segment liabilities	(3,003,873)	(525,823)	(3,529,696)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>17,527,276</b>	<b>15,708,370</b>	<b>33,235,646</b>

**Geographical information**

The Group operates in a single geographical area being Australia (country of domicile).

**24. Related party disclosures****(a) Key management personnel remuneration**

Details of Key Management Personnel remuneration are disclosed in the Remuneration Report within the Directors Report

**(b) Key management personnel equity holdings**

Shares:

30-Jun-22	Opening Balance	Granted as Remuneration	Exercise of Options/PRs	Cancelled	Market/ Other Movements	Closing Balance
<b>Directors</b>						
Andrew Parker	-	-	-	-	-	-
Felicity Repacholi-Muir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Perry	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Executive Directors</b>						
Steve Norregaard <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	11,711	11,711
<b>Executives</b>						

Graeme Scott <sup>2</sup>	-	125,000	-	-	-	125,000
<b>Total</b>	-	125,000	-	-	11,711	136,711

1. Acquired as a shareholder of Neometals Limited on demerger of Widgie Nickel Limited and participation in the Entitlement Offer.

2. Acquired on completion of Widgie Nickel Limited's listing on the ASX and are subject to escrow until 22 September 2022.

**Options and performance rights:**

30-Jun-22	Opening Balance	Options Granted as Remuneration	Performance rights Granted as Remuneration	Exercise of Options & PRs	Expired/ Cancelled	Market Transactions	Closing Balance	Vested at 30 June
<b>Directors</b>								
Andrew Parker	-	900,000	-	-	-	-	900,000	300,000
Felicity Repacholi-Muir	-	600,000	-	-	-	-	600,000	200,000
Scott Perry	-	600,000	-	-	-	-	600,000	200,000
	-	<b>2,100,000</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>2,100,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>
<b>Executive Directors</b>								
Steve Norregaard	-	3,900,000	770,000	-	-	-	4,670,000	1,300,000
<b>Executives</b>								
Graeme Scott	-	1,500,000	290,000	-	-	-	1,790,000	500,000
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>7,500,000</b>	<b>1,060,000</b>	-	-	-	<b>8,560,000</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

Options issued as part of KMP remuneration during the period:

30-Jun-22	Date of issue	Number of options issued	Value per Option <sup>1</sup>	Total value of issue \$	Vesting Date	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	Number vested during the year
<b>Non-executive Directors</b>								
Andrew Parker	13-Aug-21	300,000	\$0.1070	32,103	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	300,000
	13-Aug-21	300,000	\$0.0879	26,360	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	300,000	\$0.0869	26,061	22-Mar-24	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
Felicity Repacholi-Muir	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.1070	21,402	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	200,000
	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.0879	17,573	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.0869	17,374	22-Mar-24	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
Scott Perry	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.1070	21,402	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	200,000
	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.0879	17,573	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	200,000	\$0.0869	17,374	22-Mar-24	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	

		2,100,000		197,221				700,000
<b>Executive Directors</b>								
Steve Norregaard	13-Aug-21	1,300,000	\$0.1070	139,113	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	1,300,000
	13-Aug-21	1,300,000	\$0.0879	114,226	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	1,300,000	\$0.0744	96,775	22-Sep-23	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
		3,900,000		350,113				1,300,000
<b>Executives</b>								
Graeme Scott	13-Aug-21	500,000	\$0.1070	53,505	22-Mar-22	\$0.2000	22-Sep-24	500,000
	13-Aug-21	500,000	\$0.0879	43,933	22-Mar-23	\$0.3000	22-Sep-24	
	13-Aug-21	500,000	\$0.0869	43,434	22-Mar-24	\$0.4000	22-Sep-24	
		1,500,000		140,872				500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,500,000</b>		<b>688,206</b>				<b>2,500,000</b>

1. Options are valued using the Black-Scholes method on date of grant.

Performance rights issued as part of KMP remuneration during the period:

30-Jun-22	Date of issue	Number of performance rights issued	Value per performance right <sup>1</sup>	Total value of issue \$	Vesting Date <sup>2</sup>	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	Number vested during the year
<b>Non-executive Directors</b>								
Andrew Parker		-		-				-
Felicity Repacholi-Muir		-		-				-
Scott Perry		-		-				-
		-		-				-
<b>Executive Directors</b>								
Steve Norregaard	6-Apr-22	770,000	\$0.3909/\$0.48	269,392	30-Sep-22	\$0.0000	30-Sep-24	-
<b>Executives</b>								
Graeme Scott	6-Apr-22	290,000	\$0.3909/\$0.48	106,192	30-Sep-22	\$0.0000	30-Sep-24	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,060,000</b>		<b>375,584</b>				<b>-</b>

(1) Performance rights with Market based performance milestones are valued using a Monte Carlo simulation model \$0.3909, Other Performance rights are valued based on the underlying share price at the date of valuation \$0.48 and adjusted for the expectation of the number that will vest.

(2) Performance rights to vest on achievement of performance criteria to 30 June 2022, as determined by the Company's Board, by 30 September 2022. The performance rights granted entitle the grantee to one fully paid ordinary share in Widgie Nickel Limited for nil cash consideration on satisfaction of the vesting criteria.

**(c) Controlling entities**

The ultimate parent entity of the Group is Widgie Nickel Limited, a company incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Neometals Ltd was the parent company of Widgie from the date of incorporation on 15 March 2021 until the date of demerger in August 2021. During this period, Neometals Ltd entered into the following transactions with Widgie:

- (a) In June 2021 Widgie acquired 100% of Mt Edwards Lithium Pty Ltd for a consideration of \$2,242,424 by way of an intercompany loan transaction with Neometals Ltd. The loan was subsequently forgiven by Neometals Ltd as part of the demerger process;
- (b) In July 2021, Neometals Ltd (NMT) provided Widgie with seed funding of \$1,000,000 for 5,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.20 per share; and
- (c) In July 2021 Widgie acquired 100% of Neometals Ltd's remaining tenement interests over the Mt Edwards Project for a consideration of \$8,609,583 by way of an intercompany loan transaction with Neometals Ltd. The loan was subsequently forgiven by Neometals Ltd as part of the demerger process.

As at 30 June 2022, Neometals Ltd did not hold a controlling stake in Widgie with an ownership interest of 2% and there were no other transactions with Widgie subsequent to the demerger date.

**25. Auditors remuneration**

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for the audit and other assurance services during the year are as follows:

	2022 \$
<b>Audit services - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu</b>	
Fees to the group auditor for the audit or review of the statutory financial reports of the Company and subsidiaries	60,500
Fees for investigating accountants report of the Company's listing prospectus	40,950
<b>Total remuneration of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu</b>	<b>101,450</b>

**26. Financial instruments****(a) Financial risk management objectives**

The Consolidated Entity does not enter into derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. See (d) interest rate risk below for a table of the Company's financial instruments. All financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

**(b) Significant accounting policies**

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in note 2 to the financial statements.

**(c) Commodity price risk**

The Group's exposure to commodity price risk is minimal at this stage of the operation.

**(d) Interest rate risk**

The following tables detail the Group's exposure to interest rate risk

**Financial instruments and interest rate risk table:**

2022	Weighted average effective interest rate	Variable interest rate	Maturity dates				Total
			Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Non interest bearing – less than 1 year	
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**Financial assets:**

Cash and cash equivalents	1.34%	-	15,505,265	-	-	932,628	16,437,893
Other financial assets – security deposits	0.38%	-	40,000	48,695	-	-	88,695
Trade and other receivables	0.00%	-	-	-	-	174,001	174,001

**Financial liabilities:**

Trade payables	-	-	-	-	-	2,717,174	2,717,174
Lease liability	3.50%	-	136,370	222,002	-	-	358,372

**(e) Credit risk management**

The group's credit risks arise from potential default of trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, other financial assets. The maximum credit exposure is limited to the carrying amount of trade and other receivables \$174,001 at reporting date.

As at 30 June 2022, the receivable balances consist primarily of GST credits. Management does not consider the GST receivable to be at risk of default as these are receivable from the Government agencies.

Credit risk from balances with banks and financial instruments is mitigated by holding balances with banks with a high credit rating. The maximum exposure for cash and cash equivalents is the carrying amount shown in the balance sheet. There were no significant concentrations of credit risks.

**(f) Liquidity risk management**

The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities, and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The undiscounted lease liabilities balance is \$358,372, split between \$136,370 with a maturity date of less than 1 year and \$222,002 with a maturity date of 1-5 years.

In addition to financial liabilities in note 15, the Company is required to meet minimum spend commitments to maintain the tenure over the Company's mineral exploration areas as described in note 20.

**(g) Fair value**

The carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortised cost recorded in the financial statements approximates their respective fair values.

**(h) Capital management**

The board's policy is to endeavour to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The Group sources any additional funding requirements from either debt or equity markets depending on the market conditions at the time the funds are sourced and the purpose for which the funds are to be used. The Group is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

**(i) Interest rate risk management**

Interest rate risk is the risk that fair values and cash flows of the Group's financial instruments will be affected by changes in the market interest rates. The Group's cash and cash equivalents are impacted by interest rate risks. Other receivables and payables have short maturities and are non-interest bearing. Management believes that the risk of interest rate movement would not have a material impact of the Group's operations. Management does not closely monitor the interest rates offered on cash and cash equivalents as the Group's primary objective is exploration of resources rather than earning interest income. The cash balances are invested at the prevailing short term market interest rates with credit worthy financial institutions.

The sensitivity analysis below has been calculated based on the exposure to interest rates at the end of the reporting period. A 100 basis point increase and decrease has been used when reporting the interest rate risk and represents management's assessment of the potential change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 100 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's profit for the period ended 30 June 2022 would decrease/increase by \$164,379. This is mainly attributable to the Group's exposure to interest rates on the maturity of its term deposits.

## **27. Events after the reporting period**

No matters have arisen since 30 June 2022 that would be likely to materially affect the operations of the Group, or its state of affairs which has not otherwise been disclosed in this financial report.

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