

# WA Kaolin Limited ABN 56 083 187 017

Annual Report 30 June 2024

# Chairman's Letter



Dear Shareholders,

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Report for WA Kaolin (WAK or Company). Please find below an overview on WAK, highlighting the Company's progress over the past financial year and the challenges that lie ahead.

The long-term security of the Company has been cemented by the release of our updated Ore Reserve Estimate (ORE). Our world-class Wickepin Kaolin Project now has an ORE of 64.9Mt which equates to a 73-year mine-life. This is a globally significant resource and confirms that WA Kaolin is a multi-generational industrial minerals business.

The \$7 million sale of the Kwinana property to Coogee Chemicals Pty Ltd was settled during July 2023. As part of the sale, WA Kaolin secured excellent lease back terms with the purchaser, which facilitates the use of the Kwinana property for the next three years, providing stability and continuity for its ongoing operations at the site. This enables the Company to continue to focus on research and development into new product offerings and value-added products in the kaolin market.

The WAK board and management were restructured with Managing Director Mr Alf Baker recommitting to management of operations at Wickepin, the appointment of Mr Ken Hall and Mr Sean Hu to non-executive director roles and Mr Andrew Sorensen providing full time focus on growing the market and sales revenue. Progress has been made with the Company's sales channels with our Malaysian office run by Ms Pettsy Loo providing greater support and visibility to our customers.

The main focus of our board and management over the past financial year has shifted the from ramp up of operations to positioning the company to grow sales and profitability with current and new product lines. The upcoming installation of 3rd stage separation using new classifiers will provide finer products, improve yield and increase production rates. The key elements of the classifier plant were tested, approved and shipped from USA and are scheduled to be installed in October 2024. Commissioning will commence thereafter, and successful operation will furnish the sales team with finer products to help expand sales.

Finally, thank you to our loyal shareholders for your support during the ramp up phase of the Wickepin Kaolin Project. With tight market conditions prevailing in Asia, the Company is focussed on delivering sales growth. The growth of sales revenue is key to the Company becoming cash-flow positive and a strong player in the global kaolin market.

Kind regards,

John White Non-Executive Chairman

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WA Kaolin Limited

# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

### ABN 56 083 187 017

# **Directors**

Dr John White (Non-Executive Chairman)

Mr Alfred Baker (Managing Director)

Mr Kenneth Hall (Non-Executive Director) (appointed 1 December 2023)

Mr Sean Hu (Non-Executive Director) (appointed 6 March 2024)

Mr Cameron Baker (Alternate)

Mr Brady Hall (Alternate) (appointed 1 December 2023)

# **Company secretary**

Mr Michael Kenyon

# Registered office

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## Principal place of business

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# Share registry

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# Solicitors

EMK Lawyers Suite 1, 519 Stirling Highway COTTESLOE WA 6012

### **Bankers**

Westpac Banking Corporation 108 St George's Terrace PERTH WA 6000

## **Auditors**

BDO Audit Pty Ltd Level 9 Mia Yellagonga Tower 2 5 Spring Street Perth WA 6000

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors of WA Kaolin Limited (the "Company") submit the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024. In order to comply with the provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*, the directors report as follows:

### Directors

The names of directors who held office throughout the period and until the date of this report are as follows. Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

Dr John White

Mr Alfred Baker

Ms Cathy Moises (resigned 30 November 2023)

Mr Patrick Walta (resigned 24 November 2023)

Mr Kenneth Hall (appointed 1 December 2023)

Mr Sean Hu (appointed 6 March 2024)

Mr Cameron Baker (Alternate)

Mr Brady Hall (Alternate) (appointed 1 December 2023)

### **Directors' Information**

Dr John White (Non-Executive Chairman)

Dr White has been a director and/or CEO of several publicly listed and private Australian companies. Dr White is formerly the Chairman of the Federal Government's Uranium Industry Framework Council, a member of the Federal Government's Defence Procurement Board and Director of the Defence SA Advisory Board.

Dr White had extensive involvement with Woodside's North West Shelf Offshore Gas and LNG Development from 1978 to 1984, and then participated in the RAN Collins Class Submarine Project tender as Project Director for the Australian-German owned AMEC proposal.

Dr White was CEO of Transfield Defence Systems Pty Ltd from 1988 to 1996 and then Global Chief Executive of the recycling/packaging group, Visy Industries. He is currently Chairman of Regenerative Australian Farmers Pty Ltd and Birdon Pty Ltd.

Qualifications: BE(Hon), PhD
Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (last 3 years): None

Special responsibilities: Chairman of Board of Directors, Member of Remuneration Committee

Interests in shares: 100,000
Interests in options: 3,000,000
Interests in performance rights: None

### Mr Alfred Baker (Managing Director)

Mr Baker has an engineering background with more than 40 years' experience in process technology and is co-founder of WA Kaolin. He is an experienced and successful businessman, authoring several patents and designs during his extensive career.

Since 1996, Mr Baker has founded and directed a number of companies, including:

- EMC Pacific Aust Pty Ltd (EMCPA), Australia's only manufacturer of power distribution insulators. EMCPA has formed a joint venture to commence manufacture of its products in USA, commencing April 2020.
- Pacific Polymers, a mineral treatment plant operating in Dandenong, Victoria, using patented technology.

Mr Baker was Managing Director of the highly successful PQ Australia (PQA) from 1976 to 1996, which he co-founded with his brother. PQA produces the inorganic chemical, Sodium Silicate, in both glass and liquid form, and the patented valuable downstream product 'Q-Cel' hollow microspheres.

In all cases, innovation, hands on determination and training of younger executives have led to success and low-cost producer status.

Mr Baker is also charged with the overall responsibility, as project director, of the Company's Wickepin mine development.

Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (last 3 years): None Special responsibilities: Managing Director

Interests in shares: 53,083,574 Interests in options: 13,200,000 Interests in performance rights: None

Ms Cathy Moises (Non-Executive Director) (resigned 30 November 2023)

Ms Moises has worked for a number of the most prominent stock broking firms within Australia including Merrill Lynch, Citigroup, Evans and Partners (as a partner) and most recently worked as Head of Research for Patersons Securities.

Ms Moises has a Bachelor of Science (Hons) Geology in addition to a Securities Institute of Australia Diploma of Finance and Investment and has over 30 years' experience working within the resources industry primarily as a financial analyst. She has extensive capital markets, company management, financial analysis and Institutional Investor engagement experience.

Qualifications: BSc (Hons), GDAFI

Other current directorships: Arafura Resources Limited, Australian Potash Limited, Podium Minerals Limited, and PacGold Limited

Former directorships (last 3 years): Pearl Gull Limited Special responsibilities: Chair of Remuneration Committee

Interests in shares: 1,250,000 Interests in options: 1,500,000 Interests in performance rights: None

Mr Patrick Walta (Non-Executive Director) (appointed 1 October 2022) (resigned 24 November 2023)

Mr Walta is a qualified metallurgist, mineral economist and board executive and is principal of Stoker Consulting. In 2009, Mr Walta co-founded the Raging Bull Group of entities, targeting acquisitions and economic rehabilitation of historic mine sites. Patrick was previously Managing Director of New Century Resources Limited (ASX: NCZ), which he founded in 2017 following the successful negotiation and acquisition of the Century Zinc Mine in Queensland. Under Patrick's leadership, the Century Zinc Mine was successfully restarted, commissioned and ramped up to be the 13th largest zinc producer worldwide. Prior to this he held corporate and senior management roles in Rio Tinto, Citic Pacific Mining, Cradle Resources, Carbine Resources, Primary Gold and Clean TeQ. Throughout his career Patrick has received many industry accolades including the MNN Emerging Leader of the Year Award in 2018 and the Young Achiever of the Year award in 2015 at the Australian Mining Prospect Awards. He is a Graduate Member of AICD.

Qualifications: Bachelor Chemical Engineering, Master of Science (Mineral Economics), Diploma of Project Management

Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (last 3 years): New Century Resources Limited

Special responsibilities: Member of Remuneration and Disclosure Committees

Interests in shares: None Interests in options: 750,000

Interests in performance rights: None

Mr Kenneth Hall (Non-Executive Director) (appointed 1 December 2023)

Mr Hall, an experienced electrician, established Kalgoorlie Power Systems (KPS) in 1981. In 2009, KPS was acquired by Pacific Energy, a company listed on the ASX. Mr. Hall has over 30 years of experience in the mining industry and has been involved in the contract power generation sector for more than 30 years.

Qualifications:

Special responsibilities: None Interests in shares: 56,460,689 Interests in options: None

Interests in performance rights: None

### Mr Sean Hu (Non-Executive Director) (appointed 6 March 2024)

Mr Hu serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Stanco International Corp (Stanco), a leading raw materials distribution company in the Asia Pacific region and is Stanco's representative on the WA Kaolin Board. As CEO of Stanco, Sean is committed to fostering trust and long-term relationships with stakeholders and enhancing operational excellence through teamwork and communication to achieve key objectives and positive financial outcomes. Since 1985, Stanco has been a prominent supplier of raw materials to the fiberglass, glassware, ceramic, paper making, construction, footwear, and iron and steel industries in the Asia Pacific region. The company has a global presence with offices in Asia, the Americas, and Europe, as well as self-owned factories in China. Sean has extensive experience in accounting, audit, finance, and corporate governance, gained through his previous roles in the banking industry and at KPMG USA and Switzerland.

Qualifications: Certified Public Accountant (US) and MBA qualifications

Special responsibilities: None Interests in shares: 63,567,618 Interests in options: None

Interests in performance rights: None

### Mr Michael Kenyon (Company Secretary)

Mr Kenyon has held senior roles with both private and ASX-listed corporations over the past 27 years. He holds a Bachelor of Business degree from Edith Cowan University, is a Chartered Accountant and a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He commenced his finance career with roles at then 'Big 6' professional services firms, Ernst & Whinney and Price Waterhouse before joining diversified industrial company, Vysarn Pty Ltd in 1997 as Chief Financial Officer.

Since that time, Mr Kenyon has held CFO roles with ASX-listed Forge Group Ltd, Matrix Composites and Engineering Ltd and is currently also the CFO for Resource Development Group Ltd.

Interests in shares: 329,525
Interests in options: 1,000,000
Interests in performance rights: None

# **Directors' Meetings**

The number of meetings of directors held during the year and the number of meetings attended by each director was as detailed below. Given the size of the Company, the committees were disbanded at the end of the previous financial year and any matters discussed by the Board at its meetings:

	Directors' Meetings	Eligible to attend	Remuneration Committee	Disclosure Committee
Number of meetings held:	15	15	-	-
Number of meetings attended:				
Dr John White	15	15	-	-
Mr Alfred Baker	14	15	-	-
Ms Cathy Moises	8	8	-	-
Mr Patrick Walta	6	7	-	-
Mr Cameron Baker	2	15	-	-
Mr Brady Hall	6	7	-	-
Mr Ken Hall	7	7	-	-
Mr Sean Hu	3	4	-	-

### **Review of operations**

The Company's operations for the financial year resulted in a loss after tax of \$13,580,685 (2023: \$3,749,841). The loss includes an impairment expense of \$3,485,000 (2023: \$Nil) and interest expense of \$1,461,407 (2023: \$2,651,406). It should be noted by comparison that the 2023 results included the capitalising of certain costs relating to the commissioning of its Wickepin plant in the sum of \$3,204,316 and the reversal of a share-based payment expense of \$2,032,000. Further detail in relation to the impairment expense can be found in Note 1 on page 34.

The Company is the sole owner of a mining lease, a general-purpose lease, a miscellaneous licence and retention licences which comprise the Wickepin Kaolin Mine. The mine, which is one of the largest known remaining primary kaolin resources in the world, contains an Ore Reserve of 49 million tonnes which is included in a Mineral Resource (reported in accordance with JORC 2012) of 644.5 million tonnes of high-grade premium kaolinized granite. The Company commenced commercial operation of the Wickepin processing plant and associated infrastructure and equipment on 1 July 2023.

The Company also has some minor operations in a leased facility previously owned by the Company, in East Rockingham, Western Australia. It operates a small-scale production plant producing various beneficiated kaolin products as well as conducting a number of research and development activities.

In August 2023, the Company established a wholly owned subsidiary in Malaysia, WA Kaolin (Asia) Sdn. Bhd., staffed by one sales and marketing person in Kuala Lumpur. The office was established in order to provide greater support and visibility to its customers throughout Asia.

The Company is primarily focused on establishing itself as the preferred supplier of high-grade premium kaolin products globally through:

- introducing an engineering solution to increase yield and capacity of its premium kaolin products at the Wickepin plant in
  order to ramp up finer grade production. This solution includes the installation of third stage separation using classifying
  equipment which will not only produce finer products but also improve yield losses and increase production rates;
- progressive increase in production to circa 200,000 tonnes per annum;
- · negotiation of sales agreements for product on suitable commercial terms with acceptable counterparties; and
- investment in further processing expansion including the construction of an additional wet processing plant to produce product suitable for use in premium paper and packaging markets and/or an expansion program for the construction of an additional processing plant to significantly increase production capacity utilising the K99 Process.

Customers in fibreglass production have specified the need for a finer kaolin product, hence the requirement for the introduction of the classifier equipment which is due to be installed and commissioned by October/November 2024. Other customers and potential customers that manufacture paper and paint will also benefit from a finer kaolin product. Meanwhile, the Company's exceptionally white ceramic grades that aren't required to meet the same fineness criteria, are being engineered to improve performance for customers in terms of plasticity and green strength.

The Company has been steadily achieving improved sales volumes month by month with orders from new customers, however the process of customers trialling the Company's products and then gaining market acceptance has and will take more time.

# **Going Concern**

See note 1(b) for an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Company were the exploration and development of an Inferred Mineral Resource of high-grade premium kaolinised granite, proprietary production and value-adding processes.

### Significant events after reporting date

On 23 July 2024, the Company held a general meeting of shareholders to approve the following:

- Ratification of Tranche 1 Placement Shares and Placement Options to various parties;
- Approval for the issue of Tranche 2 Placement Securities to related parties and an unrelated investor; and
- Approval of a Share Purchase Plan for ordinary shareholders.

The Company's shareholders unanimously resolved to approve all of the above ordinary resolutions.

On 24 July 2024, the Company opened its Share Purchase Plan (SPP) to its ordinary shareholders. The result of the SPP was announced on 19 August 2024, with the Company confirming that \$39,000 was raised (before costs).

On 30 July 2024, the Company announced the issue of 65,000,001 ordinary shares and 16,250,001 unquoted options (expiring 30 June 2027 with an exercise price of \$0.09), raising \$3,900,000 (before costs), relating to the Tranche 2 Placement Securities detailed above. A further 17,505,000 ordinary shares to raise a further \$1,050,330 and 4,376,375 unquoted options (with the same terms as described above), approved at the general meeting detailed above, will be issued to one of the Company's major shareholders, Century Horse Limited, at a later date, once FIRB approval has been granted.

### Significant events after reporting date (continued)

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations, or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

### Likely developments and expected results

As of 30 June 2024, the Company's operations at its Wickepin Processing Facility are fully operational.

### Risk management

The Company's activities have inherent risks and the Board is unable to provide certainty of the expected results of its activities, or that any or all of these likely activities will be achieved. The material business risks faced by the Company that could influence its future prospects, and how the Company manages those risks, are outlined below.

### Operational risks

The Company's activities include mining and supply of kaolin products, which are subject to operating risks that could impact the amount and quality of kaolin produced or increase the cost of production for varying lengths of time. Such difficulties include: increased costs of mining, processing, loading and equipment failures; safety incidents and accidents; freight capacity constraints; and a shortage of labour. If any of these or other conditions or events occur in the future, they may increase the cost of the Company's activities, which could adversely affect the Company's results or decrease the value of its assets. The Company has in place a framework for the management of operational risks and an insurance program which provides coverage for a number of these operating risks.

### Kaolin prices and foreign exchange

As a significant portion of the Company's kaolin products are exported overseas, prices may fluctuate and may be affected by a number of factors beyond the control of the Company. Potential future production from the Company's mining tenements will be dependent upon the sustainable price of kaolin. The Company has certain agreements and orders with various customers including those in Australia and overseas. The Company's financing is denominated in Australian dollars and most of any future development and operational activities are also denominated in Australian dollars. A significant portion of its sales revenue will be dominated in US dollars and the Company's ability to fund activities and make debt repayments maybe adversely affected if the Australian dollar rises against the US dollar. The Company has a hedging policy in place and will undertake hedging of its foreign exchange risks to alleviate any pressure this may cause.

### The Company's activities may require further capital

The further development of the Company's mine and mine plant, as well as any working capital needs may require additional funding. Whilst current funding levels are deemed to be appropriate, there can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing will be available if needed for development and operations or that, if available, the terms of such financing will be favourable to the Company.

### Global financial conditions may adversely affect the Company's growth and profitability

Many industries, including the mineral resources industry, are impacted by these market conditions, the main issues such as inflationary pressures and global geopolitical tensions may result in contraction in credit markets resulting in a widening of credit risk, devaluations and high volatility in global equity, commodity, foreign exchange and precious metal markets, and a lack of market liquidity. Due to the nature of the Company's activities, a slowdown in the financial markets or other economic conditions may adversely affect the Company's growth and ability to finance its activities. If these increased levels of volatility were to continue, the Company's activities could be adversely impacted and the trading price of the Company's shares could be adversely affected.

### **Environmental regulations**

The Company is subject to and is compliant with all aspects of environmental regulation of its exploration and mining activities. The directors are not aware of any environmental law that is not being complied with.

### Dividend paid, recommended and declared

No dividends were paid, declared or recommended since the start of the financial year (2023: \$Nil).

### Remuneration report (Audited)

This remuneration report, which forms part of the directors' report, sets out information about the remuneration of the Company's key management personnel for the financial year ended 30 June 2024. The term 'key management personnel' refers to those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company. The prescribed details for each person covered by this report are detailed below under the following headings:

- Remuneration policy
- Key management personnel emoluments
- Service agreements
- Options granted as part of remuneration
- Share-based compensation
- Additional disclosures relating to key management personnel

# Directors and Key Management Personnel ("KMP")

Dr John White Non-Executive Chairman

Ms Cathy Moises Non-Executive Director (resigned 30 November 2023)

Mr Alfred Baker Managing Director

Mr Patrick Walta Non-Executive Director (resigned 24 November 2023)

Mr Cameron Baker Alternate Director

Mr Brady HallAlternate Director (appointed 1 December 2023)Mr Ken HallNon-Executive Director (appointed 1 December 2023)Mr Sean HuNon-Executive Director (appointed 6 March 2024)

Mr Andrew Sorensen Director, Sales & Marketing

Mr Michael Kenyon Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary

### Remuneration Policy

The Company does not have a formal remuneration policy however any remuneration has been designed to align directors' objectives with shareholders and business objectives and is in line with the market. The Board of the Directors (the Board) believes this approach to be appropriate and effective in its ability to attract and retain the best executives and directors to run and manage the business, as well as create goal congruence between directors, executives and shareholders. The Board's policy for determining the nature and amount of remuneration for Board members of the Company is as follows:

The Board is responsible for determining and reviewing the compensation of the directors and the executive directors are responsible for determining and reviewing the remuneration of senior executives. This process requires consideration of the levels and form of remuneration appropriate to securing, motivating and retaining executives with the skills to manage the Company's operations. The Board of Directors assesses market rates and seeks the advice of external advisers, where necessary, in connection with the structure of remuneration packages. The Board also recommends levels and form of remuneration for non-executive directors with reference to performance, relevant comparative remuneration and independent expert advice. The total sum of remuneration payable to Non-Executive Directors shall not exceed the sum fixed by members of the Company in general meeting. The Company has not used a remuneration consultant.

There is no direct relationship between the Company's Remuneration Policy and its performance. However, in determining the remuneration to be paid in each subsequent financial year, the Board may have regard to the following indicators of performance in respect of the current financial year and the previous financial years:

_	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net loss after tax	\$13,580,685	\$3,749,841	\$7,551,269	\$20,673,297	\$5,162,653
Share price	\$0.043	\$0.13	\$0.205	\$0.200	N/A
Basic loss per share (\$ per share)	\$0.03	\$0.01	\$0.03	\$0.09	\$0.04
Dividend	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil

### Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

### Remuneration Policy (continued)

Non-executive director remuneration

The Board seeks to set aggregate remuneration at a level that provides the Company with the ability to attract and retain directors of the highest calibre, whilst incurring a cost that is acceptable to shareholders.

The ASX Listing Rules specify that the aggregate remuneration of non-executive directors shall be determined from time to time by a general meeting. The latest determination was at a General Meeting held on 29 November 2019 when shareholders approved an aggregate remuneration of \$350,000 per year.

The amount of aggregate remuneration sought to be approved by shareholders and the way it is apportioned amongst directors is reviewed annually. The Board considers advice from external shareholders as well as the fees paid to non-executive directors of comparable companies when undertaking the annual review process.

### CEO and executive director remuneration

Remuneration currently consists of fixed remuneration with a small discretionary short-term incentive when appropriate.

Compensation levels for executives of the Company are competitively set to attract and retain appropriately qualified and experienced executives. The compensation structures explained below are designed to attract suitably qualified candidates, reward the achievement of strategic objectives, and achieve the broader outcome of creation of value for shareholders.

The compensation structures consider:

- The capability and experience of the executive;
- The executive's ability to control the company's performance; and
- The Company's performance including:
  - (a) The Company's p; and
  - (b) The growth in share price and delivering constant returns on shareholder wealth.

### **Key Management Personnel Emoluments**

The Company's policy for determining the nature and amount of emoluments of key management personnel is that key management persons are to be paid by salaries or consulting fees at commercial rates for professional services performed.

Details of the nature and amount of each element of the emoluments of each key management person of the Company are set out in the following tables:

# Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

# Key Management Personnel Emoluments (continued)

	Ş	Short-term be	enefits	Post- employment benefits	Long- term benefits	Share-ba	sed payments		
	Cash salary and fees	Cash bonus	Non- monetary	Super- annuation	Long service leave	Equity- settled shares	Equity- settled options/ rights	Total	Perfor- mance related
2024	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Managing Director:									
Mr A Baker	228,166	-	-	-	-	-	_	228,166	-
Total Managing Director	228,166	-	-	-	-	-	-	228,166	-
Non-Executive Directors:									
Dr J White	72,000	-	-	7,920	-	-	-	79,920	-
Ms C Moises*	20,000	-	-	2,200	-	-	-	22,200	-
Mr Patrick Walta**	20,000	_	-	2,200	-	-	-	22,200	-
Mr Ken Hall***	28,000	-	-	3,080	-	-	-	31,080	-
Mr S Hu****	16,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,000	_
Total Non- Executive Directors	156,000	-	-	15,400	-	-	-	171,400	
Executives Mr A Sorensen (Director, Sales & Marketing)	240,000	-	-	26,400	-	-	-	266,400	-
Mr M Kenyon (CFO/ Company Secretary)	82,589	_			_	_	-	82,589	
Total Executives	322,589	-	-	26,400	-	-	-	348,989	-
Total	706,755			41,800		_	_	748,555	

<sup>\*</sup> Ms C Moises resigned as non-executive director on 30 November 2023

<sup>\*\*</sup> Mr Patrick Walta resigned as non-executive director on 24 November 2023

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Mr Ken Hall was appointed as non-executive director on 1 December 2023

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Mr S Hu was appointed as non-executive director on 6 March 2024 and no payment has been made to date, only accrued

# Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

# **Key Management Personnel Emoluments (continued)**

inal lageller		Short-term be	enefits	Post- employment benefits	Long- term benefits	Share-ba	ased payments		
	Cash salary and fees	Cash bonus	Non- monetary	Super- annuation	Long service leave	Equity- settled shares	Equity- settled options/ rights	Total	Perfor- mance related
2023	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Executive Director:									
Mr A Baker*	231,664	-	-	-	-	-	(1,056,000)	(824,336)	(128)
Total Executive Director	231,664	-	-	-	-	-	(1,056,000)	(824,336)	(128)
Non-Executive Directors:									
Dr J White	72,000	-	-	7,560	-	-	-	79,560	-
Ms C Moises	48,000	-	-	5,040	-	-	-	53,040	-
Mr R Baxter***	12,000	-	-	1,260	-	-	-	13,260	-
Mr Patrick Walta	36,000	-	-	3,780	-	-	-	39,780	-
Mr L Putland****	12,000	-	-	1,260	-	_	-	13,260	_
Total Non- Executive Directors	180,000	-	-	18,900	-	-	-	198,900	
Executives Mr A Sorensen (CEO)**	240,000	5,000	-	25,725	-	-	(88,000)	182,725	(48)
Mr M Kenyon (CFO/ Company Secretary)	124,690	-	<u>-</u>	-	-		-	124,690	
Total Executives	364,690	5,000	-	25,725	-	-	(88,000)	307,415	(29)
Total	776,354	5,000		44,625	_		(1,144,000)	(318,021)	(360)

<sup>\*</sup> Mr Baker's salary and fees includes \$24,000 of director fees. Share-based expenses previously taken up in FY22 relating to performance rights, have been reversed in FY23 as the targets were not met.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Payment of bonus to Mr. Sorensen was at the Board's discretion and not subject to any specific performance condition. Share-based expenses previously taken up in FY22 relating to performance rights, have been reversed in FY23 as the targets were not met.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Mr Baxter resigned as non-executive director on 19 September 2022

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Mr Putland resigned as non-executive director on 19 September 2022

# Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

### Service Agreements

### Non-Executive Directors

On appointment to the Board, all directors enter into a service agreement with the Company in the form of a letter of appointment. The letter summarises the Board policies and terms of appointment, including compensation relevant to the office of director. Remuneration and other terms of employment for the directors are also formalised in the letter as summarised below:

### Dr J White (Chairman)

Term: Continuation of appointment is contingent upon successful election and re-election by shareholders of the Company at its Annual General Meeting as required by its Constitution

Fees: \$72,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation) until the Company's first operational cash flow positive quarter then increased to \$96,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation)

Notice periods: Not applicable

Termination payments: Not applicable

# Ms C Moises (Non-executive Director) (resigned 30 November 2023)

Term: Continuation of appointment is contingent upon successful election and re-election by shareholders of the Company at its Annual General Meeting as required by its Constitution

Fees: \$48,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation) until the Company's first operational cash flow positive quarter then increased to \$66,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation)

Notice periods: Not applicable

Termination payments: Not applicable

## Mr K Hall (Non-executive Director) (appointed 1 December 2023)

Term: Continuation of appointment is contingent upon successful election and re-election by shareholders of the Company at its Annual General Meeting as required by its Constitution

Fees: \$48,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation) until the Company's first operational cash flow positive quarter then increased to \$66,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation)

Notice periods: Not applicable

Termination payments: Not applicable

# Mr S Hu (Non-executive Director) (appointed 6 March 2024)

Term: Continuation of appointment is contingent upon successful election and re-election by shareholders of the Company at its Annual General Meeting as required by its Constitution

Fees: \$48,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation) until the Company's first operational cash flow positive quarter then increased to \$66,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation)

Notice periods: Not applicable

Termination payments: Not applicable

### Mr P Walta (Non-executive Director) (resigned 24 November 2023)

Term: Continuation of appointment is contingent upon successful election and re-election by shareholders of the Company at its Annual General Meeting as required by its Constitution

Fees: \$48,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation) until the Company's first operational cash flow positive quarter then increased to \$66,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation)

Notice periods: Not applicable

Termination payments: Not applicable

### Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

### Service Agreements (continued)

### **Managing Director**

On appointment to the Board, all directors enter into a service agreement with the Company in the form of a letter of appointment. The letter summarises the Board policies and terms of appointment, including compensation relevant to the office of director. Remuneration and other terms of employment for the Managing Director is also formalised in the letter and is summarised below:

### Mr A Baker (Managing Director)

Term: Continuation of appointment is contingent upon successful election and re-election by shareholders of the Company at its Annual General Meeting as required by its Constitution

Fees: \$24,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation) until the Company's first operational cash flow positive quarter then increased to \$33,000 per annum (exclusive of superannuation)

Notice periods: Not applicable

Termination payments: Not applicable

In addition, Mr Baker is engaged as a consultant to the Company, through a related entity of his (Wamco Industries Pty Ltd), by way of a Consultancy Deed with the following terms and conditions:

Term: Open-ended

Fees: \$11,668 effective from 1st July 2023 per month (exclusive of GST).

Increased: \$23,333 effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 per month (exclusive of GST) Termination: 6 months with no reason; immediately upon certain adverse events.

### Management

The Company's management are employed under an Executive Employment Contract and a Contract Services Agreement, respectively, as detailed below:

### Mr A Sorensen (Director Sales & Marketing)

Commencement date: 1 October 2019

Total remuneration package: Base salary \$240,000 plus superannuation per annum. Remuneration to be reviewed annually by the Board.

Notice period: 3 months by either party Restraint area/period: Australia / 36 months

# Mr M Kenyon (CFO/Company Secretary)

Commencement date: 4 June 2019

Fees: \$1,300 per day (or part thereof) from commencement date Updated to \$1,350 per day (or part thereof) effective from 1 June 2022

Notice period: 8 weeks by either party

### Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

### **Share-based compensation**

### Options

The terms and conditions of each grant of options over ordinary shares affecting remuneration of directors and other key management personnel in this financial year or future reporting years are as follows:

	Number of options granted <sup>1</sup>	Grant date	Vesting date and exercisable date	Expiry date	Exercise price per option (\$)	Fair value per option at grant date (\$)
Mr A Baker	13,200,000	20 Nov 2020	20 Nov 2022	20 Nov 2025	\$0.35	\$0.1328
Mr J White	3,000,000	20 Nov 2020	20 Nov 2022	20 Nov 2025	\$0.35	\$0.1328
Ms C Moises	1,500,000	20 Nov 2020	20 Nov 2022	20 Nov 2025	\$0.35	\$0.1328
Mr A Sorensen	2,100,000	20 Nov 2020	20 Nov 2022	20 Nov 2025	\$0.35	\$0.1328
Mr P Walta	750,000	09 Jan 2023	09 Jan 2025	09 Jan 2028	\$0.35	\$0.1120
Mr M Kenyon	1,000,000	20 Nov 2020	20 Nov 2020	20 Nov 2025	\$0.35	\$0.1328

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Options granted carry no dividend or voting rights.

All options were granted over unissued fully paid ordinary shares in the company and vested immediately. Options are exercisable by the holder as from the vesting date (for certain holders, consideration must also be given to the escrow period). There has not been any alteration to the terms or conditions of the grant since the grant date. There are no amounts paid or payable by the recipient in relation to the granting of such options other than on their potential exercise.

# Additional disclosures relating to key management personnel

# Shareholding

The number of shares in the company held during the financial year by each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

Ordinary shares	Balance at the start of the year	Received as part of remuneration	Additions	Disposals	Net change other <sup>1</sup>	Balance at the end of the year
Directors						
Mr A Baker	53,396,074	-	-	-	-	53,396,074
Dr J White	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Mr K Hall	53,133,758	-	3,326,921	-	-	56,460,679
Ms C Moises*	1,250,000	-	-	-	(1,250,000)	-
Mr Sean Hu	-	-	63,567,618	-	-	63,567,618
	107,879,832	-	66,894,539	-	(1,250,000)	173,524,371
Executives						
Mr A Sorensen	6,782,001	-	666,667	-	-	7,448,668
Mr M Kenyon	329,525	-	-	-	-	329,525
	7,111,526	-	666,667	-		7,778,193
Totals	114,991,358	-	67,561,206	-	(1,250,000)	181,302,564

<sup>\*</sup> Ms. C Moises held 1,250,000 shares at the time of resignation.

### Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

### Performance Rights

During the year ended 30 June 2021, the Company issued 27,500,000 Performance Rights to the chief executive, executive director and former director/founder. Each Performance Right is a right to be issued with a single ordinary share upon vesting of the Performance Right, free of encumbrances. No consideration will be payable upon the vesting or conversion of the Performance Rights. During financial year 2024 the Board has subsequently been able to review their criteria and agreed that the hurdles had not been met or were not capable of being met and cancelled all performance rights.

The number of Performance Rights in the company held during the financial year by each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including any personally related parties, is set out below:

Performance Rights	Balance at start of period	# Granted during the period	Vested and Exercised	Cancelled/ Forfeited	Balance at end of period	Value vested during the period (\$)	Maximum value yet to vest (\$)
Mr A Baker	13,200,000	-	-	(13,200,000)	-	-	-
Mr A Sorensen	660,000	-	-	(660,000)	-	-	-
	13,860,000	-	-	(13,860,000)	-	-	-

Options over shares	Balance at the start of the year	Granted	Exercised	Expired/ forfeited/ other	Balance at the end of the year
Directors					
Mr A Baker	13,200,000	-	-	-	13,200,00
Dr J White	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,00
	16,200,000	-	-	-	16,200,00
Executives					
Mr A Sorensen	2,100,000	-	-	166,667	2,266,66
Mr M Kenyon	1,210,938	-	-	(210,938)	1,000,00
	3,310,938	-	-	(44,271)	3,266,66
Totals	19,510,938	_	-	(44,271)	19,466,66

### Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

### Other Transactions

Mr. A Sorensen were issued options of 166,667 not as remuneration but were part of the capital raise conducted by the company in May 2024.

### Royalty Deed

On 1 July 2019, a Royalty Deed was executed between the Company and Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd (Wamco), a company in which Mr. A Baker and Mr. A Sorensen all have an ownership interest.

WA Kaolin has agreed to pay a royalty to Wamco until the earlier of 1 July 2049 and the date WA Kaolin relinquishes, surrenders or conveys to Wamco all of the Tenements (other than L70/156 and G70/251).

WA Kaolin owes to Wamco a royalty for each quarter in which WA Kaolin either mines or sells kaolin ore ex-works, FCA or FOB or mines and processes kaolin ore to produce a kaolin product which is sold ex-works, FCA or FOB, which must be paid quarterly.

The royalty is the greater of:

- (a) \$1.50 per tonne of dry kaolin ore or product sold in a quarter, provided that if kaolin product has been sold after processing, then tonnage used to calculate the royalty will be twice the actual tonnage of the processed kaolin; or
- (b) 1.5% of the price received for the sale of kaolin ore or product in a quarter.

### Tonnage Royalty Deed

On 1 July 2019, a Tonnage Royalty Deed was executed between the Company and Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd (Wamco), a company in which Mr. A Baker and Mr. A Sorensen all have an ownership interest.

WA Kaolin has agreed to pay a royalty to Wamco until the earlier of 1 July 2049 and the date WA Kaolin relinquishes, surrenders or conveys to Wamco all of the Tenements (other than L70/156 and G70/251).

The royalty is \$1.25 per tonne of dry kaolin ore or product sold in a quarter, provided that if kaolin product has been sold after processing, then tonnage used to calculate the royalty will be twice the actual tonnage of the processed kaolin.

Royalty payments in the sum of \$26,777 (2023: \$25,519) were paid to Wamco during the year.

### Rental Income

Mr. A Sorensen has leased his property located at 3 Central Avenue, Wickepin to the company at arm's length and received a rental income of \$24,425 (2023: \$20,374).

### Director / Other Fees

Mr. A Baker and Mr. A Sorensen have been paid some outstanding director / other fees during the financial year and continue to allow the Company to accrue such amounts, including amounts accrued in prior financial years, to be paid at a later date as the Company's cash flow allows. Details of the amounts owing can be found in the table below and are recorded in Trade and other payables within the Statement of Financial Position.

A Sorensen

### 30 June 2024

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Opening balance	301,000	189,000
Director / Other fees	-	-
Payments	144,000	125,000
Closing balance	157,000	64,000

A Baker

### Remuneration report (Audited) (continued)

### Related party borrowings

Mr A Baker is a director and major shareholder of the Company. During the reporting period, the Company had borrowed funds from an entity of which Mr Baker is a director and major shareholder.

Details of all loans can be found in the table below:

### 30 June 2024

Entities associated with:	A Baker <sup>1</sup>
Opening balance	1,150,000
Interest	-
Funds advanced	-
Converted to Equity	-
Funds repaid Other – finance cost on related	-
party borrowing	<del>-</del>
Closing balance (Note 5)	1,150,000

Entities associated with the following key management personnel are as follows:

This concludes the remuneration report, which has been audited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A Baker : Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd, Wamco Industries Pty Ltd, Pacific Polymers R&D Pty Ltd, Pacific Polymers Pty Ltd, EMC Pacific Pty Ltd

### Shares under option

Unissued ordinary shares of WA Kaolin Limited under option at the date of this report are as follows:

Security name	Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number under option
Incentive options	20 November 2020	20 November 2025	\$0.35	31,250,000
Lead Manager options	20 November 2020	20 November 2024	\$0.30	5,000,000
Unquoted options	7 May 2024	30 June 2027	\$0.09	8,550,000
Unquoted options	30 July 2024	30 June 2027	\$0.09	16,250,001
Unquoted options	19 August 2024	30 June 2027	\$0.09	162,502
				61,212,503

## Shares issued on the exercise of options

There were no shares issued during the year ended 30 June 2024 and up to the date of this report on the exercise of options granted.

### Significant changes in the state of affairs of the company

During the year, the Company completed a capital raising of \$13.69m out of which \$9.79m was raised in the current year and \$3.9m was received in July 2024.

There were no other significant changes in the state of the affairs of the company throughout 2024.

### Indemnification and insurance of Directors and Officers

The Company has indemnified all the directors of the Company for any liabilities to another person (other than the Company or related body corporate) that may arise from their position as directors of the Company, except where the liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith.

## Indemnification and insurance of auditor

The Company has not, during or since the end of the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the Company or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

During the financial year, the Company has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the Company or any related entity.

## Proceedings on behalf of the Company

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001 for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or part of those proceedings.

# Rounding of amounts

The company is of a kind referred to in Corporations Instrument 2016/191, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Corporations Instrument to the nearest dollar.

### **Auditor Independence**

Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* requires our auditors, BDO Audit Pty Ltd, to provide the directors of the Company with an Independence Declaration in relation to the audit of the financial report. This Independence Declaration is set out on page 20 and forms part of this directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

# **Non-Audit Services**

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for non-audit services provided during the financial year by the auditor are outlined in note 19 to the financial statements. An amount of \$Nil (2023: \$Nil) was paid for non-audit services provided by entities connected to the auditor.

The directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services during the financial year, by the auditor (or by another person or firm on the auditor's behalf), is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by *the Corporations Act* 2001.

The directors are of the opinion that the services as disclosed in note 19 to the financial statements do not compromise the external auditor's independence requirements of *the Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed and approved to ensure that they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and
- none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the Company, acting as advocate for the Company or jointly sharing economic risks and rewards

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Dr John White, Chairman

Perth, Western Australia

30 September 2024



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# DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY ASHLEIGH WOODLEY TO THE DIRECTORS OF WA KAOLIN LIMITED

As lead auditor of WA Kaolin Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- 1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- 2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of WA Kaolin Limited and the entity it controlled.

**Ashleigh Woodley** 

**Director** 

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd** 

Perth

30 September 2024

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Continuing operations		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>
Revenue	3(a)	2,575,821	1,459,707
Other income	3(b)	806,803	459,831
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress		(3,800,569)	(780,255)
Rental expenses and outgoings	3(c)	(286,917)	(182,895)
Employee benefits expense	3(c)	(4,496,565)	(1,367,074)
Depreciation and amortisation	3(c)	(923,372)	(448,962)
Impairment Losses	10	(3,485,000)	-
Share-based payments	15(g)	-	2,032,000
Other expenses	3(c)	(2,510,275)	(2,278,094)
Results from operating activities		(12,120,074)	(1,105,742)
Finance income		796	7,307
Finance costs	3(c)	(1,461,407)	(2,651,406)
Net finance costs		(1,460,611)	(2,644,099)
Loss before income tax		(42 500 605)	(2.740.044)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	4	(13,580,685)	(3,749,841)
Loss after income tax from continuing operations		(13,580,685)	(3,749,841)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or losses (net of tax)			
Revaluation of land and buildings	17	_	3,527,833
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year			3,527,833
			0,021,000
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of income tax		-	_
Total comprehensive loss		(13,580,685)	(222,008)
Loss per share for the period attributable to the members of the Company			
Basic loss per share (cents per share)	16	\$(0.03)	\$(0.01)
Diluted loss per share (cents per share)	16	\$(0.03)	\$(0.01)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

Assets	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current assets	-	Ψ	Ψ
Cash and cash equivalents	5	751,880	3,093,776
Trade and other receivables	6	1,359,422	420,674
	7	3,172,953	1,904,603
Inventory  Total current assets	_	5,284,255	5,419,053
Non-current assets	_	5,264,255	5,415,055
Right of use asset	9	665,632	50,273
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Deposit plant and agginment		1,208,371 2,563,400	683,779
Property, plant and equipment	8 10		8,804,640
Mine development expenditure	10 <u>-</u>	26,906,981	28,395,734
Total non-current assets	<u>-</u>	31,344,384	37,934,426
Total assets	_	36,628,639	43,353,479
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	2,999,150	2,869,113
Lease liabilities	9	53,600	51,966
Borrowings	13	21,550,587	14,351,350
Provisions	14 _	235,045	213,835
Total current liabilities	_	24,838,382	17,486,264
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	13	3,656,875	15,069,143
Lease liabilities	9	187,453	3,131
Provisions	14	1,975,432	994,451
Total non-current liabilities	_	5,819,760	16,066,725
Total liabilities	_	30,658,142	33,552,989
Net assets	_	5,970,497	9,800,490
Equity			
Issued capital	15(a)	58,640,861	48,890,169
Reserves	15	37,385,293	37,385,293
Accumulated loss		(90,055,657)	(76,474,972)
Total equity	_	5,970,497	9,800,490

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Issued capital \$	Accumulated losses \$	Asset revaluation reserve \$	Share- based payment reserve \$	Capital contribution reserve \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2022	42,300,791	(72,725,131)	2,318,174	15,690,359	17,880,927	5,465,120
Loss for the year	-	(3,749,841)	-	-	-	(3,749,841)
Revaluation of land	-	-	3,527,833	-	-	3,527,833
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(3,749,841)	3,527,833	-	-	(222,008)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:						
Issue of shares – Net of costs	6,589,378	-	-	-	-	6,589,378
Fair value of performance rights - Reversal				(2,200,000)		(2,200,000)
Fair value of options	-	-	-	168,000	-	168,000
Balance at 30 June 2023	48,890,169	(76,474,972)	5,846,007	13,658,359	17,880,927	9,800,490
Balance as at 1 July 2023	48,890,169	(76,474,972)	5,846,007	13,658,359	17,880,927	9,800,490
Loss for the year	-	(13,580,685)	-		-	(13,580,685)
Revaluation of land	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(13,580,685)	-	-	-	(13,580,685)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:						
Issue of shares – Net of costs	9,750,692	-	-	-	-	9,750,692
Fair value of options			-	<u>-</u> _		
Balance at 30 June 2024	58,640,861	(90,055,657)	5,846,007	13,658,359	17,880,927	5,970,497

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from product sales		2,171,819	1,505,763
Payments to suppliers and employees		(13,076,909)	(6,085,823)
Interest received		176	7,306
Government grants and tax incentives		208,380	422,320
Other receipts		-	92
Net cash outflow from operating activities	5(ii)	(10,696,534)	(4,150,342)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,114,871)	(1,093,307)
Sale of property, plant and equipment		7,700,000	(1,000,001)
Mine development		(1,752,947)	(5,951,146)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		4,832,182	(7,044,453)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan interest paid		(538,920)	(884,914)
Repayment of Borrowings – Interest & Capital		(5,685,244)	(780,505)
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	4,000,000
Equity transaction fees		-	(200,622)
Issue of shares		9,746,620	5,790,000
Net cash inflow from financing activities		3,522,456	7,923,959
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		3,093,776	6,364,612
Net decrease in cash held		(2,341,896)	(3,270,836)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5	751,880	3,093,776

### **NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION**

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

This financial report is a general-purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards, Interpretations and other applicable authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

The financial report covers WA Kaolin Limited (the "Company"). WA Kaolin Limited is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The address of the Company's registered office and principal place of business is Lot 3 Ward Road, East Rockingham, Western Australia 6168. WA Kaolin Limited is a forprofit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial report.

The financial statements of WA Kaolin Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024 were authorised for issue in accordance with the resolution of the directors on 30 September 2024.

### Compliance with IFRS

The financial report also complies with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The company is of a kind referred to in Corporations Instrument 2016/191, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Corporations Instrument to the nearest dollar.

### Fair value measurement

For financial reporting purposes, 'fair value' is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants (under current market conditions) at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique.

When estimating the fair value of an asset or liability, the Company uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value are categorised into three levels according to the extent to which the inputs are observable:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the
  entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- · Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

### Comparative information

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

### Adoption of new and revised standards

Standards and Interpretations applicable to 30 June 2024

In the year ended 30 June 2024, the Directors have reviewed all the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to the company and effective for the current annual reporting period. The Directors have determined that there is no material impact of revised Standards on the company and, therefore, no material change is necessary to company's accounting policies.

New Accounting standards and interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the company for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2024.

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

### (b) Going concern

For the year ended 30 June 2024 the Company recorded a loss from continuing operations after income tax of \$13,580,685 (2023: \$3,749,841) and had net cash outflows from operating activities of \$10,696,534 (2023: \$4,150,342) and working capital deficit of \$19,554,126 (2023: working capital deficit of \$12,067,211).

The ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent on maintaining the support of its existing and potentially new financiers, the increased operating cash flows from sales of kaolin products and securing additional funding through raising of debt or equity to continue to fund the development activities and expansion of its business.

The operating cash flows from the sales of kaolin are critically dependent on the Classifier project delivering significantly greater quantities of finer products to penetrate the current tight Asian markets over the next twelve months. Significant sales of the new technical grades and engineered ceramic grades is also seen as critical. The cash situation will therefore be closely reviewed over the coming months, after the Classifier project is implemented and new products are introduced to the market. It may be that additional working capital is needed.

These conditions indicate a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, that it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

The directors have reviewed the Company's financial position and are of the opinion that there are sufficient funds to meet the entity's working capital requirements as at the date of this report.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the entity is a going concern, which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity, realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business for the following reasons:

- Existing and new orders will be filled as production is ramped up during financial year 2025;
- Support from borrowers to extend \$21.27m of loans for a further 12 months;
- The Company raised capital of \$13.69m out of which \$9.79m was received prior to 30 June 2024 and \$3.9m received in July 2024; and.
- The Company's ongoing Classifier project is expected to increase the production of finer products, achieve nameplate capacity and generate additional cash flow by penetrating the Asian markets.

Should the entity not be able to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business, and at amounts that differ from those stated in the financial statements and that the financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or liabilities that might be necessary should the entity not continue as a going concern.

### (c) Foreign currency transactions and balances

Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

### (d) Revenue

### (i) Revenue from contracts with customers

The Company requires identification of discrete performance obligations within a transaction and associated transaction price allocation to these obligations. Revenue is recognised upon satisfaction of these performance obligations, which occur when control of goods or services is transferred, rather than on transfer of risks or rewards.

Revenue from the sale of the Company's products is recognised when control has passed to the customer upon agreed delivery terms, generally being when the product is loaded onto the transport that takes the product to ship or directly to the customer's premises, at which time a bill of lading is received.

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

### Revenue (continued)

In cases where control of the product is product is transferred to the customer before shipping takes place, revenue is recognised when the customer has formally acknowledged the legal ownership of the product, which includes all inherent risks associated with control of the product. In these cases, the product is clearly identified and immediately available to the customer and this is when the performance obligation is met.

Revenue received for a contract that includes a variable amount is subject to revised conditions for recognition, whereby it must be highly probable that no significant reversal of the variable component may occur when the uncertainties around its measurement are removed.

### Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

### Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will include considering external sources of information and internal sources of information, including dividends received from subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures deemed to be out of preacquisition profits. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (e.g., in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives.

# IUO BEN IBUOSIBÓ 10-Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are measured on initial recognition at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any allowance for impairment. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

The Company measures the loss allowance for trade and other receivables at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit loss. The expected credit losses on trade and other receivables are estimated with reference to past default experience of the debtor and an analysis of the debtor's current financial position, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtor, general economic conditions of the industry in which the debtor operates and an assessment of both the current and the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date.

The Company writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery; for example, when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or when the trade receivables are over two years past due, whichever occurs earlier.

The impairment allowance is set equal to the difference between the carrying amount of the receivable and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Where receivables are short-term discounting is not applied in determining the allowance.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of profit or loss.

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

# TUO BEN IEUOSIBO 101 Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings are shown at fair value, based on periodic valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation and impairment for buildings. Land is not depreciated. The valuations are undertaken more frequently if there is a material change in the fair value relative to the carrying amount. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited in other comprehensive income through to the revaluation surplus reserve in equity. Any revaluation decrements are initially taken in other comprehensive income through to the revaluation surplus reserve to the extent of any previous revaluation surplus of the same asset. Thereafter the decrements are taken to profit or loss.

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Plant and equipment - over 2 to 20 years

Motor Vehicle - over 4 to 6 years

Leasehold improvements - over 10 to 13 years

Derecognition and disposal

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.

Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

### **Impairment**

The carrying values of plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date, with recoverable amount being estimated when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be

The recoverable amount of plant and equipment is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the

For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs, unless the asset's value in use can be estimated to approximate fair value.

An impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or cash-generating unit exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The asset or cash-generating unit is then written down to its recoverable amount. For plant and equipment, impairment losses are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the expense line item. However, because land and buildings are measured at revalued amounts, impairment losses on land and buildings are treated as a revaluation decrement.

### Trade and other payables

Trade payables and other payables are carried at amortised cost and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Company becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months.

### (i) **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

### **Provisions (continued)**

When the Company expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as separate assets but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of comprehensive income net of any reimbursement.

Provisions are measured at the present value or management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability.

When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as an interest expense.

### (j) Contingent liabilities

A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Company, or is a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because either it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability. Contingent liabilities are not recognised. Rather, contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the possibility of an outflow of economic benefits is remote. Contingent liabilities may develop in ways not initially expected. Therefore, they are assessed continually to determine whether an outflow of economic benefits has become probable. If it becomes probable that an outflow of future economic benefits will be required for an item previously dealt with as a contingent liability, a provision is recognised in the financial statements of the period in which the change in probability occurs (except in the extremely rare circumstances where no reliable estimate can be made).

Contingent Consideration related to the acquisition of individual assets outside of a business combination is classified as a financial liability only when the consideration is dependent on future events that are beyond the entity's control. Conversely, if the payment of contingent consideration is within the entity's control, the liability is recognized only from the date the contingent payment crystallizes, such as in the case of royalties for the company.

### (k) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs include interest expense calculated using the effective interest method, finance charges in respect of lease arrangements, and exchange differences arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent that they are regarded as an adjustment to interest costs.

Borrowing costs are expensed as incurred, except for borrowing costs incurred as part of the cost of the construction of a qualifying asset, in which case the costs are capitalised until the asset is ready for its intended use or sale.

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

### (I) Financial instruments

### Recognition and derecognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards are transferred.

A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

### Classification and initial measurement of financial assets

Except for those trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component and are measured at the transaction price in accordance with AASB 15, all financial assets are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs (where applicable).

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets, other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments, are classified into the following categories:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)
- equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)
- debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs, finance income or other financial items, except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within other expenses.

The classification is determined by both:

- the entity's business model for managing the financial asset
- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs, finance income or other financial items, except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within other expenses.

### Subsequent measurement of financial assets

### Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the assets meet the following conditions (and are not designated as FVTPL):

- they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets to collect its contractual cash flows
- the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Company's cash and cash equivalents, trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

### Impairment of financial assets

AASB 9's impairment requirements use more forward-looking information to recognise expected credit losses – the 'expected credit loss (ECL) model'.

Instruments within the scope of the requirements included loans and other debt-type financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI, trade receivables, contract assets recognised and measured under

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

### **Financial instruments (continued)**

AASB 15 and loan commitments and some financial guarantee contracts (for the issuer) that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Recognition of credit losses is no longer dependent on the Company identifying a credit loss event. Instead, the Company considers a broader range of information when assessing credit risk and measuring expected credit losses, including past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the expected collectability of the future cash flows of the instrument.

- In applying this forward-looking approach, a distinction is made between:
- financial instruments that have not deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition or that have low credit risk ('Level 1') and
- financial instruments that have deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition and whose credit risk is not low ('Level 2').
- 'Level 3' would cover financial assets that have objective evidence of impairment at the reporting date.

'12-month expected credit losses' are recognised for the first category while 'lifetime expected credit losses' are recognised for the second category.

Measurement of the expected credit losses is determined by a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of the financial instrument.

### Trade and other receivables and contract assets

The Company makes use of a simplified approach in accounting for trade and other receivables as well as contract assets and records the loss allowance as lifetime expected credit losses. These are the expected shortfalls in contractual cash flows, considering the potential for default at any point during the life of the financial instrument. In calculating, the Company uses its historical experience, external indicators and forward-looking information to calculate the expected credit losses using a provision matrix.

The Company assesses impairment of trade receivables on a collective basis as they possess shared credit risk characteristics they have been grouped based on the days past due.

### Classification and measurement of financial liabilities

The Company's financial liabilities include borrowings, trade and other payables and derivative financial instruments.

Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value, and, where applicable, adjusted for transaction costs unless the Company designated a financial liability at fair value through profit or loss.

Subsequently, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method except for derivatives and financial liabilities designated at FVTPL, which are carried subsequently at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss (other than derivative financial instruments that are designated and effective as hedging instruments).

All interest-related charges and, if applicable, changes in an instrument's fair value that are reported in profit or loss are included within finance costs or finance income.

# AUO BEN IBUOSIBÓ JO-**Borrowings**

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

# -Of bersonal use onl **Development expenditure**

Development expenditure represents the accumulated exploration, evaluation, land and development expenditure incurred by or on behalf of the Company in relation to areas of interest in which mining of a mineral resource has commenced.

When further development expenditure is incurred in respect of a mine property after commencement of production, such expenditure is carried forward as part of the mine property only when substantial future economic benefits are thereby established, otherwise such expenditure is classified as part of the cost of production.

Amortisation of costs is provided on the unit-of-production method with separate calculations being made for each mineral resource. The unit-of-production basis results in an amortisation charge proportional to the depletion of the estimated recoverable reserves. In some circumstances, where conversion of resources into reserves is expected, some elements of resources may be included. Where the life of the assets is shorter than the mine life their costs are amortised based on the useful life of the assets. Amortisation will only commence on commencement of commercial production.

The estimated recoverable reserves and life of the mine and the remaining useful life of each class of asset is reassessed at least annually. Where there is a change in the reserves/resources amortisation rates are correspondingly adjusted.

A regular review is undertaken of the mine property to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to the mine property. An impairment exists when the carrying value of mine properties exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The asset is then written down to its recoverable amount and the impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

The recoverable amount is calculated based on estimates of reserves, the sales price of Kaolin, operating and capital costs, discount rate and production start date.

The following indicators were assessed during the FY24 to test the impairment:

- Decline in asset market value
- b) Significant changes with an adverse effect (technology, market, economic)
- c) Increase in interest rates
- Asset carrying amount exceeds market capitalisation d)
- Significant changes which may have an adverse effect on recoverable value of the asset (idle plant, e) restructure, commodity price, revision in ore reserve or grade, Capital expenditure, operating costs)
- Economic feasibility of the asset

# Significant judgements and estimates

Development activities commence after project sanctioning by the appropriate level of management. Judgement is applied by management in determining when a project is economically viable. In exercising this judgement, management is required to make certain estimates and assumptions similar to those described above for capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure. Any such estimates and assumptions may change as new information becomes available. If, after having commenced the development activity, a judgement is made that a development asset is impaired, the impairment change is included in profit or loss.

# Determining the beginning of commercial production

Judgement is required to determine when capitalisation of development costs ceases, and amortisation of mine assets commences upon the start of commercial production. This is based on the specific circumstances of the project and considers when the specific asset is substantially complete and becomes 'available for use' as intended by management which includes consideration of completion of reasonable testing of the mine plant and equipment, throughput levels at or near expected levels, the ability to produce Kaolin in saleable form and other factors such as cashflow. As of June 30, 2024, the plant has successfully transitioned into commercial production. It has not only produced but also sold the full range of products it was designed to manufacture, meeting market demand and fulfilling customer orders. This milestone underscores our commitment to operational excellence and positions the plant as a key contributor to our ongoing growth and success.

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

### **Development expenditure (continued)**

### Restoration, Rehabilitation and Environmental Provision

Obligations associated with exploration and development assets are recognised when the Company has a present obligation, the future sacrifice of the economic benefits is probable, and the provision can be measured reliably. The provision is measured at the present value of the future expenditure to restore the land and a corresponding rehabilitation asset is also recognised.

On an ongoing basis, the rehabilitation will be remeasured in line with the changes in the time value of money (recognised as an expense and an increase in the provision), and additional disturbances (recognised as additions to a corresponding asset and rehabilitation liability).

### Significant judgements and estimates

The determination of the provision requires significant judgement in terms of the best estimate of the future costs of performing the work required, the timing of the cash flows, the appropriate discount rate and inflation rate.

In relation to estimating the costs of performing the work required, significant estimates are required in relation to estimating the extent of rehabilitation activities, including volume to be rehabilitated and unit rates, technological changes, regulatory changes, timing of cash flows and appropriate discount rates.

When these estimates change or become known in the future, such differences will impact the mine rehabilitation provision in the period in which they change or become known.

# AUU DELSOUSI NEC OUI Share based payments

Equity-settled transactions are awards of shares, or options over shares, that are provided to employees and other third parties in exchange for the rendering of services.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is measured at fair value on grant date. Fair value is independently determined using either the Binomial or Black-Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the impact of dilution, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk free interest rate for the term of the option, together with non-vesting conditions that do not determine whether the Company receives the services that entitle the employees to receive payment.

Market conditions are taken into consideration in determining fair value. Therefore, any awards subject to market conditions are considered to vest irrespective of whether or not that market condition has been met, provided all other conditions are satisfied.

If equity-settled awards are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the modification has not been made. An additional expense is recognised, over the remaining vesting period, for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based compensation benefit as at the date of modification.

If the non-vesting condition is within the control of the Company or employee, the failure to satisfy the condition is treated as a cancellation. If the condition is not within the control of the Company or employee and is not satisfied during the vesting period, any remaining expense for the award is recognised over the remaining vesting period, unless the award is forfeited.

If equity-settled awards are cancelled, it is treated as if it has vested on the date of cancellation, and the amount that would have been recognised is based on an estimate on the date of cancellation-i.e. estimating how many instruments are expected to vest at the original (future) vesting date. This approach is based on the view that on an ongoing basis the entity would have recognised only the grant-date fair value of those instruments that were expected to vest.

### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

### Government grants

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable certainty that the grant will be received, and all grant conditions are met.

Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating.

Grants relating to depreciable assets are credited to deferred income and are recognised in profit or loss over the period and in the proportions in which depreciation expense on those assets is recognised.

### **Inventories**

Inventories are carried at a lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is based on weighted average cost method and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to the existing condition and location. Cost is determined by using the weighted-average method and comprises direct purchase costs and an appropriate portion of fixed and variable overhead costs, including depreciation and amortisation, incurred in converting materials into finished goods, based on the normal production capacity.

# MUO ÉSOUSI MSE OUI Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The application of accounting policies requires the use of judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if it affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

### Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment and Mine Development

In assessing impairment, management estimates the recoverable amount of each asset or cash-generating unit based on expected future cash flows and uses an interest rate to discount them. Estimation uncertainty relates to assumptions about future operating results and the determination of a suitable discount rate.

During the financial year, the company engaged an independent valuer to perform a detailed assessment of its mine development assets to determine the fair value and assess for potential impairment. This was done in accordance with AASB 136 - Impairment of Assets.

The impairment testing was prompted by a combination of changes in market conditions and operational factors, leading management to believe the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable.

Asset Impaired: Mine development asset.

Impairment Loss Recognized: \$3,485,000

Reason for Impairment: The recoverable amount of the mine development asset was lower than its carrying amount due to reduced market demand and higher-than-expected operating costs.

Method and Assumptions: The recoverable amount was determined based on fair value less costs of disposal, using market-based valuation techniques and assumptions regarding future production, sales volumes, and costs to determine depreciated replacement value less cost of functional obsolescence. This fair value estimate was derived after consultation with external experts and reflects current market conditions.

The impairment loss has been recognized as an expense in profit & loss. Following this impairment, the carrying value of the mine development asset has been adjusted to reflect its fair value, ensuring compliance with AASB 136.

#### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

#### Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

#### Inventory

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make critical accounting estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of inventory and related costs.

#### 1. Inventory Valuation:

The valuation of inventory is determined using the lower of cost or net realizable value (NRV). Management assesses the cost of production, which includes direct costs such as mining, energy, transport, and labor, as well as allocated overheads. The estimation of NRV involves forecasting future selling prices and costs to complete the inventory, which can be influenced by market fluctuations and demand.

#### 2. Cost Assessment:

The cost of production for kaolin ore encompasses several critical components, including mining costs—comprising fixed extraction fees and rehabilitation contributions—energy costs based on actual electricity and gas consumption, transport costs for freight and export fees, and direct labor costs allocated according to the time and effort of production staff. Additionally, maintenance and consumables cover fixed expenses, while packaging costs are determined by supplier pricing. These elements are carefully calculated to ensure an accurate valuation of finished goods, reflecting the comprehensive expenses incurred throughout the production process. Furthermore, the allocation of costs to inventory necessitates careful judgement in determining the appropriate basis for allocation, which involves estimating the proportion of direct labor and overheads attributable to finished goods production, a process that can vary based on operational efficiency and production volume.

## 3. Estimates of Wastage and Strip Ratios:

The estimation of wastage and strip ratios during the mining process is critical in determining the cost of inventory. These estimates are based on historical performance and operational data, and any changes can significantly impact the cost allocation and overall inventory valuation.

# 4. Physical Measurement:

The physical measurement of kaolin ore inventory involves several key processes: during extraction, the quantity of ore is accurately measured using calibrated equipment; stockpiles are assessed through volume calculations or weight measurements; samples are taken to determine quality and yield; and the conversion to finished goods includes weighing and recording dimensions.

Management believes that the estimates and judgements applied are reasonable and reflect the best available information.

#### Useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets.

#### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

#### Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

#### Carrying value of mine development assets

In order to assess the recoverable amount of the mine development asset, the company conducted a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) in 2020. The financial analysis within the DFS provides a detailed examination of the initial 12 years of project operations. However, the calculation of Net Present Value (NPV) and Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is based on the Life of Mine (LOM) concept, where the LOM assumes the depletion of the 2020 Ore Reserves. For FY24, critical financial parameters related to production, sales, and gross profit were scrutinized, and these parameters align closely with the figures published in the LOM model.

The key estimates used in the Life of Mine (LOM) model are:

- 1. **Mineral Resource Estimates**: The total kaolinized granite resource is 109.1 Mt, with an average kaolin yield of 50%.
- 2. **Ore Reserves**: The probable ore reserve is 30.5 Mt, characterized by an ISO brightness of 83.7% and a vield of 51.8%.
- 3. **Mining Method**: Open-pit mining will be employed using conventional load and haul equipment. The mining recovery is estimated at 98%, with negligible dilution due to the clear ore contact.
- 4. **Processing and Production Capacity**: The proprietary K99 process will achieve an estimated recovery of 88% for kaolin, with an initial production capacity of 200,000 tpa planned to expand to 400,000 tpa.
- 5. Financial Estimates: The initial phase's Net Present Value (NPV) is projected at AU\$119 million, with an expanded phase NPV of AU\$257 million and an Internal Rate of Return (IRR) of 47%. The project is most sensitive to changes in commodity prices.

#### Discount rate on borrowings

As some of the Company's borrowings are on interest-free terms, present value calculations have been performed on the basis of an implied 12% discount rate as determined by the directors.

#### Share-based payment

The Company measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees and convertible noteholders by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by using either the Binomial or Black-Scholes model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted. The accounting estimates and assumptions relating to equity-settled share-based payments would have no impact on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period but may impact profit or loss and equity. Refer to note 15 for further information on milestone details.

### Rehabilitation Cost:

The provision for rehabilitation and restoration costs is based on the net present value of the estimated cost of rehabilitating and restoring the environmental disturbance that has occurred up to the reporting date. Significant estimates and assumptions are made in determining the provision for mine rehabilitation as there are numerous factors that will affect the ultimate liability payable. These factors include estimates of the extent and costs of rehabilitation activities, technological changes, regulatory changes, cost increases as compared to the inflation rates and changes in discount rates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from the amounts currently provided. The provision at reporting date represents management's best estimate of the present value of the future rehabilitation costs required.

#### NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

#### Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

#### Contingent liabilities

The Company has assessed that the Royalty Deed entered into with Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd and has determined that this represents a contingent liability. This is on the basis that the royalty is only payable if WA Kaolin either mines or sells kaolin ore or a kaolin product. At present, the Company is in the development phase of its Wickepin Kaolin Project ("Project") and the future development of the Project (and consequent royalty payments) is dependent on, amongst other things, future kaolin prices and the overall economic feasibility of the Project.

#### Date of commercial production

As of June 30, 2024, the plant has successfully transitioned into commercial production. It has not only produced but also sold the full range of products it was designed to manufacture, meeting market demand and fulfilling customer orders. This milestone underscores our commitment to operational excellence and positions the plant as a key contributor to our ongoing growth and success.

# IUO BSN IBUOSIBQ J Right of use assets and lease liabilities

AASB 16 standard is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Subject to exceptions, a 'right-of-use' asset will be capitalised in the statement of financial position, measured as the present value of the unavoidable future lease payments to be made over the lease term.

The exceptions relate to short-term leases of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets (such as personal computers and small office furniture) where an accounting policy choice exists whereby either a 'right-of-use' asset is recognised, or lease payments are expensed to profit, or loss as incurred.

A liability corresponding to the capitalised lease will also be recognised, adjusted for lease prepayments, lease incentives received, initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of any future restoration, removal or dismantling costs. Straight-line operating lease expense recognition will be replaced with a depreciation charge for the leased asset (included in operating costs) and an interest expense on the recognised lease liability (included in finance costs).

The company has finalised a 3-year lease for the East Rockingham property, with an annual rental fee of \$1 per annum in the sale and lease back transaction. The principal aim of the sale is to infuse funds into the company for debt reduction while retaining use of the property for continued R&D endeavours. This transaction generated a gross positive cash inflow of \$7 million plus GST, which was allocated towards repaying loans, resulting in a net positive cash inflow of \$2.6 million after debt settlement. The variance between the fair value of the property at the sale date, amounting to \$7.6 million, and the \$7 million proceeds received has been recognized as a rightof-use asset with nil lease liability stemming from advance payments for lease obligations.

## **NOTE 2: SEGMENT REPORTING**

Operating segments are presented using the 'management approach', where the information presented is on the same basis as the internal reports provided to the Chief Operating Decision Makers ('CODM'). The CODM is responsible for the allocation of resources to operating segments and assessing their performance. The Company only has one operating segment. With the incorporation of Malaysian entity on 9 August 2023, the Company now operates in multiple geographical locations, however for segment reporting purposes, these locations are not identified as separate operating segments based on the immaterial nature of transactions in Malaysia.

# **NOTE 3: REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
(a) Revenue		
Sale of products – domestic	277,467	204,310
Sale of products – export	2,298,354	1,255,397
	2,575,821	1,459,707
(b) Other income		
R&D Tax refund	550,984	369,469
Other income	255,819	90,362
	806,803	459,831
(c) Expenses		
Loss before income tax includes the following specific expenses:		
Rental expenses and outgoings		
Property rental	20,123	16,141
Landowner's payments	71,719	50,617
Tenement rentals	160,801	93,309
Tenement rates	34,274	22,828
Total rental expenses and outgoings	286,917	182,895
Employee benefits expense		
Directors' fees	180,000	196,000
Salaries and wages	3,731,019	721,880
Superannuation	314,645	237,985
Payroll tax	204,256	182,896
Fringe Benefits Tax	16,136	28,313
Staff other expenses	50,509	-
Total employee benefits expenses	4,496,565	1,367,074
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# **NOTE 3: REVENUE AND EXPENSES (continued)**

preciation and amortisation  nt & equipment	560,083	
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		351,464
ased asset	309,792	42,537
asehold improvements	2,973	26,316
tor vehicles	30,176	28,645
ne development	20,348	-
al depreciation	923,372	448,962
ance costs		
erest and finance charges paid/payable on borrowings	1,461,407	2,651,406
	1,461,407	2,651,406
ner expenses		
counting and administration fees	219,022	304,270
nsulting fees	75,067	12,768
rporate expenses	98,672	189,202
pairs and maintenance	383,793	165,071
terials and consumables	74,259	66,686
tor vehicle expenses	31,341	18,764
lities	27,051	64,813
el	37,598	57,798
ning royalties	151,208	39,948
urance	407,715	444,836
eight	100,459	365,131
search & development costs	78,837	38,072
X filing fees	49,957	56,761
gal fees	67,543	24,111
ner	707,753	429,863
	2,510,275	2,278,094

# **NOTE 4: INCOME TAX**

	2024	2023
_	\$	\$
Income tax recognised in profit or loss:		
The major components of tax expense are:		
Current tax	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-
Under/(over) provision in prior years	-	
Total income tax expense	-	-
Reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable:		
Loss from continuing operations before income tax expense	(13,580,685)	(3,749,841)
Tax at the Australian tax rate of 25% (2023 25%)	(3,395,171)	(937,460)
Tax effect of amounts which are non-deductible (taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Other permanent differences	150,689	(70,931)
Research and development credit	(137,746)	(92,367)
Timing movements not recognised	(333,398)	(247,852)
Deferred tax assets not brought to account	3,715,626	1,348,610
Income tax expense/(benefit)	-	-
The applicable weighted average effective tax rates	0%	0%
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Unrecognised deferred tax asset		
Tax losses	13,025,596	9,395,516
Provisions and accruals	333,398	247,852
Net deferred tax assets unrecognised	13,358,994	9,643,368
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# **NOTE 4: INCOME TAX (continued)**

#### **Deferred Tax Assets Not Recognised**

The tax benefits of the above deferred tax assets will only be obtained if:

- The Company derives future assessable income of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefits to be utilised;
- The Company continues to comply with the conditions for deductibility imposed by law; and
- No changes in income tax legislation adversely affect the Company in utilising the benefits.

# **NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	751,880	3,093,776

Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

# (i) Reconciliation to the Statement of Cash Flows:

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and at bank and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Cash and cash equivalents as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Balance as above	751,880	3,093,776
Bank overdraft	-	-
Balance as per statement of cash flows	751,880	3,093,776

# (ii) Reconciliation of net (loss)/profit for the year to net cash flows from operating activities

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Net loss for the year	(13,580,685)	(3,749,841)
Depreciation and amortisation	923,372	448,962
Impairment Losses	3,485,000	-
Financing costs	1,461,407	2,651,406
Share-based payments	-	(2,032,000)
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets:		
Trade and other prepayments	(793,687)	(119,330)
(Decrease)/increase in operating liabilities:		
Trade and other payables	(3,194,131)	(1,603,961)
Provisions	1,002,190	254,422
Net cash used in operating activities	(10,696,534)	(4,150,342)

# NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (continued)

# (iii) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	Related party borrowings \$	Other borrowings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	1,060,107	23,270,655	24,330,762
Capital repayments – Cash	-	(780,505)	(780,505)
Capital repayments – Converted to Equity	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)
Interest payments	-	(884,914)	(884,914)
Accrued interest	-	903,128	903,128
Funds advanced - Cash	1,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000
Funds advanced – Non-Cash	-	1,158,841	1,158,841
Interest amortisation/ PV Adjustment	89,893	1,658,385	1,748,278
Balance at 30 June 2023	1,150,000	28,325,590	29,475,590
Balance at 1 July 2023	1,150,000	28,325,590	29,475,590
Capital repayments – Cash	-	(5,685,244)	(5,685,244)
Interest payments	-	(538,920)	(538,920)
Accrued interest	-	858,653	858,653
Funds advanced – Non-Cash	-	735,682	735,682
Interest amortisation/ PV Adjustment	-	602,754	602,754
Balance at 30 June 2024	1,150,000	24,298,515	25,448,515

# (iv) Non-cash investing and financing activities

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Accrued interest / interest amortisation	(922,487)	(2,651,406)
Fair value convertible notes	-	1,000,000
Conversion of convertible notes to share capital	-	(1,000,000)
Other non-cash items	(735,682)	(1,158,841)
	(1,658,169)	(3,810,247)

#### NOTE 6: CURRENT TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	510,159	97,137
Allowance for impairment	-	-
	510,159	97,137
Sundry debtors	565,735	22,192
Prepayments	283,528	301,345
	849,263	323,537
Total trade and other receivables	1,359,422	420,674
	2024	2023
	<b>\$</b>	\$
Analysis of other receivables		
Within initial terms	510,159	97,137
Ageing of past due but not impaired		
30 – 60 days	-	-
60 – 90 days	-	-
90+ days		-
	<del></del>	-
Gross amount of other receivables	510,159	97,137

# Impairment of receivables

The Company measures the loss allowance for trade and other receivables at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit loss. The expected credit losses on trade and other receivables are estimated with reference to past default experience of the debtor and an analysis of the debtor's current financial position, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtor, general economic conditions of the industry in which the debtor operates and an assessment of both the current and the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date.

The Company writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery; for example, when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or when the trade receivables are over two years past due, whichever occurs earlier.

The impairment allowance is set equal to the difference between the carrying amount of the receivable and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Where receivables are short-term discounting is not applied in determining the allowance.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

There was no significant change in the gross carrying amount of receivables as there was no lifetime expected credit loss for the years 2023 and 2024.

#### **NOTE 7: INVENTORY**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Raw materials	1,887,681	955,757
Finished Goods	636,391	447,254
Packaging & Consumables	648,881	501,592
Total Inventory	3,172,953	1,904,603

Stockpiles recognised within raw materials are measured by estimating the number of tonnes added and removed from the stockpile, and the estimated recovery percentage. Stockpiles tonnages are verified to periodic surveys. Such estimates and assumptions may change as new information becomes available and could impact on the carrying value of inventories.

# **NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Land and buildings	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 30 June 2024				
At 1 July 2023, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	747,854	186,216	7,870,570	8,804,640
Additions	1,802,752	11,364	137,876	1,951,992
Disposals	-	-	(7,600,000)	(7,600,000)
Depreciation charge for the year	(560,083)	(30,176)	(2,973)	(593,232)
At 30 June 2024, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	1,990,523	167,404	405,473	2,563,400
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At 30 June 2024				
Cost or fair value	11,621,432	285,542	796,105	12,703,079
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(9,630,909)	(118,138)	(390,632)	(10,139,679)
Net carrying amount	1,990,523	167,404	405,473	2,563,400

# NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Land and buildings	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 30 June 2023				
At 1 July 2022, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	418,312	178,631	4,363,354	4,960,297
Additions	681,005	36,231	5,699	722,935
Revaluation	-	-	3,527,833	3,527,833
Depreciation charge for the year	(351,463)	(28,646)	(26,316)	(406,425)
At 30 June 2023, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	747,854	186,216	7,870,570	8,804,640
At 30 June 2023				
Cost or fair value	9,818,681	274,178	8,258,229	18,351,088
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(9,070,827)	(87,962)	(387,659)	(9,546,448)
Net carrying amount	747,854	186,216	7,870,570	8,804,640

ILO DEN IEUOSI The useful life of the assets was estimated as follows for both 2024 and 2023:

Plant and equipment 2 to 20 years Motor vehicles 4 to 6 years Leasehold improvements 10 to 13 years Buildings 40 years

On 21 July 2023, the Company sold its property at East Rockingham, Western Australia to Coogee Chemicals Pty Ltd for \$7m plus GST. A 3-year lease to use the facility was also executed at a nominal annual rental fee. The difference between the fair value of the property at the date of sale of \$7.6m and the \$7m of proceeds received has been recognised as a right of use asset arising from advance payments for lease obligations which will be amortised over the 3-year term of the lease.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

# **NOTE 9: RIGHT OF USE ASSET AND LEASE LIABILITIES**

# RIGHT OF USE OF ASSET

	\$	\$
Right of use asset – Opening Cost	92,810	-
Right of use asset - Additions	925,151	92,810
Accumulated Amortisation	(352,329)	(42,537)
	665,632	50,273
LEASE LIABILITIES	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of period	55,097	-
Additions	269,977	92,810
Interest	10,470	2,650
Lease Payments	(94,491)	(40,363)
Total Lease Liability	241,053	55,097

2024	8 Rainier Cres	513 Hay St	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Current	49,271	4,329	53,600
Non-current	187,453	-	187,453
	236,724	4,329	241,053

2023	8 Rainier Cres	513 Hay St	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Current	-	51,966	51,966
Non-current	-	3,131	3,131
	-	55,097	55,097

#### **NOTE 10: MINE DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of period	28,395,734	20,040,107
Additions	2,016,595	8,355,627
Impairment Losses	(3,485,000)	-
Depreciation	(20,348)	-
Total mine development expenditure	26,906,981	28,395,734

In line with the Group's accounting policies and relevant accounting standards, assets are evaluated for impairment indicators at each reporting date. As of 30 June 2024, impairment indicators were identified in the de-gritting plant is attributed to the assets directly involved in kaolin separation. The recoverable amount of the mine development asset, which was found to be lower than its carrying amount due to decreased market demand and unexpectedly high operating costs. An estimation of the plant's recoverable amount was therefore performed utilising fair value methodology. Management engaged an independent valuer to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Wickepin plant in order to determine its fair value and assess any potential impairment. The valuation utilised both market and cost approaches (level 3), considering current market conditions and the specific operational factors affecting the asset. As a result of this valuation, specific components within the plant were deemed to be non-recoverable resulting in an impairment loss of \$3,485,000.

#### **NOTE 11: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

2024	2023
\$	\$
2,120,581	2,299,127
794,810	463,408
83,759	106,578
2,999,150	2,869,113
	\$ 2,120,581 794,810 83,759

2024

1,208,371

683,779

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#### **NOTE 12: DEPOSIT PAID**

Total Deposit Paid

	2024	2023
	<b>\$</b>	\$
Balance at beginning of period	683,779	276,000
Net Movements	524,592	407,779
Total Deposit Paid	1,208,371	683,779
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Lease Deposit – 8 Rainier Cres	20,433	-
Supplier Deposits – Prepaid for goods and services	1,187,938	683,779

#### **NOTE 13: BORROWINGS**

	2024	2023
Current	\$	\$
Loans from related parties (i)	1,150,000	1,150,000
Loans from other parties (ii)	20,400,587	13,201,350
	21,550,587	14,351,350
Non-current		
Loans from related parties (i)	-	-
Loans from other parties (ii)	3,656,875	15,069,143
	3,656,875	15,069,143
Total borrowings	25,207,462	29,420,493

- (i) The Company has the following executed loan agreements in place with its related parties at the reporting date with the respective terms and conditions:
- (a) Lender: Wamco Industries Limited Agreement date: 20 September 2019

Expiry date: 30 June 2027

Interest rate: 0%

Repayments: 1) Prior to the IPO date - \$144,000; 2) 10 Business days after the IPO date - \$150,000; 3) Second anniversary of the agreement - \$250,000; 4) Third anniversary of the agreement - \$61,000; 5) Fourth anniversary of the agreement - \$839,000; 6) Any balance repayable upon the Company achieving positive free cash flow for one quarter

Collateral securities: None

Amount due in less than 1 year: \$1,150,000

The lender has confirmed they will not call on the entire debt 12 months from the date of the approval of the financial statements

- (ii) The Company has the following executed loan agreements in place from other parties at the reporting date with the respective terms and conditions:
  - (a) There are two further finance agreements with Toyota Finance for the financing of plant and equipment \$694,904, and lease liability \$241,053 & insurance premium funding \$239,931 which was repaid in 2024.
  - (b) Lender: Scientific Management Associates (Operations) Pty Ltd

Agreement date: 20 September 2019

Expiry date: 30 June 2027 Interest rate: 6% per annum

Repayments: 1) 10 Business days after the IPO date - \$300,000; 2) Fourth anniversary of the agreement - \$8,000,000; 3) Any balance repayable upon the Company achieving positive free cash flow for one quarter

Collateral securities: None

Amount due in less than 1 year: \$8,000,000 (20 September 2023)

The lender has confirmed they will not call on the entire debt 12 months from the date of the approval of the financial statements

(c) Lender: Scientific Management Associates (Victoria) Pty Ltd

Agreement date: 20 September 2019

Expiry date: 30 June 2028

Interest rate: 0%

Repayments: 1) 10 Business days after the IPO date - \$1,242,000; 2) Fourth anniversary of the agreement - \$4,635,000; 3) Fifth anniversary of the agreement - \$7,405,000; 4) Any balance repayable upon the Company

achieving positive free cash flow for one quarter

Collateral securities: None

Amount due in less than 1 year: \$4,635,000 (20 September 2023) Amount due in less than 1 year: \$7,405,000 (20 September 2024)

The lender has confirmed they will not call on the entire debt 12 months from the date of the approval of the financial statements

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# **NOTE 13: BORROWINGS (continued)**

(d) Lender: Boneyard Investments Pty Ltd

Agreement date: 30 June 2023 Expiry date: 30 June 2026

Interest rate: 8% per annum (Interest will accumulate unpaid for a period of two years, following which it will be

disbursed on a quarterly basis.

Repayments: The loan amount will be repaid in one lump sum on the expiry date or can be converted to equity.

Collateral securities: None

Repayments: The entire loan amount will be settled in a single payment upon the expiry date, or it can be converted into equity, contingent upon shareholders' approval.

Conversion: Number of shares determined by dividing the outstanding loan amount by conversion price. Conversion price is calculated by 20% discount to the value of weighted average market price on the ASX.

Amount due in more than 1 year: \$3,240,657(30 June 2026)

# **NOTE 14: PROVISIONS**

**Employee Entitlements:** 

	\$	\$
At 1 July	254,422	173,154
Net movements	(3,023)	81,268
At 30 June	251,399	254,422
Rehabilitation provision:	2024	2023
	\$	\$
At 1 July	953,864	374,533
Net movements	1,005,214	579,331
At 30 June	1,959,078	953,864

2024	Employee benefits	Rehabilitation provision	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current	235,045	-	-	235,045
Non-current	16,354	1,959,078	-	1,975,432
	251,399	1,959,078	-	2,210,477

023	Employee benefits	Rehabilitation provision	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current	213,835	-	-	213,835
Non-current	40,587	953,864	-	994,451
			-	_
	254,422	953,864		1,208,286

#### **NOTE 15: CAPITAL AND RESERVES**

	30 Jun	30 June 2024		2023		
	Number of shares	\$	Number of shares	\$		
□ (a) Paid up capital	457,984,122	58,640,861	378,258,170	48,890,169		

#### (b) Movements in ordinary share capital

	Year to 30 June 2024		Year to 30 Ju	ne 2023
	Number of shares	\$	Number of shares	\$
Balance at beginning of year	378,258,170	48,890,169	332,991,470	42,300,791
Issue of shares to third parties	79,725,952	9,750,692	38,600,033	5,790,000
Issue of shares upon conversion of convertible notes*	-	-	6,666,667	1,000,000
Capital raising costs		-	-	(200,622)
Balance at end of year	457,984,122	58,640,861	378,258,170	48,890,169

In the prior financial year, an agreement was in place to issue shares upon the conversion of a convertible note, with a contemplated conversion price of \$0.15 per share. At the date of conversion, 18 May 2023, following shareholder approval, the share price was \$0.135. As a result, a gain of \$100,000 was recognized on conversion..

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Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held. Upon a poll each share is entitled to one vote. Ordinary shares have no par value and the Company does not have a limited amount of authorised capital.

# **NOTE 15: CAPITAL AND RESERVES (continued)**

# (c) Movements in unlisted performance rights

No.	Balance at start of period	# Granted during the period	Vested and Exercised	Cancelled/ Forfeited	Balance at end of period	Value vested during the period (\$)
1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	8,250,000	-	-	(8,250,000)	-	-
4	8,250,000	-	-	(8,250,000)	-	-
	16,500,000	-	-	(16,500,000)	-	-

During the year ended 30 June 2021, the Company issued 27,500,000 Performance Rights to the chief executive, executive director and former director/founder. Each Performance Right is a right to be issued with a single ordinary share upon vesting of the Performance Right, free of encumbrances. No consideration will be payable upon the vesting or conversion of the Performance Rights.

The Board has determined during FY24 that none of the performance milestones were capable of being met and subsequently cancelled those rights. Those milestones were as follows:

No.	Milestone		30-Jun-22	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-25
1	Project Delivery – CAPEX: Wickepin production has been constructed and commissioned at or b 112.5% of budget (\$18 million)		5,500,000	1	-	-
2	Project Delivery – Production: Wickepin product achieves an average production rate equal to or exceeding 20t/hour of processed kaolin during a completion test, to be conducted over a 5-day perscheduled plant operation hours	5,500,000	-	-	-	
3	Revenue: Deliver operating revenue from the Wickepin plant of the amount specified or greater, as set out in the audited accounts for the period ending 30 June of the relevant Milestone.	Revenue Target Rights		\$31.7m 2,750,000	\$44.8m 2,750,000	\$80.7m 2,750,000
4	EBITDA: Deliver EBITDA of the amount specified or greater, as set out in the audited accounts for the period ending 30 June of the relevant Milestone.	EBITDA Target Rights		\$5.7m 2,750,000	10.3m 2,750,000	21.4m 2,750,000
	Total number of Performance Rights to vest acroholders (of a total on issue of 27,500,000):	number of Performance Rights to vest across all ers (of a total on issue of 27,500,000):		5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000
	Percentage of a holder's Performance Rights to	vest:	40%	20%	20%	20%

# **NOTE 15: CAPITAL AND RESERVES (continued)**

# (d) Movements in unlisted options

	Year to 30 J	Year to 30 June 2024		ine 2023	
	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	
Balance at beginning of financial period	\$0.27	168,732,813	\$0.27	167,232,813	
Options expired during the year	\$0.25	(132,482,813)	-	-	
Issue of options – Others	\$0.09	8,383,333	-	-	
Issue of options to KMP	\$0.09	166,667	\$0.35	1,500,000	
Balance at end of financial period	\$0.295	44,800,000	\$0.271	168,732,813	

The Company issued 8,550,000 options as part of a capital raising in May 2024, of which 166,667 were issued to Mr. Sorensen who is a KMP. These options carry an exercise price of \$0.09 each and are set to expire on 30 June 2027.

(e) Asset revaluation reserve	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Opening balance	5,846,007	2,318,174
Movement	-	3,527,833
Closing balance	5,846,007	5,846,007
(f) Capital contribution reserve		
Opening balance	17,880,927	17,880,927
Closing balance	17,880,927	17,880,927
(g) Share-based payment reserve		
Opening balance	13,658,359	15,690,359
Fair value of Incentive options	-	168,000
Performance Rights	-	(2,200,000)
Closing balance	13,658,359	13,658,359
Total reserves	37,385,293	37,385,293

# Nature and purpose of reserves

Asset revaluation reserve

The asset revaluation reserve has been used to record increases in the fair value of land and decreases to the extent that such decreases relate to an increase on the same asset previously recognised in equity.

### **NOTE 15: CAPITAL AND RESERVES (continued)**

Capital contribution reserve

The capital contribution reserve has been used to record increases in net assets arising from transactions with owners in their capacity as owners and that are not recognised as income.

Share based payment reserve

The share option reserve arises as share-based payments are issued.

#### **NOTE 16: EARNINGS PER SHARE**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Loss after income tax attributable to owners of WA Kaolin Limited used to calculate basic loss per share	(13,580,685)	(3,749,841)
	(13,360,063)	(3,749,641)
	\$ per share	\$ per share
Basic loss per share	(0.03)	(0.01)
Diluted loss per share	(0.03)	(0.01)
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic and diluted loss per share	413,161,220	357,659,432

# **NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

# (a) Capital risk management

The Company manages its capital to ensure that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance.

The capital structure of the Company consists of cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings/(accumulated losses).

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

Operating cash flows are used to maintain and expand operations, as well as to make routine expenditures such as tax, dividends and general administrative outgoings.

Gearing levels are reviewed by the Board on a regular basis in line with its target gearing ratio, the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital.

		2024	2023
		\$	\$
(b)	Categories of financial instruments		_
Financ	cial assets		
Cash a	and cash equivalents	751,880	3,093,776
Trade a	and other receivables	1,075,894	119,330
Financ	cial liabilities		
Trade a	and other payables	2,204,341	2,405,705
Borrow	rings	25,448,515	29,475,590

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#### NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### Financial risk management objectives (c)

The Company is exposed to currency risk, market risk including fair value interest rate risk and price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk.

## **Currency risk**

The Company undertakes transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange

rates. The Company manages its currency risk in accordance with approved policies.

The carrying amounts of foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the reporting date are:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
United States Dollar denominated (in AUD)	425,000	66,000
	425,000	66,000

#### Sensitivity

As shown in table above, the Company is primarily exposed to changes in USD/AUD exchange rate. Impact on post tax profit as a result of movements in USD/AUD exchange rate were immaterial for both 2023 and 2024.

#### Market risk

The Company's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and commodity prices. There has been no change to the Company's exposure to market risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk from the previous period. The Company does not have investments that would expose it to unmanageable market risks.

# Interest rate risk management

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk as the Company borrows funds at variable interest rates. The Company's policy is to manage its exposure to movements in interest rates by fixing the interest rate on financial instruments, including bank loans, finance leases and hire purchase liabilities, wherever possible.

In addition, the Company utilises a number of financial institutions to obtain the best interest rate possible and to manage its risk. The Company does not enter into interest rate hedges. 

Financial instruments	Interest bearing	Non-interest bearing	Total carrying amount	Fixed / variable rate
30 June 2024	\$	\$	\$	
(i) Financial assets				
Cash	_	751,880	751,880	Variable
Total financial assets	_	751,880	751,880	
(ii) Financial liabilities				
Borrowings	12,258,515	13,190,000	25,448,515	Fixed
Total financial liabilities	12,258,515	13,190,000	25,448,515	
30 June 2023				
(i) Financial assets				
Cash	_	3,093,776	3,093,776	Variable
Total financial assets	-	3,093,776	3,093,776	
(ii) Financial liabilities				
Borrowings	17,078,983	12,396,607	29,475,590	Fixed
Total financial liabilities	17,078,983	12,396,607	29,475,590	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

No other financial assets or financial liabilities are expected to be exposed to interest rate risk.

#### Interest rate risk sensitivity analysis

The Company only had fixed rate borrowings at 30 June 2024 and 2023, therefore interest rate sensitivity analysis is not required to be undertaken for the purpose of this report.

#### Credit risk management

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company. The Company has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties and obtaining sufficient collateral where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Company only transacts with entities that are rated the equivalent of investment grade and above.

This information is supplied by independent rating agencies where available and, if not available, the Company uses publicly available financial information and its own trading record to rate its counterparties. The Company's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored.

The Company does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowance for losses, represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral obtained.

#### (g) Liquidity risk management

	Ultimate responsibili risk management fra management require reserve borrowing fa of financial assets and	amework for the nements. The Compacilities by continuous	nanagement of the pany manages liqui	e Company's sho dity risk by main	ort, medium and lor taining adequate res	ng-term funding and serves, banking faci	l liquidity lities and
	The following table amounts presented bands based on the	in the table are th	e undiscounted co	ontractual cash f	lows of the financia		
		< 6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount	Weighted average interest rate
30	June 2024	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Pa	ayables	2,999,150	-	-	2,999,150	2,999,150	Nil
Вс	orrowings	187,148	14,012,039	11,249,328	25,448,515	25,448,515	2.14%
	_	3,186,298	14,012,039	11,249,328	28,447,665	28,447,665	
30	) June 2023						
Pa	ayables	2,869,113	-	-	2,869,113	2,869,113	Nil
Вс	orrowings	196,562	5,934,215	23,947,934	30,078,711	29,475,590	3.22%
	_	3,065,675	5,934,215	23,947,934	32,947,824	32,344,703	

#### NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

# (h) Fair value of financial instruments

The directors consider that the carrying value of the financial assets and financial liabilities as recognised in the financial statements approximate their fair values.

## Fair value hierarchy

The following tables detail the company's assets and liabilities, measured or disclosed at fair value, using a three-level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

Year ended 30 June 2024	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Land and buildings	-	-		
Total assets	-	-		

Year ended 30 June 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Land and buildings	-		- 7,600,000	7,600,000
Total assets	-		- 7,600,000	7,600,000

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

The fair value of financial liabilities is estimated by discounting the remaining contractual maturities at the current market interest rate that is available for similar financial liabilities.

#### Land and buildings

The land and buildings were revalued to \$7.6M on 30 June 2023 based on the valuation done by an external valuer, CBRE. The property was sold in July 2023. The sale of the property was not recognised in the financial year ended 30 June 2023 as the actual transfer of property occurred in July 2023.

# NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

# Fair value hierarchy (continued)

Level 3 assets and liabilities

Movements in level 3 assets and liabilities during the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Assets
	Land and buildings
	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	7,600,000
Income recognised in other comprehensive income	-
Losses recognised in profit or loss	-
Sale of land and buildings	(7,000,000)
Other adjustments (net)	(600,000)
Balance at 30 June 2024	-
Losses recognised in other comprehensive income	-
Additions	-
Other adjustments	-
Fair value adjustment and finance costs	-
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u> </u>
	Assets
	Land and buildings
	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	4,000,000
Income recognised in other comprehensive income	3,527,833
Losses recognised in profit or loss	-
Additions (net)	29,656
Other adjustments (net)	42,511
Balance at 30 June 2023	7,600,000
Losses recognised in other comprehensive income	-
Additions	-
Other adjustments	-

Fair value adjustment and finance costs

Balance at 30 June 2023

7,600,000

#### **NOTE 18: DIVIDENDS**

No dividends were paid, declared or recommended since the start of the financial year (2023: \$Nil).

#### **NOTE 19: AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

	2024	2023
Amounts paid and payable to BDO for:	\$	\$
(i) Audit and other assurance services		
Audit of financial statements	135,504	134,697
Total audit and other assurance services	135,504	134,697
(ii) Other non-audit services		
Taxation services	-	-
Corporate finance services		-
Total non-audit services		

# **NOTE 20: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### Capital commitments

At 30 June 2024, the Company had various commitments in the sum of \$357,521 (excluding GST) (2023: \$Nil) in relation to the installation of new classifier equipment and associated works at its Wickepin plant in Western Australia.

#### Contractual commitments

The Company announced on 26 May 2021 that it had entered into a 15-year LNG Supply agreement, due to commence from the start of operations at its Wickepin plant. As a result, the Company has commitments of approximately \$2,055,666 (excluding GST) in the first year of production and then approximately \$4,262,100 (excluding GST) per year, until such time as the Company commits to its Stage 2 project, which will see production capacity increased from 200,000 tonnes per year to 400,000 per year.

In addition, the Company announced on 10 September 2021 that it signed a 15-year agreement for the supply of water to the Company's Wickepin Kaolin Project with the Western Australian Water Corporation. Over the period of this agreement, the Water Corporation will make available up to 49kL of water per day or 343kL per week to the Company. The Company paid a one-off upfront capacity contribution and then a monthly variable charge depending on volume used (rates subject to annual review) with no minimum monthly requirement.

# NOTE 20: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

# Contingencies

#### Royalty Deed

On 1 July 2019, a Royalty Deed was executed between the Company and Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd, on behalf of several of the original and other owners of the Company since formation. Key details of the Royalty Deed are as follows:

Parties	WA Kaolin Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd ( <b>WAMCO</b> )	
Brief description	WA Kaolin has agreed to pay a royalty (described below) to WAMCO until the earlier of 1 July 2049 and the date WA Kaolin relinquishes, surrenders or conveys to WAMCO all of the Tenements (other than L70/156 and G70/251).	
Commencement date	1 July 2019.	
Key terms	<b>Royalty:</b> WA Kaolin owes to WAMCO a royalty for each quarter in which WA Kaolin either mines or sells kaolin ore ex-works, FCA or FOB or mines and processes kaolin ore to produce a kaolin product which is sold ex-works, FCA or FOB, which must be paid quarterly.	
	The royalty is the greater of:	
	(a) \$1.50 per tonne of dry kaolin ore or product sold in a quarter, provided that if kaolin product has been sold after processing, then tonnage used to calculate the royalty will be twice the actual tonnage of the processed kaolin; or	
	(b) 1.5% of the price received for the sale of kaolin ore or product in a quarter.	

<u>Tonnage Royalty Deed</u>
On 1 July 2019, a Royalty Deed was executed between the Company and Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd, on behalf of several of the original and other owners of the Company since formation. Key details of the Royalty Deed are as follows:

Parties	
	Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd (WAMCO)
Brief description	WA Kaolin has agreed to pay a royalty (described below) to WAMCO until the earlier of 1 July 2049 and the date WA Kaolin relinquishes, surrenders or conveys to WAMCO all of the Tenements (other than L70/156 and G70/251).
Commencement date	1 July 2019.
Key terms	<b>Royalty:</b> WA Kaolin owes to WAMCO a royalty for each quarter in which WA Kaolin either mines and sells kaolin ore ex-works, FCA or FOB or mines and processes kaolin ore to produce a kaolin product which is sold ex-works, FCA or FOB, which must be paid quarterly.
	The royalty is \$1.25 per tonne of dry kaolin ore or product sold in a quarter, provided that if kaolin product has been sold after processing, then tonnage used to calculate the royalty will be twice the actual tonnage of the processed kaolin.

2023

2024

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### NOTE 20: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

#### Security Interest

The Company has borrowed \$3,000,000 from Boneyard Investments Pty Ltd which is not subject to any security interest.

No other contingencies were noted as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

#### NOTE 21: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 23 July 2024, the Company held a general meeting of shareholders to approve the following:

- Ratification of Tranche 1 Placement Shares and Placement Options to various parties;
- · Approval for the issue of Tranche 2 Placement Securities to related parties and an unrelated investor; and
- Approval of a Share Purchase Plan for ordinary shareholders.

The Company's shareholders unanimously resolved to approve all of the above ordinary resolutions.

On 24 July 2024, the Company opened its Share Purchase Plan (SPP) to its ordinary shareholders. The result of the SPP was announced on 19 August 2024, with the Company confirming that \$39,000 was raised (before costs).

On 30 July 2024, the Company announced the issue of 65,000,001 ordinary shares and 16,250,001 unquoted options (expiring 30 June 2027 with an exercise price of \$0.09), raising \$3,900,000 (before costs), relating to the Tranche 2 Placement Securities detailed above. A further 17,505,000 ordinary shares to raise a further \$1,050,330 and 4,376,375 unquoted options (with the same terms as described above), approved at the general meeting detailed above, will be issued to one of the Company's major shareholders, Century Horse Limited, at a later date, once FIRB approval has been granted.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations, or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

# **NOTE 22: RELATED PARTIES**

## Key management personnel compensation

The key management personnel compensation is as follows:

	Φ	Ψ
Short-term employee benefits	706,755	781,354
Post-employment benefits	69,211	44,625
Share-based	-	(1,144,000)
	775,966	(318,021)

### Other key management personnel and director transactions

A number of key management personnel, or their related parties, hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities.

A number of these entities transacted with the Company in the reporting period. The terms and conditions of the transactions with key management personnel and their related parties were no more favourable than those available, or which might reasonably be expected to be available, on similar transactions to non-key management personnel related entities on an arm's length basis.

Mr A Baker is a director and major shareholder of the Company. During the reporting period, the Company has continued to maintain certain borrowings from an entity of which Mr Baker is a director and major shareholder. Details of this loan can be found in the table below and at Note 11(i).

NOTE 22: RELATED PARTIES (continued)
Related party borrowings

#### 30 June 2024

Entities associated with:	A Baker <sup>1</sup>	
Opening balance	1,150,000	
Closing balance	1,150,000	

# 30 June 2023

Entities associated with:	A Baker <sup>1</sup>
Opening balance	1,150,000
Interest	-
Funds advanced	1,000,000
Converted to Equity	(1,000,000)
Other – finance cost on related party borrowing (Note 5)	-
Closing balance	1,150,000

Entities associated with the following key management personnel are as follows:

Full details of the lenders can be found at Note 13 (Borrowings).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A Baker: Wamco Industries Group Pty Ltd, Wamco Industries Pty Ltd, Pacific Polymers R&D Pty Ltd, Pacific Polymers Pty Ltd, EMC Pacific Pty Ltd

#### **NOTE 22: RELATED PARTIES (continued)**

#### Fees and salaries

## Director / Other Fees

The table below outlines the total outstanding director and other fees for Mr. A Baker, Mr. S Hue, and Mr. A Sorensen. Mr. A Baker and Mr. A Sorensen have received partial payments of their outstanding fees during the financial year. The Company continues to accrue these amounts, including those from previous financial years, to be settled when cash flow permits. The details of the amounts owed are provided in the table below and are recorded under Trade and Other Payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

#### 30 June 2024

	A Baker	S Hue	A Sorensen
Opening balance	301,000	-	189,000
Opening balance		16,000	
Director / Other fees	-	10,000	-
Payments	144,000	-	125,000
Closing balance	157,000	16,000	64,000

#### 30 June 2023

	A Baker	A Sorensen
Opening balance	301,000	189,000
Director / Other fees	-	-
Payments		
Closing balance	301,000	189,000

### Other transactions

Remuneration arrangements of key management personnel are disclosed in the annual financial report.

During the period ended 30 June 2024, the Company paid:

- Director fees and superannuation of \$179,400 (2023: \$222,900)
- Salary and superannuation of \$91,825 to a part-time sales executive, who is the daughter of the Company's executive director (2023: \$99,505)
- Consulting fees of \$204,166 (ex GST) for services rendered by the Company's managing director through his associated entity (2023: \$207,664)
- Royalties of \$26,777 (2023: \$25,519) to an entity associated with the Company's executive director
- Building supplies of \$19,766 (2023: \$263,455) (at arm's length or better) to an entity associated with the son of the Company's managing director
- Plant and equipment \$54,882 (2023: \$61,260) (at arm's length or better) to an entity associated with the Company's managing director

During the year ended 30 June 2024, the Company repaid no loans (2023: Nil) to any companies associated with the Company's executive director.

# CONSOLIDATED ENTITY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Name of entity	Type of entity	Trustee, partner or participant in JV	% of Share Capital	Place of Incorporation	Australian resident or foreign resident	Foreign jurisdiction(s) of foreign residents
WA Kaolin	Body	-	100%	Australia	Australian	n/a <sup>*</sup>
Limited	Corporate					
WA Kaolin	Body	-	100%	Malaysia	Australian	n/a <sup>*</sup>
(Asia) Sdn.	Corporate					
Bhd						

The entity is a tax resident in their respective country of incorporation. However, they are assessed as an Australian resident under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and therefore not classified as a foreign resident under that Act.

# **Basis of preparation**

This consolidated entity disclosure statement (CEDS) has been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and includes information for each entity that was part of the consolidated entity as at the end of the financial year in accordance with AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Determination of tax residency**

Section 295 (3A) (vi) of the Corporation Act 2001 defines tax residency as having the meaning in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The determination of tax residency involves judgement as there are different interpretations that could be adopted, and which could give rise to a different conclusion on residency.

In determining tax residency, the consolidated entity has applied the following interpretations:

### Australian tax residency

The consolidated entity has applied current legislation and judicial precedent, including having regard to the Tax Commissioner's public guidance in Tax Ruling TR 2018/5

### Foreign tax residency

The consolidated entity has used independent tax advisers in foreign jurisdictions to assist in its determination of tax residency to ensure applicable foreign tax legislation has been complied with (see section 295(3A) (vii) of the Corporations Act 2001).

# **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

- In the opinion of the directors of WA Kaolin Limited ("the 'Company'):
  - a. the accompanying financial statements and notes thereto, as set out on pages 21 to 62 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
    - i. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
    - ii. as stated in Note 1 the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards; and
    - ii. give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
  - b. there are reasonable grounds to believe that WA Kaolin Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable subject to the disclosures in note 1(b).
  - c. the consolidated entity disclosure statement on page 63 is true and correct.

This declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to the Directors, in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

This declaration is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dr John White

Chairman

Dated this 30th September 2024

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of WA Kaolin Limited

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

# Opinion

We have audited the financial report of WA Kaolin Limited (the Company) and its subsidiary (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

# Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

### Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 1(b) in the financial report which describes the events and/or conditions which give rise to the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the group's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore the group may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



# Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matter described in the *Material uncertainty* related to going concern section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

### Carrying value of mine properties

#### Key audit matter

As disclosed in Note 10 to the financial statements, the company has recognised an impairment in respect of specific assets within the Wickepin Kaolin mine property.

The assessment of the carrying value of mine properties requires management to make significant accounting judgements and estimates in determining whether assets require impairment in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard 136 *Impairment*.

Refer to notes 1 and 10 for the detailed disclosures, which include the related accounting policies and critical accounting judgements and estimates applied.

Given the material nature of the asset, the estimates and judgements applied by management in assessing the carrying value of mine property and the associated impairment charge recorded for the year, we have assessed this as a key audit matter.

# How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our procedures included, but were not limited to the following:

- Evaluating management's assessment of indicators of impairment as at 30 June 2024 under Australian Accounting Standards, including consideration of the following factors:
  - Comparing the carrying amount of the company's net assets against its market capitalisation as at 30 June 2024; and
  - Reviewing the definitive feasibility study that was undertaken prior to the development of the project and considering whether there were any material changes between current conditions and the judgements made in this study.
- Evaluating the experience and qualifications of management's independent valuation expert engaged to assist in the assessment of carrying value of mine property;
- Evaluating the valuation methods and inputs
  utilised by the valuation expert in arriving at their
  conclusion of the value of the mine property to
  ensure that these are in accordance with the
  relevant Australian Accounting Standards;
- Checking the mathematical accuracy of the impairment charge recognised in the financial statements;
- Assessing the adequacy of the related disclosures in Note 1 and Note 10 to the financial report.



#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of the directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of:

- a) the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and
- b) the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, and

for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of:

- i) the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- ii) the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct and is free of misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar1\_2020.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# Report on the Remuneration Report

# Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 8 to 17 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of WA Kaolin Limited, for the year ended 30 June 2024, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

# Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd** 

**Ashleigh Woodley** 

Director

Perth, 30 September 2024

# **Additional Information for Listed Public Companies**

Additional information included in accordance with the Listing Rules of the Australian Securities Exchange Limited. The information is current as at 27 September 2024.

# 1. Shareholdings

Substantial shareholders of WA Kaolin Limited:

Name of shareholder	Shares held	% held
Mr Kenneth Joseph Hall <hall a="" c="" park=""></hall>	102,327,898	19.54
Silver Tropic Pty Ltd <wamco a="" c="" industries="" unit=""></wamco>	69,750,241	13.32
Scientific Management Associates (Victoria) Pty Ltd <wamco a="" c="" industries="" unit=""></wamco>	68,644,334	13.11
Century Horse Ltd	63,567,618	12.14
Boneyard Investments Pty Ltd	28,275,885	5.40

# 2. Distribution of equity - Listed securities:

Holding Ranges	Holders	Total Units	% Issued Share Capital
above 0 up to and including 1,000	35	6,946	0.00%
above 1,000 up to and including 5,000	216	764,091	0.15%
above 5,000 up to and including 10,000	199	1,606,360	0.31%
above 10,000 up to and including 100,000	548	22,630,530	4.32%
above 100,000	240	498,626,198	95.22%
Totals	1,238	523,634,125	100.00%

At the date of this report there were 389 shareholders, with a total of 1,767,397 shares, who held less than a marketable parcel of shares, representing 0.09% of the issued capital.

Listed securities in WA Kaolin Limited (WAK) are quoted on all member exchanges of the Australian Securities Exchange.

# Additional Information for Listed Public Companies (continued) Updated as at 27 September 2024

Position	Holder Name	Holding	% IC
1	MR KENNETH JOSEPH HALL <hall a="" c="" park=""></hall>	91,016,786	17.38%
2	SILVER TROPIC PTY LTD <wamco a="" c="" industries="" unit=""></wamco>	69,750,241	13.32%
3	SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (VICTORIA) PTY LTD <wamco a="" c="" industries="" unit=""></wamco>	68,644,334	13.11%
4	CENTURY HORSE LIMITED	63,567,618	12.14%
5	BONEYARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	28,275,885	5.40%
6	MR KENNETH JOSEPH HALL <hall a="" c="" park=""></hall>	11,311,112	2.16%
7	MR HAN SWEE TAN	9,028,378	1.72%
8	TRADEFOG GLOBAL CO LIMITED	6,660,667	1.27%
9	MR STEPHEN GARRY RICE <the a="" c="" family="" rice=""></the>	5,366,452	1.02%
9	PAUL BERNARD LOWRY & KIM WATSON <paul a="" c="" family="" lowry=""></paul>	5,366,452	1.02%
10	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	4,450,868	0.85%
11	MR JAMES WOULFE & MRS CATHERINE MARIA WOULFE <debhulbh a="" c="" family=""></debhulbh>	4,447,788	0.85%
12	G & N LORD SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD <gnr a="" c="" fund="" superannuation=""></gnr>	4,416,667	0.84%
13	MR ANDREW BRIAN SORENSEN <wamco a="" c="" industries="" unit=""></wamco>	4,390,297	0.84%
14	CAJWM PTY LTD <cajwm a="" c="" fund="" retirement=""></cajwm>	4,071,287	0.78%
15	MS LAY HOON LEE	3,911,265	0.75%
16	MR MICHAEL JOHN HORN	3,650,000	0.70%
17	MR BENG GIM TAN	3,500,000	0.67%
18	MR MENG LUO & MRS LAN LIU <luo &="" a="" c="" family="" liu=""></luo>	3,317,500	0.63%
19	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED - A/C 2	3,216,463	0.61%
20		3,202,067	0.61%
	CHEMCO SUPERANNUATION FUND PTY LTD <chemco 2="" a="" c="" fund="" no="" super=""></chemco>		
	Total	401,562,127	76.69%
	Total issued capital - selected security class(es)	523,634,125	100.00%