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COPPER LIMITED

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Notice to ASX **31 August 2023**

BOUGAINVILLE COPPER LIMITED (BOC)

The directors of Bougainville Copper Limited announce the following results of the company for the six months ended 30 June 2023 together with comparable results for the six months to 30 June 2022. An update of recent events is also included. The results have been independently reviewed.

The result for the six months ended 30 June 2023 for the group was a net operating loss of K4.2 million (AUD$1.7m) compared to net loss of K3.7 million (AUD$1.4m) in the corresponding period last year.

The results of the Bougainville Copper Foundation Limited have been consolidated.

Financial Results	**Consolidated 2023 K'000**	**Consolidated 2022 K'000**
Income		
Dividends and Interest	1,649	1,674
Less: General and administration expenses	5,519	4,979
Depreciation	315	399
Net Profit / (loss) after tax	(4,185)	(3,704)
Average AUD$/Kina exchange rate for the period	0.4146	0.3877
Equivalent net loss in AUD$'000	$(1,735)	$(1,436)

Income from dividends was similar to the previous year while operating costs increased with targeted project costs and overhead increases. The average PNG Kina currency exchange rate increased slightly with the variations in the value of the Australian dollar.

The company holds its investments in ASX listed entities. Uncertainty of the global economy continues to affect stock markets, including the ASX and the value of the ASX listed investments held by Bougainville Copper, decreased in value a further K5.3 million (K21.0 million in the corresponding period). The loss in value is recorded in other comprehensive income.

Investments of K3.2 million were realised during the period with the K1.4 million fair value gain, previously accumulated in reserves, transferred within equity to retained earnings. The Company will realise further investments in the second half of 2023 to fund ongoing operations.

The net assets of the company are K88.8 million (2022, K98.3 million).

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Events of Significance

Overview

During the first half of 2023, Bougainville Copper continued its community engagement and to position the Company as a trusted, local partner for the redevelopment of the Panguna mine. Against this backdrop, the ABG and Panguna landowner chiefs in June reaffirmed their commitment to work cooperatively together towards the mine's reopening through a local entity.

In terms of Bougainville Copper's local identity, the PNG National Government remains committed to transferring its 36.4 per cent share in the Company, free of any charges, to the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) and people of Bougainville. The ABG already owns a 36.4 per cent share in Bougainville Copper and once the share transfer occurs, the Bougainvillean shareholding in the Company will be 72.8 per cent. This process has taken longer than anticipated due to technical issues and is yet to be finalised.

Bougainville Copper further reinforced its local standing with the appointment of respected women's leader Maryanne Hasola to the board in February. Ms Hasola is from Bana District in Bougainville and notably brings to five the number of Bougainvillean directors on the board. In mid-August, Bougainville Copper was also pleased to appoint highly regarded local man Elly Sawa to lead our engagement efforts on the ground as Bougainville Community Relations Coordinator. On a sad note, the Company in March marked the passing of long-time board member and former prime minister of Papua New Guinea, Sir Rabbie Namaliu, aged 75. He served Bougainville Copper with distinction since 2011.

Providing support for worthwhile community projects remains a cornerstone of Bougainville Copper's external engagement program. In May and July, for example, the Company was delighted to announce the completion of a further two water infrastructure projects in the villages of Mimi and Kokore which it backed. The Company too remains steadfast in doing everything possible to protect its project tenure and continues to have constructive dialogue with the ABG on this issue.

Legacy Impact Assessment

Bougainville Copper welcomes the progress with the Panguna Mine Legacy Impact Assessment commissioned to identify and assess actual and potential environmental and human rights impacts associated with the mine and develop recommendations for addressing them. The work is being led by global environmental consulting firm Tetra Tech Coffey International and is expected to take 18 months. The project is being predominantly funded by Rio Tinto as the mine's former majority owner with some support from BCL as the mine's former operator. The second round of field investigations in mine-affected areas is set to be completed shortly and the broader assessment is expected to run until mid-2024.

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EL1 Tenure
The Judicial Review of the decision by the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) to refuse an extension of the Company's Exploration Licence (EL1) in January 2018 has been adjourned until 16 October 2023. Bougainville Copper and the ABG consented to the adjournment to allow the parties to continue discussions outside the court with a view to resolution. Previously, the court granted a stay order in relation to the ABG's refusal which preserves Bougainville Copper's exploration licence until the matter is either determined by the court or resolved through agreement.

Company Shareholdings
In December 2019, PNG Prime Minister James Marape, committed to transferring the Independent State of PNG's 36.4 per cent shareholding in Bougainville Copper to the ABG and the people of Bougainville. The share transfer process remains ongoing, but once completed it will be the first time in the Company's 55-year history that it will be majority owned by the government and people of Bougainville.

Community Engagement
The Company's program of community support not only helps build trust with local people but also provides an important lifeline for many worthy initiatives that may otherwise not be realised.

In the first half of 2023 Bougainville Copper is proud to have again supported a range of community projects and activities in Bougainville. These have included the completion of two water supply projects; a partnership with Rotary Australia to bring a shipping container to Bougainville containing 314 essential items; sponsorship for the Arawa-based Panguna Fode Centre's major end of semester event in June; backing for the Bougainville Inter-High and Secondary Schools Carnival in July, and AROB Day celebrations in June, to name a few.

Dividend
The Directors have not declared a dividend in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2023.

Borrowing
No borrowings were outstanding as of 30 June 2023.

Stock Exchange
The standard Appendix 4D half yearly report and Independent Auditors Review Report is attached in accordance with the Australian Stock Exchange official listing requirements.

Authorised by the Board

Mark Hitchcock
Company Secretary

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Appendix 4D

Half yearly report

Name of entity

BOUGAINVILLE COPPER LIMITED (BOC)

ABN or equivalent company reference	Half yearly *(tick)*	Preliminary final *(tick)*	Half year ended ('current period')
007 497 869	√		30 June 2023

Results for announcement to the market

Extracts from this report for announcement to the market (see note 1). K'000

Revenues from ordinary activities *(item 1.1)*	Decreased	1.5%	to	1,649
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (*item 1.22*)	Increased	13.0%	to	(4,185)
Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (*item 2.5)*	gain (loss) of	-		-
Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members *(item 1.11)*	Increased	13.0%		(4,185)

Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Final dividend *(Preliminary final report only - item 15.4)* Interim dividend *(Half yearly report only - item 15.6)*	Nil	Nil
Previous corresponding period *(Preliminary final report - item 15.5; half yearly report - item 15.7)*	Nil	Nil

+Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend,
(in the case of a trust, distribution) *(see item 15.2)*: N/A

Brief explanation of any of the figures reported above and short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:
Nil

This is a half yearly report and should be read in conjunction with the 2022 annual financial report.

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Condensed interim consolidated financial information

Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income

		Consolidated Current period K'000	Consolidated Previous corresponding period K'000
1.1	Revenues from ordinary activities *(see items 1.23 –1.25)*	**1,649**	1,674
1.2	Expenses from ordinary activities (*see items 1.26 & 1.27)*	**5,834**	5,378
1.3	Borrowing costs	-	-
1.4	Share of net profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities (*see item 16.7*)	-	-
1.5	**Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax**	**(4,185)**	(3,704)
1.6	Income tax on ordinary activities *(see note 4)*	-	-
1.7	**Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax**	**(4,185)**	(3,704)
1.8	Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax (*see item 2.5*)	-	-
1.9	**Net profit (loss)**	**(4,185)**	(3,704)
1.10	Net profit (loss) attributable to outside + equity interests	-	-
1.11	**Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members**	**(4,185)**	(3,704)
Other comprehensive income			
1.12	Increase (decrease) in revaluation reserves	-	-
1.13	Net exchange differences recognised in equity	-	-
1.14	Other revenue, (expense) and initial adjustments recognised directly in equity	-	-
1.15	Increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	**(5,300)**	(21,026)
1.16	Other comprehensive income for the period (items 1.12 to 1.15)	**(5,300)**	(21,026)
1.17	**Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period**	**(9,485)**	(24,730)

Earnings per security (EPS)		Consolidated Current period	Consolidated Previous corresponding Period
1.18	Basic EPS	**(1.04) toea**	(0.92) toea
1.19	Diluted EPS	**(1.04) toea**	(0.92) toea

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Notes to the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities attributable to members	Consolidated Current period K'000	Consolidated Previous corresponding period K'000
1.20 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (*item 1.7*)	**(4,185)**	(3,704)
1.21 Less (plus) outside +equity interests	-	-
1.22 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax, attributable to members	**(4,185)**	(3,704)

Revenue and expenses from ordinary Activities	Consolidated Current period K'000	Consolidated Previous corresponding period K'000
1.23 Revenue from sales or services	-	-
1.24 Interest revenue	**4**	-
1.25 Other relevant revenue-		
Dividends received	**1,645**	1,674
Foreign exchange gain /(loss)	-	-
1.26 Details of relevant expenses - General and administration expenses		
Other Administrative Expenses	**5,519**	4,979
1.27 Depreciation and amortisation excluding amortisation of intangibles *(see item 2.3)*	**315**	399
Capitalised outlays		
1.28 Interest costs capitalised in asset values	-	-
1.29 Outlays capitalised in intangibles (unless arising from an +acquisition of a business)	-	-

Retained profits	Consolidated Current period K'000	Consolidated Previous corresponding period K'000
1.30 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial period	**(351,420)**	(348,473)
1.31 Net profit (loss) attributable to members (*item 1.11*)	**(4,185)**	(3,704)
1.32 Net transfers from (to) reserves *(realised gains on sale of investments)*	**1,370**	2,027
1.33 Net effect of changes in accounting policies	-	-
1.34 Dividends and other equity distributions paid or payable	-	-
1.35 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period	**(354,235)**	(350,150)

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Intangible and extraordinary items

	Current period			
	Before tax K'000 (a)	Related tax K'000 (b)	Related outside + equity interests K'000 (c)	Amount (after tax) attributable to members K'000 (d)
2.1 Amortisation of goodwill	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.2 Amortisation of other intangibles	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.3 Total amortisation of intangibles	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.4 Extraordinary items (details)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.5 Total extraordinary items	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Comparison of half year profits

(Preliminary final report only)

	Consolidated Current year K'000	Consolidated Previous year K'000
3.1 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members reported for the *1st* half year (item 1.22 in the half yearly report)	**(4,185)**	(3,704)
3.2 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members for the *2nd* half year	-	-

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

		Consolidated at end of current period K'000	Consolidated as shown in last annual report K'000	Consolidated as in last half yearly report K'000
	Current assets			
4.1	Cash	**407**	1,527	686
4.2	Receivables	**1,787**	1,619	1,427
4.3	Investments	**7,500**	8,000	7,000
4.4	Inventories	-	-	-
4.5	Tax assets	-	-	-
4.6	Other –Held-to-maturity financial assets	-	-	-
4.7	**Total current assets**	**9,694**	11,146	9,113
	Non-current assets			
4.8	Receivables	**829**	829	829
4.9	Investments	**88,034**	96,074	102,957
4.10	Inventories	-	-	-
4.11	Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised	-	-	-
4.12	Development properties (+mining entities)	-	-	-
4.13	Other property, plant and equipment (net)	**836**	912	1,032
4.14	Right-of-use asset	**258**	464	733
4.15	Intangibles (net)	-	-	-
4.16	Tax assets	-	-	-
4.17	Other –General Provision	-	-	-
4.18	**Total non-current assets**	**89,957**	98,279	105,551
4.19	**Total assets**	**99,651**	109,425	114,664
	Current liabilities			
4.20	Payables	**1,322**	1,438	1,515
4.21	Interest bearing liabilities	-	-	-
4.22	Tax liabilities	-	-	-
4.23	Provisions exc. tax liabilities	**1,775**	1,767	1,809
4.24	Other- lease liability	**259**	421	519
4.25	**Total current liabilities**	**3,356**	3,626	3,843
	Non-current liabilities			
4.26	Payables	**194**	194	194
4.27	Interest bearing liabilities	-	-	-
4.28	Tax liabilities	**6,759**	6,759	6,759
4.29	Provisions	**526**	478	434
4.30	Other – Lease Liability	**51**	118	308
4.31	**Total non-current liabilities**	**7,530**	7,549	7,695
4.32	**Total liabilities**	**10,886**	11,175	11,538
4.33	**Net assets**	**88,765**	98,250	103,126

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Condensed consolidated balance sheet continued

	Equity	Consolidated at end of current period K'000	Consolidated as shown in last annual report K'000	Consolidated as in last half yearly report K'000
4.34	Capital/contributed equity	**401,063**	401,063	401,063
4.35	Reserves	**41,937**	48,607	52,213
4.36	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	**(354,235)**	(351,420)	(350,150)
4.37	**Equity attributable to members of the parent entity**	**88,765**	98,250	103,126
4.38	Outside + equity interests in controlled entities	-	-	-
4.39	**Total equity**	**88,765**	98,250	103,126
4.40	Preference capital included as part of 4.37			
		-	**-**	**-**

Notes to the condensed consolidated balance sheet

Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised
(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material. Include all expenditure incurred.)

		Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
5.1	Opening balance	-	-
5.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	-	-
5.3	Expenditure written off during current period	-	-
5.4	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-	-
5.5	Expenditure transferred to Development Properties	-	-
5.6	**Closing balance as shown in the balance sheet** *(item 4.12)*	**Nil**	**Nil**

Development properties
(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material)

		Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
6.1	Opening balance	-	-
6.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	-	-
6.3	Expenditure transferred from exploration and evaluation	-	-
6.4	Expenditure written off during current period	-	-
6.5	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-	-
6.6	Expenditure transferred to mine properties	-	-
6.7	**Closing balance as shown in the balance sheet** *(item 4.13)*	**Nil**	**Nil**

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Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

		Consolidated Current period K'000	Consolidated Previous corresponding period K'000
	Cash flows related to operating activities		
7.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
7.2	Payments to suppliers and employees	**(5,656)**	(5,284)
7.3	Dividends received from associates	-	-
7.4	Other dividends received	**1,645**	1,674
7.5	Interest and other items of similar nature received	**4**	-
7.6	Interest and other costs of finance paid	**(15)**	(34)
7.7	Income taxes paid	-	-
7.8	Receipts from settlement of taxation matters	-	-
7.9	**Net operating cash flows**	**(4,022)**	(3,644)
	Cash flows related to investing activities		
7.10	Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	**(38)**	(21)
7.11	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
7.12	Proceeds from sale of investments	**3,240**	3,632
7.13	Purchase of investments	-	-
7.14	Disputed tax payments	-	-
7.15	Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
7.16	Payment to held-to-maturity financial assets	-	-
7.17	**Net investing cash flows**	**3,202**	3,611
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
7.18	Proceeds from issues of +securities (shares, options, etc.)	-	-
7.19	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
7.20	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
7.21	Other - Repayment of finance lease liabilities	**(228)**	(271)
7.22	**Net financing cash flows**	**(228)**	(271)
7.23	**Net increase (decrease) in cash held**	**(1,048)**	(304)
7.24	Cash at beginning of period *(see Reconciliation of cash)*	**1,527**	965
7.25	Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.25.	**(72)**	25
7.26	**Cash at end of period** *(see Reconciliation of cash)*	**407**	686

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Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. *(If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.)*

Nil

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.		Consolidated Current period K'000	Consolidated Previous corresponding period K'000
8.1	Cash on hand and at bank	**407**	686
8.2	Deposits at call	-	-
8.3	Bank overdraft	-	-
8.4	Other –Short term liquid investments	-	-
8.5	**Total cash at end of period** *(item 7.26)*	**407**	686

Other notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements

Ratios		Consolidated Current period	Consolidated Previous corresponding Period
9.1	**Profit before tax / revenue** Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax (*item 1.5*) as a percentage of revenue (*item 1.1*)	**(253.8%)**	(221.3%)
9.2	**Profit after tax / +equity interests** Net profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (*item 1.11*) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (*item 4.37*)	**(4.7%)**	(3.6%)

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Earnings per security (EPS)

10. Details of basic and diluted EPS reported separately in accordance with paragraph 66 of *IAS 33: Earnings Per Share* are as follows.

Consolidated Current year: **(1.04)** toea
Consolidated Previous year: (0.92) toea
Diluted EPS is the same as Basic EPS

NTA backing

(see note 7)

	Consolidated Current period Kina	Consolidated Previous corresponding period Kina
11.1 Net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security	**0.221**	0.257

Discontinuing Operations

(Entities must report a description of any significant activities or events relating to discontinuing operations in accordance with paragraph 15A – 15B of IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting, or, the details of discontinuing operations they have disclosed in their accounts in accordance with IFRS 5: Discontinuing Operations (see note 17).)

12.1 Discontinuing Operations

Nil

Control gained over entities having material effect

13.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	Nil
13.2 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) since the date in the current period on which control was +acquired	N/A
13.3 Date from which such profit has been calculated	N/A
13.4 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A

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Loss of control of entities having material effect

14.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	Nil
14.2	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control	N/A
14.3	Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	N/A
14.4	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A
14.5	Contribution to profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	N/A

Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	N/A
15.2	+Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of proper instruments of transfer received by 5.00 pm if +securities are not +CHESS approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if +securities are +CHESS approved)	N/A
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? *(Preliminary final report only)*	N/A

Amount per security

			Amount per security	Franked amount per security at % tax (see note 4)	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
	(Preliminary final report only)				
15.4	**Final dividend:**	Current year	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.5		Previous year	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)				
15.6	**Interim dividend:**	Current year	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.7		Previous year	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim *plus* final)

(Preliminary final report only)

		Current year	Previous year
15.8	+Ordinary securities	Nil	Nil
15.9	Preference +securities	Nil	Nil

Half yearly report - interim dividend (distribution) on all securities *or* Preliminary final report - final dividend (distribution) on all securities

		Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
15.10	+Ordinary securities *(each class separately)*	-	-
15.11	Preference +securities *(each class separately)*	-	-
15.12	Other equity instruments *(each class separately)*	-	-
15.13	**Total**	**Nil**	**Nil**

The +dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

N/A

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the +dividend or distribution plans

N/A

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions). *(For half yearly reports, provide details in accordance with paragraph 16A of IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting)*

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Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities

Group's share of associates' and joint venture entities':	Consolidated Current period K'000	Consolidated Previous corresponding period K'000
16.1 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	-	-
16.2 Income tax on ordinary activities	-	-
16.3 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	-	-
16.4 Extraordinary items net of tax	-	-
16.5 Net profit (loss)	-	-
16.6 Adjustments	-	-
16.7 Share of net profit (loss) of associates and joint venture entities	Nil	Nil

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities. *(If the interest was acquired or disposed of during either the current or previous corresponding period, indicate date of acquisition ("from dd/mm/yy") or disposal ("to dd/mm/yy").)*

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to net profit (loss) (*item 1.9*)	
17.1 Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities	Current Period	Previous corresponding period	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
	-	-	-	-
17.2 Total	-	-	-	-
17.3 Other material interests	-	-	-	-
17.4 Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

(Description must include rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates)

Category of +securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (toea)	Amount paid up per security (toea)
18.1 **Preference +securities** *(description)*	-	-	-	-
18.2 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions	-	-	-	-
18.3 **+Ordinary securities**	401,062,500	401,062,500	100	100
18.4 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks	-	-	-	-
18.5 **+Convertible debt securities** (*description and conversion factor)*	-	-	-	-
18.6 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	-	-	-	-
18.7 **Options** *(description and conversion factor)*	-	-	*Exercise price*	*Expiry date (if any)*
			-	-
18.8 Issued during current period	-	-	-	-
18.9 Exercised during current period	-	-	-	-
18.10 Expired during current period	-	-	-	-
18.11 **Debentures** *(description)*	-	-		
18.12 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues	-	-		
(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	-	-		

18.13	**Unsecured notes** *(description)*	-	-
18.14	Changes during current period	-	-
	(a) Increases through issues	-	-
	(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	-	-

Segment reporting

(Information on the business and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with *IFRS 8: Operation Segment* and for half year reports, *IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting*. Because entities employ different structures a pro forma cannot be provided. Segment information in the layout employed in the entity's +accounts should be reported separately and attached to this report.)

Bougainville Copper Limited operates in one segment only.

Comments by directors

(Comments on the following matters are required by ASX or, in relation to the half yearly report, by *IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting*. The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and statement and may be incorporated into the directors' report and statement. For both half yearly and preliminary final reports, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space to comment, attach notes to this report.)

Nil

Basis of financial report preparation

19.1 This is a half yearly report, it is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the listing rules and IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting. ***It should be read in conjunction with the last annual report and any announcements to the market made by the entity during the period.*** *The financial statements in this report are "condensed consolidated financial statements" as defined in IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting. This report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report.*

For more details on the accounting policies, please refer to the annual report of Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL or the Company) for the year ended 31 December 2022. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented. There were no changes in significant accounting policies in the current half year period.

At 30 June 2023, the Investments disclosed in the condensed consolidated balance sheet include:

- Investment assets of K94.43 million held by the Company consisting of ASX listed shares, and therefore have no fixed maturity date or coupon rate. The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Company is the current bid price. These instruments are categorised as level 1 within the fair value hierarchy.
- Investment assets of K1.1 million held by the subsidiary represent unlisted units held in the Pacific Balanced Fund and are classified as level 3 within the fair value hierarchy due to the use of unobservable inputs. The financial statements of the Pacific Balanced Fund or similar data for period to 30 June 2023 were not readily available to allow for the management to determine the fair valuation at balance date. The units are not traded. The carrying amount as disclosed above was determined based on an historic buy-back price of K2.75 per unit.

There were no transfers between fair value hierarchy during the period.

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19.2 Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period. In a half yearly report, provide explanatory comments about any seasonal or irregular factors affecting operations.

1. Tenement EL1

The Autonomous Bougainville Government passed the Bougainville Mining Act 2015 (BMA) on 1 April 2015. This legislation may seek to challenge the company's control of the mine assets and may reflect an expropriation of assets for the purpose of the Bougainville Copper Act.

The BMA converted the Special Mining Lease held by the Company to an Exploration Licence (EL) for a period of two years from 8 September 2014, the date the Transitional Mining Act was created. In July 2016 the company applied to extend the EL. The ABG commenced the processing of the application in October 2017 and on 16 January 2018 issued a Notice of refusal to grant a renewal for the following reasons:

1. The required majority consent of the landowners was not evident during the Mining Wardens hearing and shows BCL does not have the social licence to operate the mine.
2. The reopening of the Panguna Mine is a divisive issue and has the potential to adversely affect the ABG's preparation for the conduct of the referendum given that it was BCL's past operation of Panguna Mine that ignited the Bougainville crisis which resulted in the loss of about 20,000 lives. Hence, it is in Bougainville's best interest to maintain peace and unity.

The company commenced an action in the National Court of Papua New Guinea seeking leave for a Judicial Review of the renewal application process. Leave was granted on 10th April 2018. A stay was granted against the ABG, from giving effect to or relying on the decision to refuse the application by BCL for extension of EL1.

Panguna Minerals Limited (PML), a company 50% owned by SMLOLA and 50% by Central Exploration Pty Ltd (a company 70% owned by RTG Mining Inc) was joined to the proceedings on 22 August 2018. BCL applied for leave to appeal the joinder decision. The leave to appeal was dismissed on 11 March 2019. The application for leave to appeal the joinder was then heard by a three-person bench of the Supreme court on 27 June 2019 and again refused on 6 February 2020. BCL noted that the difficulty of the question was reflected in the fact that the members of the three-person-bench were split as to the proper outcome. PML will be a defendant to the proceeding, and its activities given due scrutiny.

BCL welcomes the certainty that the ruling brings and remains confident of our tenement position and believe the court proceedings will uphold our rights.

The Judicial Review of the renewal application process has progressed. BCL and the six ABG defendants consented to have the matter adjourned to Monday 16th October 2023 to allow the parties to continue discussions.

BCL while adhering to the requirements of the Bougainville Mining Act 2015, also recognises and maintains the tenements in accordance with the PNG National legislation and the Bougainville Copper agreement.

The directors of the company are actively taking all possible steps to protect tenure in Bougainville.

2. Investment in Unlisted Investment Fund

On 24 November 2016, the Company acquired a subsidiary (Bougainville Copper Foundation Limited). The subsidiary holds an investment in an unlisted investment fund. The investment has a carrying value of K1.1 million.

Management have not been provided with current year financial statements and there is currently no active market for the sale of units in the investment fund.

Accordingly, the Company has been unable to determine the fair value of the investment and accordingly whether the carrying value of the investment of K1.1 million is fairly stated.

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19.3 A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and which is not already reported elsewhere in this Appendix or in attachments, with financial effect quantified (if possible).

Nil

19.4 Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year.

Nil

19.5 Unless disclosed below, the accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases used in this report are the same as those used in the last annual report. Any changes in accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases since the last annual report are disclosed as follows. (Disclose changes and differences in the half yearly report in accordance with *IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting*. Disclose changes in accounting policies in the preliminary final report in accordance with *IAS 8*: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors.

Nil

19.6 Revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous interim periods. For half yearly reports the nature and amount of revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous +annual reports if those revisions have a material effect in this half year.

Nil

19.7 Changes in contingent liabilities or assets. For half yearly reports, changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets since the last + annual report.

The company has made provision for statutory compensation for the 1990 year of operation, inclusive of interest. Payments commenced in February 2017 and 89.6% has been paid up to 3 July 2023 (89.5% 31 July 2022). A further claim has been made from another mine affected landowner group. Discussions with the land group to determine the amount, if any, of statutory compensation that may be due have recommenced on the expectation the exploration licence (EL01) subject to the judicial review as noted in 19.2.1 will be resolved. No provision has been made for any liability that may arise from this further claim.

Additional disclosure for trusts

20.1	Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties.	N/A
20.2	A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity. Identify: initial service charges management fees other fees	N/A

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

		Contributed Equity K'000	Reserves K'000	Accumulated losses K'000	Total K'000
21.1	Balance at 1 January 2021	401,063	64,199	(344,218)	121,044
21.2	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	5,656	(3,320)	2,336
21.3	Transfer to retained earnings on sale of investments	-	(956)	956	-
21.4	Balance at 30 June 2021	401,063	68,899	(346,582)	123,380
21.5	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	7,251	(2,775)	4,476
21.6	Transfer to retained earnings on sale of investments	-	(884)	884	-
21.5	Balance at 31 December 2021	401,063	75,266	(348,473)	127,856
21.6	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(21,026)	(3,704)	(24,730)
21.7	Transfer to retained earnings on sale of investments	-	(2,027)	2,027	-
21.8	Balance at 30 June 2022	401,063	52,213	(350,150)	103,126
21.9	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(1,700)	(3,176)	(4,876)
21.10	Transfer to retained earnings on sale of investments	-	(1,906)	1,906	-
21.9	Balance at 31 December 2022	401,063	48,607	(351,420)	98,250
21.10	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(5,300)	(4,185)	(9,485)
21.11	Transfer to retained earnings on sale of investments	-	(1,370)	1,370	-
21.1	Balance at 30 June 2023	401,063	41,937	(354,235)	88,765

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Compliance statement

1 This report has been prepared in accordance with AASB Standards, other AASB authoritative pronouncements and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other standards acceptable to ASX and International Accounting Standard 34: Interim Financial Reporting.

Identify other standards used	International Financial Reporting Standards

2 This report, and the accounts upon which the report is based, use the same accounting policies.

3 The directors are able to declare that the financial report comprising Appendix 4D to the Australian Stock Exchange for the half year ended 30 June 2023:

a.) complies with International Accounting Standard IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting, and the Australian Stock Exchange Listing Rules relating to half yearly financial reports, and

b.) gives a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows for the half year ended on that date;

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Report on review of condensed interim consolidated financial information

to the Directors of Bougainville Copper Limited

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Bougainville Copper Limited (the Company) and its subsidiary (together the Group) as at 30 June 2023 and the related condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended and other explanatory notes. The Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this condensed interim consolidated financial information in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting'. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this condensed interim consolidated financial information based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, 'Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity'. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Basis for qualified conclusion

The Group holds an investment in an unlisted investment fund with a carrying value of K1.1 million at 30 June 2023. Management has not been provided with audited financial statements of the investee at 30 June 2023 and there is currently no active market for the sale of units in the investment fund. As a result, we have been unable to satisfy ourselves as to the valuation of K1.1 million of the investments recognised at 30 June 2023.

Qualified conclusion

Based on our review, with the exception of the matter described in the preceding paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed interim consolidated financial information of the Group is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

Emphasis of matter

Without qualifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Section 19.2 of Appendix 4D which describes the continued significant uncertainty surrounding the future of the Panguna mine and related assets particularly in relation to the Company's rights to those assets. The mine assets were fully depreciated or impaired in previous financial years. Our conclusion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

Restriction on distribution or use

This report is made solely to the Directors of the Company, as a body. Our review work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Directors those matters which we are required to state to them in our review report and for no other purpose. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Directors of the Company, as a body, for our review work, for this report or for the conclusion we have formed.

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