

30 July 2024

## Quarterly Activities Report for the 3 Months ended 30 June 2024

First Au Limited (“First AU” or the “Company”) (ASX:FAU) Is pleased to update the market with regards to its activities during the quarter ended 30 June 2024.

### Highlights

- King Cassilis Mine Exploration License EL008058. Granted by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action of Victoria, over the historical high grade King Cassilis gold mine directly adjacent to Snowstorm project (Fig.1).
- Management changes with the resignation of CEO and MD Ryan Skeen. Xavier Braud to assume interim CEO function for the time being.
- Termination of the Ghana Lithium Project acquisition by mutual agreement.

### Review of Operations

#### Exploration Update – Victorian Gold Project

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action of Victoria notified East Victoria Goldfields Pty Ltd, a 90% owned subsidiary of First Au, of the grant of EL008058 on 7 May 2024.



Figure 1: EL008058 location map with regards to the broader Snowstorm project

The Tenement covers a number of historical workings including the past producing King Cassilis Mine with recorded production of over 3,000 ounces of gold at a grade of 14.4g/t. The King Cassilis mine is located 9km from the town of Swifts Creek and most of the workings are now protected under the Cassilis Historic Area managed by Parks Victoria.

Meanwhile, FAU has been progressing the permitting of its small-scale mining activities. There have been a number of discussions with the local council on the use and maintenance of local roads and tracks during mining.

The development of underground workings at Snowstorm would provide access to drill the King Cassilis area from underground, alleviating potential access restrictions at surface.

Subject to funding, the Company plans to recommence exploration works at its Victorian Gold project in the spring when the weather conditions are more amenable to field work. The market will be updated as exploration work proceeds.

#### **Exploration Update – Gimlet Gold Project, WA**

The Company is continuing to review options to monetise the Gimlet Gold project or undertake further works that will add value to the project.

Further works are expected to be undertaken with updates provided for any material exploration results received.

#### **Corporate Update**

##### **Ghana Lithium Acquisition – termination by mutual agreement**

On 19 February 2024 FAU announced that it had finalised a binding agreement with E-Cube Premium Limited to acquire 100% of the Kasepaarada Lithium project in Ghana.

Following technical due diligence by Directors Lei Shi and Xavier Braud, both experienced geologists, it appeared that the project had strong potential for lithium mineralisation. However the amount of work and capital requirements needed to unravel this potential was not within reach of FAU. The vendors and FAU agreed to terminate the original acquisition agreement amicably and at no cost or penalty to FAU.

##### **Resignation of Managing Director and CEO**

Prior to the Annual General Meeting of FAU's shareholders, held on 16 May 2024, Mr Ryan Skeen notified the board of his resignation as the Managing Director and CEO of the company effective from the date of the AGM. Mr Skeen's terms of employment included a notice period of three months from the date of effective resignation.

Mr Skeen's last day of employment is 16 August 2024.

In the meantime, Mr Skeen has been diligently passing on his knowledge of the affairs of the Company to Mr Braud who will assume the role of interim CEO. The Board of Directors would like to use the occasion to thank again Mr Skeen for all he has achieved for FAU and its

shareholders in the past three years and wishes him all the best in his future endeavours. Mr Skeen will remain an option holder of the company

### **Business development**

Following general sentiment in the industry, a number of junior resources companies with limited access to capital have been looking at selling their non-core projects.

During the quarter, FAU was presented with a number of acquisition opportunities which were all reviewed following a strict assessment process. No projects to date have been worthy of pursuing an acquisition.

FAU continues to search actively for projects which could complement its current portfolio of tenements. Especially projects which could help alleviate the seasonality of the Victorian projects where field work is extremely limited in winter due to the altitude of the project and the snow cover in the area and the potential permitting delays such as the ones experienced previously.

**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 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 June 2024**

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	-	-
PL007319	1	Snow Storm	Mines of Stirling Pty Ltd	Mines of Stirling 100%	VIC	-	-
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	-	-
EL008058	2	King Cassilis	East Victoria Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 90% EastVicGold 10%	VIC	Granted	-
EL5422	-	Dargo	Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd	FAU 80% VicGold 20%	VIC	-	-

**Note 1:** A Deed of Variation was signed by FAU and Mines of Stirling Pty Ltd on 21 November 2023 extending the option term by a further 12 months from the anniversary date and replacing 85% with 100% interest in the tenement on payment of the purchase price of \$250,000, for consideration of \$20,000 cash and \$20,000 FAU shares at a deemed price of \$0.002 per share.

**Note 2:** EL008058 Exploration Licence granted on 7 May 2024 by The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action of Victoria.

**Note 3:** At 30 June 2024, there were three applications for Exploration Licences.

**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 June 2024:

Comprising:	\$A'000
Managing Director & CEO Services to date of resignation at AGM on 16 May 2024	36
Daniel Raihani – catch up payment from date of appointment on 29/5/2023	44
Appendix 5B – item 6.1 Total	80

## Appendix 5B

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

Name of entity

FIRST AU LIMITED (ASX: FAU)

ABN

65 000 332 918

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 June 2024

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
<b>1.</b>	<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
1.1	Receipts from customers-share trading	-	71
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	(124)	(232)
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(51)	(111)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(71)	(124)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	1	3
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other	-	-
1.8	Other-GST Refund	15	21
<b>1.9</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(230)</b>	<b>(372)</b>

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Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
<b>2.</b>	<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
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	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(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	-	-
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>	-	-
<b>3.</b>	<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities) 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	-	-
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-

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Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
3.6	Repayment of borrowings: Insurance Premium funding	(7)	(15)
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>(15)</b>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period</b>	<b>(237)</b>	<b>(387)</b>
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	457	607
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(230)	(372)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	-	-
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(7)	(15)
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
<b>4.6</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents</b> 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	220	220
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>

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<b>6. Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates</b>		<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1 (excl GST)	80
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-

*Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.*

<b>7. Financing facilities</b>		<b>Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000</b>	<b>Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000</b>
<p><i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.</i></p> <p><i>Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i></p>			
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	<b>Total financing facilities</b>	-	-
7.5	<b>Unused financing facilities available at quarter end</b>	Not Applicable	
7.6	<p>Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.</p>		

<b>8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities</b>		<b>\$A'000</b>
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(230)
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)	(230)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	220
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	220
8.7	<b>Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)</b>	0.96

*Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.*

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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 is 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 is able to utilise ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and issue securities to a limit of 15% placement capacity over any 12 month period. In addition the Company received approval at the AGM held 16 May 2024 to issue up to 10% of its share capital during the next 12 month period under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.

Refer Announcement 26 July 2024 where the Company announced it had received firm commitments from existing and new sophisticated investors to raise up to \$300,000 through a private placement.

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.

As noted in Item 8.8.2, the Company has announced firm commitments to raise up to \$300,000. FAU will continue to raise additional capital as required.

*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: 30 July 2024

## 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.
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,

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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.

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