#### ARGONAUT RESOURCES NL

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**ASX:** ARE

## **CAPITAL STRUCTURE:**

Issued shares: 1,068,397,167

Listed options: None

Unlisted options: 164,272,727

Cash on hand: \$60,000 + \$1.4M

(subsequent)

#### **DIRECTORS:**

Patrick Elliott, Non-Exec Chairman

Lindsay Owler, Director/CEO

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Malcolm Richmond, Non-Exec Director

#### **COPPER PROJECTS**

#### Torrens, South Australia

Copper, gold (large IOCG)

Phase: Permitting/exploration

Interest: Aeris Resources 70%,

Argonaut 30%

Agreement Phase: Exploration

Operator: Argonaut

#### Lumwana West, Zambia

Copper, cobalt (shear-hosted)

Phase: Advanced exploration

Interest: Argonaut 90%,

Agreement Phase: Exploration

Operator: Argonaut

#### **GOLD PROJECTS**

#### Higginsville, Western Australia

Oxide and primary gold

Phase: Exploration

Interest: Earning up to 80%

Operator: Argonaut



# Quarterly report

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2017

Argonaut Resources NL (*Argonaut* or the *Company*) (ASX: ARE) is pleased to present the following report for the period to 30 June 2017 (the *Quarter*).

## Highlights

## Copper

## Torrens, South Australia

- The South Australian Environment, Resources and Development Court has granted native title authority to access and undertake exploration within the Torrens project area (EL55614).
- The Torrens Joint Venture is liaising with relevant SA Government authorities for the reissue of two government approvals required to finalise access provisions for a major drilling program.

## Lumwana West, Zambia

- Argonaut has acquired Antofagasta's 25% beneficial interest in Lumwana West increasing the Company's interest to 90%.
- In exchange for Antofagasta's interest, Argonaut has agreed to make milestone payments and grant a net smelter royalty.

## Gold

## Higginsville, Western Australia

- In the current quarter, the company is preparing to commence an RC drilling program at the Amorphous and Footes Find prospects west of Higginsville.
- This drilling program aims to better define oxide gold mineralisation and intersect primary gold mineralisation at depth.
- Drilling is planned to commence as soon as possible after pending the grant of E15/1489.

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## Corporate

## Private Placement

- Subsequent to the period, Argonaut completed a \$1.4M placement.
- Placement funds will be used to progress the Company's interest in the Higginsville and Torrens Projects.

## Share Purchase Plan

- On 12 July, subsequent to the Quarter, Argonaut announced a Share Purchase Plan (SPP).
- Funds raised from the SPP will complement the funds raised in the private placement and will be directed towards the Company's interests in the Higginsville and Torrens Projects.
- The SPP offers eligible shareholders the opportunity to subscribe for up to \$10,000 worth of new, fully paid, ordinary shares in the Company, without incurring brokerage or other transaction costs.
- SPP terms are defined in an offer booklet which was released to the ASX on 17 July 2017.

## Outlook

- Following the grant of long-sought native title authority, shareholders can now look forward to a major drilling program at the internationally recognised Torrens copper-gold anomaly.
- The outlook for copper has transitioned from bearish to bullish over the last nine months.
- A dearth of copper exploration since 2012 plus a shortage of new mines and expansion projects in construction will cause a tightening of copper supply in the coming years.
- World-class copper exploration assets such as Torrens and Lumwana West place Argonaut in a strong position to benefit from these years of relative exploration inactivity and the current up-swing in the commodity cycle.

## Copper

## Torrens, South Australia

(Argonaut 30%)

#### Native Title Access Granted

On 3 April 2017, Argonaut announced that Judge Cole of the South Australian Environment, Resources and Development Court granted authority to enter and undertake mining operations (exploration) within the area of exploration licence 5614.

The granting of this authority is a major step towards the recommencement of drilling at Torrens. Native title was the principal reason for a hiatus in exploration that has lasted since March 2008. Argonaut and its 70% Joint Venture partner, Aeris Resources Limited, look forward to working with relevant Aboriginal groups to preserve and protect heritage sites nearby to the Torrens licence.

#### The Torrens Joint Venture

The Torrens Joint Venture is between Argonaut Resources NL and Aeris Resources Limited (ASX: AIS) and relates to the Torrens Project, EL5614.

The Torrens Joint Venture is exploring for iron oxide-copper-gold systems in the highly prospective Stuart Shelf region of South Australia (Figure 1). The Torrens Project is located near the eastern margin of South Australia's Gawler Craton (Stuart Shelf), within 50 kilometres of Oz Minerals' Carrapateena copper-gold deposit and 75 kilometres from BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam mine.

## The Way Forward

The Torrens Joint Venture is liaising with relevant SA Government authorities for the reissue of two state government approvals to finalise access provisions for a major drilling program at Torrens. Both approvals were previously held by the joint venture for a similar drilling program. The joint venture expects that these approvals will be reissued, in accordance with required procedures, during the second half of 2017.

## The Torrens Anomaly

The Torrens anomaly is a coincident magnetic and gravity anomaly with a footprint larger than that of Olympic Dam. The anomaly is located at the Torrens hinge zone, a continent-scale zone of crustal weakness that appears to have been a conduit for mineralising fluids from the Earth's mantle.

Drilling of the Torrens anomaly by Western Mining Corporation in the late 1970s and by the Torrens Joint Venture in 2007 and 2008 confirmed the existence of a major iron oxide copper-gold mineralising system beneath several hundred metres of sedimentary cover.

More drilling is required to intercept the modelled copper-gold mineralisation. In the event of a discovery, the Torrens anomaly has the scale to host a world-class copper-gold deposit (Figure 2).

## Murdie, South Australia

Argonaut Resources was granted two highly prospective South Australian exploration licences, EL5937 and EL5945 (Figure 1). The licences are contiguous with the Company's Torrens project in South Australia. These licences cover a confirmed IOCG target in an area known as Murdie as well as a second anomaly at West Lake Torrens.

The licences cover an area of 1,015 square kilometres and are located immediately south and east of the Torrens project and east of the Carrapateena deposit (Figure 1).

The Murdie licences constitute excellent exploration opportunities in their own right and provide Argonaut with a commanding land holding in the event of a discovery at Torrens.

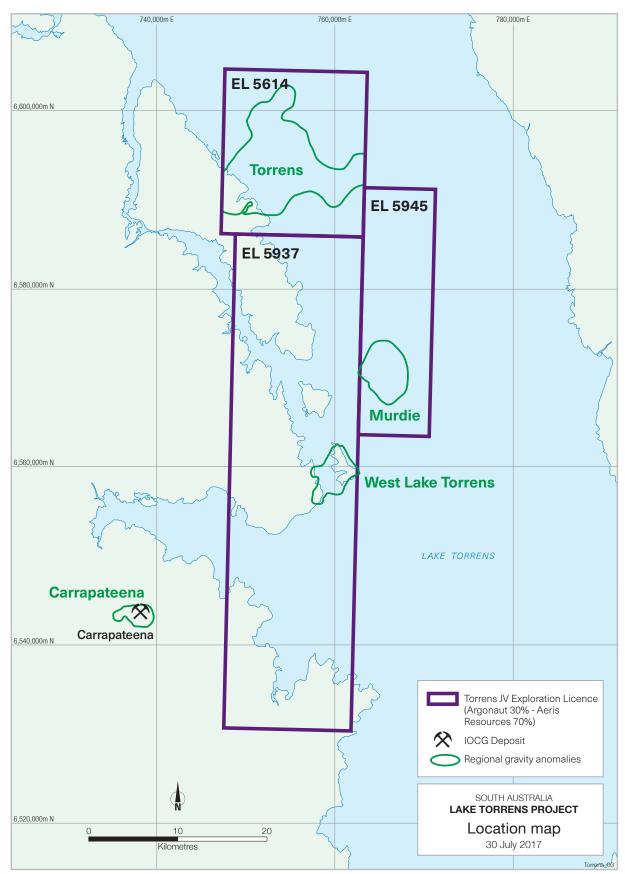


Figure 1: Lake Torrens exploration licences.

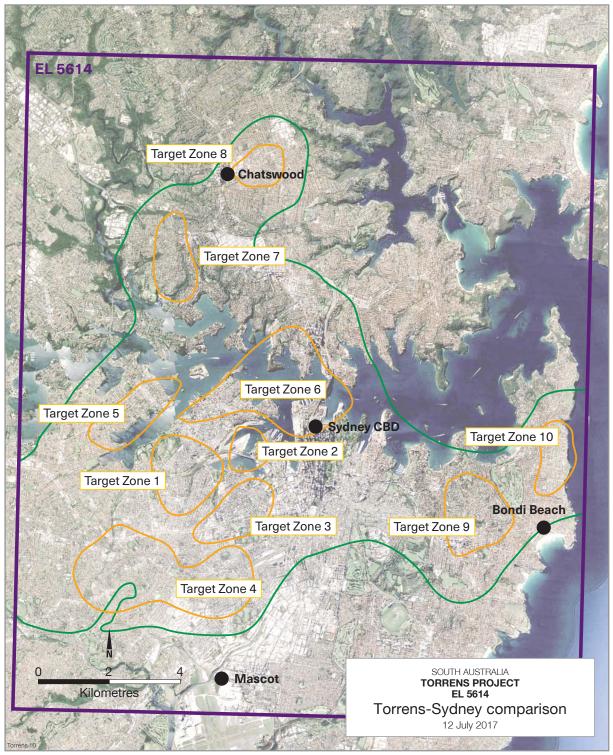


Figure 2: Torrens gravity anomaly (bouguer: green, residual: yellow) overlain on metropolitan Sydney.

## Lumwana West, Zambia

(Argonaut 90%)

The Lumwana West project is located in the Central African Copperbelt, North-Western Province, Zambia. The area is prospective for large tonnage, low to medium grade copper/cobalt deposits. There are several major mines nearby to Lumwana West that are hosted in similar geological settings.

Argonaut, via its 90% held subsidiary, Mwombezhi Resources Ltd, has been successful in intercepting broad copper and cobalt intercepts at the Nyungu deposit and has defined a series of large, prospective targets that have now undergone first-pass drill testing.

## Antofagasta Acquisition/Milestones

During the period, Argonaut and Antofagasta executed an agreement for the re-acquisition by Argonaut of a 25% beneficial interest in the Lumwana West project held by Antofagasta.

In exchange for Antofagasta's 25% interest in the Lumwana West project, Argonaut has made the following commitments:

- Pay Antofagasta US\$1,000,000 on the completion of a feasibility study; and
- On development decision:
  - pay Antofagasta US\$3,000,000; and
  - ¬ grant Antofagasta a 1.5% net smelter royalty on production.

#### Additionally:

- · Argonaut will have the right to buy the net smelter royalty from Antofagasta for US\$4,000,000; and
- Argonaut will pay Antofagasta 25% of any sale proceeds in the event the project is divested in the near-term.

## **Revised Exploration Target**

The estimation of an Exploration Target including cobalt as well as copper was announced by Argonaut immediately prior to the period. The revised Exploration Target is:

Table 1: Nyungu March 2017 Exploration Target

Commodity	mmodity Tonnage Range Grade Range		Contained Metal Range
	(Mt)	(%)	(kt)
Copper*	130 to 180	0.45 to 0.65	580 to 1,150
Cobalt^	15 to 20	0.08 to 0.12	12 to 24

The potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Target is conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.

The March 2017 Exploration Target is estimated to JORC 2012 standards. Argonaut is planning to undertake a drilling program targeting cobalt of at least 3,000 metres as soon as possible.

<sup>\*</sup> Copper Exploration Target announced to the ASX by Argonaut on 9 April 2013.

<sup>^</sup> Cobalt Exploration Target announced to the ASX by Argonaut on 28 March 2017.

## **Cobalt Drill Intercepts**

Cobalt mineralisation occurs as coherent lenses within the footwall of the copper sulphide mineralisation. Argonaut intercepted strong cobalt mineralisation from its first drill hole into the Nyungu deposit in 2011, NYU11RD001 (120m at 0.06% Co, including 26m at 0.13% Co). Cobalt is intercepted predicably between drill traverses in a zone at or below the base of significant copper mineralisation.

Nyungu deposit cobalt drilling highlights:

Table 2: Nyungu copper-cobalt deposit - Cobalt drill intercepts

Hole	From	Interval	Со	Cu
	(m)	(m)	(%)	(%)
NYU11RD001	37	120.0	0.06	0.34
including	104	26.0	0.13	0.28
NYU11RD010	155	72.0	0.08	0.61
including	167	38.0	0.10	0.91
NYU11RD013	31	1.0	0.56	0.57
NYU11RD022	12	88.2	0.07	0.47
including	42	10.0	0.19	0.61
NYRD031	236	59.9	0.07	0.50
including	237	22.0	0.13	0.58
NYRD038	258	29.0	0.12	0.55
including	259	21.0	0.16	0.57
NYRD044	181.5	12.2	0.10	0.18
including	186.8	6.0	0.16	0.24
NYRD045	38.5	69.0	0.06	0.58
including	93	8.0	0.11	0.29
NYRD046	183.4	81.5	0.12	0.71
including	218.5	23.0	0.21	0.51
MM296	88	53.0	0.05	0.30
including	90	12.0	0.13	0.50

The opportunity exists to drill further and better cobalt intercepts and to increase the tonnage and grade of cobalt mineralisation. This is mainly because drilling specifically targeted copper mineralisation, not cobalt.

Current cobalt prices have potential to transform the economics of the Nyungu deposit.

## Alford, South Australia

(Argonaut 100%)

The Alford Project on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula lies 20km north-east of Wallaroo within the geological province known as the Olympic Domain. The tenement is prospective for iron oxide copper-gold mineralisation as found at Prominent Hill, Olympic Dam and Hillside. No field based work was undertaken at Alford during the Quarter.

## Kroombit, Queensland

(Argonaut 100%)

No field based work was undertaken at Kroombit during the Quarter.

## Background

Argonaut holds a 100% interest in the Kroombit zinc-copper deposit in Central Queensland via its interest in ML5631 and MDL2002. Mining on ML5631 is subject to a 2% net smelter royalty, payable to Aeris Resources Ltd.

On 11 June 2009 Argonaut announced a maiden resource estimation for the Kroombit deposit. The **Indicated and Inferred Resources** at Kroombit comprise:

- a Zinc Resource of 5.2 million tonnes at 1.9% zinc and 0.15% copper using a cut-off of 1.0% Zn, for 98,800 tonnes of zinc and 7,800 tonnes of copper; and
- a Copper Resource of 0.9 million tonnes at 1.0% copper at a cut-off of 0.5% Cu for 9,000 tonnes of copper.

In addition, **Exploration Results** are reported comprising a defined Exploration Potential of between:

- 1 million and 1.5 million tonnes at 1.5% to 2.0% zinc, and between
- 0.5 million and 1 million tonnes at 0.7% to 1.3% copper.

## Aroona, South Australia

(Argonaut 100%)

Argonaut agreed to relinquish EL5520 during the period. EL5336, Aroona, is subject to a joint venture agreement with Perilya Limited. No field based work was undertaken at Aroona during the Quarter.

## Gold

## Higginsville, Western Australia

(Argonaut earning 80%)

On 7 February 2017 Argonaut signed a definitive earn-in agreement for a package of 14 tenements in the Higginsville area of Western Australia. The tenements are prospective for gold and nickel.

The tenements that make-up the Higginsville project are located in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields (Figure 3). Geologically, the package sits within the Norseman-Wiluna Belt, a belt of ancient rocks endowed with gold and nickel that sits within the broader Yilgarn Craton.

Approximately 70% of Australia's historical gold production has come from the Yilgarn Craton and most of that from the Norseman-Wiluna Belt.

The Higginsville Project is located south of Kambala, west of Lake Cowan and adjacent to Higginsville where over two million ounces of gold has been historically defined. Gold discoveries at Baloo and Monsoon (Polar Bear) by S2 Resources are located immediately east of the Higginsville Project at Lake Cowen.

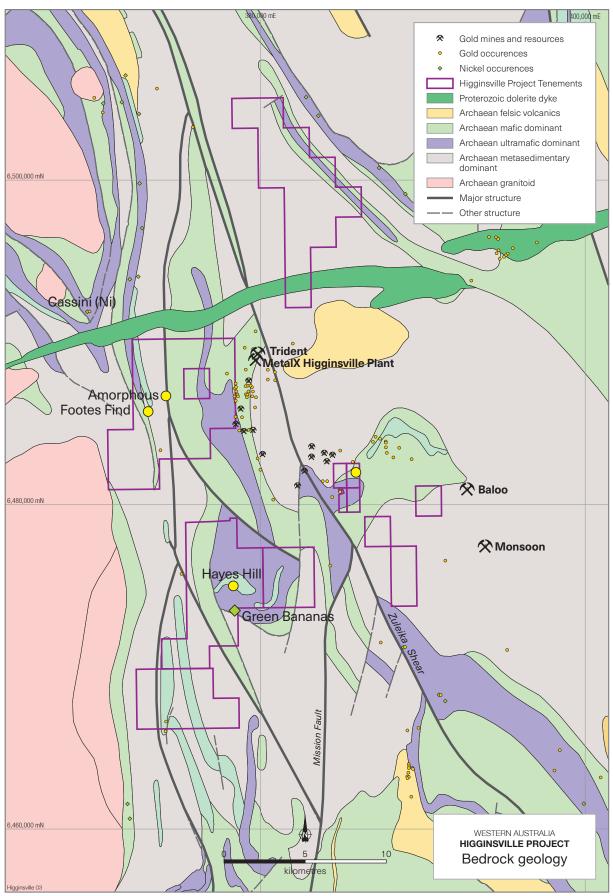


Figure 3: Higginsville tenement location.

## **Gold Exploration**

Argonaut's two primary goals in securing the earn-in agreement are to firstly explore for **near-surface oxide gold** in areas with historic shallow drilling results and secondly to target **deeper primary gold mineralisation** at depths previously untested by drilling.

Argonaut is preparing to commence an RC drilling program at the Amorphous and Footes Find prospects immediately following the tenement grant. The drilling program aims to better define the oxide gold mineralisation and intersect primary gold mineralisation at depth.

## Historic Drilling Highlights - Oxide Gold

Historic shallow drilling in the area of Amorphous and Footes Find prospects was completed by Resolute Mining Ltd in the early 1990s. Highlights of this drilling are show below.

### **Amorphous Prospect**

- AMC0007: 8m at 2.07g/t gold from 26m including 2m at 7.94g/t gold from 28m
- AMC0010: 9m at 1.21g/t gold from 71m including 2m at 3.78g/t gold from 73m
- AMR0013: 5m at 4.03g/t gold from 21m including 2m at 10.37g/t gold from 22m
- AMR0015: 8m at 3.27g/t gold from 17m including 3m at 9.6g/t gold from 21m

#### **Footes Find Prospect**

• FFP0010: **7m at 2.13g/t gold from 28m** including 1m at 12.5g/t gold from 30m

Amorphous and Footes Find are located approximately 5km along a sealed road from an operating mill and present an excellent opportunity for a meaningful, near-term exploration outcome.

#### **Nickel Exploration**

Nickel targets within the Higginsville tenement package are called Hayes Hill and Green Bananas. These targets are located south of Higginsville (Figure 3) near the west shore of Lake Cowan. The targets have been defined by auger drilling and are co-incident with magnetic signatures typical of nickel-bearing geological units.

Green Bananas features a nickel geochemistry anomaly with auger samples returning between 0.1 and 0.2% nickel.

These targets are prospective for massive nickel sulphides such as those discovered by Mincor Resources NL nearby at Cassini. Targets warrant a follow-up geophysical (EM) surveys.

#### **Agreement Terms**

Argonaut and Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd executed the Eastern Goldfields Earn-In Joint Venture and Royalty Agreement on 7 February 2017. Under the agreement, Argonaut has the right to earn an 80% interest in the tenement package according to the following terms:

- Argonaut can earn a 51% interest in the tenement package in exchange for completing \$500,000 in exploration expenditure within two years of commencement; and
- Argonaut may earn a further 29% interest, for a total of 80%, for completing an additional \$1,500,000 in exploration expenditure within a further three years.
- Reimbursement of tenement acquisition expenses totalling \$250,000 are payable by Argonaut progressively under the agreement.
  - ¬ reimbursement of \$100,000 is payable on execution of the definitive earn-in agreement;
  - ¬ reimbursement of \$75,000 is payable on the first anniversary; and
  - $\neg$  reimbursement of \$75,000 is payable on election to proceed to the second phase of the earn-in.

## Lithium

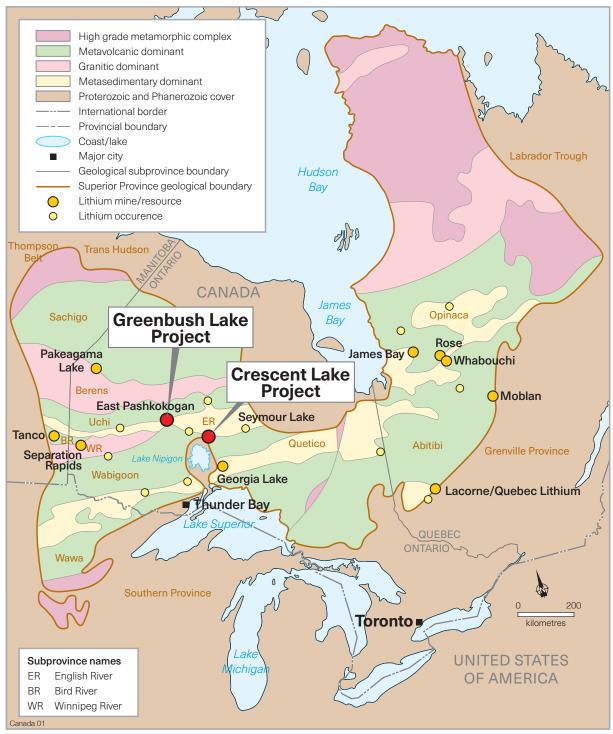


Figure 4: Geology of the Superior Province, Canada, showing Crescent Lake, Greenbush Lake and regional lithium occurrences.

## Crescent Lake, Canada

(Argonaut 100%)

On 4 March 2016, Argonaut released details of the Crescent Lake Lithium Project to the ASX. The initial acquisition included the Falcon Lake and Zigzag areas (Figure 5). On 8 June 2016, Argonaut announced the grant of 22 additional claims in the Crescent Lake area (Figure 5). These new claims are 100% held by Argonaut.

On 16 December 2016, Argonaut announced details of an extension and variation to the option to acquire the Falcon Lake and Zigzag areas.

On 28 February 2017, Argonaut exercised its option to acquire 100% of the Falcon Lake and Zigzag claims.

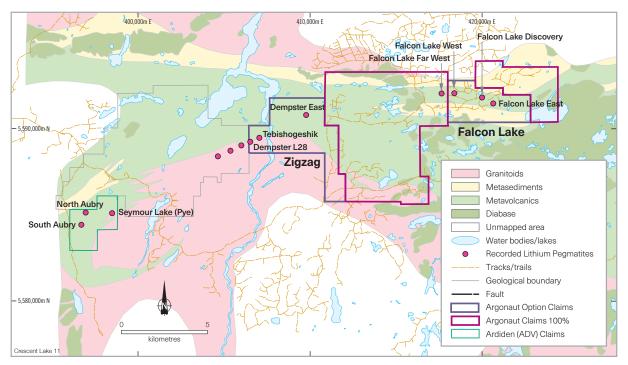


Figure 5: Crescent Lake claim locations, pegmatite occurrences and geology.

## Greenbush Lake, Canada

(Argonaut 100%)

The Greenbush Lake Lithium Pegmatite Project is in Ontario, Canada (Figure 4), and features a large, outcropping spodumene-bearing pegmatite with grades of up to 2.46% Li2O within an area confirmed as having the requisite geological components for lithium pegmatite emplacement.

The known lithium pegmatite occurrence is 15m wide by 30m in exposed strike length. The actual strike length of the known pegmatite has not yet been determined as the exposure continues under thin sedimentary cover to the north and under lake waters to the south. The pegmatite has not been drilled.

## Lake Blanche, South Australia

On 4 April 2016, Argonaut announced it has secured two exploration licences covering Lake Blanche, a salt lake with the potential to host lithium brines and potash in the north of South Australia. The grant of Exploration Licences covering Lake Blanche was finalised in the Quarter.

Argonaut also pegged the majority of Lake Callabonna to the southeast of Lake Blanche (Figure 6). This tenement is a strategic holding in the event of exploration success at Lake Blanche.

Lake Blanche is a closed-to-restricted basin covering an area of 1,700 square kilometres. It has a broad catchment that includes the Mt Babbage and Mt Painter Inliers which are recorded as containing elevated rare elements including lithium and tantalum (Figure 6).

Economic concentrations of lithium in brine generally occur in circumstances where ground waters percolate through neighbouring lithium bearing rocks into a closed, continental basin that has not been subject to marine flooding throughout its geological history. Lake Blanche appears to fit these requirements.

An arc of lakes, including Lake Blanche, to the north of the Flinders Ranges has been independently defined as prospective by Geoscience Australia in a 2013 report titled 'A Review of Australian Salt Lakes and Assessment of their Potential for Strategic Resources'. Argonaut, having assessed the potential of each lake on merit, determined that Lake Blanche has the best potential for economic lithium grades.

In the event economic concentrations of lithium are contained in Lake Blanche's brines, the lake has the potential to be an internationally significant source.

No previous lithium brine exploration has been recorded in the Lake Blanche area although historic brine exploration has been undertaken at Lake Frome, to the southeast.

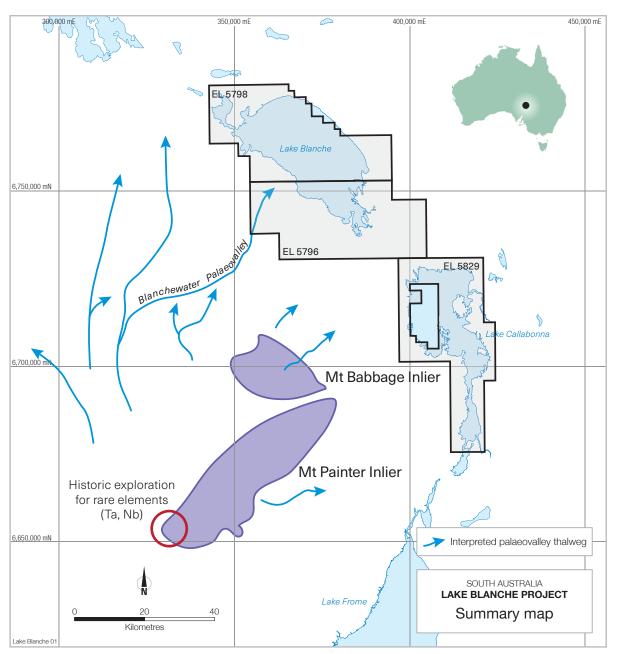


Figure 6: Lake Blanche with exploration licence locations and relevant geological/hydrological features.

## **About Argonaut**

Argonaut is an Australia Securities Exchange listed exploration and development company. Argonaut operates the Torrens Iron Oxide Copper-Gold Joint Venture with Aeris Resources Ltd in South Australia, the Lumwana West copper-cobalt project with Chilean copper producer, Antofagasta plc, in north-western Zambia and the Crescent Lake lithium project in Ontario, Canada.

#### **Lindsay Owler**

Director and CEO

Argonaut Resources NL

Sections of information contained in this report that relate to Exploration Results were compiled or supervised by Mr Lindsay Owler BSc, MAusIMM who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is a full time employee of Argonaut Resources NL. Mr Owler holds shares and options in Argonaut Resources NL, details of which are disclosed in the Company's 2016 Annual Report. Mr Owler has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineral deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Owler consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information regarding Resource definition and Exploration Potential for the Kroombit deposit is extracted from a report entitled 'Maiden resource estimate announced for Queensland zinc-copper project'. This report was released on 11 June 2009 and is available to view on www.asx.com.au. The company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

## Tenement Schedule

Table 1 - Summary of mining tenements

South Australian Mineral Exploration Licences								
Tenement	Granted	Expiry	Area (km²)	km²) Locality Licensee Inter		Interest		
EL 5998	21/05/2017	20/05/2019	33	Campfire Bore	Coombedown Resources Pty Ltd	10% <sup>1</sup>		
EL 5212	05/11/2012	04/11/2017	481	Alford	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%		
EL 5336	04/06/2013	03/06/2018	27	Myrtle Springs	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%		
EL 5614	18/08/2014	17/08/2019	295	Lake Torrens	Kelaray Pty Ltd	30%		
EL 5220	04/11/2014	03/11/2019	27	Mt Parry	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%		
EL 5732	18/10/2015	17/10/2017	104	Sandstone	Coombedown Resources Pty Ltd	10% <sup>1</sup>		
EL 5798	02/06/2016	01/06/2018	997	Lake Blanche area	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%		
EL 5796	02/06/2016	01/06/2018	997	Petermorra Creek area	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%		
EL 5829	16/08/2016	15/08/2018	893	Lake Callabonna	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%		
EL 5937	30/03/2017	29/03/2019	794	West Lake Torrens	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%		
EL5945	20/04/2017	19/04/2019	221	Murdie	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%		

Queensland Mining Lease						
Tenement	Tenement Granted Expiry Area (km²) Locality Licensee Interest					
ML 5631	16/05/1974	31/05/2026	0.32	Kroombit	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%

Queensland Mineral Development Licence						
Tenement	Granted	Expiry	Area (km²)	Locality	Licensee	Interest
MDL 2002	03/08/2016	02/08/2021	0.64	Kroombit	Kelaray Pty Ltd	100%

	Zambian Large Scale Prospecting Licences								
Tenement Applied Expiry Area (km²) Locality Licensee Interest									
16121-HQ- LEL 21/07/2011 20/07/2018 571 North Western Province Resources Ltd 90%						90%			

Ontario Unpatented Mining Claims							
Tenement	Granted	Expiry	Area (km²)	Locality	Licensee	Interest	
4244211 <sup>2</sup>	27/10/2008	27/10/2017	1.94	Crescent Lake - Zigzag	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4244212 <sup>2</sup>	27/10/2008	27/10/2017	2.56	Crescent Lake - Zigzag	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4244213 <sup>2</sup>	27/10/2008	27/10/2017	2.56	Crescent Lake - Zigzag	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4252421 <sup>2</sup>	09/12/2009	09/12/2017	2.56	Crescent Lake - Zigzag	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4213186 <sup>2</sup>	24/09/2009	24/09/2017	2.56	Crescent Lake - Zigzag	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4213187 <sup>2</sup>	24/09/2009	24/09/2017	2.24	Crescent Lake - Zigzag	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4229526 <sup>2</sup>	24/09/2009	24/09/2017	1.93	Crescent Lake - Zigzag	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4252441 <sup>2</sup>	09/12/2009	09/12/2017	1.33	Crescent Lake - Falcon Lake	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4252442 <sup>2</sup>	09/12/2009	09/12/2017	0.64	Crescent Lake - Falcon Lake	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4250593 <sup>2</sup>	17/07/2009	17/07/2018	2.56	Crescent Lake - Falcon Lake	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4250594 <sup>2</sup>	17/07/2009	17/07/2018	2.56	Crescent Lake - Falcon Lake	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4250595 <sup>2</sup>	17/07/2009	17/07/2018	2.56	Crescent Lake - Falcon Lake	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4276304 <sup>2</sup>	22/03/2016	22/03/2018	2.53	Greenbush Lake	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4276305 <sup>2</sup>	22/03/2016	22/03/2018	2.39	Greenbush Lake	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4276306 <sup>2</sup>	22/03/2016	22/03/2018	2.56	Greenbush Lake	Canadian Orebodies Inc.	100%	
4282315	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.55	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282316	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.55	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282317	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.52	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282318	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.52	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282319	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.52	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282320	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.55	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282321	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.55	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282322	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.55	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282323	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.51	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	
4282324	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.55	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%	

Ontario Unpatented Mining Claims						
Tenement	Granted	Expiry	Area (km²)	Locality	Licensee	Interest
4282325	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.55	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282326	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.51	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282327	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.4	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282328	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.55	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282329	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.53	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282330	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.42	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282331	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	1.47	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282332	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.3	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282333	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.51	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282334	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.59	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282335	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.52	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4282336	01/04/2016	01/04/2018	2.49	Crescent Lake - North Jackfish	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279256	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.53	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279257	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.55	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279258	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.55	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279259	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.55	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279260	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.55	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279261	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.57	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279262	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.56	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279263	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.55	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279264	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.55	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%
4279265	15/04/2016	15/04/2018	2.55	Superb Lake	Sunrise Canada Inc.	100%

Western Australian Mineral Exploration Licences								
Tenement	Granted	Expiry	Area (km²)	Locality	Licensee	Interest		
E28/2513 <sup>2</sup>	06/07/2016	05/07/2021	64	Torquata	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
E15/1484 <sup>2</sup>	18/07/2016	17/07/2021	12	Mount Eaton	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
P63/2071 <sup>2</sup>	24/04/2017	23/04/2021	1.37	Hayes Hill	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
P63/2072 <sup>2</sup>	24/04/2017	23/04/2021	1.27	Hayes Hill	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
P63/2073 <sup>2</sup>	24/04/2017	23/04/2021	1.54	Hayes Hill	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
E15/1509 <sup>2</sup>	03/05/2017	02/05/2022	3	Eundynie	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
E 15/1510 <sup>2</sup>	08/05/2017	07/05/2022	3	Eundynie	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
E 63/1773 <sup>2</sup>	08/05/2017	07/05/2022	21	Hayes Hill	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
E15/1523 <sup>2</sup>	08/05/2017	07/05/2022	42	Higginsville	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
E 15/1540 <sup>2</sup>	17/05/2017	16/05/2022	9	Higginsville	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
P15/6030 <sup>2</sup>	25/05/2017	24/05/2022	1.2	Higginsville	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
P15/6031 <sup>2</sup>	25/05/2017	24/05/2022	1.2	Higginsville	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		
P15/6032 <sup>2</sup>	25/05/2017	24/05/2022	1.2	Higginsville	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%		

	Western Australian Mineral Exploration Licence Applications								
Tenement Granted Expiry Area (km²) Locality Licensee				Licensee	Interest				
P15/6029 <sup>2</sup>			1.2	Higginsville	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%			
E15/1489 <sup>2</sup>			52	Higginsville	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%			
E15/1588 <sup>2</sup>			61	61 Higginsville Loded Dog Prospecting Pt		100%			
P63/2077 <sup>2</sup>			0.7	Hayes Hill	Loded Dog Prospecting Pty Ltd	100%			

### Table 2 - Summary of mining tenements acquired in Quarter

No tenements were acquired in the June 2017 Quarter.

### Table 3 - Summary of mining tenements surrendered in Quarter

No tenements were surrendered in the June 2017 Quarter.

<sup>1</sup> Kelaray holds a 33% interest in Coombedown Resources Pty. Ltd.

<sup>2</sup> Under option agreement

<sup>3</sup> Renewal application

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## Appendix 5B

# Mining exploration entity and oil and gas exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin Appendix 8 Amended 01/07/97, 01/07/98, 30/09/01, 01/06/10, 17/12/10, 01/05/13, 01/09/16

### Name of entity

Argonaut Resources NL				
ABN	Quarter ended ("current quarter")			
97 008 084 848	30 June 2017			

Cor	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers		
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	(76)	(1,017)
	(b) development		
	(c) production		
	(d) staff costs (including exploration staff)	(138)	(553)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(92)	(663)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)		
1.4	Interest received		2
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid		
1.6	Income taxes paid		
1.7	Research and development refunds		
1.8	Other (provide details if material)		
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(306)	(2,231)

2.	Cash flows from investing activities	
2.1	Payments to acquire:	
	(a) property, plant and equipment	
	(b) tenements (see item 10)	
	(c) investments	
	(d) other non-current assets	

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Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) property, plant and equipment		
	(b) tenements (see item 10)		
	(c) investments		416
	(d) other non-current assets		
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities		
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)		
2.5	Other (provide details if material)		
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	-	416

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of shares		492
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible notes		
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of share options		
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of shares, convertible notes or options		(5)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	70	70
3.6	Repayment of borrowings		
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings		
3.8	Dividends paid		
3.9	Other (provide details if material)		
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	70	557

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	296	1,318
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(306)	(2,231)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	-	416
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	70	557
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	60	60

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5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	60	296
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	60	296

6.	Payments to directors of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000	
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to these parties included in item 1.2	96	
6.2	Aggregate amount of cash flow from loans to these parties included in item 2.3	-	
6.3	.3 Include below any explanation necessary to understand the transactions included in items 6.1 and 6.2		
Remu	neration and fees paid to Directors		

7.	Payments to related entities of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
7.1	Aggregate amount of payments to these parties included in item 1.2	-
7.2	Aggregate amount of cash flow from loans to these parties included in item 2.3	-
7.3	Include below any explanation necessary to understand the transaction items 7.1 and 7.2	ns included in

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8.	Financing facilities available Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
8.1	Loan facilities	-	-
8.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
8.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
8.4	Include below a description of each facility whether it is secured or unsecured. If any a proposed to be entered into after quarter er	dditional facilities have bee	en entered into or are

9.	Estimated cash outflows for next quarter	\$A'000
9.1	Exploration and evaluation	335
9.2	Development	-
9.3	Production	-
9.4	Staff costs	150
9.5	Administration and corporate costs	115
9.6	Other (provide details if material)	-
9.7	Total estimated cash outflows *	600

<sup>\*</sup> note that the Company has completed a private placement on 11 July raising a total of \$1.4 million (before costs) and is currently finalising its share purchase plan allocation which closed on 28 July 2017.

10.	Changes in tenements (items 2.1(b) and 2.2(b) above)	Tenement reference and location	Nature of interest	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
10.1	Interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements lapsed, relinquished or reduced				
10.2	Interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements acquired or increased				

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Date: 31 July 2017

#### **Compliance statement**

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

Sign here:

Director/Company secretary

Print name: Andrew Bursill

#### **Notes**

- 1. The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes included in or attached to this report.
- 2. If this quarterly report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.

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