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Bauxite prices and demand for seaborne bauxite supplies firming. Technology for upgrading ABx's bauxite secured and developed. Discoveries still continuing.

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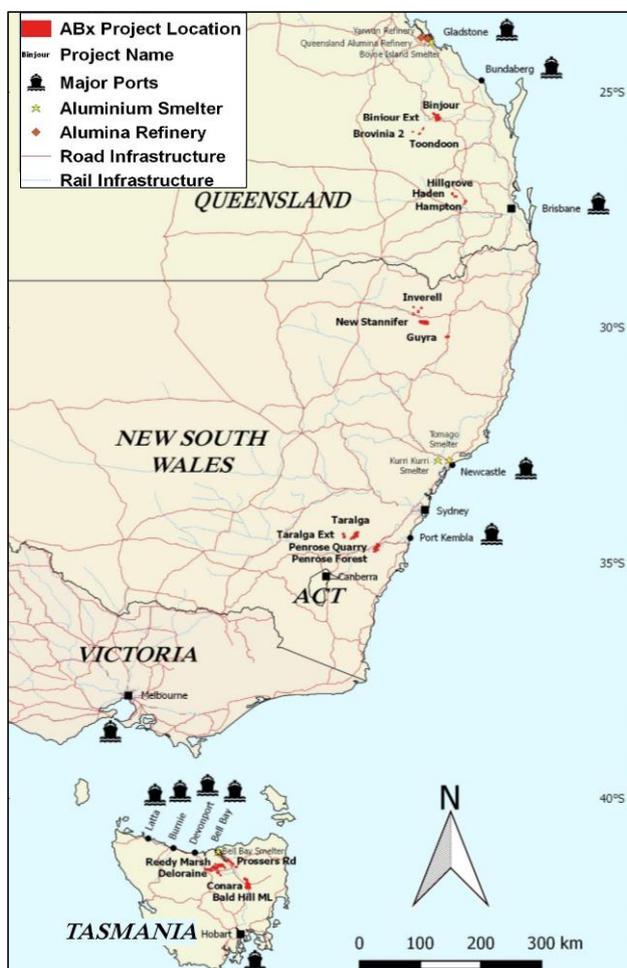


Figure 1
ABx Project Tenements & Major Infrastructure in ABx’s major bauxite project areas nearest export ports in Eastern Australia as follows, from south to north:

1. Northern Tasmania, south of Bell Bay Port of Launceston
2. Southern NSW Taralga & Penrose pine forest west of Port Kembla
3. Central Queensland based on the major Binjour Bauxite Project, southwest of Port of Bundaberg

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Figure 2
Locations of ABx bauxite mines, projects and transport infrastructure in Tasmania



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Australian Bauxite Limited shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

This financial report covers the Consolidated Entity consisting Australian Bauxite Limited and its controlled entities.

Australian Bauxite Limited is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

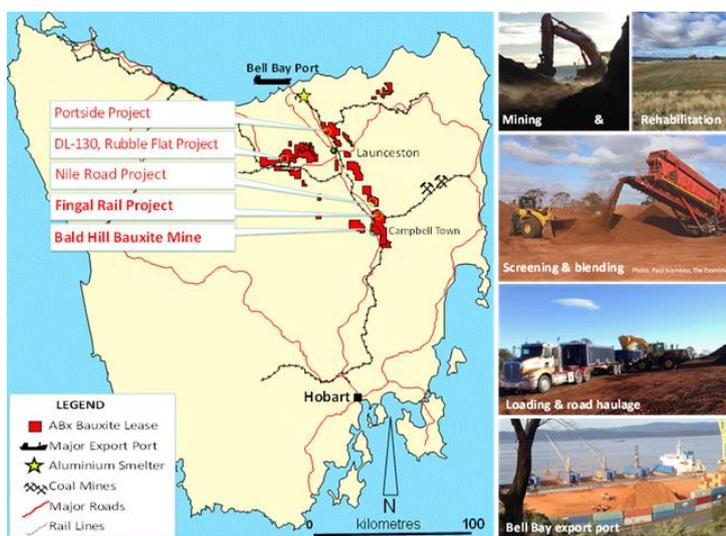


Figure 3
Loading the 35,000 tonnes of bauxite from the two large port stockpiles in foreground to the ship in the distance at Bell Bay export port, Tasmania

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2017

Dear Shareholder,

During 2017, ABx supplied cement-grade bauxite to cement-makers and sold fertiliser grade bauxite to fertiliser manufacturers. ABx refrained from selling metallurgical grade bauxite whilst the seaborne bauxite prices and the Australian dollar exchange rates were unfavourable during 2016 and 2017.

However, bauxite prices are increasing in US Dollar terms during the first quarter of 2018 and ABx has begun the detailed process of securing an off take agreement with a reliable customer. ABx's portfolio of bauxite resources can be sold into several markets in Asia, India, the Middle East, Americas and Australasia, specialising in the gibbsite-rich trihydrate metallurgical bauxite market, the low-alkali high late strength cement-grade bauxite market, the fertiliser-grade market and potentially the high-priced refractory-abrasive grade bauxite markets and chemical industry. The detailed market forces are summarised in the market report section herein.

The ABx product is free of all deleterious elements with good handling performance. To capitalise on these unique properties, ABx commenced research and development that will lead to additional value-adding to its bauxite.

Technology for value-adding

ABx is accelerating the development of TasTech technology which is a physical process that allows ABx to separate Tasmanian bauxite into three product-types all year round. This will allow simultaneous production of high grade metallurgical-grade gibbsite bauxite exceeding 45% Al_2O_3 for the aluminium industry.

During the research and development associated with this TasTech technology, ABx encountered a new technology named ALCORE that can produce much higher-value products from its type of bauxite, including Aluminium Fluoride (AlF_3) that is in strong demand from aluminium smelters and from Lithium ion batteries. ALCORE can also produce a pure refined hydrocarbon called Corethane which can be used for electricity generation as a substitute for gas in gas turbine generators, can substitute for diesel and be sold for many industrial uses.

The Board of Directors have decided to continue developing ALCORE during 2018, starting with Stage 1 which will include independent proof-of-concept tests and the production of marketing samples for potential customers and providers of loans to build the first production plant. The significant 50% cost reductions achieved for Stage 1 since December 2017 may also apply to the full-scale refinery construction and operations.

Long-term strategy

The long-term ABx strategy is to create a company that maximises its profits from exploiting both the especially clean characteristic of its bauxite type and the location of its bauxite projects near to transport and population centres.

Research and the development of a high value suite of products from ABx bauxite will build ABx into a highly profitable business that is relatively unaffected by the sudden geostrategic market impacts that have occurred in the seaborne bauxite trade in recent years. The potential to create a significant corporation is real and worth pursuing aggressively.

Niche markets and long-term relationships with reliable customers will be the key to this strategy, both for bauxite exports and for the exciting range of products that can be produced using the ALCORE technology.

During 2018, ABx will push ahead with its endeavours to secure a reliable customer for exports of its low temperature, gibbsite trihydrate metallurgical bauxite with low SiO_2 and excellent processing qualities from its Tasmanian mines. ABx will also complete a feasibility study for the commencement of a large bauxite project at Binjour in central QLD, 115kms inland from Bundaberg.

Binjour is starting to attract serious interest, especially from alumina refineries in India that are short on bauxite supply whilst they are expanding their refineries. Our marketing partner, Rawmin Mining and Industries of India will be instrumental in securing the customers that will be essential for an early development of Binjour.

ABx acknowledges the support of its loyal supportive shareholders and all others stakeholders, including the local communities in which ABx operates. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I also thank the ABx staff for their valuable contributions over the past 8 years, especially in 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Lennon
Chairman

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

This Review of Operations covers the 12 month period to 31 December 2017.

Australian Bauxite Limited (**ABx or the Company**) is an emerging bauxite producer and exploration company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) on 24 December 2009. Its ASX code is ABX.

ABx currently holds 18 bauxite tenements in New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania covering 1,390 km² and operates its first mining operations at the Bald Hill bauxite project in Tasmania – see maps on cover. ABx's bauxite is high quality gibbsite trihydrate (**THA**) bauxite that can be processed into alumina at low temperature- the type in short supply globally. It is a bauxite free of quartz, alkalis and base metals, making it also ideal for cement-making. Some zones of grey-white bauxite may be suitable for manufacture of refractories, abrasives and chemicals.

ABx's bauxite is ideal for upgrading into high value products and ABx has been carrying out research and development of two new technologies, namely TasTech physical upgrading and ALCORE chemical upgrading.

ABx has declared JORC compliant Mineral Resources totalling 124.8 million tonnes (inferred 59.2 Mt, indicated 65.6 Mt – see resource statement in ASX release 25 August 2016) in New South Wales mainly around Taralga-Goulburn-Penrose inland from Port Kembla, a major deposit at Binjour in central Queensland inland from Bundaberg Port and in northern Tasmania extending from Campbell Town to Bell Bay in northern Tasmania. All tenements are 100% owned, unencumbered and free of third party royalties.

During 2017, ABx made sales in excess of 38,000 tonnes of bauxite from the Bald Hill operations in Tasmania, which commenced in December 2014 as Australia's first new bauxite production project for more than 35 years.

Corporate

In November 2017, the Company entered into a Heads of Agreement for the ALCORE project with the technology provider, Refined Ore Industries Limited (**ROIL**). The ALCORE project is the development of bauxite beneficiation and refining technology that can increase the value of ABx's type of bauxite 10-fold by producing:

- **From bauxite:** Aluminium Fluoride (AlF₃) which is used as an electrolyte to reduce the electrical energy required in aluminium production and in lithium ion batteries and
- **From coal** (added to the process): both AlF₃ and Corethane gas co-product which is an ultra-pure hydrocarbon that can substitute for natural gas to provide electrical power, heating and cooling for the bauxite refining plant and many other industrial applications. Corethane is "**clean as gas, cheap as coal**".

ROIL is the owner of the intellectual property of the "Ores to Elements" process that involves the refining of various ore types using a combination of fluoride acids and related thermal energy process steps.

In November 2017 the Company issued 1,704,520 new shares, in part to its ALCORE project partner, ROIL, as part of its consideration due under the Heads of Agreement referred above (ASX Announcement 13 November 2017) and a consultant and an employee who opted to take shares in lieu of cash consideration for their services to the Company.

Subsequently in March 2018, the Company issued a further 783,974 new shares to consultants who opted to take shares in lieu of cash consideration for their services to the Company in accordance with their contracts.

Operations and Exploration

Bauxite Refining Technology

The ALCORE project will refine bauxite ore for the low energy, low emissions production of AlF₃ and co-products including very pure forms of silica (SiO₂) iron oxide (Fe₂O₃) and titanium oxide pigment (TiO₂).

Aluminium Fluoride (AlF₃) is used as an electrolyte for aluminium smelters & lithium ion batteries. The co-product called Corethane is an ultra-pure hydrocarbon that can substitute for natural gas for electricity and heating of the ALCORE plant and for sale into the national grids if needed. Corethane also has industrial markets for metallurgical use, brickmaking and chemical applications.

ALCORE's business plan is to develop the first of several ALCORE bauxite refinery projects in Tasmania and/or northern QLD, and/or possibly in NSW, wherever incentives and opportunities are most attractive. ABx's uniquely clean bauxite is ideal for ALCORE because it is totally free of deleterious elements, more so than any other bauxite.

ALCORE successfully completed design and costing of the 1st stage of the ALCORE project to generate bulk samples of products for market-testing by ALCORE’s prospective customers and to commence engineering designs of the first production plant. Stage 1 costs are estimated between \$5.5 and \$6.5 million, less than half the original estimated costs because of design improvements and the use of modern stainless steel reactors that are more cost-efficient. Further improvements are likely to lead to a revision of the patent originally lodged 5 June 2017.



Figure 4
Summary of ALCORE process:
1. Inputs,
2. AlF₃ product &
3. Co-products

Financing plans are scheduled to be finalised in mid-2018. ABx has been approached by several parties regarding Stage 1 financing and, if successful, other participants in the Aluminium Fluoride industry have expressed interest in providing some finance for the construction of the 50,000 tonne per year production plant, subject to offtake agreements. Demand for AlF₃ is clearly strengthening from the aluminium and battery industries with its prices rising from US\$800 to above US\$1,500 per tonne over the last 5 years.

A third party is also seeking access to the Stage 1 Plant for the purification of graphite on terms that may supply a significant proportion of the cost of the Stage 1 Plant during its 12 to 18 months of testwork.

Discussions are continuing with Federal and State Governments and with a government authority. These discussions will continue in 2018. The significant costs reductions in Stage 1 have made this less pressing and the focus is on support once Stage 1 establishes proof-of-concept and ALCORE begins designing the production plant.

ABx has ongoing negotiations with two major companies regarding access of two of the co-products from the ALCORE production plant, namely Corethane and Silica Fume.

Bauxite operations

During 2017, ABx sold 38,049 tonnes of bauxite comprising 35,669 tonnes of cement-grade bauxite and 2,380 tonnes of fertiliser grade bauxite with sales continuing in early 2018. ABx has over 95,820 tonnes of bauxite product stockpiles at the Tasmanian mine sites, sufficient for several ship loads, and 36,700 tonnes of broken ore.

Dispatch Date	Sale Tonnes	
20/01/2016	446	Product stockpiles (at mine site, blended to specification) Cement-grade 1,800 tonnes Fertiliser grade 950 tonnes Subtotal product s/piles 2,750 tonnes Mine stockpiles (grade controlled, ready for blending) Metallurgical grade 2,500 tonnes Cement-grade 44,700 tonnes Fertiliser grade 15,670 tonnes Subtotal mine s/piles 62,870 tonnes Total saleable processed stockpiles 65,620 tonnes Screened material available for classification 30,200 tonnes Broken Ore Stocks ready for screening: 36,700 tonnes Grand total 132,520 tonnes
8/04/2016	5,557	
7/08/2016	35,913	
9/09/2016	89	
19/09/2017	30,000	
28/09/2017	5,000	
30/10/2017	669	
Cement Sub Total	77,674	
24/11/2015	195	
16/03/2016	390	
14/09/2016	1,500	
31/01/2017	351	
3/10/2017	468	
13/11/2017	857	
6/12/2017	704	
Fertiliser Sub Total	4,465	
Total all sales	82,139	

Table 1: Sales and stockpiles. Bald Hill Bauxite Project, Campbell Town, Northern Tasmania

Until recently, the metallurgical market for bauxite has traded at significantly reduced prices due to oversupply. ABx focussed on supplying the cement and fertiliser markets at prices higher than could be achieved until global economic growth and demand for metallurgical bauxite improves. Recent market developments are encouraging and ABx is considering sales of metallurgical bauxite during 2018.

Validation feedback: All test results to date on ABx bauxite products by customers have validated the good handling and processing qualities of ABx cement-grade bauxite. ABx's cement grade customers have advised that since using ABx cement-grade bauxite they have operated their cement kilns at maximum throughput rates with zero lost time and lower fuel costs. All cement product has met the highest standards and with increased late strength performance by the cement. ABx works with its customers to further improve production efficiencies.

Cement-Grade Markets: The clean chemistry of ABx's bauxite has allowed ABx to sell cement-grade bauxite which:

1. Consistently increases the late strength of concrete
2. Is alkali salt free for exceptional corrosion resistance
3. Is quartz-free and clay-SiO₂ levels can be adjust to suit customers' requirements
4. Eliminates stoppage and pressure problems in kilns, lowers kiln temperatures and reduces emissions.

As cement makers convert from coal fired production to gas fired production, demand is increasing for cement-grade bauxite to add aluminium oxide and iron oxide that would have been provided by the coal. Furthermore, developed countries are applying tighter controls on the levels of alkalis (salts) in cement to increase the corrosion-resistance of concrete. ABx bauxite is exceptionally low in alkali salts.

Infrastructure construction markets

ABx may sell more cement-grade bauxite because of the increasing infrastructure construction that is commencing in the USA, Australia and Asia. ABx bauxite is suitable for manufacturing cement used in infrastructure construction, be it walls, bridges, tunnels or roads.

Metallurgical Grade Bauxite Market (for aluminium production –see market summary below)

Metallurgical-bauxite prices fell in 2015-16, bottomed in late 2016 and returned to a rising trend in the second half of 2017.

The Chinese metallurgical bauxite market was severely disrupted in 2015 & 2016 by oversupply from Malaysia, Guinea and Australia when Chinese demand was weakening. Demand appears to have caught up so that prices have firmed and are expected to improve in 2018. ABx will sell metallurgical bauxite when prices are attractive and has opened preliminary contract negotiations for bauxite from both its Tasmanian operations and from the Binjour project in QLD.

Processing Technologies: TasTech and ALCORE

ABx completed a bulk-scale mining and processing project to confirm the effectiveness of its proprietary TasTech technology at the Fingal Rail project area near Conara, using freshly quarried Fingal Rail ore and stockpiled Bald Hill ore. TasTech technology allows ABx to separate Tasmanian bauxite into 3 product-types all year round, namely:

1. high grade metallurgical-grade gibbsite bauxite exceeding 45% Al₂O₃ for the aluminium industry
2. cement-grade bauxite for the production of cement
3. fertiliser-grade and other bauxite-types.

It is now likely that TasTech will be applied in new mining operations at Fingal Rail, Tasmania and at Binjour in QLD. During research undertaken for TasTech, ABx encountered an advanced refining technology that can increase the value of products from ABx's type of bauxite more than 10 fold. It is now called ALCORE as reported above.

Rehabilitation

During the year, ABx and its contractor, Stornoway completed stage 1 of the rehabilitation at the Bald Hill bauxite project on schedule and to a high standard.

The work at the Bald Hill Bauxite Project has improved ABx's expertise in effective rehabilitation which will be applied to other operations in northern Tasmania and on the mainland as much as practicable.

Photographic record of rehabilitation at Bald Hill Bauxite Project, Campbell Town, Northern Tasmania



Figure 5: "Before"
End of mining
January 2016

Topsoil was stored in bunds around the mining areas and kept "alive" by not burying it in large stockpiles.



Figure 6: "After"
End of rehabilitation
November 2017

Release: The land was handed back to the landholder to return

Review of Binjour project

ABx and its Indian marketing partner, Rawmin Mining and Industries (Rawmin) have commenced a technical and economic study for the commencement of the Binjour Bauxite project in the Wide Bay Burnett region of central Queensland, based on trucking 200kms to the Export Port of Bundaberg.

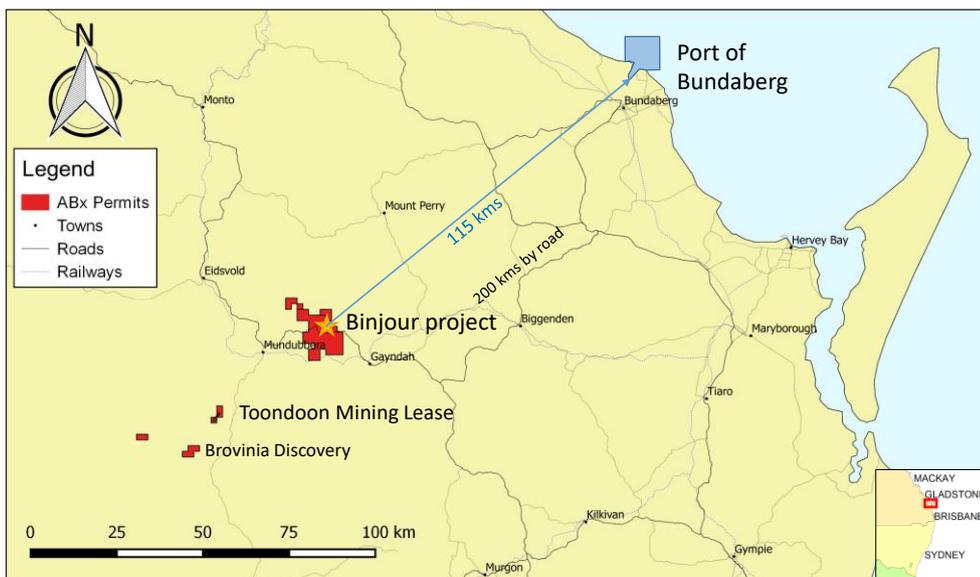


Figure 7
Location of Binjour, Toondoon & Brovinia Bauxite Project Areas

The main project area is located at Binjour, 115kms SW of Bundaberg between regional centres at Gayndah and Mundubbera. There is a granted Mining Lease at Toondoon 25kms south of Mundubbera and an exploration project at the Brovinia discovery location further to the south.

Resource modelling is in progress. Binjour Bauxite project resources are currently estimated as totalling 28 million tonnes from Binjour exploration licences and granted mining lease at Toondoon south of Mundubbera. The project strategy is to commence at the Toondoon mining lease whilst progressing the mining permits needed to commence mining at Binjour. Sale tonnages would build up to approximately 1 million tonnes per year as the road network and port capacities expand.

Bulk samples were collected in late December 2017 from 2,000 tonnes of samples to expedite negotiations with customers for the execution of offtake sale-purchase agreements for the project. These bulk samples were analysed at 6 laboratories in Australia and India and an independent expert, SMATEC Consultants has produced a rigorous product description report confirming the excellence of the Binjour bauxite for alumina refineries.

Rawmin has approached three potential customers that are keen to source bauxite from the Binjour project to supply a proportion of the bauxite needed for their alumina refineries currently under expansion. A range of projected bauxite prices have now been agreed and will allow an economic assessment to proceed.

ABx is keeping the Queensland government, local governments and other stakeholders in the region informed of progress. Should the current economic study prove that the project is attractive, ABx will expedite Binjour.

Exploration

On 27 February 2017, ABx announced to the ASX the discovery of high quality refractory-grade, low-iron grey-white bauxite at Penrose Pine Plantation some 90kms inland from Port Kembla. Refractory- grade bauxite is used for heat containment and abrasives and can sell up to 5 times the current price of metallurgical grade bauxite.

The Penrose project is located in a pine plantation adjacent to the major Hume Highway. It contains a grey-white, low iron bauxite that potentially could be used to produce refractory bauxite or high value chemical-grade bauxite.

This discovery opens up the possibility of a new high-priced market for ABx's bauxite products to add to its existing suite of bauxite products. This tenement was granted to ABx on 20 June 2017. It is close to transport infrastructure and suited to quarrying during forest harvest cycles. Exploration of extensions to this deposit will continue simultaneously with market testing of this special bauxite product which is in critical short supply in Australia and globally.

During the second half of 2017, ABx conducted beneficiation research on this bauxite at its laboratory in Tasmania which concluded that a combination of the following physical sorting methods can significantly upgrade Penrose Bauxite:

1. Crushing and dry sieving to various size fractions reduces SiO_2 & TiO_2 in the fines
2. Dry gravity separation and wet gravity separation reduces Fe_2O_3 , SiO_2 & TiO_2 in the light fraction
3. Magnetisation by heating and magnetic sorting removes Fe_2O_3 & TiO_2 in the magnetic fraction

ABx is in discussions with two companies that specialise in refractory bauxite and chemical processing of bauxite. Samples have been dispatched and arrangements are in progress for shipping a significant tonnage of the bauxite in containers to one processing company for technical test work through their factories.

Bauxite Markets Improving Steadily

ABx currently sells into the strengthening cement markets until prices for metallurgical bauxite continue their recovery to reach sufficiently profitable prices in Australian dollar terms. Sales are continuing into the fertiliser market and new markets are emerging in refractory and chemical markets.

Metallurgical Grade Bauxite Market (for aluminium production)

Demand for bauxite imports continues to grow in China and globally as aluminium production grows.

During 2015-16, Chinese aluminium companies established their own mines in the west African country of Guinea and assembled their own low-cost supply chains using large tonnage bulk-shipping from Guinea to China. Bauxite from Guinea has grown from zero tonnes in October 2015 to become the largest supplier into China, supplying 30 million tonnes in the last 12 months, as compared to 26 million tonnes from Australia.

Since bauxite supply from Guinea reached a stable level in 2016-17, prices for bauxite stabilised at their new levels and have risen in recent months. This pattern resembles the pattern for other bulk commodities like iron ore and coal.

The following Figures 5 and 6 show the market dynamics very well.

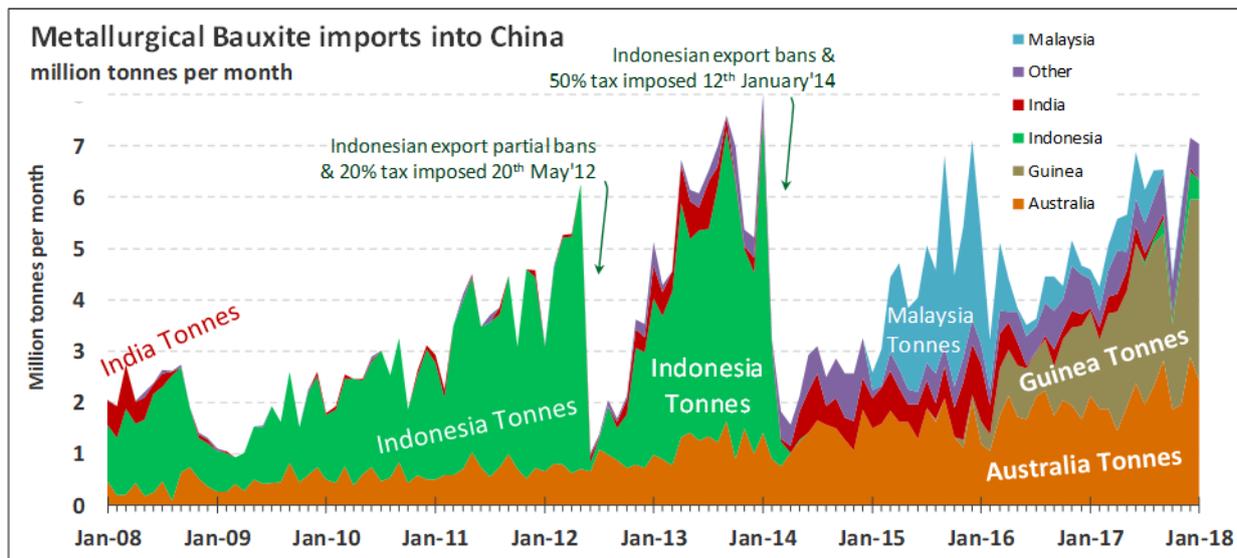


Figure 8: Chinese metallurgical bauxite import tonnes. Note the sudden surge of tonnages from Malaysia in 2015 and the rapidly growing tonnages from Guinea since late 2015
 Source: Chinese Customs, Bloomberg

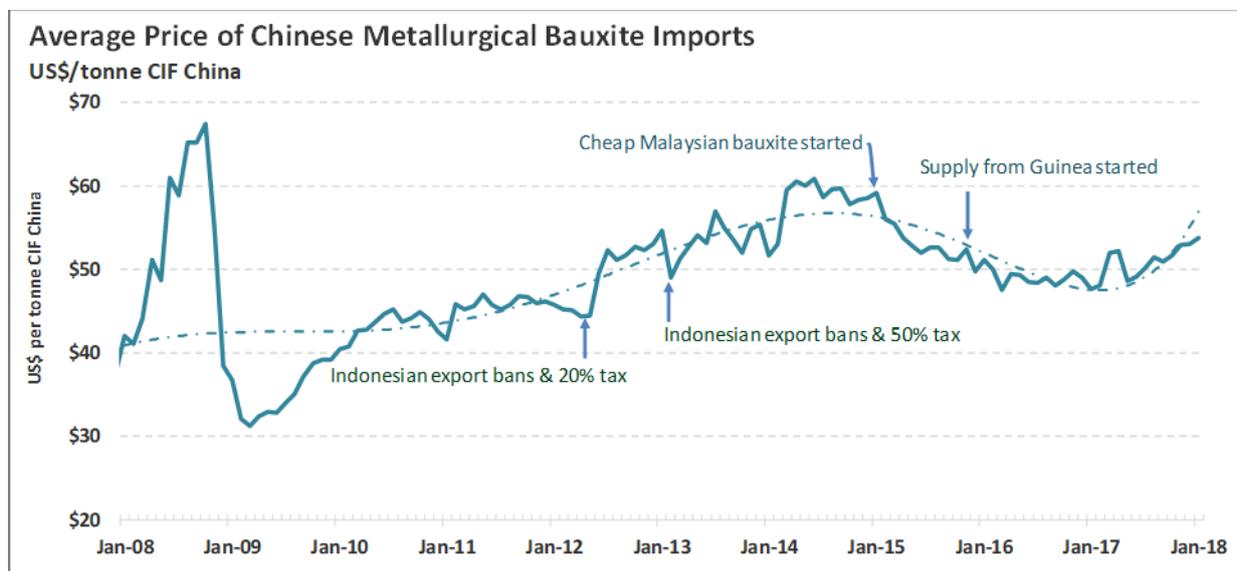


Figure 9: Chinese metallurgical bauxite import prices. Note the sudden impacts of oversupply from Malaysia in 2015 and the growing supply from Guinea since late 2015. Markets are finally recovering.
 Source: Chinese Customs, Bloomberg

The commencement of new alumina refineries in China and India that require new supplies of imported bauxite is now happening and will change this market setting. Some new alumina refinery projects are actively seeking to secure their own supply chains for bauxite.

Overall market strategy

During times of cheap shipping costs, the flood of bauxite from Guinea effectively creates a dampening influence on metallurgical bauxite prices, until the growing demand for imported bauxite in China and India reaches a new level.

China’s strategies to create a reliable and controlled supply of vital bauxite ore supplies into China have succeeded remarkably well for the time being. However, new entrants into the alumina refinery industry will not rely on bauxite mines operated by their competitors and they will encourage new suppliers of metallurgical bauxite.

ABx will sell metallurgical bauxite when prices and sale terms are attractive. Depleting ABx’s resource base without profit would have been pointless. The current market is improving and ABx is now considering long-term offtake agreements from reliable customers, both for the Tasmanian deposits and for the major Binjour project in Queensland.

ABx has also invested in the ALCORE R&D project to create a high value suite of products from ABx bauxite that will be unaffected by the sudden geostrategic market impacts that have occurred in the seaborne bauxite trade.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report together with the financial statements of the parent entity and the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the **Group**) consisting of Australian Bauxite Limited (the **Company**) and the entities it controlled at the end of or during the year ended 31 December 2017.

Principal activities The principal continuing activities of the Group for the financial year were conducting the bauxite exploration and development programs in Queensland, New South Wales, and Tasmania.

Consolidated results The net consolidated profit of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2017 was \$0.17 million (2016: net loss \$0.16 million). The consolidated profit arises largely from the sale of bauxite minerals and exploration activities during the year in Eastern Australia and Tasmania. Total Shareholders' Funds as at 31 December 2017 are \$17.31 million (2016: \$16.88 million). Additional information on the operations of the Group is disclosed in both the Chairman's Review and the Review of Operations section of this report.

Review of operations Information on the operations and financial position of the Group and its business strategies and prospects are set out in the Review of Operations on pages 4 to 9 of this Annual Report.

Dividends The Directors of the Company do not recommend that any amount be paid by way of dividend. The Company has not paid or declared any amount by way of dividend since the commencement of the financial year.

Directors The following persons were directors of Australian Bauxite Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Paul A Lennon	Non-Executive Chairman
Ian Levy	Managing Director & CEO
Ken Boundy	Non-Executive Director

The number of Directors' Meetings and Directors' Committee Meetings held, and the number of meetings attended, by each of the Directors of the Company during the financial year were:

Directors	Directors Meetings		Remuneration Committee ¹		Audit Committee ²	
	Attended	Held whilst in office	Attended	Held whilst in office	Attended	Held whilst in office
Paul A Lennon	11	11	1	1	2	2
Ian Levy	11	11	1	1	2	2
Ken Boundy	11	11	1	1	2	2

¹ From 30 December 2014, the Remuneration Committee is made up of the whole board

² The Audit Committee is made up the whole board

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT**Directors****Paul Anthony Lennon****Non-Executive Chairman - Appointed on 28 November 2014**

Experience and expertise	<p>Mr Lennon served as the 42nd Premier of Tasmania for 4 years (2004 - 2008) and Treasurer (2004-2006). His experience in the resources sector is considerable. He was the Minister for Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (1998-2002), and later Minister for Economic Development, Energy and Resources (2002-2004) while Mr Lennon was the Deputy Premier of Tasmania from (1998-2004).</p> <p>Aside from this prominent ministerial experience, Mr Lennon has previously held senior positions working for and representing trade organisations and workers throughout the 1980's. This experience allowed Mr Lennon to lead negotiations with European, UK, American and Chinese companies in commercial matters of state and national significance.</p>
Other Current Directorships of Listed Companies	None
Former Directorships in the Last Three Years of Listed Companies	None
Special Responsibilities	Chairman Member of the Remuneration and Audit Committee
Interests in Shares	1,873,318 shares – indirectly held

Ian Levy, BSc (Hons), MSc (Dist) DIC FAusIMM FAIG**Managing Director and CEO - Appointed on 23 September 2009**

Experience and expertise	<p>Ian Levy has thirty years senior management experience with small to large mining companies, including WMC, Pancontinental Mining, Gympie Gold and CEO of Allegiance Mining, involving development of bauxite, gold, coal, base metals, nickel and industrial minerals projects from discovery to marketing. He was a former founding Director of Gloucester Coal. He was a member of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) for 11 years including 4 years as Vice Chairman and Federal President, Australian Institute of Geoscientists.</p>
Other Current Directorships of Listed Companies	None
Former Directorships in the Last Three Years of Listed Companies	None
Special Responsibilities	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer
Interests in Shares	3,170,189 shares- indirectly held

Ken Boundy, MBA, M Agr Sc, Fellow of AIM, AIAST
Non-Executive Director - Appointed on 6 June 2012

Experience and expertise	Mr Boundy is a company director, strategy consultant and businessman – with particular interests in international marketing. Previously Mr Boundy was Managing Director of the Australian Tourist Commission (and then Tourism Australia) from 2001 to 2005, following 15 years in leadership roles in the private sector which covered Divisional Head and CEO roles in the food, wine and building materials industries.
Other Current Directorships of Listed Companies	Non-Executive Director of Net Comm Wireless Limited.
Former Directorships in the Last Three Years of Listed Companies	None
Special Responsibilities	Member of the Remuneration and Audit Committee
Interests in Shares	606,007 shares – indirectly held

Officers

Henry Kinstlinger

Company Secretary

Experience and expertise	Henry Kinstlinger has, for the past thirty years, been actively involved in the financial and corporate management of a number of public companies and non-governmental organisations. He is currently the Company Secretary of Hudson Investment Group Limited and Frontier Capital Group Limited. He is a corporate consultant with broad experience in investor and community relations and corporate and statutory compliance.
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Likely developments

Information on likely developments in the operations of the ABx Group, known at the date of this report has been covered generally within the report. In the opinion of the Directors providing further information would prejudice the interests of the Group.

Risk Management

The Board is responsible for ensuring that risks, and also opportunities, are identified on a timely basis and that activities are aligned with the risks and opportunities identified by the Board.

The Company believes that it is crucial for all Board members to be a part of this process, and as such the Board has not established a separate risk management committee.

The Board has a number of mechanisms in place to ensure that management's objectives and activities are aligned with the risks identified by the Board. These include the following:

- Board approval of a strategic plan, which encompasses strategy statements designed to meet stakeholders' needs and manage business risk.
- Implementation of Board approved operating plans and budgets and Board monitoring of progress against these budgets.

Significant changes in nature of activities

Please refer Review of Operations section for details.

Matters subsequent to balance date

At the date of this report, there are no other matters or circumstances which have arisen since 31 December 2017 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- The operations, in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2017, of the Group;
- The results of those operations; or
- The state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2017, of the Group.

Environmental regulations

The Group is subject to significant environmental regulation in respect of its exploration activities as follows:

- The Company's operations in the State of Queensland involve drilling operations. These operations are governed by the *Queensland Government Environmental Protection Act (1994)* as reprinted February 2007.
- The Company's operations in the State of NSW involve exploration activities including drilling. These operations are governed by the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- The Company's operations in the State of Tasmania involve exploration activities including drilling. These operations are governed by the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.
- The Company operates within the resources sector and conducts its business activities with respect for the environment while continuing to meet the expectations of the shareholders, employees and suppliers.
- The Company aims to ensure that the highest standard of environmental care is achieved, and that it complies with all relevant environmental legislation. The Directors are mindful of the regulatory regime in relation to the impact of the Company's activities on the environment.
- To the best of the directors' knowledge, the Group has adequate systems in place to ensure compliance with the requirements of all environmental legislation described above and are not aware of any breach of those requirements during the financial year and up to the date of the Directors' Report.

Environmental Code of Practice for Bauxite mineral exploration

The Company is committed to conducting its exploration programs by following industry best practice in accordance with published government guidelines and codes. The following policy is specific to bauxite exploration on the Company's Eastern Australian bauxite province.

Access to Land

Prior to the commencement of any work, the Company makes contact with landholders/leaseholders and discusses the general aims and types of work likely to be conducted. Discussion with landowners, leaseholders and Native Title Claimants is ongoing. It commences prior to any work being conducted and continues throughout the program and beyond the cessation of exploration work.

The Company establishes conditions of access with landholders and where practicable, signs a written access agreement that sets out conditions and includes a schedule of agreed compensation payments. The Company endeavours to provide landholders with ample warning prior to commencing any work and landholders are kept informed upon commencement, during and upon completion of an exploration program.

Type of Land

The type of land is determined and its inhabitants are assessed to identify areas of particular environmental concern including identification of sensitive areas or areas prone to erosion, water catchment, heritage sites, and areas home to vulnerable and endangered species. Land use is taken into consideration and land under cultivation is not disturbed without the express consent of the landholder.

Mineral Exploration Programs Access

The Company utilises existing tracks for access where possible. Climatic conditions are considered when assessing areas to avoid access during extreme conditions such as during bush fire risk during hot, windy conditions and damage to tracks after heavy rain. Surface disturbances are kept to a minimum.

Drilling

Drilling programs include rehabilitation and where possible holes are positioned in areas requiring little or no clearing. Small, manoeuvrable drill rigs are used to minimise the need for track clearing and to reduce ground compaction. Where required, topsoil is removed and stored separately so that it can be replaced during rehabilitation of the site. Ground sheets are used where required to avoid oil/fuel spills contaminating the soil.

Rehabilitation

Drill sites are rehabilitated as soon as practicable and drill holes are filled and capped where necessary. Landholders are asked to confirm at the end of each program that exploration has been conducted to their satisfaction and that sites have been rehabilitated.

REMUNERATION REPORT – AUDITED

This information provided in this Remuneration Report has been audited as required under section 308 (3C) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This report outlines the remuneration arrangements in place for Directors and Executives of the Company.

Remuneration committee

The Remuneration Committee, which presently consists of the whole board, will serve to determine the remuneration levels of any Executive Director's remuneration (including base salary, incentive payments, equity awards and service contracts) and remuneration issues for Non-Executive Directors.

The Committee meets as often as required but not less than once per year.

The Committee met once during the year as disclosed in the table of Directors Meetings disclosed on page xx. Options granted to directors and key management personnel do not have performance conditions. As such the Group does not have a policy for directors and key management personnel removing the "at risk" aspect of options granted to them as part of their remuneration.

Directors' and other Key Management Personnel remuneration

The following persons were Directors of the Company during the whole financial year, unless otherwise stated.

- Paul A Lennon Non-Executive Chairman
- Ian Levy Managing Director and CEO
- Ken Boundy Non-Executive Director

The following persons were other key management personnel of the Company during the financial year:

- Leon Hawker Chief Operating Officer
- Paul Glover General Manager
- Henry Kinstlinger Company Secretary
- Benny Amzalak Investor Relationship Officer
- Francis Choy Chief Financial Officer

Executive's remuneration and other terms of employment are reviewed annually having regard to relevant comparative information and independent expert advice. As well as basic salary, remuneration packages include superannuation. Directors are also able to participate in an Employee Share Option Plan.

Remuneration packages are set at levels that are intended to attract and retain executives capable of managing the Group's operations.

Consideration is also given to reasonableness, acceptability to shareholders and appropriateness for the current level of operations.

Remuneration of Non-Executive Directors is determined by the Board based on recommendations from the Remuneration Committee and the maximum amount approved by shareholders from time to time.

Performance conditions

The elements of remuneration as detailed within the Remuneration Report are dependent on the satisfaction of the individual's performance and the Group's financial performance.

The Board undertakes an annual review of its performance and the performance of the Board Committees.

Details of the nature and amount of each element of the remuneration of each Director of the Company and each specified executive of the Company and the Group receiving the highest remuneration are set out in the following tables. The remuneration amounts are the same for the Company and the Group.

Directors and Other Key Management Personnel of Australian Bauxite Limited

	Short Term Employee Benefits		Post Employment Benefits	Long Term Benefits	Share Based Payments	Total
	Salary & other fees	Non-Monetary Benefits	Super-annuation	Long Service Leave		
Consolidated Group 2017	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Directors						
Paul A Lennon	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Ian Levy	34,000	-	-	-	-	34,000
Ken Boundy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total-Directors	74,000	-	-	-	-	74,000
Other KMP						
Leon Hawker	200,000	-	19,000	3,026	-	222,026
Paul Glover	157,500	-	28,650	5,417	20,000	211,567
Henry Kinstlinger	109,890	-	-	-	-	109,890
Benjamin Amzalak	65,000	-	-	-	-	65,000
Francis Choy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total-KMP	532,390	-	47,650	8,443	20,000	608,483
2016						
Directors						
Paul A Lennon	53,333	-	-	-	46,667	100,000
Ian Levy	35,000	-	-	-	-	35,000
Ken Boundy	-	-	-	-	33,333	33,333
Total-Directors	88,333	-	-	-	80,000	168,333
Other KMP						
Leon Hawker	200,000	-	19,000	3,498	-	222,498
Paul Glover	110,000	-	37,825	6,441	-	154,266
Henry Kinstlinger	109,890	-	-	-	-	109,890
Benjamin Amzalak	60,000	-	-	-	-	60,000
Francis Choy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total-KMP	479,890	-	56,825	9,939	-	546,654

The amounts reported represent the total remuneration paid by entities in the Australian Bauxite Group of companies in relation to managing the affairs of all the entities within the Australian Bauxite Group.

There is no performance conditions related to any of the above payments.

There is no other element of Directors and Executives remuneration.

Executive services agreement

In addition the Company has agreed with Mr Ian Levy as Managing Director in providing the services to the Company at an agreed rate of \$250,000 for the year 2017.

Corporate Service agreements

The Company has entered into a Corporate Service Agreement with Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited pursuant to which Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited has agreed to provide its management, registered office, administrative, accounting and secretarial services.

The term of the Corporate Services Agreement has no fixed expiry term and the fee payable is that amount agreed between the parties from time to time. The terms of the Corporate Services Agreement provide that Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited shall act in accordance with the directions of the Board.

Share options granted to Directors and Other Key Management Personnel

For details please refer to Note 24 of the financial statements.

End of audited remuneration report.

Loans to Directors and Key Management Personnel

Details of individuals with loans above \$100,000 during the year are set out below.

	Balance at the start of the year	Advance/ (Repayments)	Interest payable for the year	Balance at the end of the year	Highest indebtedness during the year	Additional interest otherwise payable*
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Consolidated - KMP 2017						
Henry Kinstlinger						
- ESOP	746,549	-	42,088	788,637	788,637	14,029
- unsecured loan	42,021	-	2,700	44,721	44,721	900
Benjamin Amzalak	19,503	-	920	20,423	20,423	-
2016						
Henry Kinstlinger						
- ESOP	704,346	-	42,203	746,549	746,549	14,068
- unsecured loan	39,313	-	2,708	42,021	42,021	904
Benjamin Amzalak	18,581	-	922	19,503	19,503	-

* Market interest rate 6% (2016: 6%). This represents the difference between interest charged at the latter and interest paid.

Terms and conditions of loans

The full recourse loan partly relates to the individual's participation in the Company's Employee Share Option Plan. Loans are secured against the Employee Share Option Plan (ESOP). A second unsecured interest bearing full recourse loan of \$30,000 was advanced in 2012. Loans are repayable should the employee leave the Company. Part of the secured shares were sold in repaying the advance. Full provision was made in 2016. None were written down during the year.

An unsecured interest bearing full recourse loan of \$35,000 was advanced to a consultant in 2014. The loan is repayable should the consultant leave the Company. Full provision was made in 2016. None were written down during the year.

There were no other loans made to Directors or Specified Executives of the Company and the Group during the period commencing at the beginning of the financial year and up to the date of this report.

Shares under option

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

Class	Date options granted	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	No. of Options
Performance Options*				
- unallocated			\$0.30	1,380,000
				1,380,000

*Unallocated options under the Employee Share Option Plan, expiry date is three years from date of issue.

No option holder has any right under the options to participate in any other share issue of the Company or any other entity.

Shares issued on the exercise of options

No options were issued or exercised during the year.

Directors' and Officers' indemnities and insurance

During the financial year Australian Bauxite Limited (holding company) paid an insurance premium, insuring the Company's Directors, (as named in this report), Company Secretary, Executive officers and employees against liabilities not prohibited from insurance by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

A confidentiality clause in the insurance contract prohibits disclosure of the amount of the premium and the nature of insured liabilities.

Rounding

The amounts contained in the half year financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (where rounding is applicable) under the option available to the Company under ASIC Class Order 98/100. The Company is an entity to which the Class Order applies.

Proceedings on behalf of the Company

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

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in or on behalf of the Company with leave of the Court under Section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Auditor’s independence declaration

The auditor’s independence declaration as required under Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 20.

Non-audit services

The Company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor’s expertise and experience with the Group are important.

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (K.S. Black & Co) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out below.

The Board of Directors has considered the position and, in accordance with advice received from the audit committee, is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, as set out below, did not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- All non-audit services have been reviewed by the audit committee to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor.
- None of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the parent entity:

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Audit services:		
Amounts paid or payable to auditors for audit and review of the financial report for the entity or any entity in the Group		
Audit and review services	31,290	29,760
Taxation and other advisory services:		
Amounts paid or payable to auditors for non-audit taxation and advisory services for the entity or any entity in the Group		
Taxation	1,595	1,460
Advisory services	-	-
	32,885	31,220

The Directors’ Report, incorporating the Remuneration Report, is signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Board of Directors.


Ian Levy
 Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer


Paul Lennon
 Non-Executive Chairman

Signed at Sydney
 28 March 2018

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1993 TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUSTRALIAN BAUXITE LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2017 there has been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Companies Act 1993* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

The entity is in respect of Australian Bauxite Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

KS Black & Co
Chartered Accountants



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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Company has adopted a Corporate Governance Plan, which forms the basis of a comprehensive system of control and accountability for the administration of corporate governance. The Board is committed to administering the policies and procedures with openness and integrity, pursuing the true spirit of corporate governance commensurate with the Company's needs.

To the extent they are applicable to the Company, the Board has adopted the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations 3rd Edition ("**Principles and Recommendations**").

In light of the Company's size and nature, the Board considers that the current board is a cost effective and practical method of directing and managing the Company. As the Company's activities develop in size and scope, the size of the Board and the implementation of additional corporate governance policies and structures will be reviewed.

The Company's main corporate policies and practices as at the date of this Annual Report are outlined below and the Company's full Corporate Governance Plan is available in the corporate governance information section of the Company's website (<http://www.australianbauxite.com.au/Corporate-Governance.htm>).

(a) Board Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for corporate governance of the Company. The Board develops strategies for the Company, reviews strategic objectives and monitors performance against those objectives. The goals of the corporate governance processes are to:

- maintain and increase Shareholder value;
- ensure a prudential and ethical basis for the Company's conduct and activities;
- ensure compliance with the Company's legal and regulatory objectives consistent with these goals, and to achieve this the Board assumes the following responsibilities:
 - a. developing initiatives for profit and asset growth;
 - b. reviewing the corporate, commercial and financial performance of the Company on a regular basis;
 - c. acting on behalf of, and being accountable to, the Shareholders; and
 - d. identifying business risks and implementing actions to manage those risks and corporate systems to assure quality.

The Company is committed to the circulation of relevant materials to Directors in a timely manner to facilitate Directors' participation in the Board discussions on a fully-informed basis;

(b) Composition of the Board

Election of Board members is substantially the province of the Shareholders in general meeting.

However, subject thereto, the Company is committed to the following principles:

- the Board is to comprise of persons with the appropriate skills, experience and attributes for the Company and its business; and
- the principal criteria for the appointment of new Directors are their ability to add value to the Company and its business. All incumbent Directors bring an independent judgement to bear in deliberations and the current representation is considered adequate given the stage of the Company's development. The names, qualifications and relevant experience of each Director are set out on pages 11 to 12.

(c) Code of Conduct

As part of its commitment to recognising the legitimate expectations of stakeholders and promoting practices necessary to maintain confidence in the Company's integrity, the Company has an established Code of Conduct (**the Code**) to guide compliance with legal, ethical and other obligations to legitimate stakeholders and the responsibility and accountability required of the Company's personnel for reporting and investigating unethical practices or circumstances where there are breaches of the Code.

These stakeholders include employees, clients, customers, government authorities, creditors and the community as whole. This Code governs all of the Company's commercial operations and the conduct of Directors, employees, consultants, contactors and all other people when they represent the Company. This Code also governs the responsibility and accountability required of the Company's personnel for reporting and investigating unethical practices.

The Board, management and all employees of the Group are committed to implementing this Code and each individual is accountable for such compliance. A copy of the Code is given to all employees, contractors and relevant personnel, including directors, and is available on the Company's website (under "Corporate Governance").

(d) Diversity Policy

The Board has adopted a diversity policy which provides a framework for the Company to achieve, among other things, a diverse and skilled workforce, a workplace culture characterised by inclusive practices and behaviours for the benefit of all staff, improved employment and career development opportunities for women and a work environment that values and utilises the contributions of employees with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.

(e) Continuous Disclosure

The Board has directed the Company Secretary to be responsible for overseeing and co-ordinating disclosure of information to the ASX as well as communicating with the ASX.

The Board has established a written policy for ensuring compliance with ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements and accountability at senior executive level for that compliance. A copy of the Company's continuous disclosure policy can be found on the Company's web site (under "Corporate Governance").

(f) Audit Committee and Management of Risk

The Company's directors comprise the audit and risk committee.

(g) Remuneration Arrangements

The Board will decide the remuneration of an executive Director, without the affected executive Director participating in that decision-making process.

The total maximum remuneration of non-executive Directors is initially set by the Constitution and subsequent variation is by ordinary resolution of Shareholders in general meeting in accordance with the Constitution, the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules, as applicable. The determination of non-executive Directors' remuneration within that maximum will be made by the Board having regard to the inputs and value to the Company of the respective contributions by each non-executive Director. The current amount has been set at an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per annum.

In addition, a Director may be paid fees or other amounts (subject to any necessary Shareholder approval) for example non-cash performance incentives such as Options as determined by the Board where a Director performs special duties or otherwise performs services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director.

Directors are also entitled to be paid reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses incurred by them respectively in or about the performance of their duties as Directors. The Board reviews and approves the remuneration policy to enable the Company to attract and retain executives and Directors who will create value for Shareholders having consideration to the amount considered to be commensurate for a company of its size and level of activity as well as the relevant Directors' time, commitment and responsibility. The Board is also responsible for reviewing any employee incentive and equity-based plans including the appropriateness of performance hurdles and total payments proposed.

(h) Shareholder Communications

The Board tries to ensure that Shareholders are provided with sufficient information to assess the performance of the Company and its Directors and to make well-informed investment decisions. Information is communicated to Shareholders through:

- annual and half-yearly financial reports and quarterly reports;
- annual and other general meetings convened for Shareholder review and approval of Board proposals;
- continuous disclosure of material changes to ASX for open access to the public; and,
- the Company maintains a website where all ASX announcements, notices and financial reports are published as soon as possible after release to ASX.

The auditor is invited to attend the annual general meeting of Shareholders. The Chairman will permit Shareholders to ask questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the audit report.

(i) Trading in the Company's Shares

The Company's Share Trading Policy prohibits Directors from taking advantage of their position or information acquired, in the course of their duties, and the misuse of information for personal gain or to cause detriment to of the Company.

Directors, senior executives and employees are required to advise the Company Secretary of their intentions prior to undertaking any transaction in the Company's securities.

If an employee, officer or director is considered to possess material non-public information, they will be precluded from making a Security transaction until after the time of public release of that information.

A copy of the Company's Policy on Dealing with Company Securities is available on the Company's website (under "Corporate Governance").

(j) Corporate Social Responsibility

The Company is committed to conducting our operations and activities in harmony with the environment and society, and wherever practicable to work in collaboration with communities and government institutions in decision-making and activities for effective, efficient and sustainable solutions.

Our aim is to minimize our environmental footprint and safeguard the environment while sharing the benefits of share the benefits of mining with our employees and the community and contribute to economic and social development, minimizing our environmental footprint and safeguarding the environment, now and for future generations.

A copy of the Company's Environmental and Social Charter is available on the ABX website (under "Corporate Governance").

(k) Departures from recommendations

The Company is required to report any departures from the recommendations in its annual financial report.

The Company's compliance and departures from Recommendations as at the date of this Annual Report are set out in the following table:

ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations

PRINCIPLE	Response
PRINCIPLE 1: LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT	
Recommendation 1.1	
<p>The entity should have and disclose a charter, which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the board, the Chair and management and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company's Corporate Governance Plan includes a Board Charter, which discloses the specific responsibilities of the Board. The responsibilities delegated to the senior management team are set out in the Board Charter.</p> <p>The Board Charter can be viewed at the Company's website http://www.australianbauxite.com.au.</p>
Recommendation 1.2	
<p>The entity should undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director.</p> <p>The entity should provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company conducts background and reference checks for all directors.</p> <p>These checks will be expanded to include the required checks described in Guidance Note 1, paragraph 3.15 issued by the ASX before appointing an additional person or putting forward to Shareholders a candidate for election, as a Director.</p>
Recommendation 1.3	
<p>The entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.</p>	<p>Does not yet comply.</p> <p>Not all Directors have written agreements setting out the terms of their appointments. The Company will endeavour to finalise these agreements shortly.</p>
Recommendation 1.4	
<p>The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company Secretary has been appointed and is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chairperson, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.</p>
Recommendation 1.5	
<p>The entity should establish a diversity policy and disclose the policy or a summary of that policy. The policy should include requirements for the board to establish measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity for the board to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Board has established a Diversity Policy.</p> <p>Details of the Company's measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and its progress towards achieving them and the entity's gender diversity figures are set out in the Company's annual report.</p>
<p>The entity should disclose in its annual report the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them.</p>	<p>The Diversity Policy is disclosed on the Company's website.</p>
<p>The entity should disclose in its annual report the proportion of women employees in the whole organisation, women in senior executive positions and women on the board.</p>	<p>Details of the Company's measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and its progress towards achieving them and the entity's gender diversity figures are set out in the Company's annual report.</p>

Recommendation 1.6	
<p>The entity should have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	<p>Will comply.</p> <p>The Company will disclose the process for evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual directors in its future annual reports.</p> <p>Details of the performance evaluations undertaken will be set out in future annual reports.</p>
Recommendation 1.7	
<p>The entity should have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives and disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>Senior executive key performance indicators are set annually, with performance appraised by the Board, and reviewed in detail by the Board.</p> <p>The internal review is to be conducted on an annual basis and if deemed necessary an independent third party will facilitate this internal review. Details of the performance evaluations undertaken will be set out in future annual reports.</p>
PRINCIPLE 2: STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE	
Recommendation 2.1	
<p>The entity's board should have a nomination committee which has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and is chaired by an independent director</p>	<p>Does not comply.</p> <p>The Company does not have a nomination committee</p>
<p>The entity should disclose the charter of the committee, the members of the committee; and as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings.</p>	<p>Currently the role of the nomination committee is undertaken by the full Board. The Company intends to establish a nomination committee once the Company's operations are of sufficient magnitude.</p>
<p>If the entity does not have a nomination committee, it should disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>	<p>The Company does not have a nomination committee. The Board evaluates the skills, experience of its members and then determines whether additional members should be invited to the Board to complement or replace the existing members.</p>
Recommendation 2.2	
<p>The entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.</p>	<p>Does not yet comply.</p> <p>The Company intends to develop a board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity the Board has and require. The skill matrix will be available at the Company's website once finalised.</p>

Recommendation 2.3	
The entity should disclose the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors and the length of service of each director.	Complies. The Company's independent directors are Mr Ken Boundy and Mr Paul Anthony Lennon
The entity should disclose if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendation (3 rd edition) but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion.	The independence of each director and the length of service of each director is outlined in the Company's annual report. Details of any relevant interest, position, association or relationship impacting upon a director's independence are set out in the Company's annual report.
Recommendation 2.4	
A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	Complies. The Company has three directors. Two of these directors are the non-executive directors.
Recommendation 2.5	
The chair of the board of the entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	Complies. The chair is an independent director, and is a different person to the CEO of the entity.
Recommendation 2.6	
A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	Does not yet comply. Currently the induction of new directors and plan for professional development is managed informally by the full Board. The Company intends to develop a formal program for inducting new directors and providing appropriate professional development opportunities consistent with the development of the Company.
PRINCIPLE 3: ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY	
Recommendation 3.1	
The entity should establish a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and disclose that code or a summary of it.	Complies. The Board has established a Code of Conduct to guide compliance with legal, ethical and other obligations to legitimate stakeholders and the responsibility and accountability required of the Group's personnel for reporting and investigating unethical practices or circumstances where there are breaches of the Code. Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website.

PRINCIPLE 4: SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN FINANCIAL REPORTING	
Recommendation 4.1	
<p>The board of the entity should have an audit committee which consists only of non-executive directors, a majority of which are independent directors and is chaired by a chair that is not the chair of the board.</p> <p>The entity should disclose the charter of the committee, the members of the committee and as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings.</p>	<p>Partially complies</p> <p>The Board has established an audit and risk committee Charter.</p> <p>Members of the committee comprise the whole board of directors who have appropriate and relevant financial experience to act in this capacity.</p> <p>A summary of the charter and details of the number of times the audit and risk committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings are set out in the Company's annual report.</p> <p>The full audit and risk committee charter is available on the Company's website</p>
Recommendation 4.2	
<p>The board should disclose whether it has, before approving the entity's financial statements for the financial period, receive assurance from its Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent) and the Chief Financial Officer (or equivalent) a declaration that the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Board requires the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer to provide such a statement before approving the entity's financial statements for a financial period.</p>
Recommendation 4.3	
<p>When the entity has an AGM it should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The external auditor attends AGMs and is available to answer questions from Security Holders relevant to the audit.</p>
PRINCIPLE 5: MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE	
Recommendation 5.1	
<p>The entity should establish written policies designed to ensure compliance with ASX Listing rule disclosure requirements and to ensure accountability at senior executive level for that compliance and disclose those policies or a summary of those policies.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company has a written policy on information disclosure. The focus of these policies and procedures is continuous disclosure and improving access to information for investors.</p> <p>The Company's continuous disclosure policy can be viewed at the Company's website</p>
PRINCIPLE 6: RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS	
Recommendation 6.1	
<p>The entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company has provided specific information about itself and its key personnel and has developed a comprehensive Corporate Governance Plan.</p> <p>Details can be found at the Company's website.</p>

Recommendation 6.2	
<p>The entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with shareholders.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company has established a Shareholder’s Communication Policy. The Company recognises the importance of forthright communications and aims to ensure that the shareholders are informed of all major developments affecting the Company.</p> <p>Details of the Shareholder’s Communication Policy can be found at the Company’s website.</p>
Recommendation 6.3	
<p>The entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at general meetings of security holders.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Shareholder’s Communication Policy is available on the Company’s website and details are set out in the Company’s annual report.</p>
Recommendation 6.4	
<p>The entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company has provided the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.</p>
PRINCIPLE 7: RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK	
Recommendation 7.1	
<p>The board of a listed entity should have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors and is chaired by an independent director.</p> <p>The entity should disclose the charter of the committee, the members of the committee and at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Board has established an audit and risk committee to oversee risk which comprises the whole Board of Directors.</p> <p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company’s charter for the audit and risk committee available at the Company’s website and the details of the number of times the committee has met and the individual attendances is outlined in the Company’s annual report.</p>

<p>Recommendation 7.2</p>	
<p>The board or board committee of the board should review the entity’s risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound, to determine whether there have been any changes in the material business risk the entity faces and to ensure that they remain with the risk appetite set by the Board</p>	<p>Complies.</p>
<p>The entity should also disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place</p>	<p>The Company’s Corporate Governance Plan includes a Risk Management Review Procedure and Compliance and Control policy.</p> <p>The Board determines the Company’s “risk profile” and is responsible for overseeing and approving risk management strategy and policies, internal compliance and internal control.</p> <p>The Board has delegated to the audit and risk committee the responsibility for implementing the risk management system.</p> <p>Details of the number of times the committee conducted a risk management review in relation to each reporting period will be disclosed in its annual reports.</p>
<p>Recommendation 7.3</p>	
<p>The entity should disclose if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs. If the entity does not have an internal audit function, the entity should disclose that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.</p>	<p>Does not yet comply.</p> <p>The Board has delegated the internal audit function to the audit and risk committee and intends to establish and implement the structure and role of the internal audit function.</p> <p>The Company will disclose the details of the internal audit function in its future annual reports.</p>
<p>Recommendation 7.4</p>	
<p>The entity should disclose whether, and if so how, it has regard to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company has an Audit and Risk committee appointed to manage economic sustainability and risk. In addition to this the Company also has an Environmental and Social Charter on its website, and manages environmental and social sustainability risks accordingly.</p> <p>With respect to the Tenements the Company complies with environmental regulatory requirements and risk through the relevant authorities issued pursuant to permits from the relevant government departments in NSW, Qld and Tasmania.</p>

PRINCIPLE 8: REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY	
Recommendation 8.1	
The board should establish a remuneration committee which has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors.	Does not yet comply due to the size of the Company.
If the entity does not have a remuneration committee, the entity should disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	<p>The Board has adopted a Remuneration Committee Charter.</p> <p>However, the Company is not of a size that justifies having a separate Remuneration Committee so matters typically considered by such a committee are dealt with by the full Board.</p> <p>The Board has reviewed, through independent sources, the level and composition of remuneration for Directors and senior executives to ensure that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p>
Recommendation 8.2	
The entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives and ensure that the different roles and responsibilities of non-executive directors compared to executive directors and other senior executives are reflected in the level and composition of their remuneration.	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company distinguishes the structure of Non-executive Directors' remuneration from Executive Directors and senior executives.</p> <p>Details of the policies and practices regarding remuneration are set out in the Company's annual report.</p> <p>The Remuneration Committee Charter is disclosed on the Company's website</p>
Recommendation 8.3	
If the entity has an equity-based remuneration scheme it should have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and disclose that policy or a summary of it.	<p>Complies.</p> <p>The Company's Policy on Dealing with Company Securities prohibits executive staff from undertaking hedging or other strategies that could limit the economic risk associated with Company Securities issued under any equity based remuneration scheme.</p> <p>The Company's Share Trading Policy can be viewed on the Company's website.</p>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	Consolidated Group	
		2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Revenue	4	1,976	2,677
Other income and expenses	4	786	1,390
Administrative and exploration expenses	5	(2,556)	(4,122)
Finance costs	5	(27)	(108)
Profit/(Loss) before income tax expense		179	(163)
Income tax expense	6(a)	-	-
Profit/(Loss) after tax for the year		179	(163)
Other Comprehensive Income			
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Tax expenses		-	-
Other comprehensive income after tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to members of the consolidated entity		179	(163)
Earnings/(Loss) per share		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	23	0.13	(0.12)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	23	0.12	(0.11)

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2017

		Consolidated Group	
	Notes	2017	2016
		\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	1,938	1,846
Trade and other receivables	8	(43)	(103)
Other current assets	9	83	143
Financial assets	12	-	-
Total current assets		1,978	1,886
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	8	52	73
Plant and equipment	10	-	1
Mining tenements	11	16,850	16,432
Total non-current assets		16,902	16,506
Total Assets		18,880	18,392
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	905	890
Employee benefits provision	14	119	101
Other Liabilities	15	21	9
Total current liabilities		1,045	1,000
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits provision	14	85	73
Other Liabilities	15	435	435
Total non-current liabilities		520	508
Total Liabilities		1,565	1,508
Net Assets		17,315	16,884
EQUITY			
Issued capital	16	25,075	24,823
Reserves	17	593	593
Accumulated losses		(8,353)	(8,532)
Total Equity		17,315	16,884

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	Issued Capital	Options Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total Equity
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Consolidated Group					
Balance at 1 January 2017	16	24,823	593	(8,532)	16,884
Share placement		-	-	-	-
Share issued in lieu of services		252	-	-	252
Share issuing cost		-	-	-	-
Profit for the year		-	-	179	179
Balance at 31 December 2017	16	25,075	593	(8,353)	17,315
Balance at 1 January 2016	16	24,740	593	(8,368)	16,965
Share placement fund received		583	-	-	583
Share issued in lieu of services		80	-	-	80
Share placement cost		(580)	-	-	(580)
Loss for the year		-	-	(164)	(164)
Balance at 31 December 2016	16	24,823	593	(8,532)	16,884

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2017

		Consolidated Group	
		2017	2016
		\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
		1,900	2,583
		(2,630)	(2,980)
		(14)	(56)
		28	44
	19	(716)	(409)
Cash flows from investing activities			
		-	-
		-	-
		133	-
		675	1,257
		808	1,257
Cash flows from financing activities			
		-	262
		-	-
		-	(760)
		-	(498)
		92	350
		1,846	1,496
	7	1,938	1,846

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2017

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The consolidated financial statement and notes of Australian Bauxite Limited for the year ended 31 December 2017 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors and covers Australian Bauxite Limited as an individual parent entity as well as the consolidated entity consisting of Australian Bauxite Limited and its subsidiaries as required by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The consolidated financial statement and notes is presented in Australian currency.

Australian Bauxite Limited is a company limited by shares incorporated and domiciled in Australia whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**).

The Company was incorporated as an unlisted public company on 23 September 2009 and successfully listed on the ASX on 24 December 2009.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporation Act 2001*.

Statement of Compliance

Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial report of Australian Bauxite Limited complies with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Critical to accounting estimates

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical judgements

Management have made the following judgements when applying the Group's accounting policies:

Capitalisation of exploration costs

The Group follows the guidance of AASB 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources when determining if exploration costs incurred can be capitalised. This determination requires significant judgement. In making this judgement, the Group evaluates if any one of the following conditions is met:

- The exploration and evaluation expenditures are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest, or alternatively, by its sale; and
- Exploration and evaluation activities in the area of interest have not at the reporting date reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active and significant operations in, or in relation to, the areas of interest are continuing.
- During the financial year, there were commodity price drops. No impairment losses were recognised as no significant production has occurred resulting in sales at prices requiring write-down of capitalised expenditures.

If one of the above conditions is met then the Group has made the judgement to capitalise the associated exploration expenses.

Going Concern

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the continuity of business activities and the realisation of assets and payments of liabilities in the normal course of business.

The directors believe the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due and to fund near term anticipated activities.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on the historical cost convention except where noted in these accounting policies.

Material Accounting Policies

The policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

ASIC Class Order 98/100

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the financial report. Amounts in the financial report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

b. Principles of consolidation

Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Australian Bauxite Limited (the "parent entity") as at reporting date and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Australian Bauxite Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in this financial report as the Group.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between consolidated entity companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Business Combinations

Business combinations occur where an acquirer obtains control over one or more businesses.

A business combination is accounted for by applying the acquisition method, unless it is a combination involving entities or businesses under common control. The business combination will be accounted for from the date that control is attained, whereby the fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) assumed is recognised (subject to certain limited exemptions).

When measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination, any asset or liability resulting from a contingent arrangement is also included. Subsequent to initial recognition, contingent consideration classified as equity is not remeasured and its subsequent settlement accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is remeasured in each reporting period to fair value, recognising any change to fair value in profit or loss, unless the change in value can be identified as existing at acquisition date.

All transaction costs incurred in relation to business combinations are recognised as expenses in profit or loss when incurred.

The acquisition of a business may result in the recognition of goodwill or a gain from a bargain purchase.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Goodwill

Goodwill is carried at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is calculated as the excess of the sum of:

- The consideration transferred;
- Any non-controlling interest; and

The acquisition date fair value of any previously held equity interests over the acquisition date fair value of net assets acquired.

The acquisition date fair value of the consideration transferred for a business combination plus the acquisition date fair value of any previously held equity holdings shall form the cost of the investment in the separate financial statements.

Fair value remeasurements in any pre-existing equity holdings are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Where changes in the value of such equity holdings had previously been recognised in other comprehensive income, such amounts are recycled to profit or loss.

The amount of goodwill recognised on acquisition of each subsidiary in which the Group holds less than a 100% interest will depend on the method adopted in measuring the non-controlling interest. The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisitions of subsidiaries by the Group.

Under the full goodwill method, the fair value of the non-controlling interests is determined using valuation techniques which make the maximum use of market information where available. Under this method, goodwill attributable to the non-controlling interests is recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisition of associates is included in investments in associates.

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually and is allocated to the Group's cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units, representing the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored not larger than an operating segment. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill related to the entity disposed of.

Changes in the ownership interests in a subsidiary are accounted for as equity transactions and do not affect the carrying amounts of goodwill.

c. Segment reporting

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different to those of other business segments. A geographical segment is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment and is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments. Reporting to management by segments is on this basis.

d. Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues taking into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

Other Income

Income from other sources is recognised when proceeds or the fee in respect of other products or services provided is receivable.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

e. Income Tax

The income tax expense or revenue for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income based on the income tax rate adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, and to unused tax losses.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to apply when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted for each jurisdiction. The relevant tax rates are applied to the cumulative amounts of deductible and taxable temporary differences to measure the deferred tax asset or liability. An exception is made for certain temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of an asset or a liability. No deferred tax asset or liability is recognised in relation to these temporary differences if they arose in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction did not affect either accounting profit or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognised for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in controlled entities where the parent entity is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity are also recognised directly in equity.

The Company and its wholly owned entities are part of a tax-consolidated group under Australian taxation law. Australian Bauxite Limited is the head entity in the tax-consolidated group. Tax expense/income, deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences of the members of the tax-consolidated group are recognised in the separate financial statements of the members of the tax-consolidated group using the 'separate taxpayer within group' approach. Current tax liabilities and assets and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and tax credits of the members of the tax-consolidated group are recognised by the Company (as head entity in the tax-consolidated group).

The amounts receivable/payable under tax funding arrangements are due upon notification by the entity which is issued soon after the end of each financial year. Interim funding notices may also be issued by the head entity to its wholly owned subsidiary. These amounts are recognised as current intercompany receivables or payables.

f. Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued**g. Impairment of assets**

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting period. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

h. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investment in money market instruments maturing within less than two months, net of bank overdrafts.

i. Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at original invoice amounts and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Trade receivables are due for settlement no more than 60 days from the date of recognition.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that entities in the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

j. Financial Instruments*Initial recognition and measurement*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Finance instruments are subsequently measured at either of fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as:

- (a) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition;
- (b) less principal repayments;
- (c) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method; and
- (d) less any reduction for impairment.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

The Group does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of accounting standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are either held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Loans and receivables are included in current assets, except for those which are not expected to mature within 12 months after reporting date. (All other loans and receivables are classified as non-current assets.)

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the Group's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Held-to-maturity investments are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to mature within 12 months after reporting date. (All other investments are classified as current assets.)

If during the period the Group sold or reclassified more than an insignificant amount of the held-to-maturity investments before maturity, the entire held-to-maturity investments category would be tainted and reclassified as available-for-sale.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not suitable to be classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

Available-for-sale financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to be disposed of within 12 months after reporting date. (All other financial assets are classified as current assets.)

(v) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Group assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

k. Tenement exploration, evaluation and development costs

Costs incurred in the exploration for, and evaluation of, tenements for suitable resources are carried forward as assets provided that one of the following conditions is met:

- the carrying values are expected to be justified through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest; or
- exploration activities in the area of interest have not yet reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of recoverable mineral resources, and active and significant operations in relation to the area are continuing.
- Expenses failing to meet at least one of the aforementioned conditions are expensed as incurred.

Costs associated with the commercial development of resources are deferred to future periods, provided they are, beyond any reasonable doubt, expected to be recoverable. These costs are amortised from the commencement of commercial production of the product to which they relate on a straight-line basis over the period of the expected benefit. A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest.

l. Property, plant and equipment

Land and building are shown at fair value, based on periodic valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. All other plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Consolidated Entity and the cost of the item can be measure reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity. A revaluation surplus is credited to the asset revaluation reserve included within shareholder's equity unless it reverses a revaluation decrease on the same asset previously recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. A revaluation deficit is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive unless it directly offsets a previous revaluation surplus on the same asset in the asset revaluation reserve.

On disposal, any revaluation reserve relating to sold assets is transferred to retained earnings. Independent valuations are performed regularly to ensure the carrying amounts of land and buildings do not differ materially from the fair value at the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight line, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Plant and equipment 5-15 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each Statement of Financial Position date.

Any asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

m. Leases

Company as lessee

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Group has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases, and capitalised at inception of the lease at the fair value of the leased property, or if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Capitalised leased assets are depreciated over the shorter for the estimated useful life of the asset or the lease term.

Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the net asset are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis.

Company as lessor

Lease income from operating leases is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income on a straight –line basis over the lease term. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating operating leases are added to the carrying value of the leased asset and recognised as an expense over the lease term on the bases as the lease income.

n. Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued**o. Restoration and rehabilitation provisions**

Both for close down and restoration and for environmental clean-up costs from exploration programs, if any, a provision will be made in the accounting period when the related disturbance occurs, based on the net present value of estimated future costs.

p. Employee benefits*(i) Short term employee benefits*

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in other payables in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

(ii) Other long term employee benefits

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

q. Contributed equity

Ordinary shares are classified as equity

r. Share based payments

Ownership-based remuneration is provided to employees via an employee share option plan. Share-based compensation is recognised as an expense in respect of the services received, measured on a fair value basis.

The fair value of the options at grant date is independently determined using a Black Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the vesting and performance criteria, the impact of dilution, the non-tradeable nature of the option, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk-free interest rate for the term of the option.

The fair value of the options granted excludes the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. At each balance sheet date, the Group revises its estimate of the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. The employee benefit expense recognised each period takes into account the most recent estimate.

Upon the exercise of options, the balance of the share-based payments reserve relating to those options is transferred to share capital.

s. Earnings per share (EPS)

Basic EPS is calculated as net profit attributable to members, adjusted to exclude costs of servicing equity (other than dividends), divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

Diluted EPS is calculated as net profit attributable to members, adjusted for costs of servicing equity (other than dividends), the after tax effect of dividends and interest associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares that have been recognised as expenses; and other non-discretionary changes in revenues or expenses during the period that would result from the dilution of potential ordinary shares; divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

t. New accounting standards for application

The AASB has issued new and amended accounting standards and interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Group has decided against early adoption of these standards. We have viewed these standards and interpretations and there are none having any material effect.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

a. General objectives, policies and processes

In common with all other businesses, the Group is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the Group's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them. Further quantitative information in respect of these risks is presented throughout these financial statements.

There have been no substantive changes in the Group's exposure to financial instrument risks, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note.

The Board has overall responsibility for the determination of the Group's risk management objectives and policies and, whilst retaining ultimate responsibility for them, it has delegated the authority for designing and operating processes that ensure the effective implementation of the objectives and policies to the Group's finance function.

The Groups' risk management policies and objectives are therefore designed to minimise the potential impacts of these risks on the results of the Group where such impacts may be material. The Board receives reports from the Chief Financial Officer through which it reviews the effectiveness of the processes put in place and the appropriateness of the objectives and policies it sets. The Group's finance function also reviews the risk management policies and processes and reports their findings to the Audit Committee.

The overall objective of the Board is to set policies that seek to reduce risk as far as possible without unduly affecting the group's competitiveness and flexibility. Further details regarding these policies are set out below:

b. Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the other party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligation resulting in the Group incurring a financial loss. This usually occurs when debtors or counterparties to derivative contracts fail to settle their obligations owing to the Group.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date is as follows:

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Financial Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,938	1,846
Trade and other receivables	630	704
Non-Current		
Trade and other receivables	139	136
	2,707	2,686
Financial liabilities		
Current		
Trade and other payables	905	890
Non-Current		
Other payable	-	-
	905	890

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**c. Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group may encounter difficulties raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments that is, borrowing repayments. There is no bank borrowing at the balance date. It is the policy of the Board of Directors that treasury reviews and maintains adequate committed credit facilities and the ability to close-out market positions.

Maturity Analysis of financial assets

	Carrying Amount	Contractual Cash Flows	< 6 mths	6 - 12 mths	1 - 3 years	> 3 years
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Consolidated						
2017						
Current						
Cash and cash equivalent	1,938	1,938	1,323	-	615	-
Trade and other receivables	630	630	7	623	-	-
Non-current						
Trade and other receivables	139	139	-	-	139	-
Total financial assets	2,707	2,707	1,330	623	754	-
2016						
Current						
Cash and cash equivalent	1,846	1,846	1,191	-	655	-
Trade and other receivables	704	704	5	699	-	-
Non-current						
Trade and other receivables	136	136	-	-	136	-
Total financial assets	2,686	2,686	1,196	699	791	-

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT continued**Maturity Analysis of financial liabilities**

	Carrying Amount \$'000	Contractual Cash Flows \$'000	< 6 mths \$'000	6 - 12 mths \$'000	1 - 3 years \$'000	> 3 years \$'000
Consolidated Group 2017						
Financial Liabilities						
Current						
Trade and other payables	905	905	55	-	850	-
Non-Current						
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total financial liabilities at amortised cost	905	905	55	-	850	-
2016						
Financial Liabilities						
Current						
Trade and other payables	890	890	384	-	506	-
Accrued payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Current						
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total financial liabilities at amortised cost	890	890	384	-	506	-

d. Interest rate risk

The Group is constantly monitoring its exposure to trends and fluctuations in interest rates in order to manage interest rate risk. There is no bank borrowing at the balance date; therefore there is no material exposure to interest rate risk.

Sensitivity analysis

There is no bank borrowing at the balance date.

The following tables demonstrate the sensitivity to reasonably possible changes in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Group's profit after tax (through the impact on fluctuation on deposit interest rate). There is no impact on the Group's equity.

	Carrying Amount \$'000	+1% of Profit/ (Loss) \$'000	-1% of Profit/ (Loss) \$'000
Consolidated Group			
2017			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,938	19	(19)
Tax charge of 27.5%	-	(5)	5
After tax increase/(decrease)	1,938	14	(14)
2016			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,846	18	(18)
Tax charge of 30%	-	(5)	5
After tax increase/(decrease)	1,846	13	(13)

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT continued**e. Currency risk**

In 2017, the consolidated entity and parent entity were not exposed to foreign currency risk (2016: Nil)

f. Capital risk management

The Group considers its capital to comprise its ordinary share capital and reserves.

In managing its capital, the group's primary objectives are to pay dividends and maintain liquidity. These objectives dictate any adjustments to capital structure. Rather than set policies, advice is taken from professional advisors as to how to achieve these objectives. There has been no change in either these objectives or what is considered capital in the year.

4. REVENUE

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue		
Sale of mineral	1,900	2,584
Interest income	76	93
	1,976	2,677
Other Income and expenses		
Government research and development concession refunded	676	1,396
Doubtful debt (provision)/reversal	110	(50)
Others	-	44
	786	1,390

5. EXPENSES

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(loss) before income tax arrived after (charging)/crediting the following specific items:		
Administrative and exploration expenses		
Directors and employee salaries and on costs not capitalised	(266)	(236)
Consulting and professional fee	(386)	(243)
Exploration expenses not capitalised	(1,636)	(3,487)
Others	(268)	(156)
	(2,556)	(4,122)
Finance costs		
Depreciation	(1)	(4)
Interest paid	(15)	(56)
Others	(11)	(48)
	(27)	(108)

6. INCOME TAX**a. Income tax expense**

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Current tax expense	-	-
Deferred tax expense	-	-
Total income tax expense	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred tax expense		
Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax expense	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

b. Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable

Profit/(Loss) from continuing operations before income tax expense	<u>179</u>	<u>(163)</u>
Income tax expense (benefit) calculated at 27.5% (2016:30%)	49	(49)
Timing differences not brought to account	(638)	304
Tax losses not brought to account accrued during the year	589	(255)
Income tax expense at effective tax rate of 27.5% (2016:30%)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

c. Unrecognised deferred tax assets and liabilities

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Deferred tax assets and liabilities have not been recognised in the balance sheet for the following items:		
Prior year unrecognised tax losses now ineligible due to change in tax consolidation group		
Other deductible temporary differences	(18)	(136)
Deferred tax asset in respect of exploration activities not brought to account	4,151	4,969
Deferred tax liability in respect of exploration activities not recognized to the extent of unrecognized deferred tax asset	<u>(4,771)</u>	<u>(4,529)</u>
Deferred tax asset/(liability) in respect of exploration activities not recognised to the extent of unrecognised deferred tax asset & failure of the probability criteria	<u>(638)</u>	<u>304</u>

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	1,323	1,191
Cash held in trust - tenement guarantee	615	655
	1,938	1,846

a. Reconciliation to cash at the end of the year

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
The above figures are reconciled to cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,938	1,846
Balances per Statement of Cash Flows	1,938	1,846
Weighted Average Interest Rates	1.64%	1.27%

b. Interest rate risk exposure

The Group's and the parent entity's exposure to interest rate risk is discussed in Note 3.

8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Trade receivable	1	1
Tenement security deposit	82	72
Other deposits	(300)	(180)
Receivable advance to other parties	841	808
Receivables - GST	6	4
Provision for doubtful debt	(673)	(808)
	(43)	(103)
Non-Current		
Receivable - Employee share plan	139	135
Provision for doubtful debt	(87)	(62)
	52	73

a. Impaired receivables and receivables past due

None of the current or non-current receivables are impaired or past due but not impaired. Provision to Mr Kinstlinger advances were made and the related securities were partly disposed in repaying the advance.

b. Other deposits

These amounts mainly relate to prepaid field exploration expenditures.

Receivable advance to other parties

In 2010 the Company advanced a \$520,000 interest bearing full recourse loan to Mr Henry Kinstlinger, Company Secretary, under a personal loan and the employee share option plan. The Company further advanced a \$30,000 unsecured interest bearing full recourse loan to Mr Kinstlinger in 2012.

The Company advanced a \$35,000 interest bearing full recourse unsecured loan to consultant in 2014.

A provision of \$0.67M was made at reporting date.

Please refer to Note 24 for details.

Receivables - GST

These amounts relate to receivables for GST paid.

c. Receivable Employee share plan

The Company advanced \$126,000 interest bearing full recourse loan to three employees under the Company's employee share option plan in late 2014. A provision of \$0.08M was made at reporting date.

Please refer Note 24 for details.

d. Interest rate risk

Information about the Group's and the parent entity's exposure to interest rate risk in relation to trade and other receivables is provided in Note 3.

8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES continued**e. Fair value and credit risk***Current trade and other receivables*

Due to the short term nature of these receivables, their carrying amount is assumed to approximate their fair value.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of each class of receivables mentioned above.

Non-current trade and other receivables

The fair values and carrying values of non-current receivables are as follows:

The controlled entities receivables have no terms of repayment and are not interest bearing.

	2017		2016	
	Carrying Amount \$'000	Fair Value \$'000	Carrying Amount \$'000	Fair Value \$'000
Consolidated Group				
Receivable - Employee Share Plan	139	52	135	73
Receivables - Other Parties	841	-	808	-

9. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	Consolidated Group	
	2017 \$'000	2016 \$'000
Prepayments	83	143
	83	143

10. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Plant and equipment		
At cost	78	78
Accumulated depreciation	(78)	(77)
Carrying value	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Motor vehicles		
At cost	86	86
Accumulated depreciation	(86)	(86)
Carrying value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total carrying value	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>

Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of plant & equipment at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Plant & equipment \$'000	Motor Vehicles \$'000	Total \$'000
Consolidated Group 2017			
Carrying amount at 1 January 2017	1	-	1
Additions	-	-	-
Depreciation	(1)	-	(1)
Carrying amount at 31 December 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Consolidated Group 2016			
Carrying amount at 1 January 2016	5	-	5
Additions	-	-	-
Depreciation	(4)	-	-
Carrying amount at 31 December 2016	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

11. MINING TENEMENTS

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Mining tenements	<u>16,850</u>	<u>16,432</u>

The recoverability of the carrying amount of evaluation and exploration assets is dependent upon successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively the sale of the respective areas of interest.

12. FINANCIAL ASSETS

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Investment –at cost	32	32
Impairment provision	(32)	(32)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Trade payables	38	23
Other payables	867	867
	905	890

14. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROVISION

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Staff Leave Entitlement	119	101
Non-Current		
Staff Leave Entitlement	85	73

15. OTHER LIABILITIES

Current		
Accrued payable	21	9
Non-Current		
Provision for mine rehabilitation	435	435

16. ISSUED CAPITAL

	Consolidated Entity and Parent Entity		Consolidated Entity and Parent Entity	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	Number of Shares	Number of Shares	\$'000	\$'000
Ordinary shares issued	143,874,673	142,170,153	25,075	24,823

a. Movements during the year:

Consolidated Entity and Parent Entity				
Opening balance	142,170,153	141,507,730	24,823	24,740
Share placement – fund received	-	-	-	583
Share placement – in lieu of services	1,704,520	662,423	252	80
Share issuing costs	-	-	-	(580)
Closing balance	143,874,673	142,170,153	25,075	24,823

16. ISSUED CAPITAL continued**b. Performance Employee Options**

No employee performance options were exercised during the year. (2016: \$nil option)

No other performance option is granted or exercised during the reporting period.

c. Terms and Conditions

Each ordinary share participates equally in the voting rights of the Company. Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held.

d. Options

There were no options on unissued ordinary shares outstanding at the end of the financial year.

1,380,000 unallocated performance options have been approved for granting relevant to the Company's Employee Share Option Plan.

17. RESERVES

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Option Reserves	593	593

The Company granted 8,200,000 options to directors and other key management personnel under the Company employee share option plan in 2009.

The Company granted a further 500,000 success options.

The Company allocated 420,000 performance options to three eligible employees in 2011.

Please refer Note 26 to the financial statements for details.

18. INVESTMENT IN CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Name of Entity	Class of Shares	Equity Holding		Country of Incorporation
		2017	2016	
		%	%	
ABx 1 Pty Ltd	Ordinary	100	100	Australia
ABx 2 Pty Ltd	Ordinary	100	100	Australia
ABx 3 Pty Ltd	Ordinary	100	100	Australia
ABx 4 Pty Ltd	Ordinary	100	100	Australia
ABx 5 Pty Ltd	Ordinary	100	100	Australia
ABxTASML1 Pty Ltd	Ordinary	100	100	Australia
XBxTASML1 Pty Ltd	Ordinary	100	100	Australia
Tasmanian Bauxite Operation Pty Ltd	Ordinary	100	100	Australia

18. INVESTMENT IN CONTROLLED ENTITIES continued**Parent Entity Financial Information****a. Summary financial information**

The individual financial statements for the parent entity show the following aggregate amounts:

	Parent Entity	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Balance Sheet		
Current assets	1,252	1,133
Total assets	22,456	22,244
Current liabilities	1,026	998
Total liabilities	1,111	1,071
Shareholder's equity		
Issued Capital	25,075	24,823
Reserves	593	593
Accumulated losses	(4,323)	(4,243)
Profit and Loss		
Profit/(Loss) for the year	(80)	585
Total comprehensive profit/(loss)	(80)	585

b. Guarantees entered into by the parent entity

Australian Bauxite Limited has not provided guarantees to some of the subsidiaries within the Group. No liability was recognised Australian Bauxite Limited in relation to these guarantees as the likelihood of payment is not probable.

c. Contingent liabilities of the parent entity

Refer to note 21.

d. Contractual commitments by the parent entity for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

There are no contractual commitments by the parent entity for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

19. RECONCILIATION OF (LOSS)/PROFIT TO NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(Loss) for the year	179	(163)
Capitalised exploration expenditure	418	1,611
Government fund refunded	(676)	(1,395)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	(622)	204
(Increase)/Decrease in other current assets	(59)	(65)
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other creditors and provisions	44	(601)
(Increase) in deferred tax assets	-	-
Increase in deferred tax liabilities	-	-
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(716)	(409)

20. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group operates one business being the mineral, exploration and development of resources in Australia.

	Mineral Exploration and Development of Resources in Australia	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue		
- Sale	1,900	2,584
- Interest income	76	93
- R&D Tax offset income	676	1,395
- Others	110	44
Total Revenue	2,762	4,116
Exploration and Other Expenses	(2,582)	(4,276)
Depreciation & amortisation expenses	(1)	(4)
Segment results	179	(164)
Assets		
Current assets	1,978	1,886
Plant & equipment	-	1
Exploration and evaluation assets	16,850	16,432
Other non current assets	52	73
Total assets	18,880	18,392
Current liabilities	(1,045)	(1,000)
Non-current liabilities	(520)	(508)
Net assets	17,315	16,884

21. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Tenement Expenditure Commitments	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Minimum tenement exploration expenditures	497	599
Tenement lease and levy payment	53	66
	550	665

The minimum exploration expenditure commitments \$0.49 million and lease payments \$0.05 million on the Company's exploration tenements totalling approximately \$0.55 million over the remaining term of the tenements.

Executive services agreement

The Company has agreed with Mr Ian Levy as Managing Director in providing the services to the Company at an agreed rate for the calendar year 2017.

Corporate Service agreement

The Company has entered into a Corporate Service Agreement with Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited pursuant to which Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited has agreed to provide its management, registered office, administrative accounting and secretarial services.

The term of the Corporate Services Agreement has no fixed expiry term and the fee payable is that amount agreed between the parties from time to time. The terms of the Corporate Services Agreement provide that Hudson Asset Management Pty Limited shall act in accordance with the directions of the Board.

There are no other material contingent liabilities as at the date of this report.

22. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

At the date of this report there are no other matters or circumstances, which have arisen since 31 December 2017 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2017, of the Group;
- the results of those operations; or
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2017, of the Group.

23. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	Cents	Cents
Basic earnings/(loss) per share	0.13	(0.12)
Fully diluted earnings/(loss) per share	0.12	(0.11)
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations used in calculating basic and fully diluted earnings per share	179	(163)
	2017	2016
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating basic earnings per share	142,312,196	141,838,942
Adjustments for calculation of diluted earnings per share:		
Options issued	1,380,000	1,380,000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating diluted earnings per share	143,692,196	143,218,942

24. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES**a. Directors**

The following persons were Directors of Australian Bauxite Limited during the whole of the financial year unless otherwise stated:

- Paul A Lennon Non-Executive Chairman
- Ian Levy Managing Director and CEO
- Ken Boundy Non-Executive Director

b. Other Key Management Personnel

The following persons were other key management personnel of Australian Bauxite Limited during the financial year:

- Leon Hawker Chief Operating Officer
- Paul Glover General Manager
- Henry Kinstlinger Company Secretary
- Benjamin Amzalak Investor Relationship Officer
- Francis Choy Chief Financial Officer

c. Compensation of Key Management Personnel

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Directors		
Short term employee benefits	74,000	88,333
Post employment benefits	-	-
Long term benefits	-	-
Termination benefits	-	-
Share based payments	-	80,000
	74,000	168,333
Other Key Management Personnel		
Short term employee benefits	532,390	479,890
Post employment benefits	47,650	56,825
Long term benefits	8,443	9,939
Termination benefits	-	-
Share based payments	20,000	-
	608,483	546,654

24 KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES continued**Directors and other key management personnel of Australian Bauxite Limited**

	Short Term Employee Benefits		Post Employment Benefits	Long Term Benefits	Share Based Payments	Total
	Salary & other fees	Non-Monetary Benefits	Super-annuation	Long Service Leave		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Consolidated Group 2017						
Directors						
Paul A Lennon	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Ian Levy	34,000	-	-	-	-	34,000
Ken Boundy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total-Directors	74,000	-	-	-	-	74,000
Other KMP						
Leon Hawker	200,000	-	19,000	3,026	-	222,026
Paul Glover	157,500	-	28,650	5,417	20,000	211,567
Henry Kinstlinger	109,890	-	-	-	-	109,890
Benjamin Amzalak	65,000	-	-	-	-	65,000
Francis Choy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total-KMP	532,390	-	47,650	8,443	20,000	608,483
2016						
Directors						
Paul A Lennon	53,333	-	-	-	46,667	100,000
Ian Levy	35,000	-	-	-	-	35,000
Ken Boundy	-	-	-	-	33,333	33,333
Total-Directors	88,333	-	-	-	80,000	168,333
Other KMP						
Leon Hawker	200,000	-	19,000	3,498	-	222,498
Paul Glover	110,000	-	37,825	6,441	-	154,266
Henry Kinstlinger	109,890	-	-	-	-	109,890
Benjamin Amzalak	60,000	-	-	-	-	60,000
Francis Choy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total-KMP	479,890	-	56,825	9,939	-	546,654

The amounts reported represent the total remuneration paid by entities in the Australian Bauxite Group of companies in relation to managing the affairs of all the entities within the Australian Bauxite Group.

There are no performance conditions related to any of the above payments.

There are no other elements of Directors and Executives remuneration.

24. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES continued**d. Employee Share Option Plan**

The Company has adopted an Employee Share Option Plan, (**ESOP**) for its employees. A person is an employee of the Company if that person is an Executive Director, Non-executive Director or considered by the Board to be employed by the Company or a related party of the Company.

The purpose of the ESOP is to provide an opportunity for all eligible employees of the Company to participate in the growth and development of the Company through participation in the equity of the Company.

The Company believes it is important to provide incentives to employees in the form of options which provide the opportunity to participate in the share capital of the Company. The Company expects to apply the proceeds of exercise of the Options to working capital needs, asset or business acquisitions and general corporate purposes. All options to be issued must be consistent with any applicable Listing Rules and having regard to regulatory constraints under the *Corporations Act 2001*, ASIC policy or any other law applicable to the Company.

e. Shareholdings and Option Holdings of Key Management Personnel**Particulars of Interest in the Issued Capital of the Company's Ordinary Shares and Options:**

Directors	Shares Direct Interest	Shares Indirect interest	Options
Paul A Lennon	-	1,873,318	-
Ian Levy	-	3,170,189	-
Ken Boundy	-	606,007	-

Shareholdings and Option Holdings of Key Management Personnel**Shares held in Australian Bauxite Limited 2017**

Directors	Balance at beginning of year	Changes during the year	Balance at end of year
Paul A Lennon	1,473,318	400,000	1,873,318
Ian Levy	2,970,189	200,000	3,170,189
Ken Boundy	456,007	150,000	606,007

Other Key Management Personnel

Henry Kinstlinger	-	-	-
Paul Glover	35,375	135,520	170,895

Shareholdings and Option Holdings of Key Management Personnel**Shares held in Australian Bauxite Limited 2016**

Directors	Balance at beginning of year	Changes during the year	Balance at end of year
Paul A Lennon	500,000	973,318	1,473,318
Ian Levy	2,970,189	-	2,970,189
Ken Boundy	180,000	276,007	456,007

Other Key Management Personnel

Henry Kinstlinger	608,333	(608,333)	-
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24. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES continued**f. Loans to Directors and Key Management Personnel**

Details of individuals with loans above \$100,000 during the year are set out below:

	Balance at the start of the year	Advance/ (Repayments)	Interest payable for the year	Balance at the end of the year	Highest indebtedness during the year	Additional interest otherwise payable*
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Consolidated - KMP 2017						
Henry Kinstlinger						
- ESOP	746,549	-	42,088	788,637	788,637	14,029
- unsecured loan	42,021	-	2,700	44,721	44,721	900
Benjamin Amzalak	19,503	-	920	20,423	20,423	-
2016						
Henry Kinstlinger						
- ESOP	704,346	-	42,203	746,549	746,549	54,068
- unsecured loan	39,313	-	2,708	42,021	42,021	904
Benjamin Amzalak	18,581	-	922	19,503	19,503	-

Terms and conditions of loans

The \$520,000 interest bearing, full recourse loan partly relates to the individual's participation in the Company's Employee Share Option Plan. Loans are secured against the shares. A second unsecured interest bearing, full recourse loan of \$30,000 was advanced to an individual in 2012. Loans are repayable should employees leave the Company. None were written down during the year.

An unsecured interest bearing full recourse loan of \$35,000 was advanced to a consultant in 2014. The loan is repayable should the consultant leave the Company. None were written down during the year.

There were no other loans made to Directors or Specified Executives of the Company and the Group during the period commencing at the beginning of the financial year and up to the date of this report.

25. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Audit services:		
Amounts paid or payable to auditors for audit and review of the financial report for the entity or any entity in the Group		
Audit and review services	31,290	29,760
Taxation and other advisory services:		
Amounts paid or payable to auditors for non-audit taxation and advisory services for the entity or any entity in the Group		
Taxation	1,595	1,460
Advisory services	-	-
	32,885	31,220

26. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

In November 2017 the Company issued 135,520 shares at 0.14 cents each in lieu of cash consideration to an employee for his services rendered valued at \$20,000.

27. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**a. Parent Entities**

The parent entity within the Group is Australian Bauxite Limited.

b. Subsidiaries

Interests in subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 18.

c. Key Management Personnel Compensation

Key management personnel compensation information is disclosed in Note 24.

d. Transactions with Related Parties

There is no transaction with related parties during the year ended 31 December 2017.

e. Outstanding Balance

	Consolidated Group	
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Receivable		
Non-current		
Advance to related entities	-	-
Payable		
Non-current		
Advance from related entities	-	-

f. Guarantees

No guarantees were given or received from related parties during the year.

g. Terms and Conditions

All transaction were made on normal commercial terms and conditions and at market rates, except that there are no fixed terms for repayment of loans between the parties and that no interest is charged on outstanding balances.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

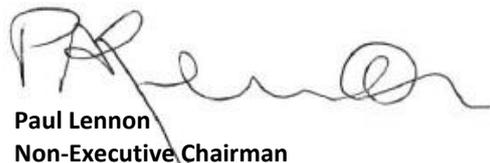
The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements, comprising the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of cash flows, consolidated statement of changes in equity and accompanying notes, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards which as stated in accounting policy Note 1 to the financial statements, constitutes explicit and unreserved compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company and the consolidated entity.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. The remuneration disclosures included on pages 15 to 17 of the Directors' Report (as part of audited Remuneration Report), for the year ended 31 December 2017, comply with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.
4. The Directors have been given the declarations by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by section 295A.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors by:



Ian Levy
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer



Paul Lennon
Non-Executive Chairman

Signed at Sydney
28 March 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Australian Bauxite Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Bauxite Limited (the company and its subsidiaries (the Group)), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the consolidated statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

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

- i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and *the Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis of opinion

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

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

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

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

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Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>Mining Tenements Refer to note 11 (Mining tenements)</p> <p>At 31 December 2017, the Group has capitalised mining tenement costs of \$16.85m. Market capitalisation for the company as at 31 December 2017 was \$16.64m creating an indicator of impairment under AASB 136.</p> <p>AASB 136, <i>'Impairment of Assets'</i> requires that the recoverable amount of an asset, or cash generating unit to which it belongs, be determined whenever an indicator of impairment exists.</p> <p>Management has not provided a recent valuation report prepared by an external competent person in accordance with JORC 2012 and VALMIN 2015 but has relied upon geological reports that are prepared internally by a competent person.</p> <p>Management has not prepared a current discounted cash flow forecast but is relying on the discounted cash flow forecast prepared last financial year as a basis for their assessment of any impairment and confirmation that the recoverable amount exceeds the carrying amount of the asset stated in the financial statements.</p> <p>Impairment of Mining Tenements are a Key Audit matter because the value of the asset is material to the financial statements.</p>	<p>Notwithstanding the key audit matter identified, we have determined that impairment is not appropriate having applied the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have reviewed last years discounted cash-flow and performed a sensitivity analysis with respect to bauxite sale price, input costs, current reserves and the discount rate this year to confirm that the recoverable amount exceeds the carrying amount of the asset in the financial statements. • In relation to reserves, we have reviewed management's geological reports in conjunction with recent bauxite sales and last year's discounted cash flow forecast to reconfirm the recoverable amount of asset. • We have reviewed the company's profitability, net assets, cash reserves and share price over the last 12 months to provide assurance that notwithstanding the indicator of impairment, the company has and is expected to have excess net tangible assets to mitigate the differential between market capitalisation and the carrying amount of the asset in the financial statements. • Representations from management regarding the suitability of reliance upon last years discounted cash flow forecast as a basis that the recoverable amount of mining tenements exceeded the carrying amount as stated in the financial statements. • We have obtained a written undertaking from management to have prepared prior to the completion of the next half-year financial report, a current five year cash flow forecast that includes current bauxite sale prices and input costs that has been discounted with an appropriate discount rate. • We have obtained a written undertaking from management to have prepared prior to the completion of the next half-year financial report, a current valuation of the asset by a suitably qualified person that is compliant with JORG 2012 and VALMIN 2015.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Group's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

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

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

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

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

A further description of our representation of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at The Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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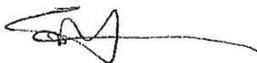
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Responsibilities

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

KS Black & Co
Chartered Accountants



Scott Bennison
Partner
Dated: 23 March 2018
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SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

As at 28 February 2018

A. Substantial Holders

Those shareholders who have lodged notice advising substantial shareholding under the Corporations Act 2001 are as follows:

Shareholder	No. of Shares	% held
1. WSF Pty Ltd <Woodstock Super Fund A/C>	12,461,884	7.96

B. Distribution of Equity Securities

Range	Total Holders	Units	% of Issued Capital
1 - 1,000	81	21,362	0.01
1,001 - 10,000	1,194	6,983,950	4.85
10,001 - 100,000	1,041	37,088,916	25.78
100,001 - 500,000	161	36,544,619	25.40
500,001 - 1,000,000	20	14,896,887	10.35
1,000,001 - and above	17	48,338,939	33.60
Rounding	2,514	143,874,673	0.01
Total			100.00

C. Unmarketable Parcels

	Minimum Parcel size	Holders	Units
Minimum \$500.00 parcel at \$0.11 per unit	4,546	563	1,043,813

D. Twenty Largest Shareholders

The names of the twenty largest holders of quoted equity securities aggregated are listed below:

Rank	Name	Units	% of Issued Capital
1	WSF PTY LTD <WOODSTOCK SUPER FUND A/C>	12,461,884	7.96
2	WASHINGTON H SOUL PATTINSON AND COMPANY LIMITED	6,805,744	4.73
3	YARRAANDOO PTY LTD <YARRAANDOO SUPER FUND A/C>	5,630,000	3.91
4	LONDON WALL INVESTMENTS PTY LTD <THE JENKINS FAMILY A/C>	3,823,000	2.65
5	AFTRON PTY LTD <C E VRISAKIS FAMILY ACA/C>	3,505,000	2.44
6	JUSTEVIAN PTY LIMITED <JUSTEVIAN SUPERFUND A/C>	3,170,189	2.22
7	MR DAVID FOORD	2,909,355	2.02
8	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	2,869,002	1.99
9	MR CHRIS TACKENBERG <T&C SUPERANNUATION FUND A/C>	2,510,000	1.74
10	PARAMUL PTY LTD <LENNON FAMILY A/C>	1,873,318	1.31
11	HENRY ERWIN SPIRA <SPIRA FAMILY SUPER FUND A/C>	1,800,000	1.25
12	ROMSUP PTY LTD <ROMADAK SUPER FUND A/C>	1,559,000	1.08
13	MR ALWYN ALFRED ANDERSON <ANDERSON INVESTMENT A/C>	1,500,000	1.04
14	REFINED ORE INDUSTRIES LIMITED	1,400,000	0.97
15	N K C PTY LTD <NK SETTLEMENT A/C>	1,328,000	0.92
16	MR ROBERT DOBSON MILLNER	1,277,893	0.89
17	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1,232,036	0.86
18	GERENDASI HOLDINGS PTY LTD <GOULBURN SUPER FUND A/C>	1,175,000	0.81
19	MR PETER FABIAN HELLINGS	1,000,000	0.70
20	MR REX ADAMS + MRS JOSEPHINE ADAMS <R & J ADAMS SUPER FUND	991,728	0.69
	Subtotal Top 20:	58,821,149	40.18
	Total Remaining Holders Balance	85,053,524	59.82
	Total shares on issue	143,874,673	100%

E. Unquoted Securities (other than options issued under an Employee Share Option Plan)

Class	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	No. of Securities	No. of Holders	Name where holder holds 20% or more	Percentage held
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

F. Voting Rights

There are no restrictions on voting rights. On a show of hands every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote and upon a poll each share shall have one vote. Where a member holds shares which are not fully paid, the number of votes to which that member is entitled on a poll in respect of those part paid shares shall be that fraction of one vote which the amount paid up bears to the total issued price thereof. Option holders have no voting rights until the options are exercised.

G. List of Escrowed Securities

There are no escrowed securities as at 28 February 2018.

H. Tenement Schedule

Application No	Licence No	Project	Status	Date Granted	Expiry Date	Area (sq km)	Minimum Annual Expenditure (\$AUD)
ABx1 Pty Ltd							New South Wales
	EL 6997	Inverell	Renewal Pending	24-Dec-07	24-Dec-17	147	\$39,500
	EL 7361	Guyra	Granted	17-Jul-09	17-Jul-19	30	\$45,000
	EL 8440	Stannifer	Granted	8-Jul-16	8-Jul-21	147	\$8,000
					Total	324	\$92,500
ABx2 Pty Ltd							
	EL 7357	Taralga	Granted	01-Jul-09	01-Jul-19	123	\$45,000
	EL 7681	Taralga Extension	Granted	11-Jan-11	11-Jan-19	54	\$24,500
	EL 8370	Penrose Forest	Granted	6-May-15	6-May-18	129	\$20,750
	EL 8600	Penrose Quarry	Granted	20-Jun-17	20-Jun-23	6	\$10,000
					Total	312	\$100,250

H. Tenement Schedule continued

Application No	Licence No	Project	Status	Date Granted	Expiry Date	Area (sq km)	Minimum Annual Expenditure (\$AUD)
ABx3 Pty Ltd							Queensland
		Toondoon					
	ML 80126*	ML	Granted	24-Nov-05	30-Nov-30	1	
	EPM 17830	Haden	Granted	25-Feb-09	24-Feb-18	24	\$12,000
	EPM 17831	Hillgrove	Granted	25-Feb-09	24-Feb-18	18	\$18,000
	EPM 17790	Hampton	Granted	28-Apr-09	27-Apr-19	27	\$3,300
	EPM 18014	Binjour	Granted	09-Oct-09	08-Oct-18	126	\$120,000
		Binjour	Renewal				
	EPM 18772	Extension	Pending	31-Jan-11	30-Jan-18	42	\$21,000
	EPM 25146	Toondoon	Granted	07-Jan-14	06-Jan-20	9	\$3,250
	EPM 19427	Brovinia 2	Granted	28-Jul-15	27-Jul-19	39	\$57,000
					Total QLD	286	\$234,550
ABx4 Pty Ltd							Tasmania
	EL 7/2010	Conara	Granted	14-Sep-10	13-Sep-19	129	\$20,000
	EL 9/2010	Deloraine	Granted	14-Sep-10	13-Sep-19	136	\$20,000
		Reedy					
	EL 16/2012	Marsh	Granted	16-Jun-13	15-Jun-18	95	\$10,000
		Prossers					
	EL 18/2014	Road	Granted	02-Dec-14	01-Dec-19	56	\$20,000
	ML	Bald Hill					
	1961P/M	Bauxite	Granted	19-Sep-14	21-Oct-23		
					Total TAS	416	\$70,000
					TOTAL	1,338	\$497,300

As at 28 February 2018

*Denotes that the respective ABx subsidiary MANAGES the licence but does not HOLD it.

Mainland

The information relating to Mineral Resources on the Mainland was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity, which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have consented in writing to the inclusion in this report of the Exploration Information in the form and context in which it appears.

Tasmania

The information relating to Exploration Information and Mineral Resources in Tasmania has been prepared or updated under the JORC Code 2012.

Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity, which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Rebek and Mr Levy have consented in writing to the inclusion in this report of the Exploration Information in the form and context in which it appears.

Disclaimer Regarding Forward Looking Statements

This Annual Report contains various forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to uncertainties in that they may be affected by a variety of known and unknown risks, variables and factors which could cause actual values or results, performance or achievements to differ materially from the expectations described in such forward-looking statements.

ABx does not give any assurance that the anticipated results, performance or achievements expressed or implied in those forward-looking statements will be achieved.

Resource Statement, Definitions and Qualifying Statement

Tabulated below are the Mineral Resources for each ABx Project. The initial ASX disclosure for these Resources is given in the footnotes to the table. Refer to these announcements for full details of resource estimation methodology and attributions.

Table 2: ABx JORC Compliant Resource Estimates

Region	Resource Category	Million Tonnes	Thickness (m)	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	A/S	Fe ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	LOI	Al ₂ O ₃ Avl @ 143°C	Rx SiO ₂ %	Avl/Rx ratio	% Lab Yield	O'Burden (m)	Int.Waste (m)	
				%	%	ratio	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	(m)
CAMPBELL TOWN AREA TASMANIA ⁷	Inferred	1.3	3.0	42.6	3.5	12	25.4	3.5	24.6	36.7	3.0	12	50	2.1	0.1	
	Indicated	1.4	3.2	42.5	3.2	14	26.4	3.0	24.5	36.2	2.8	14	55	1.8	0.1	
	Total	2.7	3.1	42.5	3.3	13	25.9	3.3	24.5	36.5	2.9	13	52	2.0	0.1	
Fingal Rail Cement-Grade Bauxite ⁸	Inferred	2.4	3.3	30.9	19.5	–	35.4	3.9	16.7	–	–	–	–	1.9	0.1	
	Indicated	3.9	3.8	31.1	19.0	–	35.2	4.0	16.9	–	–	–	–	1.7	0.1	
	Total	6.3	3.6	31.0	19.2	–	35.3	4.0	16.8	–	–	–	–	1.8	0.1	
DL-130 AREA TAS ¹	Inferred	5.7	3.8	44.1	4.3	10	22.8	3.1	25.0	37.6	3.2	12	55	1.5	0.1	
	Total Tas	14.7	3.6	38.2	10.5	n.a.	28.7	3.5	21.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	54	1.7	0.1	
BINJOUR QLD ²	Inferred	9.0	3.9	43.7	4.5	10	22.4	3.6	24.2	38.0	3.8	10	59	8.2	0.3	
	DSO Indicated	15.5	5.3	44.2	3.1	15	23.4	3.7	24.9	39.5	2.6	15	62	9.4	0.3	
	Total	24.5	4.8	44.1	3.6	12	23.1	3.7	24.6	39.0	3.0	13	61	8.9	0.3	
TOONDOON QLD ³	Inferred	3.5	4.9	40.2	7.2	6	25.3	4.9	21.7	32.8	5.2	6	67	1.5	0.0	
TARALGA S. NSW ⁴	Inferred	9.9	3.1	40.4	5.7	7	24.6	4.1	22.2	35.2	1.9	18	54	0.1	0.2	
	Indicated	10.2	3.7	41.3	5.3	8	25.9	4.0	22.9	36.1	1.9	19	55	0.7	0.4	
	Total	20.1	5.6	40.8	5.5	7	25.3	4.0	22.6	35.7	1.9	19	55	0.5	0.3	
	PDM-DSO* Inferred	7.6	2.5	37.0	6.0	6	38.4	3.5	13.3	22.1*	1.3	17	72	0.2	0.1	
	Indicated	10.3	3.1	37.6	3.9	10	40.4	3.7	13.5	22.4*	1.1	20	71	0.7	0.4	
	Total	17.8	5.8	37.3	4.8	8	39.6	3.6	13.5	22.3*	1.2	18	72	0.5	0.3	
Total Taralga	37.9	5.7	39.2	5.2	8	32.0	3.8	18.3	35.4	1.6	23	63	0.5	0.3		
INVERELL N. NSW ⁵	Inferred	17.5	4.7	39.8	4.8	8	27.7	4.3	22.2	31.0	4.2	7	61	2.3		
	Indicated	20.5	4.8	40.6	4.7	9	26.9	4.1	22.5	32.0	4.0	8	60	2.4		
	Total	38.0	4.8	40.2	4.7	9	27.3	4.2	22.4	31.6	4.1	8	61	2.4		
GUYRA N. NSW ⁶	Inferred	2.3	4.2	41.4	3.6	12	26.2	3.3	24.6	35.0	2.8	13	56	3.4		
	Indicated	3.8	5.9	43.1	2.6	16	27.3	3.9	24.5	37.4	2.0	18	61	4.4		
	Total	6.0	5.3	42.5	3.0	14	26.9	3.7	24.5	36.5	2.3	16	59	4.0		
GRAND TOTAL ALL AREAS				124.6											* PDM is Al ₂ O ₃ spinel. Al ₂ O ₃ Avl at 225°C is >35%	

Explanations: All resources 100% owned & unencumbered. Resource tonnage estimates are quoted as in-situ, pre-mined tonnages. All assaying done at NATA-registered ALS Laboratories, Brisbane. **Chemical definitions:** Leach conditions to measure available alumina "Al₂O₃ Avl" & reactive silica "Rx SiO₂" is 1g leached in 10ml of 90gpl NaOH at 143°C for 30 minutes. LOI = loss on ignition at 1000°C. "Avl/Rx" ratio is (Al₂O₃ Avl)/(Rx SiO₂) and "A/S" ratio is Al₂O₃/SiO₂. Values above 6 are good, above 10 are excellent. **Lab Yield** is for drill dust samples screened by ALS lab at 0.26mm screen size. Production yields are not directly related to Lab Yield and are typically between 50% and 70%. Tonnages requiring no upgrade will have 100% yield.

Resource estimates exclude large tonnages of potential extensions that would be drilled during production to extend tonnages.

Tabulated Resource numbers have been rounded for reporting purposes. The Company conducts regular reviews of these Resources and Reserve estimates and updates as a result of material changes to input parameters such as geology, drilling data and financial metrics.

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