

A U S T R A L I A N  
**CRITICAL MINERALS**

ABN 15 658 906 159

**and its controlled entities**

**Half-year report for the  
half-year ended**

**31 December 2023**

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## Corporate directory

### Board of Directors

Mr Dean De Largie	Managing Director
Mr Michael Wright	Non-Executive Chairman
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ACM  
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## Director's report

The directors of Australian Critical Minerals Limited (the "Company") present their report together with the financial report of Australian Critical Minerals Limited and its controlled entities ("the Group"), for the half-year ended 31 December 2023, and auditor's review report thereon. In order to comply with the provision of the *Corporations Act 2001*, the directors report as follows:

### Directors

The following people were Directors of ACM during the half year and up to the date of this report. Directors were in the office for the entire period, unless otherwise stated.

Mr Michael Wright – 02 May 2023 – Present  
Mr Dean De Largie – 24 February 2023 – Present  
Mr Gary Robert Brabham – 24 February 2023 - Present

### Operating results

The consolidated loss of the Group for the half-year, after providing for income tax, amounted to \$1,046,593 (31 December 2022: \$798,921). Further discussion on the Group's operations is provided below.

### Review of operations

#### Exploration

##### *ASX Listing*

Australian Critical Minerals listed on the ASX under the code "ACM" on 3 July 2023, following the successful completion of an Initial Public Offer (IPO) which raised the maximum subscription of \$5 million through the issue of 25,000,000 shares at an issue price of \$0.20 per share.

##### *Portfolio*

The Company holds interests in six projects located in Western Australia's Pilbara and Southwest Goldfields Regions, covering 1,861km<sup>2</sup>, namely:

1. Cooletha Lithium Project
2. Rankin Dome Rare Earths Project
3. Shaw Iron Ore and Gold Project
4. Beverley, Kondinin and Kojonup Kaolin Projects

##### *Cooletha Lithium Project*

The Cooletha Project is the Company's flagship lithium project, with over 100km<sup>2</sup> of prospective ground in the Pilbara. The Project is located south of significant discoveries at Pilbara Minerals (ASX: PLS) Pilgangoora Lithium Project (223Mt @ 1.25% Li<sub>2</sub>O), MinRes' (ASX:MIN) Wodgina Lithium Project (259Mt @ 1.17% Li<sub>2</sub>O), and Global Lithium Resources' (ASX:GL1) Archer Lithium Deposit at Marble Bar (18Mt @ 1% Li<sub>2</sub>O). The central and eastern side of the Cooletha Project covers the southern extension of the Soansville Group which hosts both Pilbara Minerals' Pilgangoora and Mineral Resources' Wodgina Lithium Projects.

Following listing, Geolithic Pty Ltd, a specialist remote exploration consultancy, was engaged to conduct a preliminary reconnaissance sampling and mapping for the Cooletha Project to assess the initial 10km wide high priority target area where numerous pegmatite swarms, as well as spodumene in rock chips and lithium micas were identified.

Phase 1 sampling was completed in late September 2023, covering a total area of 65km<sup>2</sup>. The mapping and sampling program gathered a total of 251 rock samples, all of which were delivered to Labwest for analysis.

Four key areas were identified as priority future work areas:

- Bloodwood
- Echo Valley
- Burnt Ridge and
- Billy Creek

The Echo Valley and Burnt Ridge sites are situated roughly 1km apart, both west of the prospective region previously identified during ACM's pre-IPO due diligence. Additional sampling is planned within the northern region, expanding the sampled area past east and west of these two locations.

In the southeast part of Cooletha on E45/5228, preliminary sampling covered an area of approximately 10km<sup>2</sup> involving 23 samples for this area. Pegmatitic rocks extended several kilometres north of the sampled area and presented significant potential for expansion of the currently sampled area.

Manganiferous shales, associated with the basal Fortescue Group unconformity, ranging from 1m to 3m in thickness were identified. This added another valuable exploration target to the Cooletha Project. Furthermore, several kilometres to the east, just outside the tenement boundary, a thin manganiferous shallow dipping bed was identified during ACM's pre-IPO reconnaissance. As a result, it is anticipated that the manganese shale unit could be prevalent in this region.

Pegmatite morphology occurs as dykes and sills with sill occasionally presenting as extensive pavements. This style is common on the western side of Cooletha.

Encouraging assay results for lithium and LCT pegmatite indicator elements were received from the Company's first-pass rock chip sampling. Geochemical and hyperspectral analyses were used to derive a robust interpretation and geological model at Cooletha. The hyperspectral data analysis was performed over the 251km<sup>2</sup> of granted tenure and the 160km<sup>2</sup> of pending tenure in anticipation of the future grant. An LCT pegmatite correlation matrix specific to the geology of Cooletha was developed for use in the preliminary geochemical analysis and interpretation of rock chip samples. Elemental ratios were used to identify LCTG pegmatites or the fertile intrusive rocks from which vectors to lithium mineralisation were calculated. The hyperspectral imagery analysis identified approximately 25 linear kilometres of target areas across the project, in the so-called "Goldilocks Zone" distal to the causative parent intrusion, which warrant field testing.

The samples derived from geological units proximal to the Goldilocks Zone were lithium bearing and provided confirmation of the fertility of these locations. The combination of geochemical and spectral analyses of the intrusive rocks at Cooletha provided a powerful tool for ACM to refine exploration targeting. The exploration target at Cooletha remains very large and the contact zone of the Soansville Group presents the opportunity of many kilometres of targeted exploration within the interpreted Goldilocks Zone.

#### *Rankin Dome Project*

The Rankin Dome Project, prospective for Rare Earth Elements, consists of three exploration licences in the Youanmi Terrane near Southern Cross. The Project is held in a farm-in agreement with Kula Gold Ltd (ASX: KGD) under which ACM can earn 51% interest.

In the first half of the financial year, the Company conducted its maiden RC drilling program and the high-definition shallow auger sampling program at the Rankin Dome Project. These activities were conducted on E77/2768.

The auger sampling completed at Rankin Dome consisted of a 254-hole shallow auger soil program over approximately 2.5km<sup>2</sup> which delineated a substantial REE anomaly. The auger anomaly is based on values above 500ppm TREO (Total Rare Earth Oxides). The zone of anomalous rare earth element geochemistry returned a peak of 1297 TREO. Of the 258 samples from a depth of 2m, 132 returned value greater than 300ppm TREO. The spatial definition of the anomaly is sufficient for ACM to progress to planning RC Drilling.

Strongly anomalous results from previous work conducted by Kula Gold were on sample lines of various orientation. To reduce interpretation bias resulting from the various sample line orientations, ACM increased sample density by using the 100m x 100m grid. The auger sampling provided clearer geochemical definition over the area previously sampled by Kula Gold and provided further information on the depth of saprolite profile. Several auger holes were drilled to auger refusal which occurred between 5m and 9m.

In addition, a 6-hole reverse circulation drilling program was completed over a total of 864m. The area drilled is located between 1km and 2km SE of the auger sampling program. Five drillholes were drilled to 150m and the remaining drillhole was stopped at 114m. The drillholes were planned over areas identified by Kula Gold Limited as having anomalous rare earth geochemistry in shallow auger samples that appeared to be coincident with aeromagnetic anomalies. All drillholes returned thick intersections of significant results in total rare earth oxides. The significant TREO intercepts comprised between 20% and 26% magnetic rare earth oxides.

All of the RC drill holes returned intercepts of +1000ppm TREO. The best individual result was 1m at 2534 ppm TREO within a near-surface interval of 5m at 1641ppm TREO in Hole RDRC001. The best multiple-metre intercept was 3m at 2012ppm TREO in hole RDRC002. The longest significant intercept was 111m at 927ppm TREO in drillhole RDRC006 from 3m to end of hole at 114m. Both drillholes RDRC001 and RDRC006 terminate in strongly anomalous rare earth geochemistry.

Preliminary reconnaissance and sampling of tenement E77/2709 comprised the collection of 61 rock samples over an area of approximately 20km<sup>2</sup> in the northern half of the tenement. Identified local geology was dominantly porphyritic granitic intrusive rocks, graphic granite with subordinate monzogabbro and banded iron formation.

## **Corporate**

### *Loyalty Options*

The Company announced the offer of a 1 for 2.5 non-renounceable pro-rata issue of Loyalty Options on 6 October 2023 and closed on 26 October 2023, seeking to raise up to approximately \$87,063.

The Company received applications for entitlements from eligible shareholders for 12,910,677 options (amounting to \$64,553.49).

The Shortfall was strongly supported, and the Company received demand well over the New Options available under the Shortfall following the Loyalty Offer. The Shortfall was completed with the issue of 4,501,827 New Options.

## **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Group were to explore for, discover and then proceed to develop mineral deposits. No significant change in these activities occurred during the period.

**After balance sheet date events**

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

***Significant changes in state of affairs***

There have been no significant changes in state of affairs of the Group since 31 December 2023.

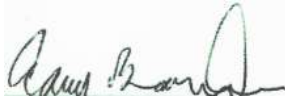
***Likely developments and expected results of operations***

The Company will continue with its exploration activities, whilst at the same time, will continue to review other corporate opportunities to drive shareholder wealth.

**Auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit for the financial period is provided with this report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Gary Robert Brabham  
Director

Dated this: 15 March 2024

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To the Board of Directors

## Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

As lead audit Director for the review of the financial statements of Australian Critical Minerals Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2023, 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 review; and
- any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours Faithfully,

Hall Chadwick

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MARK DELAURENTIS CA  
Director

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024  
Perth, Western Australia



**Condensed Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the half-year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	31-Dec-23 \$	Restated <sup>(1)</sup> 31-Dec-22 \$
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Interest income	5	6,116	-
Administration Expenses		(91,421)	(2,776)
Consulting Expenses		(140,846)	(135,139)
Compliance costs		(15,942)	(12,000)
Depreciation		(900)	-
Directors Fees		(140,583)	-
Exploration Expenses		(645)	-
Professional Fees		(6,146)	(17,746)
Share-based payments		-	(295,677)
Exploration and evaluation expenditure written off		(656,226)	(335,583)
<b>Loss before income tax</b>		<b>(1,046,593)</b>	<b>(798,921)</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Loss after income tax</b>		<b>(1,046,593)</b>	<b>(798,921)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>		<b>(1,046,593)</b>	<b>(798,921)</b>
<b>Loss per share:</b>			
<b>Basic and diluted (cents per share)</b>		<b>(2.40)</b>	<b>(33.72)</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to note 2 (d) for further details

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statement.

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**Condensed Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023**

	Note	31-Dec-23 \$	Restated <sup>(1)</sup> 30-Jun-23 \$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		757,705	5,002,565
Other receivables		36,033	35,106
Prepayments		62,133	61,685
Other assets	7	2,500,000	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>3,355,871</b>	<b>5,099,356</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	6	1,738,315	1,738,315
Fixed Assets		3,575	4,476
Total non-current assets		1,741,890	1,742,791
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>5,097,761</b>	<b>6,842,147</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		132,718	430,446
Borrowings		-	147,005
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>132,718</b>	<b>577,451</b>
<b>Non-Current liabilities</b>			
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>132,718</b>	<b>577,451</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>4,965,043</b>	<b>6,264,696</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	8	6,397,232	6,869,855
Reserves	9	1,975,475	1,755,912
Accumulated losses		(3,407,664)	(2,361,071)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>4,965,043</b>	<b>6,264,696</b>

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**Condensed Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the half-year ended 31 December 2023**

	Issued capital	Reserve	Restated <sup>(1)</sup> Accumulated losses	Restated <sup>(1)</sup> Total equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>	6,869,855	1,755,912	(2,361,071)	6,264,696
Loss for the period	-	-	(1,046,593)	(1,046,593)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	-	-	(1,046,593)	(1,046,593)
Share issue costs	(472,623)	-	-	(472,623)
Issue of listed options	-	87,063	-	87,063
Share-based payments	-	132,500	-	132,500
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>6,397,232</u>	<u>1,975,475</u>	<u>(3,407,664)</u>	<u>4,965,043</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022 - Restated <sup>(1)</sup></b>	2	-	(14,000)	(13,998)
Loss for the period	-	-	(798,921)	(798,921)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	-	-	(798,921)	(798,921)
Issue of fully paid ordinary shares	2,325,000	-	-	2,325,000
Share issue costs	(614,355)	-	-	(614,355)
Share-based payment recognised in equity	-	525,119	-	525,119
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022 - Restated <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<u>1,710,647</u>	<u>525,119</u>	<u>(812,921)</u>	<u>1,422,845</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to note 2 (d) for further details

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**Condensed Consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	31-Dec-23 \$	31-Dec-22 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Interest received		6,116	-
Payments to suppliers and employees		(494,914)	(105,923)
Payments for exploration, evaluation, and development		(638,156)	-
<b>Net cash (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>(1,126,954)</b>	<b>(105,923)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Acquisition, net of cash acquired		-	6,376
Payment for tenement acquisition		-	(151,598)
Loan to third party		-	(34,194)
Cash transferred to term deposits		(2,500,000)	-
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities</b>		<b>(2,500,000)</b>	<b>(179,416)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from issue of options		87,063	575,000
Payments for share issue costs		(557,964)	(50,050)
Proceeds from short-term loans		-	40,280
Repayment of short-term loans		(147,005)	(131,600)
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>		<b>(617,906)</b>	<b>433,630</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(4,244,860)</b>	<b>148,291</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period</b>		<b>5,002,565</b>	<b>100,002</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>		<b>757,705</b>	<b>248,293</b>

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## Condensed notes to the half-year financial statements

### NOTE 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Australian Critical Minerals Limited (ASX:ACM) (“the Company”) is a listed public company incorporated in Australia. The addresses of its registered office and principal place of business are disclosed in the corporate directory to the financial report.

The principal activities of the Company and its controlled entities (“the Group”) are described in the directors’ report.

### NOTE 2: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is for the entity Australian Critical Minerals Limited and its controlled entities (“the Group”). Australian Critical Minerals Limited is a company limited by shares, incorporated, and domiciled in Australia. The half-year financial report is a general-purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and AASB 134 ‘*Interim Financial Reporting*’. The Group is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 ‘*Interim Financial Reporting*’.

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

The half-year financial report was approved by the directors as at the date of the directors’ report.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous year unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

#### (a) Basis of preparation of the financial report

The half-year report has been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical cost convention.

#### (b) Going concern

The half-year report has 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 ordinary course of business.

#### (c) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate all assets, liabilities, and results of the parent and all of its subsidiaries. Subsidiaries are entities the parent controls. The parent controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

The assets, liabilities and results of all subsidiaries are fully consolidated into the financial statements of the Group from the date on which control is obtained by the Group. The consolidation of a subsidiary is discontinued from the date that control ceases. Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains or losses on transactions between entities are fully eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed and adjustments made where necessary to ensure uniformity of the accounting policies adopted by the Group.

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**NOTE 2: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

**(d) Change in accounting policy**

The Group changed its accounting policy relating to the capitalisation of exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred. Exploration and evaluation expenditure is initially capitalised and then assessed for impairment in accordance with AASB 6 *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources*. Now, the Group capitalises all acquisition costs and expenses all subsequent exploration and evaluation expenditure to the profit and loss in the period it is incurred.

The Group retrospectively applied the change in accounting policy as if it had always applied and has therefore restated exploration and evaluation expenditure for the comparative interim period.

The impact of the change in accounting policy on the comparative interim period are as follows:

	<b>30-Jun-23</b>	<b>Impact of change in accounting policy</b>	<b>Restated 30-Jun-23</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Statement of Financial Position (Extract)</b>			
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	2,466,221	(727,906)	1,738,315
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>7,570,053</u>	<u>(727,906)</u>	<u>6,842,147</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>6,992,602</u>	<u>(727,906)</u>	<u>6,264,696</u>
Accumulated losses	<u>(1,633,166)</u>	<u>(727,906)</u>	<u>(2,361,071)</u>
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>6,992,602</u>	<u>(727,906)</u>	<u>6,264,696</u>

Statement of Financial Position amounts other than those mentioned above were not affected by the retrospective adoption of the revised accounting policy.

	<b>31-Dec-22</b>	<b>Impact of change in accounting policy</b>	<b>Restated 31-Dec-22</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Statement of profit or loss and Comprehensive Income (Extract)</b>			
Exploration expenses	-	(335,583)	(335,583)
<b>Loss after income tax</b>	<u>(463,338)</u>	<u>(335,583)</u>	<u>(798,921)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>	<u>(463,338)</u>	<u>(335,583)</u>	<u>(798,921)</u>
<b>Loss per share:</b>			
<b>Basic and diluted (cents per share)</b>	(19.56)	(14.16)	(33.72)

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**NOTE 3: NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT OPERATIVE**

**(a) Standards and Interpretations applicable to 31 December 2023**

In the half-year ended 31 December 2023, the Directors have reviewed all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to the Group's operations and effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2023. As a result of this the Directors have determined that there is no impact, material or otherwise, of the new and revised standards and interpretations on the Group's business and, therefore, no change is necessary to the Group's accounting policies.

**(b) Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted**

The Directors have also reviewed all new Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted for the half-year ended 31 December 2023. As a result of this the Directors have determined that there is no impact, material or otherwise, of the standards and interpretations in issue not yet adopted on the Group's business and, therefore, no change is necessary to the Group's accounting policies.

**NOTE 4: CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

Certain accounting estimates include assumptions concerning the future, which, by definition, will seldom represent actual results. Estimates and assumptions based on future events have a significant inherent risk, and where future events are not as anticipated there could be a material impact on the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities discussed below:

The Group assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating the conditions and events specific to the Group that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

**Impairment of capitalised development costs**

Capitalised development costs is reviewed for impairment if there is any indication that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

The directors are required to exercise judgement on future events and the likelihood of defining an economic reserve. Assumptions made are altered as development continues and more information becomes available. Where it is evident that the value of development costs cannot be recovered, the capitalised amount will be impaired through the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

**NOTE 5: REVENUE**

	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest Income	6,116	-
	<b>6,116</b>	<b>-</b>

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**NOTE 6: EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE**

	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>Restated 30-Jun-23</b>
	\$	\$
Carried forward exploration and evaluation expenditure	1,738,315	-
Acquisition of tenements	-	1,738,315
Expenditure incurred during the period	656,226	727,906
Impairment of exploration and evaluation expenditure <sup>(i)</sup>	(656,226)	(727,906)
Carrying value at end of the period	<u>1,738,315</u>	<u>1,738,315</u>

- (i) An impairment expense of \$656,226 has been recognised in profit or loss for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: \$335,583). This is consistent with the Group's policy on exploration and evaluation expenditure.

**NOTE 7: OTHER ASSETS**

	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>30-Jun-23</b>
	\$	\$
Term Deposit <sup>(i)</sup>	2,500,000	-
Prepayments	-	61,685
	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>61,685</u>

- (i) In September 2023, the company opened a term deposit with NAB at a fixed annual interest rate of 4.95% and which will mature in March 2024.

**NOTE 8: ISSUED CAPITAL**

a) Issued and fully paid 43,531,260 ordinary shares	6,397,232	6,869,855
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	<b>31-Dec-23</b>		<b>30-Jun-23</b>	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
(b) Movement in ordinary shares				
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	43,531,260	6,869,855	10	2
Consulting fees shares	-	-	1,000,000	160,000
Pre-IPO Brokers shares	-	-	2,500,000	400,000
Pre-IPO Seed capital shares	-	-	4,031,250	645,000
Loan conversion shares	-	-	1,000,000	160,000
Tenement Acquisition shares	-	-	6,750,000	1,080,000
Tenement Acquisition shares	-	-	3,250,000	650,000
IPO shares	-	-	25,000,000	5,000,000
Share issue costs <sup>(i)</sup>	-	(472,623)	-	(1,225,147)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<u>43,531,260</u>	<u>6,397,232</u>	<u>43,531,260</u>	<u>6,869,855</u>

- (i) Share issue costs include \$340,123 of costs related to shares issued during the 2023 financial year and \$132,500 for the value of 2,500,000 Broker options issued as remuneration for the management of the Loyalty Options Offer (Ref. note 9).

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**NOTE 9: RESERVES**

	31-Dec-23	30-Jun-23
	\$	\$
<b>Balance at the beginning of the period</b>	1,755,912	-
Issue of options to lender on loan conversion	-	85,677
Issue of pre-IPO broker options	-	215,442
Issue of performance rights to vendors	-	224,000
Issue of performance rights to managing director	-	259,000
Issue of options to lead manager	-	441,724
Issue of options to directors	-	530,069
Issue of listed options (i)	87,063	-
Issue of listed options (ii)	132,500	-
<b>Carrying value at end of the period</b>	<b>1,975,475</b>	<b>1,755,912</b>

- (i) Issue of 17,412,504 listed loyalty options at an issue price of \$.005 per option exercisable at \$.30 on or before June 29, 2026.
- (ii) Issue of 2,500,000 listed options to Broker as remuneration for the management of the Loyalty Options Offer, exercisable at \$0.30 on or before June 29, 2026 (Ref. note 8 and 10).

**Options and Performance Rights**

Details of the Company's unissued shares or interests under options or performance rights as at the date of this report are:

Grant date	Number of option	Class of shares	Issue Price	Exercise price of option	Vesting date	Expiry date of options
02 Dec 2022	1,000,000	Ordinary	NIL	\$0.30	29 June 2023	29 June 2026
02 Dec 2022	3,281,250	Ordinary	NIL	\$0.30	29 June 2023	29 June 2026
02 Dec 2022	2,500,000	Ordinary	NIL	\$0.30	29 June 2023	29 June 2026
01 May 2023	750,000	Ordinary	NIL	\$.0.30	29 June 2023	29 June 2026
29 Jun 2023	5,000,000	Ordinary	NIL	\$0.30	29 June 2023	29 June 2026
29 Jun 2023	6,000,000	Ordinary	NIL	\$0.30	29 June 2023	29 June 2026
3 Nov 2023	17,412,504	Ordinary	\$0.005	\$0.30	3 Nov 2023	29 June 2026
27 Nov 2023	2,500,000	Ordinary	NIL	\$0.30	27 Nov 2023	29 June 2026

Grant date	Number of Performance Rights	Class of Performance Rights	Vesting date	Expiry date of Performance Rights
2-Dec-22	700,005	Class A Vendor	29 June 2023	29 Sept 2024
2-Dec-22	700,002	Class B Vendor	29 June 2023	29 Sept 2025
2-Dec-22	699,993	Class C Vendor	29 June 2023	29 Sept 2027
12-May-23	700,000	Class A MD	29 June 2023	29 Sept 2025
12-May-23	700,000	Class B MD	29 June 2023	29 Mar 2025
12-May-23	700,000	Class C MD	29 June 2023	29 Sept 2025

The performance rights vest on the date that the performance milestone relating to each class has been satisfied.

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**NOTE 9: RESERVES (Cont'd)**

No other options over unissued shares or interests in the Company were granted during or since the end of the period.

In December 2023, the Company issued 2,500,000 options to a broker as remuneration for the management of the Loyalty Options Offer (Also Ref. note 8). The following input were used for the valuation of the options issued during the period:

	Options to Brokers
Grant date	27/11/2023
Spot price on issue date	\$0.053
Exercise price	\$0.30
Dividend yield	Nil
Number of Options	2,500,000
Valuation per Option – Spot price	\$0.053
Total Valuation	\$132,500

Each Performance Right is a right of the holder to acquire one fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company subject to the below terms and conditions:

Class of Performance Rights	Number of Performance Rights to be issued	Milestone	Probability of Achievement	Milestone Satisfaction Date	Expiry Date
Class A - Vendor	700,005	Vesting upon reporting of an inferred mineral resource of 30,000,000 tonnes Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> at one or more of the Beverley kaolin Project, Kojonup kaolin Project and Kondinin kaolin Project (Projects) at a cut-off grade of >30% and with less than 1% Fe, less than 1% Ti, greater than 75% whiteness and greater than 80% brightness.	55%	29 June 2024	29 Sept 2024
Class B - Vendor	700,002	Vesting upon completion of a scoping study in respect of kaolin production at one or more of the Projects that represents a >30% IRR and >200tpa production over 15 years.	70%	29 June 2025	29 Sept 2025
Class C - Vendor	699,993	Vesting upon grant of a mining lease in respect of one or more of the Projects for kaolin.	75%	29 June 2027	29 Sept 2027
Class A - MD	700,000	Vesting upon reporting of exploration results from a cut channel or drilling of at least 10m at no less than 1% Li <sub>2</sub> O Equivalent (where "Li <sub>2</sub> O Equivalent" metals include Li, Ta, Ce and Sn)	55%	29 June 2025	29 Sept 2025
Class B - MD	700,000	Vesting upon reporting of 3 drilling intersections of at least 15m at 1% TREO on the Rankin Dome Project.	65%	29 Dec 2024	29 Mar 2025

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**NOTE 9: RESERVES (Cont'd)**

Class of Performance Rights	Number of Performance Rights to be issued	Milestone	Probability of Achievement	Milestone Satisfaction Date	Expiry Date
Class C - MD	700,000	Vesting upon reporting a JORC compliant inferred mineral resource of 100,000,000 tonnes Fe at the Shaw or Cooletha Projects at a cut-off grade of >58% Fe.	65%	29 June 2025	29 Sept 2025
Total	4,200,000				

**NOTE 10: SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS**

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	\$	\$
Recognised in profit and loss (Issue of shares and options)	-	(295,677)
Recognised in equity (capital raising costs) <sup>(i)</sup>	132,500	-
Gross share-based payments	<u>132,500</u>	<u>(295,677)</u>

- (i) Issue of 2,500,000 listed options to Broker as remuneration for the management of the Loyalty Options Offer, exercisable at \$0.30 on or before June 29, 2026 (Ref. note 8 and 9).

**NOTE 11: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

On 8 August 2022, the Company entered into a farm-in agreement with Kula Gold Limited (ASX: KGD) to acquire the exclusive right to earn up to 51% interest in the Rankin Dome Project ('Stage 1').

The Group can earn 'Stage 1' through undertaking exploration and incurring exploration expenditure of \$200,000, which shall include at least 2000m of RC drilling, within 24 months of the Company listing on the Australian Securities Exchange ('ASX') (29 June 2023).

The directors are not aware of any other contingencies at the reporting date.

**NOTE 12: COMMITMENTS FOR EXPLORATION**

There have been no significant changes in the commitments since 30 June 2023.

**NOTE 13: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE**

There has been no matter or circumstance which has arisen since 31 December 2023 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- (a) the operations, in half-year subsequent to 31 December 2023, of the Group, or
- (b) the results of those operations, or
- (c) the state of affairs, in half-year subsequent to 31 December 2023, of the Group

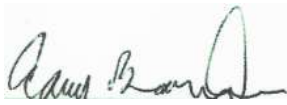
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In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with accounting standard *AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting'*, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- (b) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date;
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (d) the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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

On behalf of the directors



Gary Robert Brabham  
Director

Dated this: 15 March 2024

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN CRITICAL MINERALS LIMITED

### Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Australian Critical Minerals Limited ("the Company") and Controlled Entities ("the Consolidated Entity") which comprises the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity and condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other selected explanatory notes, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Australian Critical Minerals Limited and Controlled Entities does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* that are relevant to our audit of the annual 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 review report.

## Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

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

## Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, 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 Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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**HALL CHADWICK WA AUDIT PTY LTD**

Mark Delaurentis

**MARK DELAURENTIS CA**  
**Director**

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024  
Perth, Western Australia