First Au Limited (ASX: FAU)



18 October 2023

Quarterly Activities Report for the 3 Months Ended 30 September 2023

Highlights

- Outstanding drilling results at Haunted Stream included:
 - ERN003: 11.1m @ 1.52 g/t Au from 40.7m depth including 2.8m @ 3.26 g/t Au and 0.6m @ 4.47 g/t Au between 43m and 43.6m
 - ERN004B: 8m @ 3.45 g/t Au from 69m including 6m @ 4.31 g/t Au from 71m and 0.5m @ 6.53 g/t Au; 1m @ 11.45 g/t Au from 80m including 0.5m @ 21.13 g/t Au; 4m @ 1.09 g/t Au from 86m
 - ERN005: 36.9m @ 1.61 g/t Au from 70.6m including 3.4m @ 4.16 g/t Au from 70.6m including 1m @ 8.08 g/t Au from 72m and 2.8m @ 4.4 g/t Au from 104.2m
 - ERN006: 2.8m @ 2.16 g/t Au from 35m and 4.7m @ 1.04 g/t Au from 50.3m and 2m
 @ 1.78 g/t Au from 60.4m
 - ERN007: 18.5m @ 1.81 g/t Au from 67.5m including 9.8m @ 2.45 g/t Au from 86m and 2.7m @ 6.71 g/t Au from 87.4m
 - ERN008B: 10.7m @ 3.05 g/t Au from 93.7m including 2.5m @ 8.32 g/t Au from 93.7m and 3.15m @ 2.55 g/t Au from 112.45m
 - ERN009: 2.5m @ 2.33 g/t Au from 46.6m including 0.8m @ 6.14 g/t Au from 47.3m and 2m @ 1.08 g/t Au from 54.6m
- Divestment of minority interest in Talga Project, WA for consideration of \$200,000 cash, 1,200,000 fully paid ordinary shares in Octava Minerals Limited (ASX:OCT) and Net Smelter Royalty of 0.75%

Review of Operations

Exploration Update – Victorian Gold Project

Haunted Stream

During the quarter, the company announced further outstanding results from its maiden drilling campaign at Haunted Stream, Victoria (Figure 1). The drilling program has identified a shallow high-sulphidation gold system from 38m depth.

The purpose of the drill program was to test economic potential beneath historic workings as well as explore and test highly prospective structural target locations identified from previous works undertaken in the field and from review of historical data.

Results announced during the quarter include^{1,2}:

- ERN003: 11.1m @ 1.52 g/t Au from 40.7m depth including 2.8m @ 3.26 g/t Au
- ERN004B: 8m @ 3.45 g/t Au from 69m including 6m @ 4.31 g/t Au from 71m; 1m @ 11.45 g/t Au from 80m including 0.5m @ 21.13 g/t Au; 4m @ 1.09 g/t Au from 86m
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 @ 2.55 g/t Au from 112.45m
- ERN009: **2.5m @ 2.33 g/t Au** from 46.6m

These results followed the previously announced initial results, which included³:

- ERN001: 12.9m @ 3.57 g/t Au, including 7.3m @ 5.1 g/t Au and 0.2m @ 36.88 g/t Au from 38.3m
- ERN002: 11.1m @ 2.65 g/t Au, including 4.1m @ 4.1 g/t Au and 0.25m @ 12.81 g/t Au from 51.5m

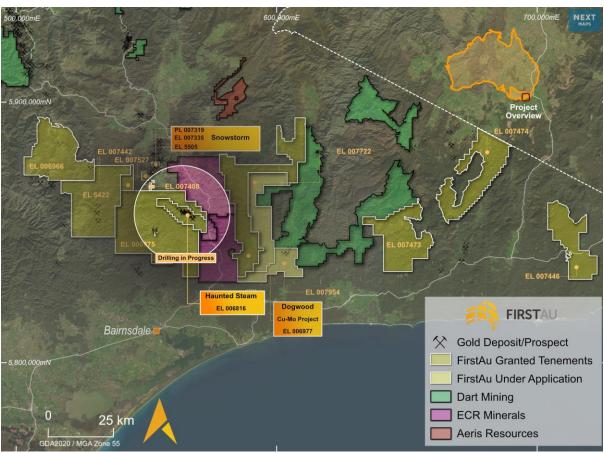


Figure 1: FAU Victorian tenements, highlighting the Haunted Stream Project.

Over the course of the drill program, the Company completed a total of $^{\sim}1,050$ m. The program has proven to be a major success for the Company. Results reported to date indicate intersecting extensive mineralised zone to >110m vertical depth, confirming a new discovery beneath historical workings (Figure 2 & Figure 3).

These results demonstrate the persistence of mineralisation with evidence of higher-grade veins >1oz Au³. The results also highlight an adjacent gold system intersected in the top of hole ERN008B and ERN007 highlighting the prospectivity of the region.

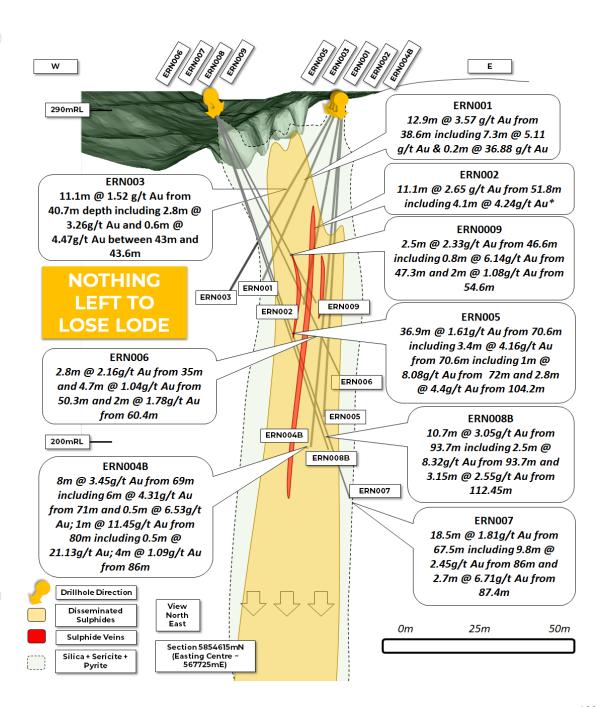


Figure 2: Section view North-East with assay results for all holes assayed. All coordinates in MGA94 Zone 55^{1,2,3}.

The mineralised zones crosscut sericite+silica+pyrite (Phyllic) altered sandstones and black shales at a high-angle to bedding. The focus of gold mineralisation is hosted within an "NE-SW trending mineralised envelope and hosted in south-plunging shoots where the bedding is coincidentally plunging south. Mineralised intersections are defined as cross-cutting the main bedding trend, comprising a quartz-sulphide stockwork hanging-wall, early laminated quartz-sulphide veins (LQV) observed sub-parallel to layering, grad into angular quartz-sulphide breccias. A late quartz-carbonate series of conjugate veins hosting fine to medium to coarse grained arsenopyrite, pyrite, chalco-pyrite,

galena and sphalerite veins overprint the early LQV's and breccia zones suggesting a remobilization of the early mineralisation. The mineralised zones are controlled by a sinistral duplex and shear system.

Higher grades of Au mineralisation occurs where black shales occur adjacent to sandstone units and broader lower-grade zones occur where sandstone sequences dominate. In hole ERN003, a major fault zone encountered from 32m resulted in core loss over several meters with the cuttings suggesting it was possibly a black shale horizon.

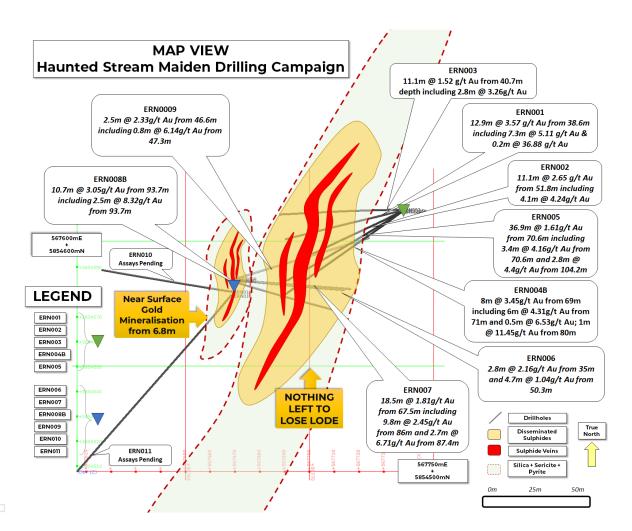


Figure 3: Plan view of drilling completed to date with assay results for first 9 holes. All coordinates in MGA94 Zone $55^{1,2,3}$.

Snowstorm

FAU has previously proposed to undertake bulk sampling at Snowstorm following two successful drill campaigns. The planned development is designed around the target mineralised 3D blocks (Figure 4) that will access the areas where drilling intersected^{4,5,6}:

- 3.1m @ 11.6 g/t Au, including 0.8m @ 33.3 g/t Au
- 3.6m @ 5.3 g/t Au from 60.9m including 0.4m @ 23.8 g/t Au from 63.15m and 1.7m @ 1.1 g/t Au from 76m
- 1.2m @ 5.82 g/t Au including 0.4m @ 12.35 g/t Au

Underground bulk sampling will allow FAU to undertake more detailed mapping of the system which should provide a better understanding of the grade and geological continuity of mineralisation. The main aim of the program is to further establish the potential economics of the system. An additional benefit of the proposed program is that it will establish greater underground access for potential future exploration drilling if warranted.

The two drill programs that have been completed to date at Snowstorm have demonstrated economic potential. However, with the narrow vein gold systems drilling alone does not necessarily provide a true representation of grade due to challenges in establishing continuity of mineralisation. Drilling of narrow vein gold systems does provide an indication of the location of veins and geological structure, which, along with results received so far, gives confidence in progressing to an underground bulk sampling program as the next stage of exploration.

FAU received an update from Earth Resources and Regulation that the work plan is progressing and the Company is confident that it will receive the final approval before the end of the calendar year.

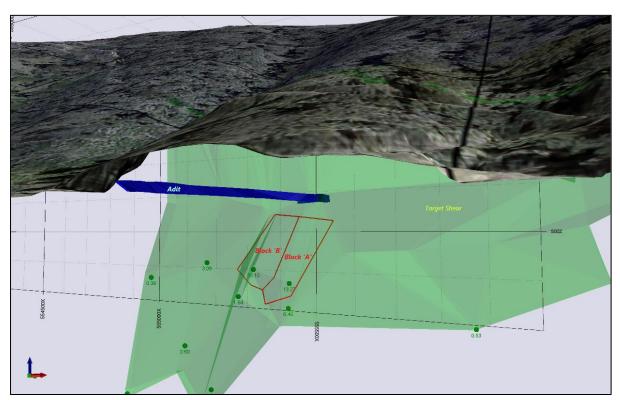


Figure 4: Preliminary polygonal 3D mineralised zones (red outlines) at Snowstorm underneath existing adit (blue)

Corporate Update

Talga Project, Pilbara WA

On 11 September 2023 FAU announced that it had reached an agreement with Octava Minerals (OCT: ASX) ("OCT") to divest its minority interest in the Talga Project, located in the Pilbara region of WA, for consideration of \$200,000 cash, 1,200,000 fully paid ordinary shares in OCT and a Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) of 0.75%.

The Company and OCT had previously entered in a farm-in and joint-venture agreement whereby OCT could earn up to an 80% interest in the relevant tenements by spending up to \$900,000 over a three-year period. The Company would retain a 20% interest after expenditure commitments had been met up until the decision to mine.

As a result of the Agreement with OCT, FAU has sold its remaining 30% interest (including the 20% free carried interest) in the Talga project for the consideration outlined above, resulting in OCT having a 100% interest in the project.

The sale is consistent with First Au's strategy to realise value from its non-core assets.

Company Update

The Company continued its ongoing review of corporate and fixed costs during the quarter and has further cut or reduced unnecessary expenses to increase the flexibility of the business and preserve cash. The Company expects to further cut costs into Q4 and expects that by the end of the year it will have reduced its cost base to a stable long-term amount. The Board believes having operating flexibility will allow it to be agile and make business decisions that will prioritise creating shareholder value.

In addition to the reported cash balance of \$502,000 at the end of the quarter, FAU also holds listed shares with an approximate market value of \$296,000.

With successful results from the initial drilling at Haunted Stream, past drilling at Snowstorm and a significant number of tenements under the control of the Company that have yet to receive any major exploration in Victoria, the Company will continue to undertake exploration works on the Victorian Project to move it forward.

The Company will continue to review options to create value from its other major asset including the Gimlet Gold project.

Authorised for release by the Board of Directors.

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About First Au Ltd:

First Au is a gold and base metals exploration company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX:FAU) and is pursuing exploration programs at its Victorian Goldfields Project in East Gippsland and the Gimlet Gold project near Kalgoorlie.

The information in this ASX Release that relates to Exploration Results is extracted from the following reports which are all available at www2.asx.com.au:

- 1. 3 August 2023, "Successful Drilling Intersects 36.9m @ 1.61 g/t Au", Ian E Neilson, competent person.
- 2. 31 August 2023, "Haunted Stream, Victoria Delivers Further Outstanding Drilling Results", Ian E Neilson, competent person.
- 3. 13 June 2023, "Successful Drilling Intersects Extensive Near Surface Gold Bearing System (Amended)", Ian E Neilson, competent person.
- 4. 7 April 2021, "Early Drill Results Positive at Snowstorm", Dr Gavin England, competent person.
- 5. 10 June 2021, "Snowstorm Drilling Intersects Mineralised Dyke Swarm", Dr Gavin England, competent person.
- 6. 1 April 2022, "Successful Drilling Completed at Snowstorm Project, Victoria", Ian E Neilson, competent person.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement. The Company confirms that the form and context of the respective competent persons' findings in relation to those reports have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

Appendix A: Tenement Schedule - as at 30 September 2023

Tenement #	Note	Tenement name	Title Holder	Tenement Ownership	State	Acquired during the Quarter	Disposed during the Quarter
E26/174	-	Gimlet	FAU	FAU 100%	WA	-	-
M26/849	-	Gimlet	FAU	FAU 100%	WA	-	-
E45/3679	1	Talga	FAU	OCT 50.1% FAU 49.9%	WA	-	Sold
E45/5595	1	Razorback	FAU	OCT 50.1% FAU 49.9%	WA	-	Sold
E45/5596	1	Razorback	FAU	OCT 50.1% FAU 49.9%	WA	-	Sold
E45/3857	1	Talga	FAU	OCT 50.1% FAU 49.9%	WA	-	Sold
E45/4137	1	Razorback	FAU	OCT 50.1% FAU 49.9%	WA	-	Sold
E45/5571	1	Talga Talga	FAU	OCT 50.1% FAU 49.9%	WA	-	Sold
M45/990	2	Tambina	Tambina Gold	FAU 20%, Tambina Gold 80%	WA	-	Surrendered
M45/991	2	Tambina	Tambina Gold	FAU 20%, Tambina Gold 80%	WA	-	Surrendered
M45/988	2	Tambina	Tambina Gold	FAU 20%, Tambina Gold 80%	WA	-	Surrendered
PL007319	3	Snow Storm	Mines of Stirling Pty Ltd	Mines of Stirling 100%	VIC	ı	-
EL5505	3	Snow Storm	Mines of Stirling Pty Ltd	Mines of Stirling 100%	VIC	ı	Expired
EL006816	-	Haunted Stream	Jacquian Pty Ltd	FAU 80% Jacquian 20%	VIC	-	-
EL006975	-	Haunted Stream Extension	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-
EL006976	-	Dargo High Plains	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-
EL006977	-	Dogwood	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-
EL007335	-	Snowstorm Extension	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-
EL007442	-	Barmouth	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-
EL007446	-	True Blue	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-
EL007473	-	Mount Jack	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-

Appendix A: Tenement Schedule - as at 30 September 2023 (Cont'd)

Tenement #	Note	Tenement name	Title Holder	Tenement Ownership	State	Acquired during the Quarter	Disposed during the Quarter
EL007474	-	Bendoc	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-
EL007527		Highland Chief	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-
EL5422	4	Dargo	lan Alexander Rathjen	lan Alexander Rathjen	VIC	-	-

Note 1: Refer Announcement to the ASX dated 11 September 2023: FAU announced that it has reached an agreement with Octava Minerals (OCT: ASX) ("OCT") to divest its minority interest in the Talga Project, located in the Pilbara region of WA, for consideration of \$200,000 cash, 1,200,000 fully paid ordinary shares in OCT and a Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) of 0.75%.

Note 2: Tambina Gold Project tenements were surrendered on 2 August 2023.

Note 3: Refer Announcement to the ASX dated 9 July 2020. FAU announced that it had entered into an option agreement with Mines of Stirling Pty Ltd to acquire an 85% interest (diluting to 80%) in granted exploration licence EL5505 (subsequently expired) and prospecting licence application PL007319 (Snowstorm project).

Note 4: Refer Announcement to the ASX dated 28 April 2022 related to granting of EL5422. This Tenement is held on trust for FAU pending the transfer in accordance with applicable laws relating to transfer of a granted tenement in Victoria.

Appendix B: Financial Analysis of selected items within Appendix 5B

Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates excluding GST included in item 6.1 of Appendix 5B for the quarter ended 30 September 2023:

Comprising:

	\$A'000
Managing Director & CEO Services	56
Appendix 5B – item 6.1 Total	56

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

FIRST AU LIMITED (ASX: FAU)

ABN

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

65 000 332 918

30 September 2023

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers-share trading	-	16
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	(420)	(1,073)
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(56)	(156)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(118)	(350)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	1	4
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other - Fee paid to PG Exploration Pty Ltd. Refer Announcements dated 13 February 2023 and 28 April 2023	-	(88)
1.8	Other-GST Refund	100	155
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(493)	(1,492)

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities	-	
	(b) tenement	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	Sale of Mabel Creek tenements. Refer ASX Announcement 30 January 2023 and 13 June 2023	-	200
	Sale of Talga tenements. Refer Announcement 11 September 2023	200	200
	(c) property, plant and equipment – sale of motor vehicle	-	75
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other: GST received on proceeds	28	28
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	228	503

3.	Cash flows from financing activities			
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	- -	1,500 -	
	Proceeds from issue of options	-	-	
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-	
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-	
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities & options or convertible debt securities	-	(92)	
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	25	25	

Cons	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
3.6	Repayment of borrowings: Premium funding	(3)	(39)
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	22	1,394

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period	(243)	405
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	745	97
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(493)	(1,492)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	228	503
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	22	1,394
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	502	502

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	502	502
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	502	502

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1 (excl GST)	56
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-
	if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must includation for such payments	le a description of, and an

7.	Financing facilities Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	Total financing facilities	-	-
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at qu	arter end	Not Applicable
7.6	Include in the box below a description of eac rate, maturity date and whether it is secured facilities have been entered into or are proposinclude a note providing details of those facilities	or unsecured. If any addi osed to be entered into af	tional financing

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(493)
8.2	(Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	-
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(493)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	502
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	502
8.7	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	1.02
	Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3	3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A".

Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.

- 8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:
 - 8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?

Answer: No: The Company will contain net operating cash outflows within available resources and further capital raises will be considered. The Company is actively taking steps to divest non-core assets to raise additional cash to continue exploration on the Company tenements in Victoria.

The Company completed the drill program at its Victorian project early July. Following the completion of this program the Company expects it will have lower operating costs which will allow the Company to preserve cash.

The Company is also actively undertaking steps to reduce its fixed costs and contracts. This will enable greater flexibility to manage operating cash flows during periods when the Company is not undertaking active exploration activities.

8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer: The Company refreshed its capacity to make further issues of shares without Shareholder approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and / 7.1A, at the AGM held 29 May 2023

The Company has continued to dispose of non-core assets:

FAU announced on 13 June 2023 the sale of the Mabel Creek Project to Talisman Mining Ltd (ASX: TLM), which included \$200,000 in cash consideration and listed shares. At 30 September 2023, the market value of these shares was approx. \$81,300.

FAU announced on 11 September 2023 the sale of the Talga tenements in Western Australia to Octava Minerals Ltd (ASX: OCT) for \$200,000 in cash consideration and listed shares. At 30 September 2023, the market value of these shares was approx. \$108,000.

The company also holds shares in listed entities worth approximately \$296,000 in total at 30 September 2023, including shares listed above from disposal of non-core assets.

8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer: As the Company has refreshed its capital raising capacity, FAU can raise additional capital if required to continue its operations and meet its business objectives. Divesting non-core assets will enable the Company to concentrate on the tenements controlled in Victoria. Listed shares as noted in Item 8.8.2 are available to be converted to cash to meet operational cash requirements.

Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.

Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 18 October 2023

Authorised by the Board

(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

- 2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
- 4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
- 5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.