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#### **ANNUAL REPORT AND APPENDIX 4E**

I attach the Company's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 and Appendix 4E, Preliminary Final Report.

Full details of the Company's Operating and Financial Review are contained in the attached Annual Report which forms part of this Preliminary Final Report.

Yours sincerely

Richard Edwards Company Secretary

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# **Appendix 4E**Preliminary final report

Name of entity

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	ALPHA HPA LIM	IITED			
ABN or equivalent company reference	Financial year ended ('curren	nt period')			
79 106 879 690	30 JUNE	2023			
Results for announcement t	o the market				
Revenues from ordinary activities	es	Down	58.3%	to	\$16,148
Loss from ordinary activities after members	er tax attributable to	Up	113.1%	to	\$15,680,707
Net loss for the period attributab	le to members	Up	113.1%	to	\$15,680,707
Dividends (distributions)		Amount per	security	Frank	ed amount per security
Final dividend Interim dividend		Nil Nil			Nil Nil
Previous corresponding period Final dividend Interim dividend		Nil Nil			Nil Nil
Record date for determining dividend.	entitlements to the		N/A		
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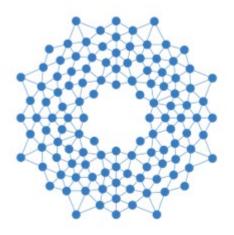
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The attached Annual Report which forms part of this Appendix 4E has been audited.

Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security

# Alpha HPA Limited (ABN 79 106 879 690) and its controlled entities



# **Annual Report**

for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

# Alpha HPA Limited ABN 79 106 879 690

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#### Alpha HPA Limited ABN 79 106 879 690

#### Chairman's Letter

Dear Fellow Shareholders



I am extremely pleased to present to you this year's Annual Report and to reflect on what has been a tremendous last 12 months for our Company. While every year feels like a busy one this past year has been exceptionally so, with years of persistence, hard work and significant operational and technical progress now finally beginning to unlock the significant value we always knew was imbedded in our business.

In November 2022, little more than a year after breaking ground, our Stage 1 Precursor Production Facility (Stage 1) delivered maiden production. This facility is now a fully operational production centre having already produced cumulative Al-nitrate production of ~150 tonnes at target 5N (99.999%) purity and is now servicing the manufacture and delivery of our full suite of ultra-high purity aluminium product orders for advanced stage qualification testing to an array of global customers across the Li-ion battery, LED and semiconductor industries.

The rapid scale-up of the Company's activities has in no small part been assisted by the significant government grant funding it has attracted, with this support representing a clear government endorsement of our Company being a frontier player in Australia's push to bolster its Critical Minerals credentials on the global stage.

The construction and scale up of Stage 1 to handle commercial volume test orders has freed up our Brisbane facility to concentrate on product refinement and new product development. Pleasingly, this past year has seen several new additions to our product range including an anhydrous aluminium sulphate and an ultra-high purity alumina tri-hydrate (ATH), which in particular is showing enormous potential for large volume tonnages across multiple end use applications.

During the year we were extremely pleased to welcome our chemical counterparty Orica Australia Limited as a 5% shareholder in the Company. As a supplier of critical process reagents to our business, their investment into our Company and our mutual expansion plans into North America reflect their strong understanding of both the technical and commercial aspects of our business and how it is uniquely positioned to supply critical minerals into a decarbonising world. We very much look forward to expanding our collaborative partnership in the years ahead.

In an exciting development, this year also marked the establishment of our Alpha Sapphire business. Recognising a market opportunity bought about by the sanctioning of a leading Russian synthetic sapphire glass supplier, the arrival of micro-LED technology in consumer electronic displays along with several constructive geopolitical thematics, the Company, in partnership with Austrian manufacturing group Ebner Fametec, is now collaborating to make a staged entrance into the global synthetic sapphire market. The synergistic collaboration matches Ebner-Fametec's low-carbon sapphire growth technology with Alpha's custom HPA tablets as feedstock. This new business stream is an extension of our underlying aluminium products business and represents an opportunity to create tremendous additional value for our shareholders.

Looking ahead, the next 12 months will again be filled with numerous challenges but immense opportunities for the continued growth of our business. Progression of our project funding endeavours, a formal Final Investment Decision on our full-scale HPA First Plant and the continued pursuit of strategic partnerships and offtake arrangements for our growing suite of products all represent significant value catalysts for our Company.

On behalf of the entire Board, I would again like to acknowledge the unwavering commitment of our Managing Director Rimas Kairaitis and his team, including contractors, whose tireless efforts have now firmly laid the foundations for Alpha to become a world class manufacturer of high value critical minerals. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our Chief Operating Officer Rob Williamson and his growing operations team in Brisbane and Gladstone for their tremendous work in support of the Company's vision and for the delivery and immaculate presentation of our Stage 1 Facility in Gladstone. It is truly an asset we should all be proud of and an existing platform for the Company's near term expansion.

Finally, I would again like to thank all our loyal shareholders for their continuing support of the Company.

Yours sincerely



Norman A. Seckold Chairman

#### **OVERVIEW**

Alpha is an ASX-listed specialty metals and technology company focused on the delivery of the HPA First Project in Gladstone, Queensland, which represents the commercialisation of the Company's proprietary aluminium purification and refining technology. The HPA First Project will deliver a range of ultra-high purity aluminium products that are critical materials to the supply chains of key de-carbonising high-technology sectors including:

- LED lighting;
- · Lithium-ion batteries; and
- Semi-conductors.

The year under review saw the Company make significant progress across a number of key workstreams critical to the successful development of its HPA First Project. Key milestones and achievements include:

- Successful commissioning and first commercial production from the Stage 1 Precursor Production Facility, with cumulative Al-nitrate production of ~150 tonnes at target 5N (99.999%) purity;
- Alpha and Orica expanding their strategic partnership with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore the technical and commercial feasibility of establishing a new manufacturing facility in North America in addition to Orica investing ~\$19.8M to acquire a 5% equity interest in the Company;
- Federal Government Critical Minerals grant of \$15.5M to fund Stage 1 expansion confirmed with \$13.95M of funds drawn at year end, which has been deployed on design and procurement of major equipment required for the Stage 1 PPF's HPA circuit;
- Federal Government \$45.0M MMI-C grant advanced for Stage 2 HPA First Project and initial payment of \$2.25M received;
- Signing an MoU with Brenntag, the world's largest chemical distributor to develop end-user markets and logistics solutions to the battery chemical markets;
- Expanded product marketing and product development activities of the Company's suite of ultra highpurity precursor and alumina products;
- Continuing stream of advanced stage test orders and small-volume product sales from potential offtake partners across Li-ion battery, LED, semi-conductor and sapphire glass sectors;
- Successful product development of high purity (5N) alumina tri-hydroxide (ATH), alumina-hydrate and anhydrous aluminium-sulphate demonstrating the adaptability of the Company's process flow sheet; and
- Continuing to concurrently advance detailed engineering studies and Project Financing discussions with Government lending agencies to facilitate a Final Investment Decision for the full scale HPA First Project.

The year also saw the execution of agreements with Ebner Industrieofenbau GmbH (**Ebner**) and Ebner subsidiary Fametec GmbH (**Fametec**), to provide for the staged entry by Alpha into the production and sale of synthetic sapphire glass utilising Fametec's sapphire growth technology and Alpha's customised HPA "puck" tablets as feedstock.

This collaboration resulted in the establishment of Alpha Sapphire Pty Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Alpha) as a special purpose, Australian domiciled company, dedicated to the growth, processing and sale of Net-Zero CO<sub>2</sub> synthetic sapphire.



#### **HPA FIRST PROJECT: STAGE 1 - PPF**

The 2023 Financial Year saw the completion of construction, commissioning and first commercial production from the Stage 1, Precursor Production Facility (**PPF**) component of the HPA First Project.

#### **Commissioning Completion and ramp-up**

Chemical commissioning of the aluminium nitrate circuit commenced in November 2022 and completed in December 2022.

By the end of the financial year cumulative Al-nitrate production had reached approximately 150 tonnes at the target 5N (99.999%) purity level. Production levels are being maintained at around 850kg per day, as the conversion of Al-nitrate into additional product lines ramps up.

The Stage 1 PPF is also at steady state for demonstration scale production of 4N purity gamma phase and alpha phase aluminas, as well as the production, on a 24 hour basis, of custom-shaped sintered HPA tablets for Ebner-Fametec (See Alpha Sapphire).

At year end, these production lines were servicing approximately 600kg of HPA product orders across a range of potential customers.

The Stage 1 PPF is also supplying Al-nitrate to the Brisbane facility to service end-user test orders for high purity boehmites (Al-O-OH), high purity alumina hydrate (ATH) and high purity nano-aluminas. Production capacity will be materially increased once the HPA circuit within the Stage 1 PPF is fully installed and commissioned.

#### **HPA** circuit expansion

Over the second half of the year, the Company progressively deployed the \$15.5 million grant awarded under the Critical Minerals Development Program (**CMDP**) to install a small-scale commercial HPA circuit within Stage 1 and expand the capability of the Stage 1 PPF to include Alpha's full high purity aluminium product range.

The HPA circuit design was slightly modified from its original design to accommodate small-scale commercial production of Alpha's high purity alumina-hydrate (ATH) to service the expanding end-user demand for this product.

Once fully deployed, the CMDP grant funding will have facilitated:

- the expansion of Stage 1 PPF production capacity of aluminium nitrate and aluminium sulphate;
- the capability to produce up to 15tpa of HPA production, including nano HPA production to service end-users in the (CMP) sector for Chemical Mechanical Polishing (**CMP**) of semi-conductor substrates.
- the capability to produce up to 10tpa of High Purity Boehmite;
- the production of HPA tablets for synthetic sapphire glass growth; and
- installation of a large rooftop solar array.

By year's end nearly all major equipment orders had been delivered and installed. Items under construction off-site and still due to be delivered include an HPA sinter oven, jet mill and rotary dryer. The Stage 1 PPF rooftop solar array contract had also been awarded, with installation now complete.



Rooftop Solar Installation – Stage 1 PPF









Major equipment deliveries – Stage 1 – HPA Circuit

#### **HPA FIRST PROJECT: STAGE 2 - FULL SCALE PROJECT**

In parallel with the Stage 1 PPF, the 2023 financial year saw the Company progress a number of workstreams directed at completing the remaining conditions precedent to the full scale HPA First Project final investment decision.

Material developments to the advancement of the full scale project are outlined below.

#### Multi-product engineering advanced

The Company continued to work on updating the Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) for the full scale Stage 2 HPA First Project, which will include an expanded array of product lines. Discussions with key execution consultants and construction contractors have commenced to further the execution model. The major Structural, Mechanical, Piping (**SMP**) contractor under consideration submitted a competitive proposal for a large portion of the facility enabling a strong basis for cost estimation for the balance of the plant.

Focus on de-risking the schedule of works continued with a major milestone of signing the 'Offer to Connect' from Ergon, the electrical energy transmission corporation for Central Queensland. This has the benefit of locking in the timing for energisation of the facility. Other vendor engineering packages have also been reviewed and updated as part of the DFS update.

#### Final Stage Independent Technical Engineers' (ITE) review underway

Alpha has commenced the final stage ITE review process as will be required by project financiers, including a review of new products added since their prior engagement. The ITE will cover capital expenditure, project schedule and execution strategy in support of project financing timelines.

#### Project financing negotiations advanced

In the context of the multi-product engineering and the ITE process described above, project financing negotiations continued to be advanced with project financiers including industry participants and the Australian and Queensland Governments, with a view to finalising a financing package for the construction of the full-scale Stage 2 HPA First Project.

#### Modern Manufacturing Initiative - receipt of initial payment of Federal Government grant

In June 2023 the Company received an initial payment of \$2.475 million (including GST) under the \$45 million Modern Manufacturing Initiative - Collaboration Stream (MMI-C) grant from the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

The \$45 million MMI-C grant will be applied toward the capital expenditure of the full-scale Stage 2 HPA First Project. Alpha was the lead applicant, with the grant application supported by Orica Ltd (**Orica**) as joint applicant and 10% of the grant proceeds will flow to Orica to offset their capital expenditure required to support the HPA First Project.

The grant is anticipated to be paid as per the following schedule, subject to the completion of activity schedule milestones by the Company, summarised below:

Payment event	Payment amount (GST exc.)	Anticipated payment date
Initial payment	\$2,250,000	(payment received)
Progress payment	\$4,500,000	31 January 2024
Progress payment	\$13,500,000	31 July 2024
Progress payment	\$13,500,000	31 January 2025
Final payment	\$11,250,000	29 August 2025
Total	\$45,000,000	

#### Queensland Government Grant - Alpha Awarded up to \$21.7M

In April 2023 the Company executed a funding agreement with the Queensland Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to provide grant funding of up to \$21.7 million. The funding assistance is to be provided in support of capital expenditure for the Stage 2 (full scale) HPA First Project.

With respect to the provision of grant funding from the Queensland Government, the following is noted:

- The grant is made to the Company by the State of Queensland (acting through the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (the State) under the Industry Partnership Program.
- The grant is to assist the Company in the construction, commissioning and operation of the Company's HPA First Project (**the Project**) at Gladstone, Queensland.
- Material preconditions to the grant include:
  - the Company provides reasonable evidence to the State that the Company has finance approval to undertake the Project;
  - the Company provides security in the form of a bank guarantee from proceeds at the time of receipt of the first milestone payment;
  - o the Company has feedstock and offtake agreements in place for the Project;
  - o the State approves the Project Plan which details the Project's construction milestones.
- The grant is payable to the Company as reimbursement of Project expenditures over seven milestones within the agreement term of six years to 31 March 2029, subject to the Company satisfying performance requirements including:
  - o entering into contracts for construction, purchase and commissioning of plant and equipment and commencement of operations in accordance with the Project Plan;
  - o payment of a total of \$367.5 million in project expenditure;
  - o employing and maintaining an average of 151 full time equivalent employees;
  - o incurring \$58.2 million in Queensland supply chain expenditure; and
  - o scaling to a minimum production of 10,640 tonnes per annum of products per annum.

Failure to satisfy the preconditions or milestone conditions may result in the State terminating the grant.

#### PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

#### Successful development of high purity alumina trihydrate (ATH)

Following interactions with several significant lithium-ion cathode manufacturers and a global advanced materials company, Alpha's product development team successfully developed a 4N-5N purity Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> (ATH) product with numerous sample products having now been shipped and under qualification testing.

This product is a potential high volume product across a diverse spectrum of applications including lithium refining, catalysts and as a dopant in cathode and speciality glass manufacture.

At year end the end user demand for Alpha's ATH had built strong momentum, with test orders for ATH representing approximately 30% of test orders by volume. End user demand applications include:

- Li-B cathode doping; a precursor to nano alumina for CMP polishing;
- a low carbon precursor to existing HPA production;
- a precursor to gamma alumina catalysts;
- a dopant for aluminium into alumina-silicate glass.

External, third party assays on Alpha's recent ATH production has formally confirmed 5N (>99.999%) purity. Purity levels were confirmed by the industry standard glow discharge mass spectroscopy (GDMS) technique, with a total of 73 metals assayed totalling 6 parts per million metal impurities. This is potentially very significant in marketing to end-users utilising ATH as a precursor for specialty HPA product lines.

#### Successful development of 5N purity anhydrous Al-sulphate precursor

Following interaction with a significant lithium-ion cathode manufacturer, Alpha's product development team successfully developed an anhydrous form of its aluminium sulphate precursor at 5N purity.

Alpha is now marketing both anhydrous and hydrated aluminium sulphate precursors, per below:

- Hydrous Al-sulphate >> Al<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.16H<sub>2</sub>O
- Anhydrous Al-sulphate >> Al<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

Test samples of anhydrous aluminium sulphate have now been delivered to two cathode manufacturers.

#### PRODUCT MARKETING AND TESTWORK

#### LI-ION BATTERY SECTOR

Over the course of the financial year Alpha's global marketing effort continued to gather momentum with a series of positive qualification test results and a number of significant global brands, particular in the lithiumion (Li-ion) battery cathode sector, now working with the Company on expanded test work on Alpha's materials as cathode dopants.

A detailed matrix of advanced qualification test work is underway with these counterparties, including for the following products as cathode dopants\*:

- aluminium sulphate;
- gamma phase high purity alumina; and
- high purity alumina-trihydrate (ATH).

Key drivers in this expanded engagement with cathode OEMs has been interest in Alpha's high purity, low-carbon materials as well as supply chain compliance with the US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

\* Cathode dopant refers to the addition of aluminium bearing compounds into or onto the cathode to stabilise the cathode active material.

Inbound enquiries on the Company's high purity alumina tri-hydrate (ATH) and high purity nano-aluminas have also expanded.

At the time of this report the Company was servicing over 40 product test orders from both the Stage 1 PPF and the Product Development Centre in Brisbane.

#### European marketing trip scales up end-user engagement

From late May to mid-June 2023, Alpha completed a comprehensive marketing trip within the EU, with a focus on:

- engaging new Li-B sector end-users through exhibiting at the Stuttgart Battery Show;
- consolidating existing end-user relationships;
- in-person site visits to potential strategic counterparties; and
- site visit to Ebner-Fametec (see Alpha Sapphire update below).

The Company was highly encouraged by the response from the various marketing efforts, with multiple new test work programs initiated and existing engagements materially advanced.

#### **Korean Battery Show**

In March 2023 Alpha attended the Inter Battery Show in Seoul, South Korea. Contact with a number of target end-users and industry intermediaries resulted in 14 new product test orders, which have been partly fulfilled.

The sentiment amongst participants and agents at the Show confirmed an industry consensus of the tightening supply of the 4N+ HPA sector.

#### **Expansion of Al-oxide coating of Li-B anode materials**

Alpha is presently engaged at various stages of testwork and analysis with over 10 separate battery makers, manufacturers and developers on the application of aluminium oxide coating onto anode active materials (**AAM**) for use in lithium-ion batteries. The Al-oxide coating process (Alpha's 'UltraCoat' Process), uses Alpha's high purity Al-nitrate as a precursor and provides for a rapid, uniform coat of Al-oxide onto AAM particles, which provides a number of performance and safety benefits. This process has resulted in expanded test work, including small scale commercial coatings for a Japanese based battery manufacturer.

First stage testing by a major EU based developer has confirmed significant technical benefits of the Al-oxide coating on carbon and moved to second stage test work.

Post year end, Alpha was further notified that the Ultra Coat process had passed first round qualification with a US based battery developer.

#### Orders received for testwork in HPA bearing solid state batteries

Subsequent to year end the Company received testwork orders for application within high-purity alumina-bearing solid state electrolytes for next generation all solid-state batteries (**ASSB**).

Alpha has been monitoring technology developments in this sector, noting a number of ASSB electrolytes are utilising alumina, or alumina derived secondary materials in their formulations. Although early stage, this application is considered of considerable future interest, as alumina content for a number of ASSB electrolytes are above the levels utilised in existing Li-B chemistries.

#### **SEMI-CONDUCTOR SECTOR**

During the financial year Alpha serviced a range of sample requests for product applications withing the semiconductor sector.

#### These include:

- Alpha's nano-HPA powder as abrasives and Alphas al-nitrate oxidants in the formulation of Chemical-Mechanical Polishing (CMP) slurries. CMP slurries are used in the polishing of semi-conductor substrates, particularly silicon-carbide substrates, and:
- Bespoke high purity aluminas for application in thermal interface semiconductor housings, for the use
  of ceramic capacitors and also for the manufacture of aluminium nitride (alN)

End-users requesting Alpha's materials are dominantly US based, with two end-users based in Japan and one in South Korea.

#### Collaborative slurry test work with major CMP counterparty

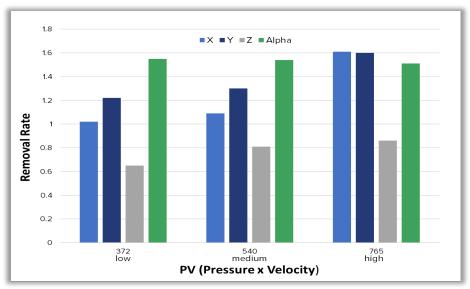
As a component of Alpha's engagement with CMP end-users the Company commenced a program of collaborative slurry testwork with a world leading supplier of CMP slurries to the semiconductor sector. This work includes formulation and testwork of a range of nano-HPA based slurries.

#### Semiconductor CMP test work on Alpha's nano HPA shows outperformance

As part of Alpha's wider engagement with the semiconductor sector on the application of its nano-HPA in CMP slurries, the Company commissioned specialist third party test work to understand the performance of its materials in this high-value application. The test work was conducted both to educate the Company's internal technical and sales team on Alpha's product offering and as a sales tool to assist in marketing to this sector.

Controlled test work assessing the performance of Alpha's nano-HPA as a CMP abrasive on silicon-carbide (SiC) substrates, confirmed outperformance when measured against industry incumbent slurries (shown as X, Y & Z in the graph below).

Summary results are shown below, confirming CMP slurries made with Alpha's material showed highest removal rates at the lowest PV values. PV values represent pressure multiplied by velocity of the polishing conditions, with performance at low PV's strongly preferred by the industry as this affords lower operating temperatures to minimise deformation of the substrate.



Removal rates of SiC substrates by CMP slurries at different PVs. Alumina based CMP Slurries made with Alpha's HPA (in green) is compared against industry incumbent alumina based slurries (X, Y & Z)

#### LOI for up to 1,000tpa of HPA to supply South Korean semiconductor sector

Subsequent to the end of the year Alpha received a non-binding LOI from a South Korean (SK) based manufacturer of specialty materials for the semiconductor sector. The LOI followed an initial  $2 \times 50 \text{kg}$  sales of bespoke HPA powder and successful product testing.

The LOI confirmed the manufacturer's interest in:

- the purchase of 1 metric tonne per month of the bespoke HPA powder from January 2024, to be serviced from Stage 1 PPF; and
- the purchase of up to 1,000 metric tonnes per year of the bespoke HPA powder from March 2026, to be serviced from the full scale Stage 2 HPA First Project.

Prior to January 2024, Alpha will continue sales to the manufacturer of 40-50kg per month. The pricing terms discussed in the LOI are confidential, however Alpha can confirm a price range above US\$30/kg.

#### LED LIGHTING SECTOR

#### Alpha's 5N Al-nitrate outperforms in next generation micro-LED phosphor testwork

Alpha received test results for its Al-nitrate from advanced LED research group, Seaborough, based in the Netherlands. Seaborough are developing the next-generation euro-LED technology, which uses nanophosphors to retain high efficiency in 'warm' LED illumination lighting. Alpha's 5N purity Al-Nitrate was used to synthesis the YAG:Ce nano-phosphors uses in the euro-LED and showed superior performance (higher quantum yield) compared to alternative materials. Seaborough is in the process of commercialising the technology through licensing arrangements with established LED manufacturers.



YAG:Ce nano-phosphors made with Alpha's 5N Al-Nitrate (left photo). The same phosphors emitting on top of a mid-power LED chip, showing close to 100% quantum yield (right photo)

#### Letter of Intent received from Litec-LLL for HPA supply

In October 2022 Alpha received an LOI from German based LED phosphor manufacturer Litec-LLL. The LOI follows multiple successful test orders and small volume sales to Litec-LLL and sets out intent for Alpha to supply small commercial volumes of HPA (up to 500kg) during 2023.

#### First nano-HPA sale order for Lumileds

After multiple rounds of sample product testing with leading global LED manufacturer Lumileds, Alpha received its first minor sale order of nano HPA (5kg). A successful production run of this order by Lumileds is expected to lead to substantially larger productions orders in late 2023.



#### **ALPHA SAPPHIRE**

#### Agreements to enter Sapphire Glass production with Ebner Group

In March 2023 Alpha announced it had reached agreement with Ebner Industrieofenbau GmbH and Ebner subsidiary Fametec GmbH, (**Ebner-Fametec**) on potential co-operation between the companies on the commercial roll-out of Ebner-Fametec's sapphire growth technology utilising HPA feedstock material from Alpha.

Having commenced discussions in mid-2022, and following a process of mutual due diligence, mutual site visits and production testing of sapphire glass growth utilising Alpha's custom HPA tablets in Ebner-Fametec's sapphire growth units, the parties signed a series of agreements providing for a staged entry by Alpha into the production of synthetic sapphire using Alpha's HPA feed material, with a specific focus on supplying the LED lighting sector.

The agreements include the following:

- Commercial and Technical proposals;
- Technology Licence Agreement; and
- Letter of Intent (LOI).

Together the agreements provide for the purchase by Alpha of an initial 2 crystal growth units for installation into the Stage 1 PPF in Gladstone (**Phase A**). With assistance from Ebner-Fametec, these units will be used to qualify Alpha's sapphire with selected end-users, in addition to establishing its ultra-high purity HPA tablets as a premium raw material feed to downstream end-user markets.

The Phase A investment for the purchase, installation and commissioning of the initial 2 growth units including supporting utility connection costs (water, gas, E&I) is estimated at ~A\$3.4M.

Delivery of the initial growth units is expected in January 2024, with sapphire qualification anticipated by July 2024. Under the Licensing Agreement and LOI, Ebner-Fametec will provide technical oversight during the installation, commissioning and qualification phase.

On successful qualification under Phase A and subject to approval by Alpha's Board, the LOI also contemplates an expansion to up to 100 growth units by the end of 2025 in two further stages (**Phase B** and **Phase C**).

Phase B consists of a further 48 growth units and Phase C consists of a further 50 growth units on commercially agreed terms. The investment will be made by an Alpha 100% owned subsidiary, with the location of the Phases B and C roll-out to be determined, based on an assessment of the most favourable logistics, including access to renewable energy.

Following expanded engineering and commercial interaction between Alpha and Ebner-Fametec, as well as broader engagement with potential customers, Government, potential strategic investors, and renewable energy providers, Alpha and Ebner-Fametec subsequently elected to expand the existing LOI to include:

 an agreement to work co-operatively on an additional, large-scale expansion of the Australia based sapphire growth installation, to be referred to as the 'Nova Phase'. The Nova Phase will contemplate the purchase, construction, installation and operation of up to an additional 1,000 synthetic sapphire growth units;

#### and:

- agreement to work co-operatively on the research and market outreach activities related to expanding the customer base for sapphire products, including;
  - o cost sharing of market research;
  - o provision of market intelligence;
  - o co-ordinated identification of potential end-users and customers;
  - o co-ordinated market outreach; and
  - o potential establishment of a dedicated marketing entity.

The commercial premise for the addition of the Nova Phase is underpinned by the notion that once an expansion from Phase B to C (50 to 100) has been elected, the essential components of a successful business would have been firmly established and would be readily expandable.

The joint marketing arrangements will operate between the following counterparties:

- Alpha Sapphire Pty Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Alpha) as a special purpose, Australian domiciled company, dedicated to the growth, processing and sale of Net-Zero CO2 synthetic sapphire, and
- Arctic Sapphire AS, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fametec, as a special purpose, Norway domiciled company, dedicated to the growth, processing and sale of Net-Zero CO2 synthetic sapphire.



Synthetic sapphire growth units operating at Ebner-Fametec, Austria. These units are identical to those under construction for Alpha Sapphire and are currently being used to qualify Alpha's HPA feedstock

#### **Synthetic Sapphire Growth and Markets**

Sapphire glass is the crystalline form of high purity alumina (HPA or  $Al_2O_3$ ). It is grown in specialised growth units, which melts raw material (HPA) at  $+2,000^{\circ}C$  and then crystallises the melt as a single crystal known as a sapphire 'boule'. The process is technically specialised, but also highly repeatable.

The process is energy intensive, so access to a low-cost, firm-supply of renewable Net-Zero CO2 electricity is a key consideration.

Major synthetic sapphire applications include:

**'Optics'** - Optics is a group term including watch faces, sapphire windows, phone lens covers, specialised medical applications and also defence applications.

**'LED/Semiconductors'** - Sapphire wafers are cut along the c-axis plane from a c-axis grown ingot where they are polished, patterned and ultimately presented to LED manufacturers for 'epitaxy', being the growth of the LED circuitry onto the wafer substrate.

**'Power Electronics (PE)** /**Semiconductors'** - Sapphire wafers are cut along the c-axis plane from a c-axis grown ingot where they are polished, patterned and ultimately presented to PE manufacturers for 'epitaxy', being the growth of the PE chips onto the wafer substrate.

Alpha estimates the adoption of the Ebner-Fametec technology for the conversion of HPA to sapphire glass represents a net revenue uplift of ~10x per unit of alumina

Alpha's view is that there are **three key disruptions** within the synthetic sapphire market which combined provide a unique opportunity to enter the synthetic sapphire market, being:

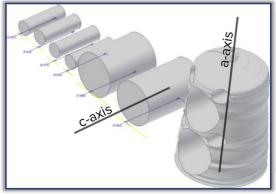
#### 1. Technological disruption: The Fametec McSAP technology

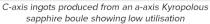
To date, the most proven and reliable growth method for high quality synthetic sapphire growth has been the Kyropolous or KY method.

The KY method grows large boules (90-120kg), however the KY method is only proven for a-axis growth, which provides low utilisation rates of ~35-40% of sapphire per boule and high rates of energy consumed per kg of usable sapphire. The remaining 'crackle' is recycled or sold.

Fametec's crystal growth process, known as the McSAP (Multi c-Axis Sapphire) method has been developed over 10 years and with estimated R&D expenditure of over €20M.

C-axis sapphire crystal growth achieves +60% utilisation of the crystal boule (compared to ~35-40% for current industry standard a-axis crystals), with ~50% power saving (per kilogram of grown crystal) realised through greater utilisation per crystal boule and growth of multiple boules per production run, realising a significantly lower energy production. This combines to realise a materially lower carbon footprint than other crystal growth processes. The McSAP process is accordingly considered a well-suited complement to Alpha's low carbon HPA feedstock.







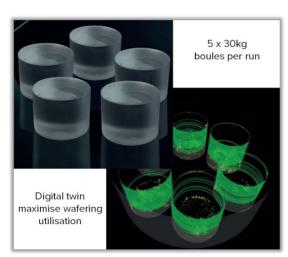
C-axis ingots produced from an c-axis grown McSAP sapphire boule showing high utilisation

Alpha estimates each growth unit will be capable of circa 4,000 kg (4 metric tonnes) of synthetic sapphire per annum

In addition to higher utilisation rates in the production of sapphire ingots, Ebner-Fametec technology employs optical scanning to produce a unique 'digital twin' of each sapphire boule to ensure maximised utilisation during wafering (see below).







#### 2. Supply concerns

Globally, high technology sectors are experiencing an intensifying global trend towards de-risking/re-shoring and friend-shoring supply chains.

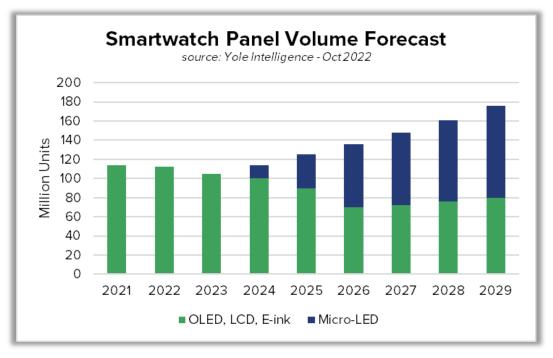
Traditionally, Russian and Chinese companies have dominated synthetics sapphire growth, accounting for >80% market share. However, there is now growing thematic amongst end-users to diversify supply to be sourced from preferred jurisdictions.

In addition, the end-user sectors are placing stronger emphasis to decarbonise supply chains to meet emission targets. With sapphire growth being an energy intensive process, the Ebner-Fametec lower energy technology, combined with Alpha's ability to access renewable energy provides an attractive alternative to the higher carbon intensity of the current global sapphire glass producers.

#### 3. New demand drivers

Synthetic sapphire wafers are the dominant substrate in LED lighting. The increasing adoption of mini LEDs and micro LEDs, in particular within smartwatch displays is predicted to grow to US\$17B by 2026, with wafer demand for micro LEDs forecast to grow at a CAGR >500% between 2023-2027 (source MarketWatch Inc).

The adoption is driven by significant reduction in power draw and an improved user experience. As an example, the forecast adoption of micro LEDs into smartwatch displays is presented below.



Forecast adoption of micro-LEDs into smartwatch panel displays (Source: Yole Intelligence – Oct 2022)

#### Construction of first sapphire growth units on schedule

The joint engineering team of Alpha and Ebner-Fametec are co-ordinating the construction and installation layout for the first two sapphire growth units purchased by the wholly owned Alpha subsidiary, Alpha Sapphire Pty Ltd, as per Phase A of the agreement with Ebner-Fametec.

The construction of the units remains on schedule, with first equipment deliveries due late 2023, for installation and commissioning targeted for early 2024.

Alpha representatives completed a site visit to Ebner-Fametec in June to view synthetic sapphire growth in operation with Alpha's feedstock materials and to conference on sapphire marketing strategies.

#### Assessment of site locations and renewable energy options underway

Alpha has commenced a process of engaging with the market on renewable energy supply for the Alpha Sapphire Phase B/C Fab (100 units). This work will heavily influence site location, with the synthetic sapphire growth facility having the flexibility to be located for convenient access to reliable and competitively priced renewable energy. Space for expansion to the Nova phase (up to 1,000 additional units) in the same location is also a consideration in the assessment.

#### Joint marketing activities with Ebner-Fametec commenced

Alpha and Ebner-Fametec have commenced activities under the joint marketing arrangement agreed under the recently agreed LOI.

Activities have included site visits to target customers in the EU with upcoming marketing to the LED and semiconductor end-user sectors in the Bay Area, California at Semi-Con West. Marketing activities have already generated requests for quotations to supply synthetic sapphire to the optics sector.

#### **About Ebner-Fametec**

Fametec is a private Austrian based subsidiary of the Ebner Group that has developed a proprietary crystal growth technology to produce sapphire crystals in multiple shapes, with a special focus on larger-sized sapphire crystals.

Fametec's crystal growth process, known as the McSAP (Multi c-Axis Sapphire) method has been developed over 10 years and with estimated R&D expenditure of over €20M. C-axis sapphire crystal growth is able to achieve ~80% utilisation of the crystal boule (compared to ~35-40% for current industry standard A-axis crystals) with ~50% power saving (per kilogram of utilised crystal) realised through greater utilisation per crystal boule and growth of multiple boules per production run, realising a materially lower carbon footprint than other crystal growth processes.

Fametec's vision is to supply large-size sapphire substrates that are 'green' sapphire, grown using 100% sustainable energy sources. Fametech's 'green' sapphire is significantly more energy-efficient, of higher quality, and priced more competitively for use in micro-LED, power and optical applications.

Ebner' Group is a large privately owned Austrian manufacturer with over 70 year history in the design and construction of industrial furnaces for the heat treatment of metals. Ebner is a global market leader in numerous application areas and has over 1,400 employees with production sites in Europe, Asia and USA. Ebner has been active in R&D development and commercialisation activities in the field of LED's and semiconductor materials since 2005.

#### **CORPORATE ACTIVITIES**

#### Strategic equity placement with Orica

In November 2022, the Company executed a Subscription Agreement whereby Orica acquired a 5% equity interest in the Company.

The funds are being used to accelerate final engineering and product marketing for the full-scale HPA First Project at Gladstone and to advance feasibility studies on the potential of an additional HPA manufacturing facility in North America, with the remaining funds used for general working capital. Under the Subscription Agreement, Orica subscribed for 44,982,980 ordinary shares at \$0.44 per share to raise ~\$19.8M.

#### **North American Memorandum of Understanding**

At the same time as executing the strategic placement with Orica, Alpha signed a non-binding MoU with Orica to mutually investigate the technical and commercial feasibility of establishing a new manufacturing facility in North America to produce high-purity aluminium products for the rapidly expanding future-facing industries in the region.

The facility would seek to leverage and replicate the chemical process synergies that have been successfully established between Orica and Alpha in the development of the HPA First Project at Gladstone, Queensland. This would include the supply of process reagents and the offtake of process by-products to/from Alpha's and Orica's manufacturing facility, supporting circularity between the two parties.

The rationale for exploring an operational footprint in North America for Alpha is to provide a local production source to supply and capitalise on the rapidly expanding manufacturing capacity across future-facing industries in the region, including the lithium-ion battery sector, and re-shoring of supply chains into the semiconductor sector. Both sectors are key markets for Alpha's high-purity aluminium products, and both are being stimulated by key legislative initiatives including the US Inflation Reduction Act and the US CHIPS Act. Alpha and Orica will initially focus on the technical and commercial feasibility through 2023 of a new manufacturing facility to produce high-purity aluminium products near Orica's Carseland manufacturing centre in Alberta, Canada.

#### **Appointment of Directors**

In September 2022, the Company appointed Dr Regan Crooks as a Non-Executive Director. Regan is a Chemical Engineer who brings a wealth of experience in technology commercialisation and corporate strategy at a critical time in Alpha's development as a world class industrial chemical company.

Working in senior executive and consulting roles over the last 20 years, Regan has supported numerous multinationals, start-ups, research and venture capital groups to develop innovative products and to rapidly scale and enter global markets. As consulting CEO for private companies including Future Feed Pty Ltd and Growave Pty Ltd, Regan has been directly involved and responsible for securing numerous international licensing and collaboration partnerships and bringing new technologies to market.

Regan also has direct experience in the chemicals market having spent 7 years as R&D Manager at Solvay, a leading multinational chemical company, where she was a part of a senior management team developing and commercialising new products.

In May 2023 the Company appointed Rob Williamson as an Executive Director of the Company. Rob has been the Company's Chief Operating Officer since June 2020, successfully overseeing the construction and commissioning of Stage 1 of the HPA First Project and building an operations and senior management team ahead of the Stage 2, full-scale implementation of the Project. Rob is a mechanical engineer and prior to joining the Company rebuilt and started up a new 155ktpa SX zinc refinery in the USA in the capacity of Vice President and GM of the facility. Rob has over 20 years of experience in large facility operations with his appointment reflecting his increasing contribution to key corporate and commercial elements of the business.

#### FY22 R&D rebate of \$1.6 million received

In June 2023 the Company received a \$1.6 million R&D rebate, for activities related to the HPA First Project in the 2022 financial year.

#### EcoVadis Sustainability Rating - Silver rating status

In May 2023 the Company received a Bronze Medal sustainability rating following an initial ratings process from independent sustainably ratings agency, EcoVadis.

Subsequent to the end of the year the Company was advised that the Company's rating had been upgraded to Silver, placing Alpha in the 91st percentile range of companies rated by EcoVadis.

The rating follows a detailed review of the Company's key sustainability policies and practises including in relation to the following fields:

- environment;
- labour and human rights;
- ethics; and
- sustainable procurement.

A Silver Medal rating is considered a very strong result for a Company of Alpha's size and growth stage.

The rating was initiated as a pre-condition to finalising supply contracts with a key target customer within the EU. An independent sustainability rating has also been flagged as a pre-condition to two additional target customers with which Alpha is in advanced product qualification.

#### Successful REACH registration for Al-nitrate export to the EU

Alpha has now successfully completed its REACH registration with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for the import of aluminium nitrate into the EU.

Successful REACH registration is a pre-condition for a significant supply contract with a major EU based enduser.



#### TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD)

Alpha accepts the science of climate change and are committed to contributing to the decarbonisation of the Australian/Global economy. The technologies underwriting demand for Alpha's products will be key contributors to decarbonisation, with demand expected to build as global governments and industries increasingly recognise climate risks and support for Paris Agreement emission targets.

Our business model and the demand for our product is complementary to the global movement toward decarbonisation. As such, consideration of climate change has driven the development of our business model. We have a heightened awareness of the climate risks and opportunities which are central to our business case and will report in line with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (**TCFD**).

To support the ongoing development of our TCFD disclosures, we have completed a high level review of our practices and the current alignment of disclosures with the TCFD recommendations. Our approach includes benchmarking using high level risk assessment and management review and identification of potential climate related risks and opportunities.

We understand, as we begin our journey to better assess and integrate climate related risk that this is a dynamic process, requiring evolution and re-iteration. This initial, high level review has identified a range of opportunities to further develop and strengthen our approach to climate change risks in going forward.

The Company also acknowledges energy pricing a material financial risk and is continually assessing the potential impact of changing government regulations, emission targets and carbon pricing on its operations.

#### **Strategy**

To further understand the impact that climate change could have on our business, we have performed a high level assessment of the impact of 2°C and 4°C global warming scenarios on our current business model.

Under a 2°C scenario, our key risks include reputational and legal risks associated with a lack of climate risk disclosure, as well as financial risks due to energy use and carbon pricing.

Under a 4°C scenario, key aspects of the risks relate to impacts on key suppliers, supply chain disruptions and health impacts on our staff.

In response, Alpha has already moved proactively to secure an MOU with renewable energy provider CleanCo, to secure up to 100% renewable energy supply to both the Stage 1 PPF and the Stage 2 full scale Project.

#### **Risk Management**

We aim to ensure that our risk management process is dynamic and that the top climate change risks and emerging risks, as they evolve, are identified, managed and incorporated into our existing risk management processes.

Alpha recognises the risk of climate change to society and the inherent need to decarbonise the economy as a key step to mitigating its worst impacts.

Our risk management process and governance appropriately consider these risks and informs the Company's decarbonisation strategy.

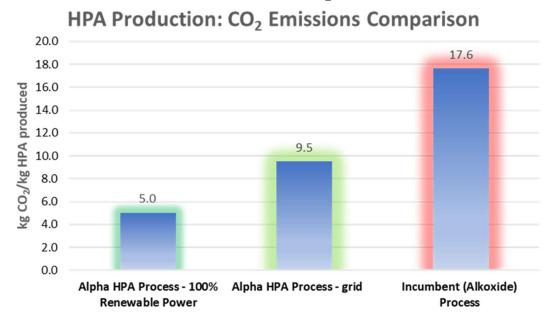
#### **Metrics and Targets**

Using external consultants, Alpha has completed a detailed assessment of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions profile of the HPA First Project, incorporating the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding with CleanCo in which up to 100% of renewable energy supply will be provided to Alpha.

The carbon footprint for the HPA First Project - process baseline is  $9.54t \text{ CO}_2$  per tonne of HPA produced, representing a 45% reduction in  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions per tonne of HPA produced compared to the incumbent HPA manufacturing process (Alkoxide process) which emits  $17.13t \text{ CO}_2$  per tonne of HPA produced.

Using 100% renewable energy, the HPA First Project is  $5.04t\ CO_2$  per tonne of HPA produced, representing a 70.5% reduction in  $CO_2$  emissions per tonne of HPA produced compared to the incumbent HPA manufacturing process (Alkoxide process) which emits  $17.13t\ CO_2$ e per tonne of HPA produced.

## ~70% LOWER TOTAL CO EMISSIONS



The Company has also mapped a future pathway to net zero emissions through the adoption of H2 drying and calcination.

During the year the Company also commenced engagement with CarbonChain Limited, a global emissions tracking and reporting company with the objective of attaining clear protocols for the assessment and calculation of the carbon emissions of each of its main product lines, namely aluminium oxide, aluminium nitrate, aluminium sulphate, aluminium Tri-hydroxide and Boehmite.

CarbonChain equips companies with the tools, data and insights they need to manage carbon emissions, meet regulatory requirements, and accelerate the transition to a net-zero economy. Their carbon accounting platform will enable Alpha to monitor, calculate and report carbon emissions for individual products and production runs along the entire production supply chain with the ability to provide this information being a critical audit component as the Company reaches the advanced stages of numerous offtake negotiations.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Board is committed to maintaining standards of Corporate Governance. Corporate Governance is about having a set of core values and behaviours that underpin the Company's activities and ensure transparency, fair dealing and protection of the interests of stakeholders. The Company has reviewed its corporate governance practises against the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th edition) published by the ASX Corporate Governance Council.

The 2023 Corporate Governance Statement is dated as at 31 August 2023 and reflects the corporate governance practises throughout the 2023 financial year. The 2023 Corporate Governance Statement was approved by the Board on 31 August 2023. A description of the Company's current corporate governance practises is set out in the Company's Corporate Governance Statement which can be viewed at <a href="https://alphahpa.com.au/asx-compliance-information/">https://alphahpa.com.au/asx-compliance-information/</a>.

The Directors present their report together with the consolidated financial statements of the Group comprising of Alpha HPA Limited (**Alpha** or **the Company**), and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and the Auditor's report thereon.

#### **Directors**

The names of the Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Norman Seckold - Chairman

Rimas Kairaitis - Managing Director
Peter Nightingale - Director and CFO

Robert Williamson - Director and COO (appointed Director 1 May 2023)

Dr Regan Crooks - Non-Executive Director (appointed 6 September 2022)

Cameron Peacock - Non-Executive Director
Anthony Sgro - Non-Executive Director
Justin Werner - Non-Executive Director

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### **Company Secretary**

The Company Secretary in office during the financial year was Richard Edwards.

#### **Principal Activities**

The Company's principal focus over the last 12 months has been advancing the commercialisation of its proprietary solvent extraction and refining technology to produce a range of high purity aluminium products for sale into the lithium-ion battery and LED battery markets.

During the 12 months, a significant change in the nature of these activities was the successful commissioning and commercial production of Al-nitrate from the Precursor Production Facility. Additionally, the Company executed agreements with Ebner-Fametec, to provide for the staged entry by Alpha into the production and sale of synthetic sapphire glass.

#### **Financial Results**

The loss of the Group for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$15,680,708 (2022 - \$7,359,124 loss).

#### **Review of Operations**

A review of the Group's operations for the year ended 30 June 2023 is set out in the Review of Operations.

#### **Dividends Paid or Recommended**

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023. No dividends have been paid or declared during the financial year (2022 - \$nil).

#### **Environmental Regulations**

The Group is subject to state, federal and international environmental legislation. The Group has complied with its environmental obligations and the Group have not received a notification for environmental breaches by any Government agency to the date of this Directors' Report, and the Directors do not anticipate any obstacles in complying with the legislation.

#### **Significant Changes in State of Affairs**

In the opinion of the Directors, significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group that occurred during the year ended 30 June 2023 were as follows:

- successful commissioning and first commercial production from the Stage 1 Precursor Production Facility;
- expansion of strategic partnership with Orica with signing of an MoU to explore technical and commercial feasibility of establishing a new manufacturing facility in North America, additionally Orica acquiring a 5% equity interest in the Company;
- Government grant support (i) confirmation and deployment of \$13.95M of the Federal Government
  Critical Minerals grant of \$15.5M to fund Stage 1 expansion (ii) initial payment of \$2.25M received from
  Federal Government \$45.0M MMI-C grant for Stage 2 HPA First Project and (iii) execution of a funding
  agreement with the Queensland Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government
  and Planning to provide grant funding of up to \$21.7 million for the Stage 2 HPA First Project; and
- execution of agreements with Ebner-Fametec, to provide for the staged entry by Alpha into the
  production and sale of synthetic sapphire glass utilising Fametec's sapphire growth technology and
  Alpha's customised HPA "puck" tablets as feedstock.

#### **After Balance Date Events**

In July 2023 the Company reached agreement with its Licensor to expand and consolidate Alpha's process Intellectual Property (IP) rights to the aluminium extraction and refining technology on which the HPA First Project process flow sheet has been developed. Under the terms of the agreement the Company paid the Licensor \$2.0M cash plus issued it 971,217 shares based on a 5-day VWAP price of \$1.1326 per share.

In July 2023 the Company issued 20,227,273 fully paid ordinary shares following the conversion of 31 July 2023 \$0.35 options.

Other than the matters outlined above, no matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the reporting period, which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

#### Information on Directors



Norman Alfred Seckold Chairman Director since 30 November 2009.

Norman Seckold graduated with a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Sydney and has spent more than 35 years in the full time management of natural resource companies, both in Australia and overseas.

Mr Seckold has been the Chairman of a number of publicly listed companies including Moruya Gold Mines (1983) N.L., which acquired the Golden Reward heap leach gold deposit in South Dakota, USA, Pangea Resources Limited, which acquired and developed the Pauper's Dream gold mine in Montana, USA, Timberline Minerals, Inc. which acquired and completed a feasibility study for the development of the MacArthur copper deposit in Nevada, USA, Perseverance Corporation Limited, which discovered and developed the Nagambie gold mine in Victoria, Valdora Minerals N.L., which developed the Rustler's Roost gold mine in the Northern Territory and the Ballarat East Gold Mine in Victoria, Viking Gold Corporation, which discovered a high grade gold deposit in northern Sweden, Mogul Mining N.L., which drilled out the Magistral and Ocampo gold deposits in Mexico and Bolnisi Gold N.L, which discovered and developed the Palmarejo and Guadalupe gold and silver mines in Mexico, and Equus Mining Limited, a mineral and development company operating in Chile.

Other current listed company directorships: Deputy Chairman of Nickel Industries Limited (Director since 2007) and Chairman of Sky Metals Limited (since 2001).

Former directorships in the last three years: Santana Minerals Ltd.

Interests in shares and options: 67,291,194 shares indirectly held as at the date of this report.

#### Rimas Kairaitis Managing Director

Director since 1 November 2017. Appointed as Managing Director on 23 August 2018.

Mr Kairaitis is a geologist with over 24 years' experience in minerals exploration and project development in gold, base metals and industrial minerals. In his most recent role, Mr Kairaitis was founding Managing Director and CEO of Aurelia Metals (ASX: AMI), which he steered from a junior exploration company IPO to a profitable NSW based gold and base metals producer. Mr Kairaitis led the geological field teams to the discovery of the Tomingley and McPhillamy's gold deposits in NSW and steered the Hera gold-lead-zinc Project from discovery through to successful commissioning and commercial production.



Mr Kairaitis is a member of the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee.

Other current listed company directorships: Sky Metals Limited (since 2019).

Former directorships in the last three years: None.

**Interests in shares and options:** 15,200,000 shares directly held and 660,000 shares indirectly held at the date of this report.

## Peter James Nightingale Director and Chief Financial Officer

Director since 30 November 2009.

Peter Nightingale graduated with a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Sydney and is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand. He has worked as a chartered accountant in both Australia and the USA.



As a director or company secretary Mr Nightingale has, for more than 35 years, been responsible for the financial control, administration, secretarial and in-house legal functions of a number of private and public listed companies in Australia and the USA including Bolnisi Gold N.L. and Nickel Industries Limited.

Other current listed company directorships: Prospech Limited (since 2014). Former directorships in the last three years: Nickel Industries Limited.

**Interests in shares and options:** 2,045,455 shares directly held and 18,487,500 shares indirectly held at the date of this report.

# Robert Williamson Director and Chief Operating Officer

Director since 1 May 2023.

Rob Williamson is a mechanical engineer and joined the Company in June 2020 having recently rebuilt and started up a new 155ktpa SX zinc refinery in the USA in the capacity of Vice President and GM of the facility. Rob brings 20 years of experience in large facility operations to Alpha HPA. Rob is responsible for building a Project delivery team for our HPA project in Gladstone. Rob was appointed to the Company's Board in May 2023.



Other current listed company directorships: None. Former directorships in the last three years: None.

**Interests in shares and options:** 1,331,036 directly held and 2,040,000 \$0.90 30 April 2025 unlisted options held directly at the date of this report.



**Dr Regan Crooks Non-Executive Director**Director since 6 September 2022.

Regan is a Chemical Engineer who brings a wealth of experience in technology commercialisation and corporate strategy at a critical time in Alpha's development as a world class industrial chemical company.

Working in senior executive and consulting roles over the last 20 years, Regan has supported numerous multinationals, start-ups, research and venture capital groups to develop innovative products and to rapidly scale and enter global markets. As consulting CEO for private companies including Future Feed Pty Ltd and Growave Pty Ltd, Regan has been directly involved and responsible for securing numerous international licensing and collaboration partnerships and bringing new technologies to market.

Regan also has direct experience in the chemicals market having spent 7 years as R&D Manager at Solvay, a leading multinational chemical company, where she was a part of a senior management team developing and commercialising new products.

Regan is a member of the Remuneration Committee.

Other current listed company directorships: None. Former listed directorships in the last three years: None.

**Interests in shares and options:** 3,000,000 \$0.90 31 August 2025 unlisted options held directly at the date of this report.



Anthony Sgro
Non-Executive Director
Director since 1 November 2017.

Tony Sgro is a Chemical Engineer, graduating from University of Sydney. His studies included an emphasis on Minerals Chlorination, which focused on the application of chlorination techniques to the extractive metallurgy of various minerals including titanium, nickel, chromium and tungsten ores.

His early career was spent with an international engineering group, including an extended period managing operations in Indonesia.

In 1979, with two partners, Mr Sgro started Kelair Pumps which grew to be the largest privately owned pumping equipment supply company in Australia. The company was sold to an international group in 2004 but Mr Sgro remained with the company as General Manager until his retirement in 2015.

In a career spanning 45 years, Mr Sgro was deeply involved in the technical and commercial aspects of supply of specialised equipment to the major process industries including oil and gas, petrochemical, chemical and mining industries, including equipment specification, material selection, commercial and technical aspects of large tenders, contract negotiation and contract management.

Mr Sgro serves as Chair of the Nomination and Remuneration Committees and is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Other current listed company directorships: None. Former directorships in the last three years: None.

**Interests in shares and options:** 5,795,455 shares directly held and 155,297 shares indirectly held at the date of this report.



Non-Executive Director
Director since 23 December 2010. Managing Director from 8 August 2014 to 23 August

Justin Werner, who has a Bachelor of Management from the University of Sydney, has been involved in the mining industry for more than 10 years. He was a founding partner of PT Gemala Borneo Utama, a private Indonesian exploration and mining company, which developed a heap leach gold mine in West Kalimantan and discovered the highly prospective Romang Island in Indonesia which was acquired by Padiham resources from Robust Resources Limited in November 2014.

Prior to focusing on developing projects in Indonesia, he worked as a consultant for specialist mining consultancies GPR Dehler, Jamieson Consulting and Partners in Performance, leading many successful turnaround projects for blue chip mining companies including Freeport McMoran (Grasberg deposit, Indonesia where he spent 2 years), Lihir Gold (Lihir mine, Papua New Guinea), Placer Dome (Nevada, USA), BHP Billiton (Ingwe Coal, South Africa), Rio Tinto (West Angeles Iron Ore, Australia), Nickel West (Western Australia) and QNI Yabulu refinery (Queensland, Australia).

Mr Werner is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Justin Charles Werner

Other current listed company directorships: Non- Executive Director of Far East Gold Limited (since 2020) and Managing Director of Nickel Industries Limited (since 2012).

Former directorships in the last three years: None.

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**Interests in shares and options:** 2,045,455 shares directly held shares and 13,816,835 shares indirectly held at the date of this report.



Cameron Peacock
Non-Executive Director
Director since 3 February 2021.

Cameron Peacock holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Western Australia, a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia and a Masters of Applied Finance from the University of Melbourne. Mr Peacock has more than 20 years' experience in numerous finance focused roles across banking, private equity and equity capital markets. In his more recent roles as an Investor Relations and Business Development executive across several resource companies, he has been deeply involved in the preparation and execution of numerous large scale primary and secondary capital market transactions. He has an established network across the global resources and generalist investment funds and a well-established track record in assisting companies build and manage their institutional and retail investor bases.

Mr Peacock serves as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and is a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committees.

Other current listed company directorships: None. Former directorships in the last three years: None.

Interests in shares and options: 8,000,000 shares indirectly held at the date of this report.

#### **Company Secretary**

The Company Secretary, Richard Edwards, was appointed on 3 September 2012.



Richard Edwards graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of New South Wales, is a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia, is a member of CPA Australia and holds a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance and Investment from FINSIA. Mr Edwards has worked for over fifteen years providing financial reporting and company secretarial services to a range of publicly listed companies in Australia. He is also Company Secretary of ASX listed Nickel Industries Limited and Prospech Limited.

#### **Meetings of Directors**

	Directors' Meetings		Audit and Risk Committee Meetings		Nomination Committee Meetings		Remuneration Committee Meetings	
Directors	N° eligible to attend	Attended	N° eligible to attend	Attended	N° eligible to attend	Attended	N° eligible to attend	Attended
Norman Seckold	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rimas Kairaitis	11	11	-	-	2	2	-	-
Peter Nightingale	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Williamson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regan Crooks	7	6	-	-	-	-	2	2
Cameron Peacock	11	11	2	2	2	2	2	2
Anthony Sgro	11	11	2	2	2	2	2	2
Justin Werner	11	11	2	2	-	_	_	_

#### **Directors' Interests**

The following table provides the total ordinary shares held by each Director as at the date of this report:

	Directly held	Indirectly held
Norman Seckold	-	67,291,194
Rimas Kairaitis	15,200,000	660,000
Peter Nightingale	2,045,455	18,487,500
Robert Williamson	1,331,036	
Regan Crooks	-	-
Cameron Peacock	-	8,000,000
Anthony Sgro	5,795,455	155,297
Justin Werner	2,045,455	13,816,835
Total	26,417,401	108,410,826

The following table provides the total options held by each Director as at the date of this report:

	Directly held	Indirectly held
Norman Seckold	-	-
Rimas Kairaitis	-	-
Peter Nightingale	-	-
Robert Williamson	2,040,000	-
Regan Crooks	3,000,000	-
Cameron Peacock	-	-
Anthony Sgro	-	-
Justin Werner	-	-
Total	5,040,000	-

#### **Unissued Shares Under Option**

At the date of this report, unissued ordinary shares of the Company under option are:

Number of options	Exercise price	Expiry date
5,000,000	\$0.35	30 September 2023
9,120,000	\$0.90	30 April 2025
3,000,000	\$0.90	31 August 2025

#### **Shares Issued on Exercise of Options**

During or since the end of the financial year, the Group issued ordinary shares as a result of the exercise of options as follows (there are no amounts unpaid on the shares issued):

Number of Shares	Amount paid on each share
11,800,000	\$0.30
10,428,571	\$0.35

In addition, a further 4,950,000 shares were issued in July 2022 and 511,475 issued in February 2023 following share based payment modifications through the cashless conversion of options and subsequent to the end of the financial year a further 9,798,701 shares were issued in a further share based modification through a cashless conversion of options. The number of shares issued under a cashless conversion of options is equal in value to the difference between the exercise price payable in relation to the options and the market value of the Company shares on closing the day prior to the notice of exercise being lodged.

#### **Indemnification of Officers and Auditor**

During or since the end of the financial year, the Group has not indemnified or made a relevant agreement to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Company against a liability incurred by such an officer or auditor. In addition, the Group has not paid or agreed to pay, a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred by an officer or auditor.

#### **Proceedings on Behalf of the Company**

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or 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 any part of those proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

#### **Non-audit Services**

During the year ended 30 June 2023 KPMG, the Company's auditor, has performed other services in addition to their statutory audit duties.

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Auditors of the Company - KPMG:		
Audit of annual and review of interim financial reports - KPMG	101,521	137,614
R&D incentive claim services	38,143	36,225
Debt advisory services	197,112	193,277
Other services fees	22,266	133,316
	359,042	500,432

The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services, during the 2023 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 (Cth)*.

The Directors are of the opinion that these services, do not compromise the external auditor's independence 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 Code of Conduct APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Accounting Professional & 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.

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

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 36 as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).* 

#### **Business Risk Disclosures**

Risk	Description	Mitigant
Environmental, social and governance risk	Stakeholders require proactive environmental, social and governance (ESG) management. Failure to consider and adequately implement effective ESG measures and provide adequate disclosures may result in reduced investments, delays in approvals, regulatory intervention, community action, increased operating and insurance costs, damaged reputation and impacts to talent attraction and retention.	The Company's operations are growing and the Company has put in place ESG policies and procedures that are appropriate for an entity of its size and scale.  The Company works to conduct its activities (including operating entities within its control) in an environmentally responsible manner, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.  The Company maintains strong community relations to ensure that the local stakeholders are supportive of the Company's operations.
Management and key personnel risk	The Company's business and future success depends heavily on the continued services of a small group of executive management and other key personnel. If one or more of the Company's management or key personnel were unable to (or unwilling to) continue in their present positions, the Company might not be able to replace them easily or at all.  As a result, the Company's business may be severely disrupted, materially adversely affecting its financial condition and operational results. The Company may also incur additional expenses to recruit, train and retain new or existing personnel.	To mitigate, the Company [has increased/is increasing] the number of its technical and management workforce.  The Company also seeks to mitigate the risk of attrition of key personnel by offering attractive remuneration packages and has put in place an both an Option Incentive Plan and a Performance Rights Plan.  The Company is developing succession strategies for key positions and has adopted change management procedures and systems to reflect organisational changes (system, processes and people) that may occur.
Climate risk	Climate change may cause certain physical and environmental risks that cannot be reasonably predicted by the Company. These risks include events such as increased severity of weather patterns and incidence of extreme weather events such as cyclones.  Further, changes in laws and policies, including in relation to carbon pricing, greenhouse gas emissions and energy efficiency, may adversely impact operations.	For a discussion on the Company's current strategy to mitigate these risks, please refer to 'TCFD section' of this report.
Cyber risk	The Company and its Group Entities rely on IT infrastructure and systems. The Company's IT infrastructure, systems and operations could be exposed to damage or interruption from system failures, computer	The Company engages a reputable third-party IT firm to manage its IT infrastructure and cyber-security.  Employees undertake compulsory cyber awareness training, including

	viruses, cyber-attacks, power or telecommunication provider's failure or human error. Interruptions would impact the Company's ability to operate and could result in business interruption, loss of customers and revenue and damaged reputation.	how to identify phishing emails and how to keep data safe, and are subject to a regular program of testing.
Competition	The Company participates in the developing ultra-high purity aluminum market using its proprietary solvent extraction and refining technology.  While the Company is of the view that there are currently no identified technologies which directly compete with its proprietary process there are a range of other technologies currently available and in development which offer potential alternatives, in some of the products the Company produces, e.g. High Purity Alumina from hydrochloric acid digestion of kaolin clay.  It is conceivable, that in the future the market may be entered by globally focused competitors with significantly more access to capital and resources. Should any of the Company's competitors participate more aggressively on price, product, innovation or other means this could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business.	To mitigate, the Company expanded and consolidated its process IP rights to the aluminium extraction and refining technology (refer to ASX announcement dated 26 July 2023).  The Company maintains a comprehensive array of document and procedure based protections of it proprietary process.  The Company intends to continue to invest in R&D to maintain its competitive lead.
Technological developments / disruption	The Company has developed a novel technology with limited operating history. There is no guarantee that the Company will [successfully commission its Stage 1 HPA circuit expansion nor the full scale Stage 2 HPA First Project, and there is uncertainty surrounding the rate of growth and prospects for the Company.	The Company has significant engineering expertise that it will draw upon in order to commission the Stage 1 HPA circuit expansion and the Stage 2 HPA First Project.
Commodity pricing	The Company generates revenue primarily from the sale of HPA, aluminium salts and other high purity aluminium materials. The price of the inputs used to produce our products, as well as the products sold by the Company, are determined by external markets which are outside the Company's control, making it susceptible to adverse price movements.	The Company continues to focus on minimising the cost of production and monitors historical and forecast price information from a range of sources to support its planning and decision-making processes.

Liquidity and access to capital	Although the Company believes that it has sufficient capital to commission the Stage 1 HPA circuit and meet its business objectives], there can be no assurance that these objectives can be met without further financing or, if further financing is necessary, that financing can be obtained on favourable terms or at all.	The Company actively monitors and manages its liquidity position through cash flow forecasting to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations when they are due, under both normal and stressed conditions.
Intellectual Property	The Company's ability to leverage its innovations and know-how is contingent on its capacity to protect its intellectual property and associated improvements and developments.  The Company may be required to incur significant expenses in establishing, protecting, and monitoring its intellectual property rights, including by engaging in litigation to enforce or vindicate its rights.  Unauthorised use of the Company's intellectual property by third parties, including potential or actual competitors of the Company, may have adverse effect on the Company.	To mitigate, the Company expanded and consolidated its process IP rights to the aluminium extraction and refining technology (refer to ASX announcement dated 26 July 2023).  In addition, the Company has implemented policies, procedures and practices to protect its intellectual property.
Materials handling	The Company's business involves the controlled use of chemicals and is therefore subject to environmental and health and safety laws and regulations.  There is a risk that the Company will not comply with these laws and regulations, or, despite its compliance, will nonetheless be exposed to industrial incidents relating to potentially hazardous materials. Such incidents may result in liability for contamination, compensation to individuals exposed to harm and remediation for damage caused. The Company may also be liable for fines imposed under applicable laws and regulations.	The Company has implemented a variety of employee training programs on handling hazardous materials and risk management.  Further, the Company maintains policy and procedural documentation designed to comply with health and safety laws and regulations.

## Remuneration Report - (Audited) Principles of Compensation - (Audited)

Key management personnel have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group. Key management personnel comprise the Directors of the Company. Key management personnel remuneration levels are determined by the remuneration committee, based on the nature of the role, market rates and the skills and experience of the key management personnel and then ratified by the Board of Directors. The policy of remuneration of Directors and senior executives is to ensure the remuneration package properly reflects the person's duties and responsibilities, and that remuneration is competitive in attracting, retaining and motivating people of the highest quality. The Board is responsible for reviewing and evaluating its own performance. The evaluation process is intended to assess the Group's business performance, whether long term strategic objectives are being achieved and the achievement of individual performance objectives.

Remuneration generally consists of salary payments. Longer term incentives are able to be provided through the Group's Incentive Option Plan which acts to align the Directors and senior executives' actions with the interests of the shareholders. The terms and conditions of share options offered or granted by the Group are determined by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion. The remuneration disclosed below represents the cost to the Group for the services provided under these arrangements. No Directors or senior executives receive performance related remuneration.

There were no remuneration consultants used by the Group during the year ended 30 June 2023, or in the prior year.

#### **Consultancy Agreements with key management personnel**

The Company has entered into an executive consultancy agreement with a company associated with Norman Seckold. Under this executive consultancy agreement, the consultancy company of Mr Seckold agrees to make Mr Seckold available to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position of Executive Chairman. During the period from 1 July 2022 to 31 August 2022 the Company received a fee of \$7,500 per month, equating to \$90,000 per annum. From 1 September 2022 this amount was increased to a fee of \$13,333 per month, equating to \$160,000 per annum.

The Company has entered into an executive consultancy agreement with a company associated with Rimas Kairaitis. Under this executive consultancy agreement, the consultancy company of Mr Kairaitis agrees to make Mr Kairaitis available to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position of Managing Director. During the year the consultancy company received a fee of \$2,000 per day.

The Company has entered into an executive consultancy agreement with a company associated with Peter Nightingale. Under this executive consultancy agreement, the consultancy company of Mr Nightingale agrees to make Mr Nightingale available to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position of Director and Chief Financial Officer. During the period from 1 July 2022 to 31 August 2022 the Company received a fee of \$7,500 per month, equating to \$90,000 per annum. From 1 September 2022 this amount was increased to a fee of \$25,000 per month, equating to \$300,000 per annum.

Each of the Company's Non-Executive Directors have entered into Letters of Appointment with the Company to serve as Non-Executive Directors. During the period from 1 July 2022 to 31 August 2022, each of the Non-Executive Directors Cameron Peacock, Tony Sgro and Justin Werner received a fee of \$3,333 per month, equating to \$40,000 per annum. From 1 September 2022 this amount was increased to a fee of \$7,083 per month, equating to \$85,000 per annum. Dr Regan Crooks received a fee of \$7,083 per month, equating to \$85,000 per annum, following her appointment to the Board.

Robert Williamson is employed by the Company under an employment contract. Following his appointment as a Director in May 2023 his annual fixed remuneration was increased to \$443,250 per annum including superannuation contributions. Under the terms of his contract the Company may at any time pay, following consideration of key performance indicators for both employee and the Company, pay a performance based bonus not exceeding 25% of the fixed remuneration. Under the contract if terminating the employment without notice the Company must give one month's written notice and make payment of six months' salary, three months written notice if the employee becomes incapacitated and unable to perform his duties or one month notice in the case of serious or persistent breaches of the contract. Mr Williamson may terminate the employment by giving two months written notice to the Company.

#### Remuneration Report - (Audited) (Cont.)

#### Details of Remuneration for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 - (Audited)

Details of Director and senior executive remuneration and the nature and amount of each major element of the remuneration of each Director of the Company, and other key management personnel are set out below:

Key management personnel	Year	Short term	Post- employment			Share based payments		Proportion of remuneration	Value of options
		Salary and fees \$	Super -annuation \$	Annual Leave \$	Termina tion benefit \$	Options \$	Total \$	performance related %	as a % of remun- eration
Executive Directors									
Norman Seckold	2023	148,000	-	-	-	-	148,000	-	-
	2022	90,000	-	-	ı	-	90,000	-	-
	2023	512,600	-	-	•	33,888	546,488	-	6.20
Rimas Kairaitis	2022	492,000	-	-	-	495,571	987,571	-	50.18
Peter Nightingale	2023	265,000	-	-	-	10,166	275,166	-	3.69
	2022	90,000	-	-	-	148,671	238,671	-	62.29
Robert Williamson	2023	414,772	38,301	30,572	-	252,948	736,593	-	34.34
	2022	315,833	31,583	48,244	-	295,375	691,035	-	42.74
Non-Executive Directors									
Dr Regan Crooks	2023	69,653	-	-	-	556,993	626,646	-	88.88
	2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameron Peacock	2023	77,500	-		-	3,362	80,862	-	4.16
	2022	40,000	-	-	-	48,669	88,669	-	54.89
Anthony Sgro	2023	77,500	-	-	-	10,166	87,666	-	11.60
	2022	40,000	-	-	-	148,671	188,671	-	78.80
	2023	77,500	-	-	-	10,166	87,666	-	11.60
Justin Werner	2022	40,000	-	-	-	148,671	188,671	-	78.80
Total	2023	1,642,525	38,301	30,572	-	877,689	2,589,087	-	33.90
	2022	1,107,833	31,583	48,244	-	1,285,628	2,473,288	-	51.98

The remuneration of Robert Williamson includes a discretionary bonus payment of \$50,000, awarded in relation to the successful commissioning of the Precursor Production Facility. Other than this and the share based payments outlined above, no bonuses were paid during the financial year and no performance based components of remuneration exist.

# **Directors' Report**

#### Remuneration Report - (Audited) (Cont.)

#### Consequences of Performance on Shareholder Wealth - (Audited)

In considering the Group's performance and benefits for shareholder wealth, the Board of Directors have regard to the following indices in respect of the current financial year and the previous four financial years:

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Loss attributable to owners of the Company	\$15,680,708	\$7,359,124	\$16,274,742	\$9,345,494	\$10,054,49 8
Dividends paid	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Change in share price	\$0.595	(\$0.140)	\$0.380	\$0.060	\$0.016
Return on capital employed <sup>(1)</sup>	(28%)	(15%)	(32%)	(90%)	(242%)

<sup>(</sup>f) Return on capital employed is calculated by dividing the profit or loss for the year by total assets less current liabilities.

The overall level of key management personnel's compensation is assessed on the basis of market conditions, status of the Group's projects, and financial performance of the Company.

#### **Movement in Shares - (Audited)**

No shares were granted to key management personnel during the reporting period as compensation in 2023 or 2022. The movement during the reporting period in the number of ordinary shares in the Company held directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each key management person, including their related parties, is as follows:

Key management personnel	Held at 1 July 2022	Option Conversion	Sales	Held at 30 June 2023
Norman Seckold	67,291,194	1	ı	67,291,194
Rimas Kairaitis	7,160,000	2,700,000	-	9,860,000
Peter Nightingale	16,612,500	1,875,000	-	18,487,500
Robert Williamson	92,288	511,475	(500,000)	103,763
Regan Crooks	-	-	1	-
Cameron Peacock	5,600,000	900,000	1	6,500,000
Anthony Sgro	3,155,297	750,000	-	3,905,297
Justin Werner	12,316,835	1,500,000	-	13,816,835

Key management personnel	Held at 1 July 2021	Purchased	Sales	Held at 30 June 2022
Norman Seckold	67,291,194	-	-	67,291,194
Rimas Kairaitis	7,160,000	-	-	7,160,000
Peter Nightingale	16,612,500	-	1	16,612,500
Robert Williamson	92,288	-	ı	92,288
Cameron Peacock	5,400,000	200,000	-	5,600,000
Anthony Sgro	3,155,297	-	-	3,155,297
Justin Werner	12,316,835	-	-	12,316,835

Option conversion includes shares issued for cash consideration as well as cashless conversions where the number of shares issued is based on the fair value of the options exercised. Cashless conversions result in no additional expense arising for the Company.

In July 2022, the Company issued 3,300,000 shares to key management personnel at \$0.30 each for cash totalling \$990,000, following the exercise of 3,300,000 \$0.30 options.

# **Directors' Report**

#### Remuneration Report - (Audited) (Cont.)

#### Movement in Shares - (Audited) (Cont.)

Additionally, the Company issued 4,425,000 shares to key management personnel at \$0.40 each as a cashless conversion of 17,700,000 \$0.30 options and 511,475 shares at \$0.61 each as a cashless conversion of 1,200,000 \$0.35 options.

#### **Movement in Options - (Audited)**

The movement during the reporting period in the number of options over ordinary shares in the Company held directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each key management person, including their personally related entities, is as follows:

	Held at 1 July 2022	Granted	Exercised	Expired	Held at 30 June 2023	Vested and exercisable at 30 June 2023
Rimas Kairaitis	20,000,000	-	(10,000,000)	-	10,000,000	10,000,000
Peter Nightingale	6,000,000	_	(3,000,000)	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
Robert Williamson	5,040,000	-	(1,200,000)	-	3,840,000	3,160,000
Dr Regan Crooks	-	3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	1,000,000
Cameron Peacock	4,000,000	-	(2,000,000)	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Anthony Sgro	6,000,000	_	(3,000,000)	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
Justin Werner	6,000,000	-	(3,000,000)	-	3,000,000	3,000,000

	Held at 1 July 2021	Granted	Exercised	Expired	Held at 30 June 2022	Vested and exercisable at 30 June 2022
Rimas Kairaitis	20,000,000	-	-	1	20,000,000	16,666,667
Peter Nightingale	6,000,000	-	-	-	6,000,000	5,000,000
Cameron Peacock	4,000,000	-	-	-	4,000,000	3,333,333
Anthony Sgro	6,000,000	-	_	-	6,000,000	5,000,000
Justin Werner	6,000,000	-	-	-	6,000,000	5,000,000
Robert Williamson	3,000,000	2,040,000	-	-	5,040,000	2,680,000

#### Options granted as compensation - (Audited)

Details of options granted as compensation to each key management person during the year ended 30 June 2023:

Key Management Person	Grant Date	Number of Options Granted	Total Fair Value at Grant Date	Option Terms (Exercise Price and Term)
Dr Regan Crooks	23/11/2022	3,000,000	\$789,000	\$0.90 at any time post vesting to 31/08/2025

The Company issued 3,000,000 \$0.90 options for no consideration with a grant date of 23 November 2022 and an expiry date of 31 August 2025 to Director Dr Regan Crooks. The fair value of the options granted was measured using a Black-Scholes formula and was \$0.263 per option. The model inputs of the options issued were the Company's share price of \$0.595 at the grant date, a volatility factor of 85% based on historical share price performance, a risk-free interest rate of 3.27% and no dividends paid. One third of the options vested on grant date, 1/3 vest on 31 August 2023 and 1/3 vest on 31 August 2024. There are no performance conditions attached to the options, subject to her remaining in her role as a director.

# **Directors' Report**

#### Remuneration Report - (Audited) (Cont.)

The number of options that vested to key management personnel during the year ended 30 June 2023 is 9,680,000 (2022 – 15,680,000). No options held by key management personnel lapsed during 2023 financial year (2022 - nil). Options issued to date at the discretion of the Board that have not yet vested have service conditions attached to them, which can be waived at the discretion of the Board.

#### Modification of terms of equity-settled share-based payment transactions - (Audited)

No terms of equity-settled share-based payment transactions (including options granted as compensation to a key management person) have been altered or modified by the Company during the 2023 financial year.

#### Loans to key management personal and their related parties - (Audited)

There were no loans made to key management personnel or their related parties during the 2023 and 2022 financial years and no amounts were outstanding at 30 June 2023 (2022 - \$nil).

#### Analysis of options and rights over equity instruments granted as compensation – (Audited)

All options refer to options over ordinary shares of Alpha HPA Limited, which are exercisable on a one-for-one basis.

	Options granted					
Director	Number	Date	% vested at year end	% vested during the year	% forfeited at year end	Financial year in which grant vests
Rimas Kairaitis	10,000,000	19 November 2020	100%	33.33%	-	1/3 in years 2021, 2022 and 2023
Peter Nightingale	3,000,000	19 November 2020	100%	33.33%	-	1/3 in years 2021, 2022 and 2023
Robert Williamson	1,800,000	17 August 2020	100%	33.33%	-	1/3 in years 2021, 2022 and 2023
Robert Williamson	2,040,000	6 May 2022	66.67%	33.33%	-	1/3 in years 2022, 2023 and 2024
Dr Regan Crooks	3,000,000	23 November 2022	33.33%	33.33%	-	1/3 in years 2022, 2023 and 2024
Cameron Peacock	2,000,000	17 August 2020	100%	33.33%	-	1/3 in years 2021, 2022 and 2023
Anthony Sgro	3,000,000	19 November 2020	100%	33.33%	-	1/3 in years 2021, 2022 and 2023
Justin Werner	3,000,000	19 November 2020	100%	33.33%	-	1/3 in years 2021, 2022 and 2023

#### Other transactions with key management personnel - (Audited)

These key management personnel related entities transacted with the Group during the year as follows:

Norman Seckold and Peter Nightingale hold a controlling interest in an entity, MIS Corporate Pty Limited (**MIS**), which provided full administrative services, including administrative, accounting and investor relations staff, rental accommodation, services and supplies, to the Group during the year. Fees charged by MIS during the year amounted to \$388,000 (2022 - \$393,375) which includes a monthly fee of \$25,000 and reimbursement of consultant expenses incurred by MIS on behalf of the Group. At 30 June 2023, \$37,500 (2022 - \$8,500) was outstanding.

Apart from the details disclosed in this note, no Director has entered into a material contract with the Group since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving Director's interests existing at year end.

Signed at Sydney this 31st day of August 2023 in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Rimas Kairaitis Managing Director



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

# To the Directors of Alpha HPA Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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**KPMG** 

Stephen Board

Partner

Brisbane 31 August 2023

# Alpha HPA Limited and its controlled entities

#### **Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income** For the year ended 30 June 2023

For the year ended 30 June 2023		Conso	lidated
	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Continuing operations			
Sales revenue		16,148	38,739
Cost of sales		(13,044)	(25,773)
Other income	5	1,606,414	2,001,120
Gain on disposal of exploration projects		-	3,475,000
Gain/(loss) on investments	13	(25,142)	1,526,364
Administration and consultant expenses		(8,438,599)	(3,203,236)
Audit and legal fees	7	(208,149)	(341,367)
Depreciation expenses	7	(986,668)	(152,659)
Directors' and company secretarial fees		(902,819)	(393,333)
Share based payments	16	(1,477,377)	(2,456,097)
Research and development expenses		(869,280)	(7,740,653)
Marketing and market outreach costs		(1,157,649)	(62,264)
Project operational expenses		(3,652,271)	-
Exploration and evaluation expenditure		-	(1,575)
Impairment losses - exploration and evaluation expenditure			(40,000)
Operating loss before financing income		(16,108,436)	(7,375,734)
Finance income	6	477,983	37,939
Finance expense	6	(50,255)	(21,329)
Net financing income		427,728	16,610
Loss before income tax expense		(15,680,708)	(7,359,124)
Income tax expense	8	-	
Loss after income tax expense		(15,680,708)	(7,359,124)
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(15,680,708)	(7,359,124)
Earnings per share			
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents)	9	(1.87)	(0.93)

The above Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Alpha HPA Limited and its controlled entities

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2023

As at 30 June 2023		Consolidated		
	Notes	2023	2022	
		\$	\$	
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	10	20,588,748	16,831,134	
Trade and other receivables	11	1,582,127	3,153,883	
Prepayments		412,758	241,959	
Inventory		1,109,636	10,935	
Total current assets		23,693,269	20,237,911	
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	12	37,545,020	28,295,635	
Right-of-use-assets	12	290,197	493,946	
Investments	13	5,303,660	5,328,802	
Deposits		279,557	205,482	
Total non-current assets		43,418,434	34,323,865	
Total assets		67,111,703	54,561,776	
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	14	5,392,579	7,155,272	
Deferred grant recognition		5,364,668	-	
Lease liability	12	206,434	213,573	
Total current liabilities		10,963,681	7,368,845	
Non-Current liabilities				
Lease liability	12	132,381	324,018	
Total non-current liabilities		132,381	324,018	
Total liabilities		11,096,062	7,692,863	
Net assets		56,015,641	46,868,913	
Equity				
Issued capital	15	127,756,651	101,716,126	
Reserves	15	8,437,692	9,650,781	
Accumulated losses		(80,178,702)	(64,497,994)	
Total equity		56,015,641	46,868,913	

The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for	r the yea	r ended 30 Jun	e 2023		
Attributable to equity holders of the Group	Notes	Issued capital \$	Reserves \$	Accumulated losses \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021		99,799,748	7,622,477	(57,138,870)	50,283,355
Total comprehensive income for the year					
Loss for the year			-	(7,359,124)	(7,359,124)
Total comprehensive loss for the year			-	(7,359,124)	(7,359,124)
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity					
Contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company					
Issue of shares	15	1,500,000	-	-	1,500,000
Costs of issue	15	(11,415)	-	-	(11,415)
Fair value of options exercised during the period		427,793	(427,793)	-	-
Share based payments	16		2,456,097	-	2,456,097
Balance at 30 June 2022		101,716,126	9,650,781	(64,497,994)	46,868,913
Balance at 1 July 2022		101,716,126	9,650,781	(64,497,994)	46,868,913
Total comprehensive income for the year					
Loss for the year				(15,680,708)	(15,680,708)
Total comprehensive loss for the year		-	-	(15,680,708)	(15,680,708)
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity					
Contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company					
Issue of shares	15	23,403,011	-	-	23,403,011
Costs of issue	15	(52,952)	-	-	(52,952)
Fair value of options exercised during the period	15	2,690,466	(2,690,466)	-	-
Share based payments	16		1,477,377	-	1,477,377
Balance at 30 June 2023		127,756,651	8,437,692	(80,178,702)	56,015,641

The above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

Cash flows from operating activities       2023       2022         Cash receipts from operating activities       22,908         Cash payments in the course of operations       (15,364,590)       (3,780,430)         Interest received       477,983       37,938         Interest paid       (38,247)       (20,612)         R&D tax incentive       3,607,534         Net cash used in operating activities       17       (11,294,412)       (3,763,103)	
Cash flows from operating activities         Cash receipts from customers       22,908         Cash payments in the course of operations       (15,364,590)       (3,780,430)         Interest received       477,983       37,938         Interest paid       (38,247)       (20,612)         R&D tax incentive       3,607,534	
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Interest received       477,983       37,939         Interest paid       (38,247)       (20,612         R&D tax incentive       3,607,534	-
Interest paid (20,612 R&D tax incentive 3,607,534	))
R&D tax incentive 3,607,534	9
	2)
Net cash used in operating activities 17 (11,294,412) (3,763,103	-
	3)
Cash flows from investing activities	
Payments for capital works in progress (6,627,198) (19,663,051	1)
Payments for research and development (3,515,384) (8,849,040	))
Payments for property, plant and equipment (14,060,415) (28,834	1)
Government grants 16,200,000	-
Payments for purchase of land - (2,648,851	1)
Proceeds from sale of Wonogiri Project - 50,000	0
Net cash used in investing activities (8,002,997) (31,139,776	3)
Cash flows from financing activities	
Proceeds from issue of shares 15 <b>23,332,511</b> 1,500,000	0
Transaction costs on share issue (52,952) (11,415	5)
Repayment of lease liabilities (212,528) (98,221	1)
Net cash from financing activities 23,067,031 1,390,364	4_
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held 3,769,622 (33,512,515	5)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July 16,831,134 50,344,366	6
Effect of exchange rate adjustments on cash held (12,008)	<sup>7</sup> )
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June         10         20,588,748         16,831,134	4

The above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 1 REPORTING ENTITY

Alpha HPA Limited (the Company) is a company domiciled in Australia. The consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 30 June 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'Group').

The Group is a for-profit entity developing the HPA First Project, to produce High Purity Alumina for the battery and LED markets.

#### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The consolidated financial statements comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 31 August 2023.

#### **Basis of measurement**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following items in the Statement of Financial Position:

Investments - financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss.

#### Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

#### Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are described in the following notes:

- Note 2 Accounting for research and development activities, which involves distinguishing between research
  and development activities in accordance with AASB 138. Management have determined that the criteria to
  capitalise development costs have not been met during the 2023 financial year.
- Note 8 Unrecognised deferred tax assets.
- Note 16 Share Based Payments.

### Going concern

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the continuation of normal business operations and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business. The Group incurred a loss after tax of \$15,680,708 (2022 - \$7,359,124), and had net cash outflows from operating activities, research and development activities and construction of the precursor plant facility \$35,497,409 (2022 - \$32,275,195) for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Group's main activity is development of the HPA First Project and as such it has minimal operating income, rather it is reliant on equity raisings or funds from other external sources to fund its activities.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

# 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (Cont.)

#### Going concern (Cont.)

The Directors have prepared cash flow projections that support the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern. These cash flow projections assume net cash outflows from operating and investing activities will continue and the operational expenditures are maintained within available funding levels. In addition, the cash flow projections indicate sufficient funds are available for the Group to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the ordinary course of operations and at the amounts stated in the consolidated financial statements.

Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 have been prepared on a going concern basis as, in the opinion of the Directors, the Group will be in a position to continue to meet its planned activities and operating costs and pay its debts as and when they fall due for at least twelve months from the date of this report.

#### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements and have been applied consistently by all entities in the Group.

#### Basis of consolidation

#### **Subsidiaries**

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

#### Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intragroup balances and any unrealised gains and losses or income and expenses arising from intragroup transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Where a controlled entity issues shares to minority interests which does not result in loss of control by the Group, any gain or loss arising on the Group's interest in the controlled entity is recognised directly in equity.

#### Finance income and finance costs

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested (including financial assets at fair value through profit or loss), dividend income, foreign exchange gains and gains on the disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Interest income is recognised as it accrues in profit or loss, using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognised in profit or loss on the date that the Group's right to receive payment is established, which in the case of quoted securities is the ex-dividend date.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings, losses on disposal of financial assets, foreign exchange losses and impairment losses recognised on financial assets. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

#### Research and development expenditure

Research related expenditure is expensed as incurred. Development activities involve a plan or design for the production of new or substantially improved products and processes. Development expenditure is capitalised only if development costs can be measured reliably, the product or process is technically and commercially feasible, future economic benefits are probable, and the Group intends to and has sufficient resources to complete development and to use or sell the asset. The expenditure capitalised includes the cost of materials, direct labour and overhead costs that are directly attributable to preparing the asset for its intended use. Otherwise, development expenditure is recognised in profit or loss when incurred.

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#### **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

#### Property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the assets' estimated useful lives to the Group commencing from the time the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates and useful lives used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rate	Depreciation basis
Building	5%	Straight line
Furniture and fittings	10%	Straight line
Lab equipment	10%	Straight line
Motor vehicles	20%	Straight line
Office equipment	20% to 50%	Straight line
Plant and equipment	5% to 50%	Straight line

#### Construction in progress

The Group recognises plant construction in progress costs at cost in a construction in progress account. Once construction has been completed and the plant is in services, costs recognised as construction in progress will be transferred to the appropriate assets category within property, plant and equipment and depreciation charges will commence.

#### **Government grants**

Where a rebate is received relating to research and development or other costs that have been expensed, the rebate is recognised as other income when the rebate becomes receivable and the Company complies with all attached conditions. If the research and development or other costs have been capitalised, the rebate is deducted from the carrying value of the underlying asset when the grant becomes receivable and there is reasonable assurance the Group will comply with the relevant conditions.

#### Leases

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. The Group applies a single measurement recognition and approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

#### Right-of-use assets

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

#### Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group's exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

#### Financial instruments

#### Non-derivative financial assets

The Group initially recognises loans and receivables on the date that they are originated. All other financial assets (including assets designated at fair value through profit or loss) are recognised initially on the trade date at which the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in such transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Group is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, the Group has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified and measured at:

- amortised cost;
- fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) equity investment; or
- fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both the following conditions and is not designated as fair value through profit or loss:

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

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value through OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

#### Financial instruments (Cont.)

#### Non-derivative financial assets (Cont.)

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at fair value through profit or loss. This includes all derivative financial assets. On initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income as at fair value through profit or loss if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at amortised cost	These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.
Equity instruments at FVOCI	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income and are never reclassified to profit or loss.
Financial assets at FVTPL	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

#### Non-derivative financial liabilities

The Group initially recognises debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities on the date that they are originated. All other financial liabilities are recognised initially on the trade date, which is the date that the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

Other financial liabilities comprise trade and other payables.

#### Tax

Current tax and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

#### **Current tax**

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;
- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; or
- taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

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#### **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

#### Tax (Cont.)

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

#### Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

#### **Impairment**

#### Financial instruments

The Group recognises expected credit losses (ECLs), where material, on:

- Financial assets measured at amortised cost;

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Group has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof.

#### Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's assets, other than deferred tax assets and inventories, are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Goodwill, being an indefinite life intangible asset, is subject to annual impairment testing, in which the goodwill is allocated to a cash generating unit ('CGU') for impairment testing and the value-in-use is compared to the carrying value of assets and liabilities in that CGU.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement, unless an asset has previously been revalued, in which case the impairment loss is recognised as a reversal to the extent of that previous revaluation with any excess recognised through profit or loss.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

#### Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of Group entities at exchange rates at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the year, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the year.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in profit or loss.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is based on average costs over the relevant period of production, and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories, production or conversion costs and other costs incurred in bringing them to their existing location and condition. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses.

#### **Employee benefits**

#### Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided.

#### Share-based payment transactions

The grant date fair value of share-based payment awards granted to employees is recognised as an employee expense, with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period that the employees become unconditionally entitled to the awards. The amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the number of awards for which the related service and non-market vesting conditions are expected to be met, such that the amount ultimately recognised as an expense is based on the number of awards that meet the related service and non-market performance conditions at the vesting date. For share-based payment awards with non-vesting conditions, the grant date fair value of the share-based payment is measured to reflect such conditions and there is no true-up for differences between expected and actual outcomes.

#### **Provisions**

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects the current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost.

#### Site restoration

In accordance with the Group's environmental policy and applicable legal requirements, a provision for site restoration in respect of contaminated land, and the related expense, is recognised when the land is contaminated.

#### New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the Group for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2023. The Group's assessment of the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations, is that there would be no material impact.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 4 DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUES

A number of the Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. When applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

#### **Equity securities**

The fair values of investments in equity securities are determined with reference to their quoted closing bid price at the measurement date.

#### Share-based payment transactions

The fair value of the employee share options is measured using the Black-Scholes formula. Measurement inputs include share price on the measurement date, exercise price of the instrument, expected volatility (based on an evaluation of the historic volatility of the Company's share price, particularly over the historical period commensurate with the expected term), expected term of the instruments (based on historical experience and general option holder behaviour), expected dividends, and the risk-free interest rate (based on government bonds). Service and non-market performance conditions are not taken into account in determining fair value.

5 OTHER INCOME         1,606,414         2,001,120           6 FINANCE INCOME AND FINANCE COSTS         Recognised in profit or loss           Interest income on cash deposits         477,983         37,939           Interest expense – lease liability         (38,247)         (20,612)           Foreign exchange loss         (12,008)         (717)           Net finance income recognised in profit or loss         427,728         16,610           7 LOSS FOR THE YEAR         Loss before income tax expense has been determined after:           Depreciation of non-current assets         - Plant and equipment         769,167         14,452           - Right of use asset         217,501         138,207           Depreciation expense         986,668         152,659           Audit of annual and review of interim financial statements         101,521         137,614           Legal fees         106,628         203,753           Audit and legal fees         208,149         341,367           Total employee remuneration         4,889,897         1,487,884           Superannuation expense         5 394,708         1,636,674		Consolidated	
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Depreciation expense       986,668       152,659         Audit of annual and review of interim financial statements       101,521       137,614         Legal fees       106,628       203,753         Audit and legal fees       208,149       341,367         Total employee remuneration       4,889,897       1,487,884         Superannuation expense       504,811       148,790	- Plant and equipment	769,167	14,452
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Legal fees       106,628       203,753         Audit and legal fees       208,149       341,367         Total employee remuneration       4,889,897       1,487,884         Superannuation expense       504,811       148,790	Depreciation expense	986,668	152,659
Audit and legal fees       208,149       341,367         Total employee remuneration       4,889,897       1,487,884         Superannuation expense       504,811       148,790	Audit of annual and review of interim financial statements	101,521	137,614
Total employee remuneration       4,889,897       1,487,884         Superannuation expense       504,811       148,790	Legal fees	106,628	203,753
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Superannuation expense 504,811 148,790	Total employee remuneration	4,889,897	1,487,884
<del></del>	Superannuation expense		, ,
1,000,074	Total employment expenses	5,394,708	1,636,674

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	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
8 INCOME TAX		
Current tax expense		
Current year	(3,856,176)	(1,163,792)
Tax losses not recognised	3,856,176	1,163,792
		-
Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable:		
Loss before tax	(15,680,708)	(7,359,124)
Prima facie income tax benefit at the Australian tax rate of 25%(2022- 25%) Increase in income tax expense due to:	(3,920,177)	(1,839,781)
Non-deductible expenses	(12,758)	115,720
Tax losses not recognised	3,856,176	1,163,792
Effect of net deferred tax assets not brought to account	76,759	560,269
Income tax expense		
Unrecognised deferred tax assets  Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:		
Taxable temporary differences (net)	585,958	2,081,875
Tax losses	9,339,793	5,669,233
Net	9,925,751	7,751,108

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these items because it is not considered probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Group can utilise the benefits therefrom. All tax losses relate to Australia and do not expire. To utilise these tax losses, the Group must meet requirements in relation to continuity of ownership or same business.

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#### 9 LOSS PER SHARE

Basic and diluted loss per share have been calculated using: Net loss for the year attributable to equity holders of the Company	(15,680,708)	(7,359,124)	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (basic and diluted)	Nº of shares	Nº of shares	
- Issued ordinary shares at the beginning of the year	795,486,624	790,284,971	
- Effect of shares issued on 13 July 2021	795,400,024	, ,	
•	-	1,934,247	
- Effect of shares issued on 29 September 2021	-	753,425	
- Effect of shares issued on 4 January 2022	-	98,340	
- Effect of shares issued on 6 January 2022	-	964,384	
- Effect of shares issued on 29 July 2022	15,465,069	-	
- Effect of shares issued on 14 November 2022	28,222,198	-	
- Effect of shares issued on 2 February 2023	208,794	-	
- Effect of shares issued on 5 May 2023	11,712		
Weighted average number of shares at the end of the year	839,394,397	794,035,366	

As the Group is loss making, none of the potentially dilutive securities are currently dilutive. Details on the 41,920,000 options on issue are set out in Note 16.

#### 10 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank	20,588,748	16,831,134
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows	20,588,748	16,831,134

#### 11 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

# Current

GST receivable	-	1,113,876
R&D rebate receivable	-	2,001,120
Government grant receivable*	1,550,000	-
Other receivables	32,127	38,887
	1,582,127	3,153,883

<sup>\*</sup> Relates to Federal Government grant funding of \$15.5 million under the Critical Minerals Development Program (CMDP), of which \$13.95M was received during the period.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

# 12 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT & LEASE

12 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT & LEASE	Consolidated		
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	2023	2022	
Furniture and fittings	\$	\$	
Furniture and fittings - cost	6,487	3,611	
Accumulated depreciation	(530)	(165)	
Net book value	5,957	3,446	
Office equipment			
Office equipment - cost	61,784	42,990	
Accumulated depreciation	(36,360)	(18,788)	
Net book value	25,424	24,202	
Plant and equipment			
Plant and equipment - cost	24,876,314	-	
Government grant recognition - cost	(8,896,491)	-	
Accumulated depreciation	(328,109)	-	
Net book value	15,651,714	-	
Building			
Building - cost	13,825,472	-	
Accumulated depreciation	(399,614)	-	
Net book value	13,425,858	-	
Lab equipment			
Lab equipment - cost	250,000	-	
Accumulated depreciation	(14,583)	-	
Net book value	235,417		
Motor vehicles			
Motor vehicles - cost	46,193	-	
Accumulated depreciation	(7,673)	-	
Net book value	38,520	<u>-</u>	
Construction in progress	47.004.470	05 040 400	
Construction in progress - cost		25,619,136	
Transfer to fixed assets	(38,689,358)	-	
Government grant recognition	(3,488,841)	-	
Net book value	5,513,279	25,619,136	
Land	0.040.054	0.640.054	
Land - cost	2,648,851	2,648,851	
Net book value	2,648,851	2,648,851	
Total property, plant and equipment	37,545,020	28,295,635	

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Reconciliations of the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment are set out below.

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
Furniture and fittings	\$	\$
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	3,446	-
Additions	2,876	3,611
Depreciation	(365)	(165))
Net book value	5,957	3,446
Office equipment		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	24,202	13,266
Additions	20,045	25,223
Depreciation	(18,823)	(14,287)
Net book value	25,424	24,202
Plant and equipment		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	-	-
Additions	138,004	-
Additions – transferred from CIP	24,738,310	
Government grant recognition	(8,896,491)	-
Depreciation	(328,109)	
Net book value	15,651,714	

Upon confirmation of \$15.5 million of grant funding under the Federal Government's Critical Minerals Development Program (CMDP) the Company recognised this amount as a deferred government grant. Eligible expenditure under the grant agreement has been undertaken by the Company to expand the production capability of the Precursor Production Facility (PPF). In accordance with AASB 120 – Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance, the Company has recognised \$12,385,332 of total eligible government grant income earned for the period and has reduced the carrying value of the PPF by the same amount.

In addition during the year the Group received \$2.25M of the Federal Government Modern Manufacturing Initiative-Collaboration Stream grant which is include in deferred grants at 30 June 2023.

В	u	il	d	i	n	q

Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	124,424	-
Additions	13,701,048	-
Additions – transferred from CIP		
Depreciation	(399,614)	
Net book value	13,425,858	
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Lab equipment		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	-	-
Additions	250,000	-
Depreciation	(14,583)	
Net book value	235,417	
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# 12 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT & LEASE (Con't)

·	Consoli	idated
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Motor vehicles		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	-	-
Additions	46,193	-
Depreciation	(7,673)	-
Net book value	38,520	
Construction in progress		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	25,619,136	280,650
Additions	22,072,342	25,338,486
Transfer to fixed asset	(38,689,358)	
Government grant recognition	_ (3,488,841)	
Net book value	5,513,279	25,619,136
Construction in progress expenditure relates to the construction of Land	the Freduisor Freduction Facility.	
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	2,648,851	-
Additions	<del>_</del> _	2,648,851
Net book value	2,648,851	2,648,851
LEASE		
Right of use assets – office space and warehouses		
Right of use assets		
Right of use assets - cost	690,029	676,277
Accumulated depreciation	(399,832)	(182,331)
Net book value	290,197	493,946
Right of use assets		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	493,946	52,949
Additions	13,752	579,204
Depreciation	(217,501)	(138,207)
Net book value	290,197	493,946
Lease liability		
Current	206,434	213,573
NI		
Non-current	132,381	324,018

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	Consolidated	
	2023 \$	2022 \$
13 INVESTMENTS - SHARES AT FAIR VALUE		
Opening balance	5,328,802	37,438
Share consideration received for disposal of the Collerina Project	-	340,000
Share consideration received for disposal of the Wonogiri Project	-	3,425,000
Unrealised gain/(loss)	(25,142)	1,526,364
Closing balance	5,303,660	5,328,802

At 30 June 2023 the Company held the following shares in ASX listed entities:

- 17,125,000 shares in Far East Gold Limited, the fair value of which was \$4,966,250;
- 20,000,000 shares in Helix Resources Limited the fair value of which was \$100,000; and
- 456,558 shares in Santana Minerals Limited, the fair value of which was \$237,410.

	2022	20	22
857,806,079 (2022 - 795,486,624) fully paid ordinary shares		127,756,651	101,716,126
Share capital			
15 CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
		5,392,579	7,155,272
Sundry creditors and accruals		1,974,539	2,185,316
Trade creditors		3,418,040	4,969,956
Current			
14 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES			

	2023		2022	
Ordinary shares	Nº of shares	\$	Nº of shares	\$
Balance at the beginning of the year	795,486,624	101,716,126	790,284,971	99,799,748
Issue of shares	45,057,980	19,863,011	-	-
Exercise of options	17,261,475	6,230,466	5,201,653	1,927,793
Costs of issue		(52,952)	-	(11,415)
Balance at the end of the year	857,806,079	127,756,651	795,486,624	101,716,126

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#### 15 CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Con't)

#### 2022/2023

In July 2022, the Company issued 11,800,000 shares at \$0.30 each for cash totalling \$3,540,000, following the exercise of 11,800,000 \$0.30 options. The grant date fair value of the share options exercised transferred from reserves to share capital was \$1,268,289. Share costs totalled \$18,281.

Additionally, the Company issued 4,950,000 shares following the cashless conversion of 19,800,000 \$0.30 options. The grant date fair value of the share options exercised transferred from reserves to share capital was \$1,282,977.

In November 2022 the Company issued 44,982,980 shares at \$0.44 each, to Orica Investments Pty Ltd, for cash totalling \$19,792,511. Share costs totalled \$30,925.

In February 2023 the Company issued 511,475 shares following the cashless conversion of 1,200,000 \$0.35 options. The grant date fair value of the share options exercised transferred from reserves to share capital was \$139,200. Share issue costs totalled \$2,496.

In May 2023 the Company issued 75,000 shares to Technologica at \$0.94 each, equivalent to \$70,500, for services rendered. Share costs totalled \$1,250. A share based payment of \$70,500 was recognised.

#### 2021/2022

During the year ended, the Company issued 5,000,000 shares at \$0.30 each for cash totalling \$1,500,000, following the exercise of 5,000,000 \$0.30 options. The grant date fair value of the share options exercised transferred from reserves to share capital was \$400,054. Share issue costs totalled \$10,024.

Additionally the Company issued 201,653 shares following the cashless conversion of 400,000 \$0.30 options. The grant date fair value of the share options exercised transferred from reserves to share capital was \$27,739. Share issue costs totalled \$1.391.

#### Terms and conditions - shares

The Company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares. All issued shares are fully paid.

Ordinary shares have the right to receive dividends as declared and, in the event of winding up the Company, to participate in the proceeds from the sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the number of and amounts paid up on shares held. Ordinary shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the Company.

#### Nature and purpose of reserves

#### Option premium reserve

The option premium reserve is used to recognise the grant date fair value of options vested but not exercised.

#### Foreign currency translation reserve

The foreign currency translation reserve records the foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations where their functional currency is different to the presentation currency of the reporting entity.

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Option premium reserve	8,418,412	9,631,502
Foreign currency translation reserve	19,279	19,279
	8,437,691	9,650,781

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#### **CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Con't)** 15

	Consolidated 2023 \$	Consolidated 2022 \$
Movements during the period		
Option premium reserve		
Balance at beginning of period	9,631,502	7,603,198
Share options issued – share based payments	1,477,377	2,456,097
Exercise of options	(2,690,466)	(427,793)
Balance at end of period	8,418,412	9,631,502
Foreign currency translation reserve		
Balance at beginning of period	19,279	19,279
Balance at end of period	19,279	19,279

Unlisted options to take up ordinary shares in the capital of the Company have been granted as follows:

Exercise Period	Exercise Price	Opening Balance 1 July 2022 Number	Options Issued Number	Options Exercised Number	Options Expired Number	Closing Balance 30 June 2023 Number
On or before 31 July 2022	\$0.20	4,600,000	-	(4,600,000)	- (40,000,000)	-
On or before 31 July 2022 On or before 31 July 2023	\$0.30 \$0.35	37,000,000 26,000,000	-	(27,000,000) (1,200,000)	(10,000,000) -	24,800,000
On or before 30 September 2023	r \$0.35	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000
On or before 30 April 2025 On or before 31 August 2025	\$0.90 \$0.90	12,000,000 -	3,000,000	-	(2,880,000)	9,120,000 3,000,000
Exercise Period	Exercise Price	Opening Balance 1 July 2021 Number	Options Issued Number	Options Exercised Number	Options Expired Number	Closing Balance 30 June 2022 Number
On or before 31 July 2022	\$0.20	10,000,000	-	(5,400,000)	-	4,600,000
On or before 31 July 2022 On or before 31 July 2023 On or before 30 September	\$0.30 \$0.35	37,000,000 26,000,000	-	-	-	37,000,000 26,000,000
2023 On or before 30 April 2025	\$0.35 \$0.90	5,000,000	12,000,000	-	-	5,000,000 12,000,000

At 30 June 2023 the following options were vested and exercisable:

Number of options	Exercise price	Expiry date
24,800,000	\$0.35	31 July 2023
5,000,000	\$0.35	30 September 2023
6,080,000	\$0.90	30 April 2025
1,000,000	\$0.90	31 August 2025

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#### 16 SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

During the year ended 30 June 2023, 32,800,000 \$0.30 options were exercised or cashless converted. In addition, the following options were issued:

• The Company issued 3,000,000 \$0.90 options for no consideration with a grant date of 23 November 2022 and an expiry date of 31 August 2025, to Director Dr Regan Crooks. The fair value of the options granted is measured using a Black-Scholes formula, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. The fair value of the options granted was \$0.263 per share, totalling \$789,000. The Black-Scholes formula model inputs were the Company's share price of \$0.595 at the grant date, a volatility factor of 85% (based on historical share price performance), a risk-free interest rate of 3.27% and a dividend yield of 0%. One third of the options vested on grant date, 1/3 vest on 31 August 2023 and 1/3 vest on 31 August 2024. A share based payment expense of \$556,993 was taken up during the year ended 30 June 2023.

The following share based payment expenses were recognised during the year ended 30 June 2023.

Number of options	Exercise price	Expiry date	Expense recognised during current period
26,000,000	\$0.35	31 July 2023	\$76,155
5,000,000	\$0.35	30 September 2023	-
11,440,000	\$0.90	30 April 2025	\$844,229
3,000,000	\$0.90	31 August 2025	\$556,993

During the year ended 30 June 2022, 5,400,000 \$0.30 options were exercised. In addition, the following options were issued:

• The Company issued 12,000,000 \$0.90 options for no consideration with a grant date of 6 May 2022 and an expiry date of 30 April 2025, to employees of the Company. The fair value of the options granted is measured using a Black-Scholes formula, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. The fair value of the options granted was \$3,240,000. The Black-Scholes formula model inputs were the Company's share price of \$0.60 at the grant date, a volatility factor of 82.66% (based on historical share price performance), a risk-free interest rate of 3.02% and a dividend yield of 0%. One third of the options vested on grant date, 1/3 vest on 30 April 2023 and 1/3 vest on 30 April 2024. A share based payment expense of \$1,330,391 was taken up during the year ended 30 June 2022.

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	Consoli 2023	dated 2022
	\$	\$
17 RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash flows from operating activities		
Loss from ordinary activities after income tax	(15,680,708)	(7,359,124)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	986,668	152,659
Exploration & evaluation expenses	-	1,575
Revaluation of investment	25,142	(1,526,364)
Impairment losses – E&E	-	40,000
Gain on disposal of projects	-	(3,475,000)
Share based payments and non cash marketing expense	1,547,877	2,456,097
Development expenses	869,280	7,740,653
Effect of exchange rate adjustments	12,008	716
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade and other receivables	423,452	(2,619,718)
Prepayments	(170,800)	(60,717)
Trade and other payables	692,669	886,120
Net cash used in operating activities	(11,294,412)	(3,763,103)
18 AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION		
Auditors of the Company - KPMG:		
Audit of annual and review of interim financial reports - KPMG	101,521	137,614
R&D incentive claim services	38,143	36,225
Debt advisory services	197,112	193,277
Other services fees	22,266	133,316
	359,042	500,432

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#### 19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's financial instruments comprise deposits with banks, receivables, investments in financial assets, trade and other payables and from time to time short term loans from related parties. The Group does not trade in derivatives or in foreign currency.

The Group manages its risk exposure of its financial instruments in accordance with the guidance of the Board of Directors. The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are market risk, credit risk and liquidity risks. This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of these risks, its objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Group's management of capital.

#### Risk management framework

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Group's risk management framework. Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Group, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. These policies are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Group's activities.

The primary responsibility to monitor the financial risks lies with the Managing Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary under the authority of the Board.

#### Climate related risks

Alpha acknowledges that climate related risks have the potential to impact existing and proposed business operations of the Company. These risks include energy pricing risks, related to energy transition, and the input costs of key materials and labour related to climate impacts in key suppliers.

#### Market risks

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

#### Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to market interest rates relates exclusively to cash and cash equivalents and is not considered a material risk.

At balance date the Group's variable interest bearing financial instruments were:

	Consolid	Consolidated	
	2023 \$	2022 \$	
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	20,588,748	16,831,134	

The Group did not have any variable interest bearing financial liabilities in the current or prior year.

The Group does not have interest rate swap contracts. The Group has two interest bearing accounts from where it draws cash when required to pay liabilities as they fall due. The Group normally invests its funds in at least two accounts to maximise the available interest rates. The Group always analyses its interest rate exposure when considering renewals of existing positions including alternative financing.

The following sensitivity analysis is based on the interest rate risk exposures at balance date.

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#### 19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont.)

#### Interest rate risk (Cont.)

For the year ended 30 June 2023, if the interest rates had moved, as illustrated in the table below, with all other variables held constant, the post-tax loss and equity would have been affected as follows:

Judgement of reasonable possible movements:

	Post tax loss (Higher)/Lower 2023 \$	Post tax loss (Higher)/Lower 2022 \$	Total equity (Higher)/Lower 2023 \$	Total equity (Higher)/Lower 2022 \$
+ 1% higher interest rate	187,099	335,877	187,099	335,877
- 0.5% lower interest rate	(93,550)	(167,939)	(93,550)	(167,939)

The movements in the loss after tax are due to higher/lower interest earned from variable movement in the interest rate on cash balances.

#### Currency risk

The Groups functional currency is Australian dollars. The Group holds some cash in US\$ and some trade receivables/payables denominated in US\$.

The Group's gross financial position exposure to foreign currency risk at 30 June 2023 is as follows:

- US\$95,292 (A\$143,728) cash at bank;
- US\$28,417 (A\$42,862) of trade and other receivables/payables.

The Group's gross financial position exposure to foreign currency risk at 30 June 2022 is as follows:

- US\$149,446 (A\$216,902) cash at bank;
- US\$12,982 (A\$18,842) of trade and other receivables/payables.

The following significant exchange rates applied during the year:

	Averag	Average rate		ate spot rate
A\$	2023	2022	2023	2022
US\$	0.6764	0.7226	0.6630	0.6890

The following sensitivity analysis is based on the exchange rate risk exposures at balance date.

For the year ended 30 June 2023, if the exchange rate between the Australian dollar to the United States dollar had moved, as illustrated in the table below, with all other variables held constant, the post-tax loss and equity would have been affected as follows:

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#### 19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont.)

Market risks (Cont.)

Currency risk (Cont.)

Judgement of reasonable possible movements:

	Post tax loss (Higher)/Lower 2023 \$	Post tax loss (Higher)/Lower 2022 \$	Total equity (Higher)/Lower 2023 \$	Total equity (Higher)/Lower 2022 \$
+ 10% higher AUD to USD exchange rate + 5% higher AUD to	121,493	(23,029)	121,493	(23,029)
USD exchange rate	60,746	(11,514)	60,746	(11,514)

The Group seeks to minimise currency risk through the alignment of the proportion of cash balances held in various currencies with forecast expenditures and the underlying currency denomination of those forecast expenditures.

#### Price risk

The group holds listed shares, the following sensitivity is based on the price risk exposures at balance date.

	Post tax loss (Higher)/Lower 2023 \$	Post tax loss (Higher)/Lower 2022 \$	Total equity (Higher)/Lower 2023 \$	Total equity (Higher)/Lower 2022 \$
+ 10% higher of the				
share price	530,366	532,880	530,366	532,880

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

The Group monitors rolling forecasts of liquidity on the basis of expected fund raisings, trade payables and other obligations for the ongoing operation of the Group.

At balance date, the Group has available funds of \$20,588,748 for its immediate use.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments:

Financial liabilities	Carrying amount \$	Contractual cash flows	Less than 6 months	6 to 12 months \$	1 to 5 years \$	More than 5 years \$
30 June 2023						
Trade and other payables	5,392,579	5,392,579	5,392,579	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	338,815	361,279	125,307	100,207	135,765	
	5,731,394	5,753,858	5,517,886	100,207	135,765	

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# 20 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont.)

Market risks (Cont.)

Liquidity risk (Cont.)

Financial liabilities	Carrying amount \$	Contractual cash flows	Less than 6 months	6 to 12 months \$	1 to 5 years \$	More than 5 years \$
30 June 2022						
Trade and other payables	7,155,272	7,155,272	7,155,272	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	537,591	595,331	123,877	126,100	345,354	-
	7,692,863	7,750,603	7,279,149	126,100	345,354	-

It is not expected that the cash flows included in the maturity analysis could occur significantly earlier, or at significantly different amounts.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Carrying amount		
	2023		
	\$	\$	
Cash and cash equivalents	20,588,748	16,831,134	
Trade and other receivables	1,582,127	3,153,883	
Other financial assets	279,557	205,482	
	22,450,432	20,190,499	

Other financial assets for the year ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022 represent bank guarantees and environmental bonds held with Government Departments.

All financial assets and liabilities are current, with the exception of bonds totalling \$279,557. The receivables primarily relate to the remaining balance of the CMDP government grant which represents minimal credit risk. All other financial assets are not past due or impaired and the Group does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the Group except for the cash and cash equivalents described below.

The cash and cash equivalents are held with Australian banks, which are rated A+, based on rating agency Fitch's ratings.

#### Capital management

Management controls the capital of the Group in order to maintain an appropriate debt to equity ratio and ensure that the Group can fund its operations and continue as a going concern.

The Group's capital includes ordinary share capital supported by financial assets. There are no externally imposed capital requirements on the Group.

Management effectively manages the Group's capital by assessing the Group's financial risks and adjusting its capital structure in response to changes in these risks and in the market. These responses include the management of cash levels, distributions to shareholders and share issues. There have been no changes in the strategy adopted by management to control the capital of the Group since the prior year.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 21 RELATED PARTIES

#### Parent and ultimate controlling party

Alpha HPA Limited is both the parent and ultimate controlling party of the Group.

#### Key management personnel compensation

Information regarding individual key management personnel's compensation and some equity instruments disclosures as required by the *Corporations Act* and *Corporations Regulations 2M.3.03* are provided in the Remuneration Report section of the Directors' Report. Compensation paid to key management personnel during the year is set out in the table below. At 30 June 2023 there were \$102,350 of fees outstanding (2022 - \$76,833).

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Primary fees/salary	1,642,525	1,107,833
Share based payments	877,689	1,285,628
Superannuation	38,301	31,583
Other benefit	30,572	48,244
	2,589,087	2,473,288

#### Key management personnel and Director transactions

The following key management personnel holds a position in another entity that results in them having control or joint control over the financial or operating policies of that entity, and this entity transacted with the Company during the year as follows:

Norman Seckold and Peter Nightingale hold a controlling interest in an entity, MIS Corporate Pty Limited (**MIS**), which provided full administrative services, including administrative, accounting and investor relations staff, rental accommodation, services and supplies, to the Group during the year. Fees charged by MIS during the year amounted to \$388,000 (2022 - \$393,375) which includes a monthly fee of \$25,000 per month and reimbursement of consultant expenses incurred by MIS on behalf of the Group. At 30 June 2023, \$37,500 (2022 - \$8,500) remained outstanding and was included in the creditor's balance.

#### 22 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's management and internal reporting structure.

Segment results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items comprise mainly income earning assets and revenue, interest bearing loans, borrowings and expenses, and corporate assets and expenses.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire segment assets that are expected to be used for more than one period in that geographic region.

For the year ended 30 June 2023, the Group had one segment, being development of the HPA First Project.

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# 22 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont.)

The Group has one reportable segment as follows:

	HPA First Project \$	Exploration and Evaluation \$	Total \$
30 June 2023	40.440		40.440
Revenue Other income	16,148 2,084,396	-	16,148 2,084,396
Reportable segment loss before tax	(13,362,396)		(13,362,396)
Depreciation and amortisation Reportable segment assets	(981,149) 39,162,484	-	(981,149) 39,162,484
Reportable segment liabilities	8,907,519	-	8,907,519
30 June 2022			
Revenue	38,739	-	38,739
Other income	2,039,859	<del>-</del>	2,039,859
Reportable segment loss before tax	(9,830,805)	(17,654)	(9,848,459)
Depreciation and amortisation	(144,912)	-	(144,912)
Reportable segment assets	28,980,400	<u>-</u>	28,980,400
Reportable segment liabilities	6,934,318	-	6,934,318

	Consolidated	
	2023 \$	2022 \$
Reconciliations of reportable segment revenues and profit or	·	•
loss		
Profit or loss		
Total loss for reportable segments	(13,362,396)	(9,848,459)
Unallocated amounts:		
Interest income	477,983	37,939
Other income		-
Depreciation	(5,519)	(7,747)
Net other corporate income/(expenses)	(2,790,776)	2,459,143
Consolidated loss before tax	(15,680,708)	(7,359,124)
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Reconciliations of reportable assets and liabilities		
Assets		
Total assets for reportable segments	39,162,484	28,980,400
Unallocated corporate assets	27,949,219	25,581,376
Consolidated total assets	67,111,103	54,561,776
Liabilities		
Total liabilities for reportable segments	8,907,519	6,934,318
Unallocated corporate liabilities	2,188,543	758,545
Consolidated total liabilities	11,096,062	7,692,863

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#### 23 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

There are no contingent assets or liabilities as at the date of this financial report.

At balance date the Group had capital commitments of \$8,246,811.

The Group may have an obligation to decommission the site of its Precursor Production Facility and restore the site at the end of the assets useful lite. Management have assessed what obligations may exist and concluded that any liability would not be material.

#### **24 PARENT ENTITY DISCLOSURES**

As at and throughout the financial year ended 30 June 2023 the parent and ultimate controlling entity of the Group was Alpha HPA Limited.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Result of the parent entity:		
Net loss	(15,859,467)	(6,803,250)
Other comprehensive loss		-
Total comprehensive loss	(15,859,467)	(6,802,250)
Financial position of the parent entity:		
Current assets	18,966,186	18,755,967
Non-current assets	38,396,845	28,644,690
Total assets	57,363,031	47,400,657
Current liabilities	1,326,440	332,034
Total non-current liabilities		-
Total liabilities	1,326,440	332,034
Net assets	56,036,591	47,068,623
Total equity of the parent entity:		
Share capital	127,756,650	101,716,126
Option premium reserve	8,418,412	9,631,501
Accumulated losses	(80,138,471)	(64,279,004)
Total equity	56,036,591	47,068,623

The Directors are of the opinion that no contingencies existed at, or subsequent to, year end.

The Company had no capital commitments at the balance date.

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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### 25 EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

In July 2023 the Company reached agreement with its Licensor to expand and consolidate Alpha's process Intellectual Property (IP) rights to the aluminium extraction and refining technology on which the HPA First Project process flow sheet has been developed. Under the terms of the agreement the Company paid the Licensor \$2.0M cash plus issued it 971,217 shares based on a 5-day VWAP price of \$1.1326 per share.

In July 2023 the Company issued 20,227,273 fully paid ordinary shares following the conversion of 31 July 2023 \$0.35 options.

Other than the matters outlined above, no matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the reporting period, which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

#### **26 GROUP ENTITIES**

Particulars in relation to material controlled entities:

	Country of incorporation	Company interest in ordinary shares	
		2023 %	2022 %
Parent entity		,,	70
Alpha HPA Limited	Australia		
Controlled entities			
Augur Investments Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Bugis Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Alpha Sapphire Pty Ltd (former name: Goron Pty Ltd)	Australia	100	100
Solindo Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100

#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

- 1. In the opinion of the Directors of Alpha HPA Limited (the Company):
  - (a) the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, set out on pages 37 to 66, and the Remuneration Report in the Directors Report, as set out on pages 31 to 35, are 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 2023 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
    - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
  - (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- 2. The Directors have been given the declarations required by Section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* from the chief executive officer and chief financial officer for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Signed at Sydney this 31st day of August 2023 in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Rimas Kairaitis Managing Director



# Independent Auditor's Report

#### To the shareholders of Alpha HPA Limited

#### Report on the audit of the Financial Report

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the *Financial Report* of Alpha HPA Limited (the Company).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

The Financial Report comprises:

- Consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023;
- Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, Consolidated statement of changes in equity, and Consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies;
- Directors' Declaration.

The *Group* consists of the Company and the entities it controlled at the year-end or from time to time during the financial year.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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 fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.



#### **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.

This matter was 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 this matter.

#### Property, plant and equipment - \$37,545,020

Refer to Note 3 and Note 12

#### The key audit matter

Property, plant and equipment is a key audit matter due to the significance of the amount (being 54% of total assets) and the audit effort associated with assessing the completeness, existence, accuracy and classification of the amounts recorded by the Group.

The balance of property, plant and equipment mainly represents the costs the group has capitalised for the construction of the Stage 1 Precursor Production Facility ("PPF"), and the Group's recognition of the capital portion of a government grant received in relation to the construction of the PPF as a reduction to its carrying value.

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our procedures included:

- Assessing the Group's accounting policy for property, plant and equipment against the requirements of the accounting standards.
- For a statistical sample of items recorded as property, plant and equipment, checking the:
  - Expenditure amount recorded for consistency to invoices from third parties or other underlying documentation;
  - Classification of the expenditure as property plant and equipment for consistency with its nature, by inspecting invoices from third parties or other underlying documentation and considering the Group's accounting policy.
- Testing the completeness of property plant and equipment expenditure recorded in the year by inspecting the underlying documentation for a sample of payments recorded by the Group after year end and unprocessed invoices at year end for evidence of the timing of the related expenditure.
- Reading the executed government grant agreement to understand the key terms of the agreement.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of the Group's accounting policies for recognition of government grants against the requirements of the accounting standards and our understanding of the business.



### Evaluating the recognition of the government grant as a reduction in the carrying value of property, plant and equipment by considering the terms of the grant and the percentage completion of the PPF.

 Evaluating the disclosures made in the financial statements against the requirements of the accounting standards.

#### **Other Information**

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Alpha HPA Limited's annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we 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.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

#### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- assessing the Group and Company's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the
  use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as
  applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting
  unless they either intend to liquidate the Group and Company or to cease operations, or have
  no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Our objective is:

• 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 *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They 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 the 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**

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Alpha HPA Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023, complies with *Section 300A* of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

# **Directors' 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 responsibilities

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 31 to 35 of the Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*.

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**KPMG** 

Stephen Board Partner

Brisbane 31 August 2023

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# **Additional ASX Information**

Additional information required by the Australian Securities Exchange Limited and not shown elsewhere in this report is as follows. The information is current as at 31 July 2023.

# **Distribution of Equity Securities**

### **ORDINARY SHARES**

Range	Number of Holders	Number of Shares
1 - 1,000	521	326,528
1,001 - 5,000	1,267	3,614,396
5,001 - 10,000	704	5,779,517
10,001 - 100,000	1,393	52,034,881
100,001 - 9,999,999	444	817,249,247
Total	4,329	879,004,569

The number of shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel is 141.

#### **Twenty Largest Shareholders**

The names of the twenty largest holders of quoted shares are:

N°	ORDINARY SHARES SHAREHOLDER	N° OF SHARES	TOTAL %
1	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	113,345,577	12.89
2	Permgold Pty Ltd	67,291,194	7.66
3	Orica Investments Pty Ltd	44,982,980	5.12
4	Palmer Bookmaking Pty Limited	40,601,622	4.62
5	BT Portfolio Services Limited <warrell a="" c="" f="" holdings="" s=""></warrell>	39,300,000	4.47
6	UBS Nominees Pty Ltd	28,955,071	3.29
7	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited – A/C 2	21,961,077	2.50
8	JP Morgan Nominees Australia Pty Ltd	19,388,715	2.21
9	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	18,163,070	2.07
10	Budworth Capital Pty Ltd <rolling a="" c="" capital="" hills=""></rolling>	15,000,000	1.71
11	Rosignol Pty Ltd <nightingale a="" c="" family=""></nightingale>	13,612,500	1.55
12	Ninan Pty Ltd	12,171,678	1.38
13	Mr Robert Simeon Lord	11,000,000	1.25
14	All-States Finance Pty Limited	10,704,545	1.22
15	AMP Racing Pty Limited <amp a="" c="" racing=""></amp>	10,392,341	1.18
16	MRP Racing Pty Limited <mrp a="" c="" racing=""></mrp>	10,391,776	1.18
17	GAP Bookmaking Pty Limited <gap a="" c="" racing=""></gap>	10,391,767	1.18
18	Rimas Kairaitis	8,700,000	0.99
19	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited – GSCO EDA	8,000,000	0.91
20	Neweconomy Com Au Nominees Pty Limited <900 Account>	7,673,954	0.87
То	tal	512,027,867	58.25

There are no current on-market buy backs.

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# **Additional ASX Information**

# **Substantial Shareholders**

Substantial shareholders and the number of equity securities in which it has an interest, as shown in the Company's Register of Substantial Shareholders is:

Shareholder	Nº of Shares Held
Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd (RFM)	70,916,053
Permgold Pty Ltd	67,291,194
Macquarie Group Limited	51,932,141
Orica Limited and Orica Investments Pty Ltd	44,982,980

# **Class of Shares and Voting Rights**

The voting rights attached to ordinary shares, as set out in the Company's Constitution, are that every member in person or by proxy, attorney or representative, shall have one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each member present at a meeting has one vote on a show of hands.

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# **Corporate Directory**

#### **Directors:**

Mr Norman Seckold (Chairman)

Mr Rimas Kairaitis (Managing Director)

Dr Regan Crooks

Mr Peter Nightingale

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Mr Richard Edwards

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