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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year ended 30 June 2018

# INVESTIGATOR RESOURCES LIMITED CORPORATE DIRECTORY

### **DIRECTORS**

## **AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER**

D.M. Ransom – Chairman)

K.J. Wilson – Non-Executive Director

- (Appointed 15 September 2017)

A. McIlwain – Non-Executive Director

- (Appointed 20 June 2018)
- (Appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer

effective from 16 August 2018)

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### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

M. A. Gaudio ASX Code: IVR

### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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## **AUDITOR**

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Investigator Resources Limited will be held on 29 November 2018.

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The Directors of Investigator Resources Limited (the "Company" or "Investigator Resources") present their report for the year to 30 June 2018.

### **DIRECTORS**

The names and details of the Company's Directors in office during the financial year are set out below:

## **David Meldrum Ransom**

BSc (Geology) Hons, PhD (Structural Geology) Non-Executive Chairman

Dr Ransom has over 45 years of experience within the mining industry in Australia and abroad. Dr Ransom is a graduate of the University of Sydney (BSc Geology) (Hons) and Australian National University (PhD 1968 Structural Geology). His earlier experience included roles as a project geologist with the Aberfoyle Group in Australia and Cominco Ltd in Canada. Dr Ransom also worked as a specialist consultant for 20-years with a clientele including majors such as CRA, BHP, Newmont and numerous companies in the microcap sector, specialising in structural geology.

More recently over the past 17-years, Dr Ransom was employed by Acorn Capital Ltd being an early investor with the role of resource analyst/portfolio manager focusing on the microcap materials and energy sectors. He is well known and highly regarded in the fund management industry. He retired from Acorn Capital Ltd in September 2016, but remains as a consultant. Dr Ransom has extensive board experience gained over the past 25-years in small mining and exploration companies and served as non-executive director on ASX listed company Unity Mining Limited (ASX: UML) for almost 7-years from 2007 to 2014.

John Alexander Anderson (Resigned effective from 16 August 2018)

BSc Hons, MAusIMM, MSEG, MAIG, MGSA Managing Director

John was a Director of Investigator Resources since its inception as Southern Uranium in July 2005 and was appointed the Managing Director in December 2006. A geologist by training and exploration manager of 40-years' experience, John initiated the Company's strategy and development of its strong ground and innovative resource opportunities in the southern Gawler Craton of South Australia.

In his previous roles with Aberfoyle and then as General Manager Exploration Australia for Mt Isa Mines Exploration, he has explored in most Australian jurisdictions for a wide range of commodities with an emphasis on the major lead, zinc, silver, copper, gold, tin and nickel mining centres including Kalgoorlie, Broken Hill, McArthur River, Tasmania, central New South Wales, Mount Isa / Ernest Henry and the Gawler Craton.

John led teams in the discoveries of the Paris silver, Angas zinc and White Dam gold deposits in South Australia and several mineral sands deposits in the Murray Basin. He served as a Non-Executive Director of Southern Gold Limited from 2004 to 2008. He is a former President of the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy 2000 to 2002 and is a current member of the South Australian Government's Mining and Energy Advisory Council and the Advisory Board for the University of Adelaide's Institute for Minerals and Energy Research.

**Kevin Wilson** (Appointed effective from 15 September 2017) BSc(Hons), ARSM, MBA Non-Executive Director

Kevin has over 30 years' knowledge and experience in the minerals and finance industries. Previously Kevin was the Managing Director of Rey Resources Limited (ASX: REY), an Australian energy exploration company, from 2008 to 2016 and Leviathan Resources Limited, a Victorian gold mining company, from its initial public offering in 2005 through to its sale in 2006. Currently Kevin serves as Non-Executive Chairman of Navarre Minerals Limited (ASX: NML) and Executive Chairman of Metminco Limited (ASX: MNC).

He has prior experience as a geologist with the Anglo American Group in Africa and North America and as a stockbroking analyst and investment banker with CS First Boston and Merrill Lynch in Australia and USA.

## Andrew McIlwain (Appointed effective from 20 June 2018)

BE (Mining) Melb, MAusIMM, MAICD

Non-Executive Director and Acting Chief Executive Officer as from 16 August 2018

Andrew has over 30 years' experience in the mining industry. He is a qualified mining engineer and has held operational, technical, senior management and executive roles within Mount Isa Mines Limited, Central Norseman Gold Corp, WMC Resources, Lafayette Mining and Unity Mining. More recently, an independent consultant for a number of Australian Resource Company's; focusing on corporate transactions and has acted as an independent Non-Executive director of numerous resource companies including Kidman Resources (ASX: KDR) and Tusker Gold.

Andrew brings operational and corporate experience in a variety of fields including establishment of operational sustainability, project development and both equity and conventional debt financing.

Andrew is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Laguna Gold, a Chilean focussed Zinc producer, and Non-Executive Chairman of Emmerson Resources Ltd (ASX: ERM).

### Bruce Edward Foy (Resigned effective from 30 June 2018)

BCom LLB, FAICD

Non-Executive Director

Bruce was a Non-Executive Director of Investigator Resources since February 2008. He has extensive experience in corporate, wholesale and investment banking having spent the last 30-years in senior banking and Non-Executive Director roles.

In July 2005 Bruce retired after six years as Managing Director and Country Manager of ING Bank N.V. in Australia. Prior to that he was Country Manager in Australia for two international banks and for a number of years was Managing Director of stock broking firm BBL Curran Mullens Limited.

Bruce is currently, a Non-Executive Director of The Doctor's Health Fund Pty Limited, Avant Insurance Limited, Avant Group Holdings, Professional Insurance Holdings Pty Limited and Total Financial Solutions Pty Limited. He was previously Chairman of State Water Corporation of NSW, Chairman of Transgrid Corporation, Chairman of the International Banks and Securities Association Limited, Chairman of SMSF Owners' Alliance, Non-Executive director of CITIC Australia Trading Limited and a Trustee/Director of First State Super.

Bruce was admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1989.

David Garred Jones (Retired effective from 20 September 2017)

BSc, MSc, FIMMM (London), FAusIMM, MGSA, MAIME-SME Non-Executive Director

David was a Non-Executive Director of Investigator Resources since December 2006. He commenced his career in 1964 as a geologist with Broken Hill South Limited, and was involved with the exploration that led to the discovery of the Duchess phosphate deposit near Mt Isa.

Between 1966 and 1968 David worked as an underground geologist for Mt Isa Mines and then as senior geologist responsible for exploration in NW Queensland and the Northern Territory. He joined Newmont Pty Limited as Chief Geologist in 1979 having been Senior Lecturer in Economic Geology at SAIT (later the University of South Australia) - for eight years prior.

From 1979 to 2000 David held various Exploration Manager Positions in Newmont Australia Limited (which became Newcrest Mining Limited in 1991) covering the Pacific, Europe and Asia, Ireland and Scotland. He established Newcrest in Indonesia and supervised the team that discovered the Gosowong gold deposit in Halmahera. David retired from Newcrest in 2000 as Manager Strategic Planning, assisting in advising the Board on long term and strategic planning.

David was Principal of consulting firm Vidoro Pty Limited from 2000 - 2014, engaged primarily in preparation of technical reports for submission to the Toronto and Australian Stock Exchanges on exploration properties and mines in Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Indonesia, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, PNG and The Philippines.

## **Company Secretary**

Angelo Gaudio has significant experience in senior financial positions within the resource sector. Previous roles include; the Chief Financial Offer and Company Secretary for Renascor Resources, as well as Vice President, Finance and Administration with Heathgate Resources.

Angelo is a qualified accountant with over forty years of finance, management and accounting experience. His expertise includes corporate finance, risk management and financial reporting, as well as corporate development and Native Title relations. Angelo is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Accountants and a certificated member of the Governance Institute of Australia.

## **Directors' Interests in the Company**

As at 30 June 2018, the interests of the Directors in the shares and options of the Company were:

	Ordinary	Options	Options
	Shares	Listed	Unlisted
D. M. Ransom (Chairman)	1,125,375	575,375	2,500,000
J. A. Anderson (Managing Director)	6.202.438	575.375	3.415.000
K. J. Wilson (Non-Executive Director)  A. McIlwain (Non-Executive Director)	0,202,436	575,375	5,415,000
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Company during the year was mineral exploration.

## **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Company recorded a loss after tax of \$581,461 (2017: \$3,625,258) for the year ended 30 June 2018.

## Strategy

Investigator's objectives are:

- To evaluate the viability of the Paris Silver Project by investigating opportunities to improve metallurgical recoveries, with focus upon a better understanding of the geological and chemical domains of the mineralisation. The favourable silver grade, location and shallow geometry provide the basis for this evaluation;
- To use the knowledge gained in the discovery of Paris silver deposit to extend the Paris Silver Project Mineral Resource and discover repetitions thereof;
- To drill the Maslins IOCG target;
- To bring the Cartarpo copper-cobalt-rare earth element prospect to a decision to drill or farm-out; and
- To continue to seek opportunities using Company IP in new terrains and jurisdictions for further projects in precious, base and battery metals.

## **Highlights in FY2018**

## Paris silver project

- A Preliminary Feasibility Study of the Paris silver deposit commenced in January 2018.
- Advanced metallurgical testwork commenced on composited representative drill samples after geochemical classification of geometallurgical domains within the deposit.
- Comminution tests confirm silver is generally hosted in soft and low-abrasive rock.
- Preliminary metallurgical results indicate that cyanide leach trials achieved weighted average silver recoveries around 74% with a range of 65% to 89% for the three main geometallurgical domains.
- Additional metallurgical tests are continuing, aimed at recovering more of the non-leaching silver and lead.
- Positive hydrological study of a potential water supply.
- Potential for zones of high grade silver at the less-drilled northern and southern ends of the Paris deposit.
- New drilling indicated modest additional silver resource potential in the South East Extension associated with zones of anomalous lead, gold, copper, cobalt and molybdenum.

## Nankivel copper-gold prospect

- Drilling of a large shallow IP target in 2017-18 intersected no significant copper in the interpreted pyritic margin to the "Nankivel porphyry system", and the target is now interpreted as being deeper and located further north than first projected.
- A Joint Venture partner will be sought to test the potential for a deeper copper core.

## Maslins copper-gold target

- Prospective gravity target enhanced by a Company-sponsored MT traverse, with an underlying interpreted conductive Magneto-Telluric ('MT') "flare" realistically analogous to that defined at Olympic Dam.
- Maslins IOCG target extended 6 km along a prospective structure at the intersection with the interpreted MT "flare".
- A Joint Venture partner will be sought to drill test the gravity/MT anomaly.

## Cartarpo copper-cobalt-rare earth element target

- Centred on small historic workings with initial Investigator grab samples assaying up to 1.78% cobalt, 1.1% rare earth element, 0.52% copper, 0.42% nickel, 0.31% lithium in remnant gossan.
- A soil geochemical sampling program established coherent target zones extending over 800m strike and open in both directions.
- Potential for large deposits enhanced by Cartarpo's position on Burra copper trend overlying breakthrough MT "hotspot".

## **Exploration Operations**

Paris Silver Project Peterlumbo Tenement (EL5368 - IVR 100%)

The Paris Silver Project lies within the Peterlumbo tenement on the northern Eyre Peninsula of South Australia with estimated Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources of 9.3million tonnes at 139 g/t silver and 0.6% lead (at a 50 g/t silver cut-off). Table 1 summarises the Paris Silver Project Mineral Resource Estimates.

Table 1: Paris Silver Project Mineral Resource Estimates

Category	Tonnage (Mt)	Silver Grade (g/t)	Contained silver (Moz)	Lead Grade (%)	Contained lead (kt)
Indicated	4.3	163	23	0.6	26
Inferred	5.0	119	19	0.6	29
Total	9.3	139	42	0.6	55

#### Note:

- Values may not sum due to rounding.
- Density: Indicated 2.20t/m³, Inferred 2.22t/m³ and Average 2.21t/m³.

The April 2017 Mineral Resources were independently prepared by H & S Consulting Pty Ltd using the Multiple Indicator Kriging method of estimation, which is considered the most suitable estimation method for the complex mineralisation style of the Paris silver deposit. The Mineral Resources have been estimated and reported in accordance with the guidelines of the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Minerals Resources and Ore Reserves (2012 JORC Code and Guidelines).

The deposit occupies an area of about 400m by 1,600m with a shallow flat tabular geometry that is conceptually mineable by open-pit to 160m depth below the flat surface. However, it is noted that, as with most silver deposits and unlike gold deposits, mineralogy is complex and beneficiation solutions bespoke.

A phased approach to progress the Paris PFS was adopted with the primary focus on a metallurgical study. A geo-metallurgical study of the Paris deposit defined four domains (Oxide, Breccia transitional - no Mg/Ca, Breccia transitional - Mg/Ca and Dolomite) in the central infilldrilled area of the deposit. These were used for metallurgical testing of larger and more representative samples. The early metallurgical results indicated that the cyanide leach trials achieved weighted average silver recoveries around 74% with a range of 65% to 89%. The silver mineralogy was identified as fine-grained and predominantly acanthite and native silver much of which was inclusions in sulphides and quartz.

Additional scrubbing, flotation and mineralogical tests are proposed, aimed at recovering more of the non-leaching silver, as well as lead, and enabling the design and costing of a process flowsheet.

Comminution testing showed that the Paris silver ore can be considered 'soft' and has relative low abrasive properties. This indicates potentially lower capital and power costs associated with the crushing and milling circuit.

A consulting mining engineer with feasibility and operational experience in South Australia has been contracted to lead the PFS. The engineering advice recommended further geotechnical work on the soft Paris wall rocks. A program of five large diameter core holes were completed in April 2018 to provide geotechnical samples and data to enable initial estimates of open-pit wall angles and strip ratios.

Desktop studies being undertaken to progress the PFS include:

- Waste characterisation study to identify potential waste impacts on design (e.g. potential acid forming material, or non-acid forming material). This will influence tailings storage and waste dump design.
- Infrastructure components requiring design and costing, including access, process water pipeline options, camp designs etc.
- Compilation of previous data relating to heritage, environmental, hydrological, stakeholder and community impacts and any potential site impacts.

## **Exploration Operations (continued)**

Paris Silver Project (continued) Peterlumbo Tenement (EL5368 - IVR 100%)

A final report on the metallurgical results, with recommendations for further work is expected in later August 2018.

## Paris extension drilling Peterlumbo Tenement (EL5368 - IVR 100%)

In December 2017, the first phase of a 25-hole, reverse circulation percussion ("RCP") extension drilling program aimed at augmenting the Paris Mineral Resource estimate was undertaken. Primarily located at the northern and southern ends of the Paris deposit. Two holes drilled into the interpreted south-eastern extension intersected the top of prospective breccias, but required a heavier drill rig to complete the program. The new assays showed improved silver grades, raising the potential for high grade zones at the north and south ends of the deposit. The best intersections were 5 m @ 270 g/t silver from 15 m at the north end and 16 m @ 169 g/t silver at the south end of the deposit.

Further extension drilling was undertaken in February 2018 using a larger RCP drill rig completing four holes, into the southeast extension area. Based on the current geological model the results showed that the limits of the silver deposit had been defined in this area. The metal zonation observed added significant data which suggested deeper or laterally offset potential. Further work will be undertaken to understand the geological implications in the metallurgical zones.

The geological interpretation of the Paris silver deposit is essentially unchanged since its' discovery in 2011. The drilling of the southern end of the deposit in 2017-2018 implies a geological structure unpredicted by the current interpretation. A review of the geological structure at Paris is warranted and will be initiated in the 2018-2019 year. The aim is to redefine potential extensions of the known silver mineralisation.

## Nankivel copper-gold Prospect Peterlumbo Tenement (EL5368 - IVR 100%)

In mid-February 2018 three holes were drilled to test the Nankivel copper-gold Prospect, the Trojan IP target. All three holes, intersected extensive iron sulphides in metasediment without targeted copper sulphides being observed, and the assays verified that there were no significant copper values. The pyritic metasediment intersected in the drilling is most likely a basement sedimentary unit.

Investigator will seek a Joint Venture partner to pursue the porphyry concept in depth to the north of Nankivel Hill.

## Maslins IOCG target (Whittata - EL5705; IVR 100%)

The Maslins IOCG target is located 50km south of Carrapateena within the Olympic Dam Belt of IOCG deposits.

A signature "flare" of MT conductivity below the Olympic Dam IOCG deposit was interpreted by researchers in 2006 as representing the conduit for the mantle-derived, metal-rich fluids which formed the orebody. A Federal Government MT ("AusLAMP") survey was rolled out nationally from 2015.

The AusLAMP survey defined basement regional conductivity trends within the under-explored southern extension of the Olympic Dam Belt, and Investigator secured tenements within the MT corridor, identifying the Maslins IOCG target. The federal agency Geoscience Australia had previously nominated the Maslins gravity anomaly as an IOCG target on other grounds in 2010. Gravity modelling showed that the Maslins target as having the optimal density for a prospective IOCG target with a conceptual target size between that of Carrapateena and Olympic Dam, and within a depth range and of a shape potentially amenable to modern bulk underground mining.

Further, the coarse AusLAMP data indicated that a deep MT conductivity "flare" could be interpreted as projecting upwards towards the Maslins target comparable with that at Olympic Dam. Investigator subsequently undertook a close-spaced six MT station traverse over the target area. Modelling by a consultant geophysicist confirmed the upper extension of the conductive "flare" into a regional fault abutting the Maslins target. The Maslins MT "flare" has similar size, shape and conductivity to that at Olympic Dam.

## **Exploration Operations (continued)**

## Cartarpo copper-cobalt-rare earth element target (EL5999 - IVR 100%)

The Cartarpo Tenement, 175 km north of Adelaide, covers the mid-1800's Cartarpo coppercobalt Mine, which comprises a shaft, two adits and shallow open-pits over 400 m strike.

The initial site visit in November 2017 verified the cobalt mineralisation and exploration potential on a prospective lineament/corridor 20 km from Burra copper mine. The results of the sampling of gossan exposures, 200 m apart, returned significant values of up to 1.78% cobalt and 1.1% combined rare earth elements (REEs) including heavy REEs, along with copper to 0.5%, nickel to 0.4% and lithium to 0.3%. These results are geochemically unusual. In the June 2018 Quarter a systematic geochemical sampling program of four 250 m spaced traverses was undertaken. These established coherent zones variously containing elevated copper, cobalt, lithium, rare earth element and nickel extending away from and parallel to the workings. The anomalous geochemical zones are interpreted as extending at least 400 m north of the workings and are open to further extension. The mineralisation also remains open to the south of the workings.

A fifth soil sampling traverse was conducted across the prospective strike 4km north of the Cartarpo Mine. This established a different anomalous signature in; gold, silver, copper and zinc, and will be subject to investigation for separate target potential.

The recent completed Government MT survey has enhanced the prospectivity of the Cartarpo region. Investigator proposes to undertake additional mapping and soil sampling to refine the geometries, orientations and extent of the targets.

#### **Financial Position**

Exploration expenditure for the year was \$2,775,834, of which \$2.22 million was directed to the Paris/Nankivel opportunities. Net administration expenses and employee benefits for the year totalled approximately \$1.33 million. In addition, a research and development tax refund of \$858,006 was received during May 2018, for the 2016/17 financial year.

The loss for the year included \$814,974 of impaired capitalised exploration expenditure relating to Botenella Gate (EL5406) and Barna Hill (EL4726) tenements in the Eastern Eyre Peninsula and other tenements relinquished during the year.

At 30 June 2018, the Company had total cash and cash equivalents of \$2.9 million.

## **Outlook and Future Developments**

The Company completed a review of the corporate strategy and management structure of the Company, principally due to the challenges of raising capital to financing high risk exploration from traditional sources in the current market.

In the past the sources of high risk exploration funds which would support high risk exploration were a permissive market environment and joint ventures with major and midcap companies. The latter has essentially disappeared owing to competition in a global exploration market where major companies can select projects from a large pool of hopeful applicants, and the resource capital markets have moved on and now tend to favour industrial commodities and advanced, if high risk exploration, in destinations external to Australia. The latter reflects a balance between geological and country risk and generally speaking the lack of significant mainstream discoveries in the past 10 years. The Company has announced the following initiatives to place the Company more favourably in a challenging market environment.

## Paris Silver Project

The Paris Silver Prospect is the key asset of the Company providing significant upside to the silver market. A JORC compliant resource of 42 million ounces of silver positions Paris as one of the best undeveloped silver projects in Australia.

Work will continue to investigate opportunities to improve metallurgical recoveries, with focus upon a better understanding of the geological and chemical domains of the mineralisation.

## **Outlook and Future Developments (continued)**

## Maslins IOCG Target

Maslins is a high profile IOCG target located on the Stuart Shelf. MT surveys by Geoscience Australia and proprietary data compiled by Investigator has defined a drillable target realistically analogous to Olympic Dam. This potential has attracted interest from several parties and discussions are in progress which should see Maslins drilled in the final quarter of 2018.

## • Regional Exploration

A review of the Company's exploration assets is currently underway and a rationalisation of the property portfolio will ensue over the next two quarters.

## • Project Generation

The Company aims to acquire a high-profile advanced exploration project by the end of 2018. No restriction as to commodity focus or jurisdiction is currently defined. Considering the supportive shareholder base, sufficient available cash and the augmented corporate capacity to advance other opportunities in the Board and management, a number of projects have been offered independently to Investigator over the past three months. These opportunities will continue to be reviewed.

### Competent Person Compliance Statement

The information in this presentation relating to exploration results is based on information compiled by Mr. John Anderson who is a full-time employee of the company. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr. Anderson has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of mineralisation and the types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. Anderson consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this announcement that relates to Mineral Resources Estimates at the Paris Silver Project is extracted from the report entitled "Significant 26% upgrade for Paris Silver Resource to 42Moz contained silver" dated 19 April 2017 and is available to view on the Company website <a href="www.investres.com.au">www.investres.com.au</a>. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

## REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)

## A. Principles and Agreements

#### **Directors**

The Company's Constitution provides that the Directors may be paid, as remuneration for their services, a sum determined from time to time by the Company's Shareholders in general meeting, with that sum to be divided amongst the Directors in such manner as they agree.

Each of the non-executive Directors has entered into an agreement with the Company on standard commercial terms for their respective appointments. Remuneration and other special terms of the agreements are summarised as follows:

### David Ransom

- appointment as non-executive Chairman (subject to re-election as required by the Company's constitution);
- annual non-executive Chairman fees of \$65,000 inclusive of any superannuation entitlement where appropriate.
- As part of his appointment, Mr Ransom was granted 2,500,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.048 and expiring on 23 January 2020 as approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 2017.

#### Kevin Wilson

- appointment effective from 20 September 2017 as non-executive Director (subject to re-election as required by the Company's constitution);
- annual non-executive director's fees of \$60,000 inclusive of any superannuation entitlement where appropriate.

### Andrew McIlwain

- appointment effective from 20 June 2018 as non-executive Director (subject to re-election as required by the Company's constitution);
- annual non-executive director's fees of \$30,000 inclusive of any superannuation entitlement where appropriate.

### **Bruce Foy** (resigned effective from 30 June 2018)

- appointment as non-executive Director (subject to re-election as required by the Company's constitution);
- annual non-executive director's fees increased of \$60,000 inclusive of any superannuation entitlement where appropriate.

A Director is disallowed from voting on any contract or arrangement in which he or she has directly or indirectly any material interest, if it will be contrary to the *Corporations Act 2001*. If such a Director does vote, his or her vote will not be counted, nor will his or her attendance be counted in the quorum present at the meeting. Either or both of these prohibitions may be relaxed or suspended to any extent by ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting if permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

## Managing Director Service Agreement

The Company has entered into an employment agreement with John Anderson for him to act as Managing Director. Remuneration payable pursuant to the package is as follows:

- Base salary for the 2018 financial year of \$275,625 per annum (subject to annual review).
- Superannuation entitlement at 15% of the base salary.
- Annual short-term incentives of up to \$100,000 with the quantum to be assessed in accordance with KPI's to be agreed by the Board and the Managing Director.

## A. Principles and Agreements (continued)

## Managing Director Service Agreement (continued)

 Long term incentives through the annual issue of share options having a value of up to \$80,000.

The agreement may be terminated by the Company giving 12 months' notice or paying 12 months' salary in lieu of notice.

## **Company Secretary**

The Company has entered into an agreement with Angelo Gaudio and his company to provide services as Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer. Services are to be provided on a part time basis and at a rate of \$10,000 per month plus GST plus expenses. The agreement may be terminated by either party on 1 months' notice.

## **Commercial Manager**

The Company has entered into an employment agreement with Alex Thin in his role as Commercial Manager. Remuneration payable pursuant to the package is as follows:

- Base salary for the 2018 financial year of \$200,000 per annum.
- Superannuation entitlement currently at 9.5% of the base salary.

## Relationship between Remuneration Policy and Financial Performance

The Company is a minerals exploration entity and as such there is no direct relationship between the remuneration policy and the Company's financial performance.

Share prices at the end of the current financial year and the previous four financial years were:

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Share Price (cps)	1.1	3.0	3.4	1.3	4.0

Share prices are subject to market sentiment and the international metal prices which may move independently of the performance of the Key Management Personnel.

## B. Key Management Personnel Remuneration

Remuneration received or receivable by Key Management Personnel was as follows:

	Short-ter	m Benefits						
Key Manage- ment Person- nel	Fees and/or Salary	Cash, Profit Sharing / Other Bo- nuses	Post-Employ- ment Bene- fits Super - annuation	Long Ser- vice Leave	Share Based Payments - Options	Total	Perfor- mance based re- munera- tion	Remu- neration at Risk - STI
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%
2018								
D. M. Ransom	59,361	-	5,639	-	10,913 8	75,913	14.4	-
J. A. Anderson	275,625	42,000 <sup>7</sup>	41,344	8,562	-	367,531	11.4	11.4
D. G. Jones 3	20,548	-	1,952	-	-	22,500	-	-
B. E. Foy <sup>5</sup>	54,795	-	5,205	-	-	60,000	-	-
K.J. Wilson 4	43,414	-	4,124	-	-	47,538	-	-
A. McIlwain <sup>6</sup>	1,674	-	159	-	-	1,833	-	
M. A. Gaudio	120,000		-	-	-	120,000	-	-
A. R. T. Thin	200,000	-	19,000	-	-	219,000	-	
Totals	775,417	42,000	77,423	8,562	10,913	914,315	5.8	4.6
2017								
D. M. Ransom <sup>10</sup>	26,197	-	2,489	-	-	28,686	-	
R. Marshall 1, 2	30,515	-	2,960	-	-	33,475	-	
J. A. Anderson	275,625	156,862 <sup>9</sup>	41,344	9,362	62,381 <sup>9</sup>	545,574	40.2	28.8
D. G. Jones 1	52,456	-	2,169	-	-	54,625	-	
B. E. Foy <sup>1</sup>	49,846	-	4,779	-	-	54,625	-	
M. A. Gaudio	120,000		-	-	-	120,000	-	
A. R. T. Thin	200,000	-	19,000	-	-	219,000	-	
Totals	754,639	156,862	72,741	9,362	62,381	1,055,985	20.8	14.9

#### Notes:

- During November 2015, the board resolved to suspend the Non-executive Director's Share Scheme and also
  resolved that the non-executive directors implement a voluntary 30% reduction in fees effective from 1 December
  2015. The voluntary 30% reduction ceased on 1 August 2016 and effective from 1 October 2016 annual nonexecutive director's fees increased from \$55,000 to \$60,000 inclusive of any superannuation entitlement where
  appropriate.
- R. Marshall (Non-executive Chairman) retired effective 31 December 2016.
- B. D. G. Jones (Non-executive Director) retired effective 20 September 2017.
- 4. K. J. Wilson was appointed as a Non-executive Director effective 15 September 2017.
- 5. B. E. Foy (Non-executive Director) retired effective 30 June 2018.
- 6. A. McIlwain was appointed as a Non-executive Director effective from 20 June 2018.
- During the year ended 30 June 2018, the Managing Director was allocated a discretionary cash bonus of \$42,000
  by the board based on a performance review reflecting the one-year period from 1 July 2016 through 30 June
  2017.
- 8. D.M Ransom was granted 2,500,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.048 and expiring on 23 January 2020 as approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 2017 (refer to Note 17 (b) of the Notes to the Financial Statements).
- 9. The Managing Director was allocated a discretionary bonus by the board based on a performance review reflecting a two-year period from 1 July 2014 through 30 June 2016 and a long-term incentive of 3,415,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.036 and expiring on 22 November 2019 as approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2016 (refer to Note 17 (b) of the Notes to the Financial Statements).
- 10. D. M. Ransom was appointed as Non-executive director and elected as Chairman effective 23 January 2017.

#### C. **Equity Instruments**

## a) Movements in share holdings

The movement during the year in the number of ordinary shares in the Company held directly, indirectly or beneficially by each key management person, including their related parties, follows:

Name	Balance at beginning of year	Acquired			Balance at end of the year
2018		As Remuner- ation	Other	Options Exercised	
D. M. Ransom	550,000	-	575,375 <sup>7</sup>	-	1,125,375
J. A. Anderson	5,627,063	-	575,375 <sup>7</sup>	-	6,202,438
B. E. Foy <sup>6</sup>	4,401,499	-	575,375 <sup>7</sup>	-	4,976,874
D. G. Jones <sup>3</sup>	857,672	-	-	-	857,672
K.J. Wilson <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
A. McIlwain <sup>5</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
M. A. Gaudio	-	-	-	-	-
A. R. T. Thin	408,199	-	575,375 <sup>7</sup>	ı	983,574
2017					
D. M. Ransom <sup>1</sup>	-	-	550,000	-	550,000
R. Marshall <sup>2</sup>	3,485,139	-	-	-	3,485,139
J. A. Anderson	1,792,063	-	-	3,835,000	5,627,063
B. E. Foy	4,401,499	-	-	-	4,401,499
D. G. Jones	857,672	-	-	-	857,672
M. A. Gaudio	-	-	-	-	-
A. R. T. Thin	408,199	-	-	-	408,199

#### Notes:

- D. M. Ransom was appointed as Non-executive director and elected as Chairman effective 23 January 2017.
- R. Marshall (Non-executive Chairman) retired effective 31 December 2016.
- D. G. Jones (Non-executive Director) retired effective 20 September 2017.
- K. J. Wilson was appointed as a Non-executive Director effective 15 September 2017.
- A. McIlwain was appointed as a Non-executive Director effective from 20 June 2018.
- B. E. Foy (Non-executive Director) retired effective 30 June 2018.
- Shares acquired as part of the Share Purchase Plan announced on 19 October 2017.

All on market purchases and sales complied with the Board's Securities Trading Policy which permits trading by Directors and executives during certain periods in the absence of knowledge of price-sensitive information.

## C. Equity Instruments (continued)

## b) Movement in option holdings

The movement during the year in the number of options over ordinary shares in the Company held directly, indirectly or beneficially by each key management person, including their related parties, was as follows:

Name	Balance at beginning of year	Received as Remuneration	Acquired – Share Purchase Plan 11	Disposals		Balance at end of the year
2018				Exercised	Lapsed	
D. M. Ransom	-	2,500,000	575,375	-	-	3,075,375
J. A. Anderson	3,415,000	-	575,375	-	-	3,990,375
B. E. Foy 10	-	-	575,375	-	-	575,375
D. G. Jones 7	-	-	-	-	-	-
K.J. Wilson <sup>8</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
A. McIlwain <sup>9</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. A. Gaudio	-	-	-	-	-	-
A. R. T. Thin	2,340,000	-	575,375	-	$(2,340,000)^3$	575,375
2017						
D. M. Ransom <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Marshall <sup>5</sup>	981,469	-	-	-	(981,469) <sup>4</sup>	-
J. A. Anderson	5,497,019	3,415,000	-	(3,835,000)	$(1,662,019)^{1,4}$	3,415,000
B. E. Foy	1,114,668	-	-	-	(1,114,668) <sup>4</sup>	-
D. G. Jones	230,764	-	-	-	$(230,764)^4$	-
M. A. Gaudio	-	-	-	-	-	-
A. R. T. Thin	2,862,500	-	-	-	(522,500) <sup>2, 4</sup>	2,340,000

#### Notes:

- 1. 1,150,000 unlisted options issued to J. A. Anderson, which lapsed during the year, were issued in the 2014 financial year.
- 2. 360,000 unlisted options issued to A. R. T. Thin, which lapsed during the year, were issued in the 2014 financial year.
- 3. 2,340,000 unlisted options issued to A. R. T. Thin, which lapsed during the year, were issued in the 2015 financial year.
- 4. Listed options issued to key management persons, which lapsed during the year, were issued as part of the Rights Issue in the 2014 financial year.
- 5. R. Marshall (Non-executive Chairman) retired effective 31 December 2016.
- 6. D. M. Ransom was appointed as Non-executive director and elected as Chairman effective 23 January 2017.
- 7. D. G. Jones (Non-executive Director) retired effective 20 September 2017.
- K. J. Wilson was appointed as a Non-executive Director effective 15 September 2017.
- 9. A. McIlwain was appointed as a Non-executive Director effective from 20 June 2018.
- 10. B. E. Foy (Non-executive Director) retired effective 30 June 2018.
- 11. Listed options acquired as part of the Share Purchase Plan announced on 19 October 2017.

## D. Other Transactions with Key Management Personnel

There were no related party transactions with Key Management Personnel during the year.

## **End of audited Remuneration Report**

## **DIRECTORS' AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors held during the year and the number of meetings attended by each Director was:

Director	2018			
	Eligible to Attend	Attended		
D. M. Ransom	8	7		
J. A. Anderson <sup>5</sup>	8	8		
D. G. Jones <sup>1</sup>	2	2		
B. E. Foy <sup>4</sup>	8	8		
K. J. Wilson <sup>2</sup>	6	6		
A. McIlwain <sup>3</sup>	0	0		

#### Notes:

- 1. D. G. Jones (Non-executive Director) retired effective 20 September 2016.
- 2. K. J. Wilson was appointed as Non-executive director effective 15 September 2017.
- 3. A. McIlwain was appointed as Non-executive director effective 20 June 2018.
- 4. B. E. Foy (Non-executive Director) resigned effective 30 June 2018.
- 5. J. A. Anderson (Managing Director) resigned effective 16 August 2018.

Due to its size and activities the Company does not have separate Board committees.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

No dividends were declared and paid during the financial year.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the year, other than disclosed in this report.

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

On the 16 August 2018 the Company announced that Mr John Anderson stepped down from his long-term role of Managing Director of Investigator (Please refer to Note 26 of the notes to the financial statements).

Other than as set out in this report and the attached financial statements, no matters or circumstances have arisen since 30 June 2018, which significantly affect or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

## LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

During the next financial year, the Company will pursue the strategy set out in the Operating and Financial Review above.

## INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Company is required to indemnify Directors, and other officers of the Company against certain liabilities which they may incur as a result of or by reason of (whether solely or in part) being or acting as an officer of the Company.

During the financial year, the Company paid a premium to insure the Directors against potential liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending legal proceedings arising from their conduct while acting in the capacity of Director of the Company other than conduct involving wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company. The amount of the premium is not disclosed as it is considered confidential.

The Company provides no indemnity to any auditor.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

The Company's operations are subject to significant environmental regulation under Commonwealth, State and Territory legislation in relation to the discharge of hazardous waste and minerals arising from exploration activities conducted by the Company on any of its tenements. At the date of this report there have been no known breaches of any environmental obligations.

## SHARE OPTIONS

At the date of this report there were 166,575,226 unissued ordinary shares under option (11,015,000 at 30 June 2017). During the financial year ended 30 June 2018, 160,660,226 listed options were issued in conjunction with fundraising activities and 2,500,000 unlisted options were issued to D.M. Ransom as approved by shareholders at AGM held on 30 November 2017. No options have been exercised since the year end to the date of this report.

Each option is convertible to one ordinary share. An option holder does not have the right to participate in any other share issue of the Company or of any other entity.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The board of directors of the Company ("Board") is responsible for the corporate governance of the Company. The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of the Company on behalf of its shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable. The Company believes that good corporate governance enhances investor confidence and adds value to stakeholders. The Board continually monitors and reviews its policies, procedures and charters with a view to ensure its compliance with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's "Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition" to the extent considered appropriate for the size of the Company and its scale of its operations.

## AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is attached.

## NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The following non-audit services were provided by the entity's auditor, Grant Thornton. The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The nature and scope of non-audit service provided means that auditor independence was not compromised.

Grant Thornton received or is due to receive the following amounts for the provision of nonaudit services during the year ended 30 June 2018:

2018 2017 \$ \$ Taxation compliance services 6,900 6,501

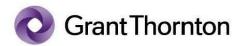
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

D M Ransom Chairman Adelaide 27 August 2018

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A McIlwain Acting Chief Executive Officer Adelaide 27 August 2018

## **AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE REPORT**



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# Auditor's Independence Declaration To the Directors of Investigator Resources Limited

In accordance with the requirements of section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, as lead auditor for the audit of Investigator Resources Limited for the year ended 30 June 2018, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- b no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

GRANT THORNTON AUDIT PTY LTD Chartered Accountants

J L Humphrey

Partner - Audit & Assurance

Adelaide, 27 August 2018

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# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2018

		Consolida	ted
	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Other Income	3	73,794	98,790
Less expenses:			
Administrative expenses	4	(725,107)	(740,406)
Employee benefit expenses	4	(607,566)	(733,885)
Profit on disposal of plant & equipment		-	37,375
Exploration and evaluation expenses written off	7	(814,974)	(3,083,164)
Loss before income tax expense		(2,073,853)	(4,421,290)
Income tax benefit	6(a)	1,492,392	796,032
Loss attributable to members of the company		(581,461)	(3,625,258)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year at- tributable to the members of the company	_	(581,461)	(3,625,258)
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	5	(0.08)	(0.63)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2018

		Consol	idated
	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS	•	0.000 750	0.000.007
Cash and cash equivalents	2	2,889,752	2,833,687
Inventories	9	12,679	4,068
Trade and other receivables	11 12	655,395	279,611
Other Assets	12	33,443	30,490
Total Current Assets		3,591,269	3,147,856
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	-		
Exploration and evaluation assets	8	30,590,976	28,630,115
Plant and equipment	10	7,066	7,471
Other assets	12	24,202	24,202
Total Non-Current Assets		30,622,244	28,661,788
TOTAL ASSETS	-	34,213,513	31,809,644
CURRENT LIABILITIES	=		_
Trade and other payables	13	249,816	424,626
Employee benefit provisions	14(a)	332,481	385,255
Total Current Liabilities		582,297	809,881
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	·		
Employee benefit provisions	14(b)	69,104	25,446
Total Non-Current Liabilities		69,104	25,446
TOTAL LIABILITIES	•	651,401	835,327
NET ASSETS	•	33,562,112	30,974,317
EQUITY	=		
Contributed equity	15	53,070,322	50,082,204
Share option reserve	16	243,519	962,451
Accumulated losses		(19,751,729)	(20,070,378)
TOTAL EQUITY	•		
IOTAL EQUIT	_	33,562,112	30,974,317

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	Share Capital \$	Accumulated Losses \$	Share Option Reserve \$	Total \$
2017	-	·	·	·	· .
Balance at 30 June 2016		44,937,503	(16,445,080)	900,070	29,392,493
Transactions with owners: Shares issued during the year Share issue costs Options issued to key manage- ment personnel	<u>-</u> -	5,553,061 (408,360)	- -	- - 62,381	5,553,061 (408,360) 62,381
Total transactions with owners		5,144,701	-	62,381	5,207,082
Loss attributable to members of the company	_		(3,625,258)	<u>-</u>	(3,625,258)
Balance at 30 June 2017		50,082,204	(20,070,338)	962,451	30,974,317
Transactions with owners: Shares issued during the year Share issue costs Listed Options issued to Fundraising Manager Options issued to key manage-	17(b)	3,400,001 (411,883) -	- - -	- - 170,225	3,400,001 (411,883) 170,225
ment personnel	17(c)	-		10,913	10,913
Total transactions with owners		2,988,118	-	181,138	3,169,256
Expired Options adjusted to Retained Earnings Loss attributable to members of the company	16	- <u>-</u>	900,070 (581,461)	(900,070)	- (581,461)
Balance at 30 June 2018		53,070,322	(19,751,729)	243,519	33,562,112

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# **STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS** for the year ended 30 June 2018

Consolidated 2018 2017 Note \$ \$ **CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES** 73,377 Interest received 93,825 6 Research and development refund 858,006 796,032 Other Income 227 Payments to suppliers and employees (1,317,204)(1,262,376)Net cash provided by (used in) operating activi-7 (385,594)(372,519)**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES** Exploration expenditure (2,948,354)(3,442,911)Payments for plant and equipment (2,991)(6,324)Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment 50,000 PACE Grant funding received 237,994 Net cash provided by (used in) investing activi-(2,716,684)(3,395,902)ties CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES 3,400,001 Proceeds from issue of shares 5,553,060 Costs associated with share issue (241,658)(408, 360)Net cash provided by (used in) financing activi-3,158,343 5,144,700 Net increase (decrease) in cash held 56,065 1,376,279 Cash at beginning of year 2,833,687 1,457,408 Cash at end of year 2 2,889,752 2,833,687

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2018

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2018

### ABOUT THIS REPORT

The financial report covers the consolidated group of Investigator Resources Limited and its controlled entities. Investigator Resources Limited (the Company) is a for profit company limited by shares incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The Company's shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The registered office and principal place of business is as follows:

18 King Street NORWOOD SA 5067

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 (including comparatives) were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 August 2018.

## 1. Accounting Policies

## (a) Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes of Investigator Resources Limited comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

## i) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of selected noncurrent assets, financial assets and liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

#### ii) Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and discharge of liabilities in the normal course of business. This includes the realisation of capitalised exploration expenditure of \$30,590,976 (30 June 2017: \$28,630,115).

The consolidated group has incurred a net loss after tax for the year ended 30 June 2018 of \$581,461 (30 June 2017: \$3,625,258) and operations were funded by a net cash outflow, from operating and investing activities of \$3,102,277 (30 June 2017: net cash outflow of \$3,768,421). At 30 June 2018, the consolidated group had net current assets of \$3,008,972 (30 June 2017: net current assets of \$2,337,975).

The consolidated group's ability to continue as a going concern is contingent on raising additional capital and/or the successful exploration and subsequent exploitation of its areas of interest through sale or development. Should the consolidated entity not achieve the matters set out above, there would then be significant uncertainty over the ability of the consolidated entity to continue as a going concern, and, therefore, it may have to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities, other than in the ordinary course of business and at amounts different from those stated in the 2018 annual financial report.

The 2018 annual financial report does not include any adjustments that may be necessary if the consolidated group is unable to continue as a going concern.

## iii) Functional and Presentation Currency

The Company's functional and presentation currency is Australian dollars.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation of the Financial Statements.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2018

## 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

## (b) Principles of Consolidation

A controlled entity is any entity controlled by the Company. Control exists where the parent entity has the capacity to dominate the decision-making in relation to the financial and operating policies of another entity so that the other entity operates with the parent entity to achieve the parent entity's objectives. A list of controlled entities is contained at Note 19. All controlled entities have a June year end.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistencies with those policies applied by the parent entity.

Where controlled entities have entered or left the consolidated entity during the year, their operating results have been included from the date control was obtained or until the date control ceased.

## (c) Goods & Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Goods & Services Tax (GST) receivable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office has been accounted for and included as part of receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

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

## (d) Restoration Costs

Costs of site restoration are provided over the life of the facility from when exploration commences and are included in the costs of that stage. Site restoration costs include the dismantling and removal of mining plant, equipment and building structures, waste removal, and rehabilitation of the site in accordance with clauses of the exploration and mining permits. Such costs are determined using estimates of future costs, current legal requirements and technology on a discounted basis.

Any changes in the estimates for the costs are accounted on a prospective basis. In determining the costs of site restoration, there is uncertainty regarding the nature and extent of the restoration due to community expectations and future legislation. Accordingly the costs have been determined on the basis that the restoration will be completed within one year of abandoning the site.

An 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 the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement.

## (e) Borrowings

Borrowings are recorded initially at fair value, net of transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, borrowings are measured at amortised cost with any difference between the initial recognised amount and the redemption value being recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income over the period of the borrowing using the effective interest rate method.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2018

## 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

## (f) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Company.

The Company makes estimates and judgements in applying the accounting policies. Critical judgements in respect of accounting policies relate to exploration and evaluation assets, whereby exploration and evaluation expenditure is capitalised in certain circumstances. Recoverability of the carrying amount of any exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation or sale of the respective areas of interest.

## (g) Other accounting policies

Significant and other accounting policies that summarise the measurement basis used and are relevant to an understanding of the financial statements are provided throughout the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

## (h) Key estimates and judgements

In applying the Consolidated Entity's accounting policies, management has made a number of judgements and applied estimates of future events. Judgements and estimates which are material to the financial report are found in the following notes:

- Note 8 Exploration and evaluation
- Note 17 Share-based payments
- Note 18 Financial Instruments

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2018

	Consolidated	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	2,889,752	2,833,687
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call wirliquid investments with original maturities of less than 3 months, net of ba ANZ bank provided the Company with a business credit card facility with a actions are reconciled monthly and credit card balances payable are included.	nk overdrafts. At bala a limit of \$50,000. Cr	ance date, the edit card trans-
3. Other Income		
Operating activities:		
Other Income	227	238
Interest received and receivable from other persons	73,567	98,552
	73,794	98,790
Revenue Recognition Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective	ve interest method.	
4. Expenses from Continuing Operations		
Employee benefit expenses		
Benefits provided to employees	1,683,896	1,801,904
Charged to exploration and evaluation projects	(1,087,243)	(1,130,400)
Employee options expense	10,913	62,381
Total employee benefits expense	607,566	733,885
Administrative expenses:		
Audit fees	48,483	46,179
Other professional services paid to related entities of the auditor	6,900	6,501
Company secretarial fees	120,000	120,000
Depreciation	6,728	70,596
Directors fees (non-executives)	179,951	159,058
Insurance and legal	46,526	38,447
Minimum lease rental payments	21,765	17,363
Office expenses	308,137	331,464
Other expenses	121,914	83,993
Shareholder communications (includes ASX fees)  Expenditure allocated to exploration and evaluation projects	94,870	106,170
	(230,167)	(239,365)
Total administrative expenses	725,107	740,406
5. Earnings Per Share (EPS)		
	No.	No.
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in the calculation of basic and diluted EPS	685,501,297	575,626,531

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## for the year ended 30 June 2018

Consolidated	
2018	2017
\$	•

## 5. Earnings Per Share (EPS) (continued)

Options are considered potential ordinary shares. For the year ended 30 June 2018, their conversion to ordinary shares would have had the effect of reducing the loss per share from continuing operations. Accordingly the options were not included in the determination of diluted earnings per share for that period. Details relating to options are set out at Notes 15(b), 15(c), 17(b) and 17(c).

## Basic earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to equity holders of the Company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than shares, by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for any bonus elements in Shares issued during the year.

## Diluted earnings per Share

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share and takes into account the after-income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential shares.

## 6. Income Tax

(a) The components of income tax expense comprise Current tax –research & development refund Deferred tax	1,492,392	796,032 -
_	1,492,392	796,032
(b) The prima facie tax on loss from ordinary activities before income tax is reconciled to the income tax as follows:		
Loss from ordinary activities	(2,073,853)	(3,625,258)
Prima facie tax benefit on profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before income tax at 27.5% (2017: 30%) Add/(less) tax effect of:	(570,310)	(1,087,577)
Adjustment for non-deductible expenses	3,231	19,175
Temporary differences:		
Deductible capital raising costs	(37,558)	(2,680)
Allowable exploration and evaluation expenditure	(735,699)	(1,001,472)
Prior period exploration and evaluation expenses written off	196,463	901,363
Net non-allowable expenses	(2,636)	(231,762)
Research and development tax offsets	(1,492,392)	(796,032)
Reduction of losses in prior periods	550,196	539,874
Effects due to change in company tax rate	1,199,130	-
	(889,575)	(1,659,111)
Tax effect of deferred tax assets not brought to account as they do not meet the recognition criteria	602,817	(863,079)
Current Tax Expense	(1,492,392)	(796,032)
(c) Unused tax losses and temporary differences for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised at 27.5% (2017: 30%)	(13,786,739)	(14,389,557)

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## 6. Income Tax (continued)

## Recognition and measurement

The charge for current income tax expense is based on the result for the period adjusted for non-assessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or are substantially enacted by the balance date.

Any Research and Development tax refunds are recognised on accruals basis as a credit to income tax expense. Deferred tax is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or liability is settled. Deferred tax is credited in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income except where it relates to items that may be credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is adjusted directly against equity.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future tax profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the consolidated entity will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

### 7. Cash Flow Information

## Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Loss after Income Tax:

Loss from ordinary activities after income tax	(581,461)	(3,625,258)
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities:		
Depreciation	6,728	70,596
Profit on disposal of plant and equipment	-	(50,000)
Employee options expense	10,913	62,381
Exploration expenditure written off	814,974	3,083,164
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables (Incl. 2018 R&D tax)	(613,778)	11,132
(Increase)/Decrease in inventory	(8,611)	31,026
(Increase)/Decrease in other assets	(2,953)	(30,490)
(Decrease)/Increase in Provisions - current	(18,872)	7,830
(Decrease)/Increase in Provisions – non-current	9,756	44,113
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors and accruals	(2,290)	22,987
Cash flows from operations	(385,594)	(372,519)

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2018	2017

	2010	2017
	\$	\$
8. Exploration and Evaluation Asset		
Exploration and evaluation expenditure carried forward in respect of areas of interest are:		
Exploration and evaluation phase - at cost	30,590,976	28,630,115
Movement in exploration and evaluation asset:		
Opening balance - at cost	28,630,115	28,296,419
Capitalised exploration expenditure	2,775,835	3,654,854
PACE Funding Grant received offset to exploration & Evaluation	- -	(237,994)
Written off from discontinued areas of interest	(814,974)	(3,083,164)
Carrying amount at the end of the period	30,590,976	28,630,115

#### Recognition and measurement:

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred is recognised as exploration and evaluation assets, measured on the cost basis. The expenditure incurred is accumulated in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are only carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be re-couped through the successful development of the area or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage which permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

Accumulated costs in relation to an abandoned area are written off in full in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the year in which the decision to abandon the area is made.

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. Recoverability of the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation or alternatively sale of the respective areas of interest.

When production commences, the accumulated costs for the relevant area of interest are amortised over the life of the area according to the rate of depletion of the economically recoverable reserves.

## Key estimates and judgements:

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Company.

The Company makes estimates and judgements in applying the accounting policies. Critical judgements in respect of accounting policies relate to exploration and evaluation assets, whereby exploration and evaluation expenditure is capitalised in certain circumstances. Recoverability of the carrying amount of any exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation or sale of the respective areas of interest.

## 9. Inventories

Diesel fuel 12,679	9 4,068
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## Recognition and measurement:

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less any applicable selling expenses.

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	Consolidated	
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
10.Plant and Equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost	564,671	558,348
Accumulated depreciation	(557,605)	(550,877)
Balance	7,066	7,471
Movements in property plant and equipment:		_
Opening written down value	7,471	87,700
Additions	6,323	2,992
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment	-	(50,000)
Profit on disposal of plant and equipment	-	37,375
Depreciation expense	(6,728)	(70,596)
Closing written down value of plant and equipment	7,066	7,471

## Recognition and measurement:

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

#### **Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the consolidated entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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

## **Class of Fixed Asset**

## **Depreciation Rate**

Plant and equipment

4% - 40%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An 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 the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement.

## 11. Trade and other receivables

	655,395	279,611
Other receivables	21,008	279,611
Research and Development expected for year ended 30 June 2018	634,386	-

### Recognition and measurement:

Any Research and Development tax refunds are recognised on accruals basis as a credit to income tax expense.

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	2018	2017
	\$	\$
12. Other Assets		
Current		
Insurance Prepayments	33,443	30,490
Non-current		
Deposits and bonds	24,202	24,202
13. Trade and Other Payables		
Current unsecured:		
Trade payables	197,147	362,117
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	52,669	62,509
Total payables (unsecured)	249,816	424,626

## Recognition and measurement:

Trade and other payables are non-interest bearing and have maturity dates of less than 90 days. The liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost which is the fair value of the con-sideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the consolidated entity.

## 14. Employee Benefit Provisions

## a) Current

Annual Leave	201,181	220,053
Long Service Leave	131,300	165,202
Closing balance	332,481	385,255
b) Non-Current		
Long Service Leave	69,104	25,446
Closing balance	69,104	25,446

## Recognition and measurement:

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year, together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries and annual leave, which will be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. Contributions are made by the entity to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

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	Consolidated 2018 \$	Consolidated 2017 \$
15. Contributed Equity		
(a) Fully paid ordinary shares	53,070,322	50,082,204
The share capital of Investigator Resources Limited consists only of full have a par value. All shareholders participate in dividends and the procein proportion to the number of shares held. At shareholders' meetings over when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a	eds on winding up of each ordinary share i	the parent entity
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	50,082,204	44,937,504
Placement & SPP shares issued at \$0.022 per share	3,400,001	5,400,000
Employee options exercised during the year		153,060
Total shares issued during the financial year	3,400,001	5,553,060
Less share issue costs	(411,883)	(408,360)
Balance at reporting date	53,070,322	50,082,204
	Consolidated 2018 No	Consolidated 2017 No
Number of shares at the beginning of the reporting period	585,426,577	462,287,960
Placement shares issued	109,090,910	114,893,617
Share Purchase Plan (SPP) shares issued	45,454,545	
Shares issued upon the exercise of unlisted options		8,245,000
Balance at reporting date	739,972,032	585,426,577
(b) Listed Options		
Number at the beginning of the reporting period Lapsed during the year unexercised	-	114,179,704
Listed Options issued during the year unexercised	160,660,226	(114,179,704)
Balance at reporting date	160,660,226	-

During the year 20,000,000 listed fully vested options (exercisable at \$0.035, expiring on 31 December 2020) were issued to PAC Partners Pty Ltd or its nominees in consideration for lead manager services provided to the Company (Lead Manager Options). The fair value of the Lead Manager Options issued was \$170,225 and was determined using the Black Scholes model (refer Note 17 (b) for further information).

During the year a further 140,660,226 listed fully vested options (exercisable at \$0.035, expiring on 31 December 2020) were issued as free attaching options in conjunction with the capital raising activities as announced on 19 October 2017.

The options are listed on the ASX with an exercise price of \$0.035 per share and expiring on 31 December 2020. During the reporting period no listed options were exercised.

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	Consolidated	
	2018	2017
	No.	No.
15. Contributed Equity (continued)		
(c) Unlisted Options		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	11,015,000	19,555,000
Options issued to Key Management Personnel (KMP) during the period	2,500,000	3,415,000
KMP Options lapsed during the period	(2,340,000)	(1,510,000)
KMP Options exercised during the period	<u>-</u>	(3,835,000)
Options issued to Employees during the period	-	-
Employee options lapsed during the period	(5,260,000)	(2,200,000)
Employee Options exercised during the period		(4,410,000)
Balance at reporting date	5,915,000	11,015,000

The Company issued 2,500,000 unlisted options to KMP during the reporting period. The options are fully vested, unlisted and have an exercise price and expiry date as set out in Note 17(c) below. During the reporting period no KMP options were exercised and 2,340,000 KMP options lapsed.

The fair value of all options issued during the year as part of KMP remuneration was \$10,913 (2016: \$62,381) and was determined using the Black Scholes model (refer Note 17 (c) for further information).

There were no unlisted options issued to employees during the reporting period. No employee options were exercised and 5,260,000 employee options lapsed during the reporting period.

Subsequent to year ended 30 June 2018, no employee unlisted options have been exercised.

## Recognition and measurement:

Ordinary share capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received.

Any transaction costs arising on the issue of shares are recognised (net of tax) directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

	Consolidated 2018	Consolidated 2017	
	\$	\$	
16. Reserves			
Share Option Reserve			
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	962,451	900,070	
Share-based payment expense	181,138	62,381	
Expired and lapsed options adjusted to Retained Earnings	(900,070)	-	
Balance at reporting date	243,519	962,451	

## Recognition and measurement:

The share option reserve records items recognised as expenses or issue costs on valuation of options. Refer to Note 17 for share based payments made during the year ended 30 June 2018.

During the reporting period an adjustment was recorded to the reserves account for the value of \$816,409 for options expired and lapsed held in the share option reserve account. The fair value of these expired and lapsed options was transferred to retained losses during the reporting period.

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## 17. Share Based Payments

## a) Shares

During the reporting period there were no share-based payments issued to Directors or KMP.

## b) Listed Options

During the year 20,000,000 listed fully vested options (exercisable at \$0.035, expiring on 31 December 2020) were issued to PAC Partners Pty Ltd or its nominees in consideration for lead manager services provided, as approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 2017. Details of the listed options issued are set out at Note 15 (b) above.

The fair value of the options was determined as of \$170,225 using the Black Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs:

Weighted average share price at date of grant(\$)	0.022
Weighted average exercise price (\$)	0.035
Weighted average volatility %	74.852
Weighted average risk free rate %	2.015
Days to expiry	1,163
Fair value of options \$	170,225

## c) Unlisted Options

During the year 2,500,000 unlisted fully vested options (exercisable at \$0.048, expiring on 23 January 2020) were issued to the Investigator's Chairman, D. M. Ransom, as approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 2017. Details of the options issued are set out at Note 15 (c) above.

The fair value of the options was determined as of \$10,913 using the Black Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs:

Weighted average share price at date of grant(\$)	0.021
Weighted average exercise price (\$)	0.048
Weighted average volatility %	75.137
Weighted average risk free rate %	1.75
Days to expiry	785
Fair value of options \$	10,913

## Recognition and measurement:

The Company has provided benefits to certain employees and or key management personnel in the form of options.

The fair value of the equity to which employees become entitled is measured at grant date and recognised as an expense over the vesting period, with a corresponding increase to an equity account.

The fair value of options is ascertained using a Black Scholes pricing model. The number of shares and options expected to vest is reviewed and adjusted at each reporting date such that the amount recognised for services received as consideration for the equity instruments granted shall be based on the number of equity instruments that eventually vest.

## Key estimates and judgements:

The Company measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by using the Black-Scholes model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted.

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## 17. Share Based Payments (continued)

## c) Unlisted Options (continued)

Details of unlisted share options on issue to KMP and other employees and weighted average exercise prices were as follows:

	KMP		Employees	
	No of Options	Weighted Average exercise price	No of Options	Weighted Average exercise price
Outstanding at 30 June 2016	7,685,000	\$0.031	11,870,000	\$0.031
Granted	3,415,000	\$0.036	-	-
Lapsed	(1,510,000)	\$0.074	(2,200,000)	\$0.077
Exercised	(3,835,000)	\$0.021	(4,410,000)	\$0.016
Outstanding at 30 June 2017	5,755,000	\$0.030	5,260,000	\$0.038
Granted / Issued	2,500,000	\$0.048	-	-
Lapsed	(2,340,000)	\$0.020	(5,260,000)	\$0.038
Exercised	_	-	-	
Outstanding at 30 June 2018	5,915,000	\$0.041	-	-

## 18. Financial Instruments

## a) Financial Risk Management

The consolidated entity's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and loans to related parties.

### i) Treasury Risk Management

The Board of the consolidated entity considers interest rate exposure and evaluates treasury management strategies in the context of the most recent economic conditions and forecasts.

## ii) Financial Risks

The main risks the consolidated entity is exposed to through its financial instruments are liquidity risk and credit risk. The consolidated entity has no exposure to foreign currency risk.

## Liquidity risk

The consolidated entity manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows.

## Credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

The credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is considered negligible as the consolidated entity invests its surplus funds with reputable Australian banks with high quality external credit ratings. The consolidated entity does not have any other material credit risk exposure to any single material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the consolidated entity.

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#### 18. Financial Instruments (continued)

## b) Financial Instruments

### i) Interest Rate Risk, Financial Instrument Composition and Maturity Analysis

The consolidated entity's exposure to interest rate risk is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates.

The following table details the period to maturity and exposure to interest rate risk at the reporting date. All other financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing and have maturity dates of less than 90 days.

	Weighted Av- erage Inter- est Rate	Average Cash Balance \$
2018		
Cash and cash equivalents <b>2017</b>	2.3%	3,144,269
Cash and cash equivalents	1.8%	5,320,093

## ii) Net Fair Values

The carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the financial statements represents their respective net fair values, determined in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

## iii) Sensitivity Analysis

The group has performed sensitivity analysis relating to its exposure to interest rate risk at balance date. The sensitivity analysis demonstrates the effect on the current year results and equity which could result from a change in these risks.

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

At 30 June 2018, the effect on profit and equity as a result of changes in the interest rate, with all other variables remaining constant would be as follows:

	Consolidated Group		
	2018	2017	
	\$	\$	
Change in profit:			
Increase in interest rate by 2%	62,885	106,402	
Decrease in interest rate by 2%	(62,885)	(106,402)	
Change in Equity			
Increase in interest rate by 2%	62,885	106,402	
Decrease in interest rate by 2%	(62,885)	(106,402)	

#### Recognition and Initial Measurement:

Financial instruments, incorporating financial assets and financial liabilities, are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Trade date accounting is adopted for financial assets that are delivered within timeframes established by marketplace convention.

### Key estimates and judgements:

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by using the Black-Scholes model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted.

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### 18. Financial Instruments (continued)

### Recognition and Initial Measurement (continued):

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs where the instrument is not classified as being at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Transaction costs related to instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss are expensed through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income immediately. Financial instruments are classified and measured as set out below.

#### Derecognition:

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs where the instrument is not classified as being at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Transaction costs related to instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss are expensed through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income immediately. Financial instruments are classified and measured as set out below.

### Financial assets at fair value through Profit or Loss:

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management and within the requirements of AASB 139: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the period in which they arise.

## 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 stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Loans and receivables.

#### Held-to-maturity investments:

These investments have fixed maturities, and it is the group's intention to hold these investments to maturity. Any held-to-maturity investments held by the group are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate.

## Available-for-sale financial assets:

Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories. Available-for-sale financial assets are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity.

#### Financial liabilities:

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

#### 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 each reporting date, the group assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a significant and prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

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## 19. Controlled Entities

Interests in controlled entities are as follows:

Name	Principal Activity	Country of Incorporation	Share	Ownersh es		Carry Amount vestm	of In-
				2018	2017	2018	2017
Sunthe Uranium Pty Ltd	Mineral exploration	Australia	Ordinary	100%	100%	1	1
Gilles Resources Pty Ltd	Mineral exploration	Australia	Ordinary	100%	100%	1	1
Silver Eyre Pty Ltd	Mineral exploration	Australia	Ordinary	100%	100%	1	1
Kimba Minerals Pty Ltd	Mineral exploration	Australia	Ordinary	100%	100%	1	1
Goyder Resources Pty Ltd	Mineral exploration	Australia	Ordinary	100%	100%	1	1
Gawler Resources Pty Ltd	Mineral exploration	Australia	Ordinary	100%	100%	1	1

## 20. Segment Information

The consolidated entity has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors (chief operating decision makers) in assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources. The consolidated entity operates in a single operating segment: that of the mineral exploration industry in Australia.

## 21.Parent Entity Information

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Statement of Financial Position	<del>-</del>	
Current assets	3,591,269	3,147,856
Total assets	34,213,513	31,809,644
Current liabilities	582,297	809,881
Total liabilities	651,401	835,327
Net assets	33,562,112	30,974,317
Equity		_
Issued capital	53,070,322	50,082,204
Share option reserve	243,519	962,451
Accumulated losses	(19,751,729)	(20,070,338)
Total equity	33,562,112	30,974,317
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Incon	ne	
Income	73,794	98,789
(Loss) for the year	(581,461)	(3,625,258)

Commitments for the parent entity are the same as those for the consolidated entity and are set out at Note 25.

The parent entity has not entered into a deed of cross guarantee nor are there any contingent liabilities at year end.

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## 22.Interests in Joint Operations and Farm - in Arrangements

The consolidated entity had interests in unincorporated joint operations at 30 June 2018 as follows:

	Percentage Interest 2018	Percentage Interest 2017
Thurlga – Pursuant to the farm in agreement with Peninsula Resources Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Andromeda Metals Limited, the Company earned a 75% interest in EL 5419 by meeting the expenditure commitment of \$750,000 during the year ended 30 June 2017. Gawler Resources Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Investigator Resources, is the manager of the Joint Venture.	75%	75%

## Recognition and Measurement:

The consolidated group's share of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of joint venture operations are included in the appropriate items of the consolidated financial statements.

## 23. Related Party Disclosures

During the year there were no transactions between related parties, other than those noted in the audited Remuneration Report. Where transactions with related parties occur, they are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

## a) Transactions with Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel remuneration includes the following expenses:

	2018	2017
Short term employee benefits:		
Salaries including bonuses	817,417	911,501
Total short-term employee benefits	817,417	911,501
Long-term benefits:		
Long service leave	8,562	9,362
Total other long-term benefits	8,562	9,362
Post-employment benefits:		
Defined contribution pension plans	77,423	72,741
Total post-employment benefits	77,423	72,741
Share-based payments	10,913	62,381
Total remuneration	914,315	1,055,985

## b) Other transactions with Key Management Personnel

Mr A. McIlwain is a director of Andrew McIlwain & Associates Pty Ltd (AM&A). From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, AM&A and Mr McIlwain have been engaged to provide corporate advisory services to the company. The services to be provided are based on normal commercial terms and conditions. The company has not incurred any costs related to this engagement during the financial year.

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	2018	2017	
	\$	\$	
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24. Auditors Remuneration			
(i) Audit and other assurance services			
Amounts paid/payable for audit and review of financial statements for the			
consolidated entity or any entity in the group.	48,483	46,179	
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	48,483	46,179	
(ii) Audit and other assurance services			
Amounts paid/payable to a related practice of the auditor for tax compliance			
and advisory services for the consolidated entity or any entity in the group.	6,900	6,501	
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	6,900	6,501	

## 25. Expenditure Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

## a) Exploration Expenditure Commitments

The consolidated entity has certain obligations to perform exploration work and expend minimum amounts of money on such works on mineral exploration tenements.

These obligations will vary from time to time, subject to statutory approval. The terms of current and future joint ventures, the grant or relinquishment of licences and changes to licence areas at renewal or expiry, will alter the expenditure commitments of the consolidated entity. To keep tenements in good standing, work programs should meet certain minimum expenditure requirements. If the minimum expenditure requirements are not met, the Company has the option to negotiate new terms or relinquish the tenements. The Company also has the ability to meet expenditure requirements by joint venture or farm-in agreements.

Total expenditure commitments at balance date in respect of minimum expenditure requirements not provided for in the financial statements are approximately:

	2018	2017
Not later than one year	1,635,842	1,941,052
Later than one year but not later than two years:	840,905	671,318
Later than two years but not later than five years	-	

### b) Office and Storage Shed Rentals

The consolidated entity has entered into rental agreements to occupy premises in Adelaide. Total expenditure commitments at balance date in respect of minimum expenditure requirements not provided for in the financial statements are approximately:

	2018	2017
Not later than one year	105,169	90,533
Later than one year but not later than two years:	1,980	20,136
Later than two years but not later than five years	5,940	-

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## 26. Subsequent Events

On the 16 August 2018 the Company announced that Mr John Anderson stepped down from his long-term role of Managing Director of Investigator. An executive search commenced to secure a new Managing Director. In the interim, Mr Andrew McIlwain, who was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of Investigator in June 2018, was appointed as acting Chief Executive Officer effective from 16 August 2018.

The Company completed a review of the corporate strategy and management structure of the Company, principally due to the challenges of raising capital to financing high risk exploration from traditional sources in the current market.

The Company announced the following initiatives to place the Company more favourably in a challenging market environment:

#### Paris Silver Project

The Paris Silver Prospect is the key asset of the Company providing significant upside to the silver market. A JORC compliant resource of 42 million ounces of silver positions Paris as one of the best undeveloped silver projects in Australia.

Work will continue to investigate opportunities to improve metallurgical recoveries, with focus upon a better understanding of the geological and chemical domains of the mineralisation.

#### Maslins IOCG Target

Maslins is a high profile IOCG target located on the Stuart Shelf. MT surveys by Geoscience Australia and proprietary data compiled by Investigator has defined a drillable target realistically analogous to Olympic Dam. This potential has attracted interest from several parties and discussions are in progress which should see Maslins drilled in the final quarter of 2018.

#### Regional Exploration

A review of the Company's exploration assets is currently underway and a rationalisation of the property portfolio will ensue over the next two quarters.

### Project Generation

The Company aims to acquire a high-profile advanced exploration project by the end of 2018. No restriction as to commodity focus or jurisdiction is currently defined. Considering the supportive shareholder base, sufficient available cash and the augmented corporate capacity to advance other opportunities in the Board and management, a number of projects have been offered independently to Investigator over the past three months. These opportunities will continue to be reviewed.

Other than as set out in this report and the attached financial statements, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since 30 June 2018, which significantly affect or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 2018

## 27. New Accounting standards and interpretations

## **Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards**

The Consolidated entity has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. The adoption of these standards did not have any impact on the current reporting period or any prior period and is not likely to affect future periods.

## New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the consolidated entity for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2018. The consolidated entity's assessment of the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations, most relevant to the consolidated entity, are set out below.

Standard/Interpre- tation	Nature of change	Effective date (an- nual report- ing periods beginning on or after)	Expected to be initially applied in the financia year ending	Likely impact
AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers	AASB 15:  • replaces AASB 118 Revenue, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and some revenue-related Interpretations:  • establishes a new revenue recognition model  • changes the basis for deciding whether revenue to be recognised over time or at a point in time  • provides new and more detailed guidance on specific topics (e.g. multiple element arrangements, variable pricing, rights of return, warranties and I censing)  • expands and improves disclosures about revenu	1 January 2018	30 June 2019	The entity is yet to undertake a detailed assessment of the impact of AASB 9. However, based on the entity's preliminary assessment, the Standard is not expected to have a material impact on the transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements when it is first adopted for the year ending 30 June 2019.
AASB 2016-5 Amendments to Australian Account- ing Standards – Classification and Measurement of Share-based Pay- ment Transactions	This Standard amends AASB 2 Share-based Payment to address:  a The accounting for the effects of vesting and nonvesting conditions on the measurement of cash-settled share-based payments;  b The classification of share-based payment transactions with a net settlement feature for withholding tax obligations; and  c The accounting for a modification to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment that changes the classification of the transaction from cash-settled to equity-settled.	1 January 2018	30 June 2019	When these amendments are first adopted for the year ending 30 June 2019, there will be no material impact on the financial statements.
AASB 16 Leases	AASB 16:  replaces AASB 117 Leases and some lease-related Interpretations  requires all leases to be accounted for 'on-balance sheet' by lessees, other than short-term and low value asset leases  provides new guidance on the application of the definition of lease and on sale and lease back accounting  largely retains the existing lessor accounting requirements in AASB 117  requires new and different disclosures about leases.	1 January 2019	30 June 2020	The entity is yet to undertake a detailed assessment of the impact of AASB 16. However, based on the entity's preliminary assessment, the Standard is not expected to have a material impact on the transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements when it is first adopted for the year ending 30 June 2020.

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Expected

## 27. New Accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

			Expected	
			to be ini-	
Standard/Interpreta-	Nature of change	Effective date (annual reporting periods beginning on or after)	tially ap- plied in the finan- cial year ending	Likely impact
AASB 9 Financial	AASP 0 supercodes AASP 130 Financial Instruments	,		
	AASB 9 supersedes AASB 139 Financial Instruments Recognition and Measurement.  AASB 9 introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities and includes a forward-looking 'expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-changed approach to hedge accounting. These requirements improve and simplify the approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139. The main changes are:  • Financial assets that are debt instruments will be classified based on: (i) the objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; and (ii) the characteristics of the contractual cash flows.  • Allows an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income (instead of in profit or loss). Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument.  • Introduces a 'fair value through other comprehensive income' measurement category for particular simple debt instruments.  • Financial assets can be designated and measured at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities, or recognising the gains and losses on them, on different bases.  • Where the fair value option is used for financial lia-	nual report- ing periods	the finan-	Likely impact  The entity is yet to undertake a detailed assessment of the impact of AASB 9. However, based on the entity's preliminary assessment, the Standard is not expected to have a material impact on the transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements when it is first adopted for the year ending 30 June 2019.
	bilities the change in fair value is to be accounted for as follows:  i. the change attributable to changes in credit risk are presented in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI)  ii. the remaining change is presented in profit or loss  If this approach creates or enlarges an accounting mismatch in the profit or loss, the effect of the changes in credit risk are also presented in profit or loss. Otherwise, the following requirements have generally been carried forward unchanged from AASB 139 into AASB 9:  i. classification and measurement of financial liabilities; and  ii. derecognition requirements for financial assets and liabilities.  AASB 9 requirements regarding hedge accounting represent a substantial overhaul of hedge accounting that enable entities to better reflect their risk management activities in the financial statements.			

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#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The Directors of the company declare that:

- 1. the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
  - comply with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company and consolidated group;
- 2. the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer have each declared that:
  - the financial records of the company for the financial year have been properly maintained in accordance with section 286 of the Corporations Act 2001;
  - the financial statements and notes for the financial year comply with the Accounting Standards; and
  - c. the financial statements and notes for the financial year give a true and fair view;
- 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.
- Note 1 confirms that the consolidated financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

D M Ransom Chairman

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Adelaide 27 August 2018 A McIlwain

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Adelaide

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## Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Investigator Resources Limited

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Investigator Resources Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated statement 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:

- a Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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#### Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial statements, which indicates that the Group incurred a net loss of \$581,461 during the year ended 30 June 2018, and cash outflows from operating and investing activities of \$3,102,277. As stated in Note 1, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

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

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Valuation of Exploration and Evaluation Assets Note 11	
At 30 June 2018 the carrying value of Exploration and Evaluation Assets was \$30,590,976.  In accordance with AASB 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources, the Group is required to assess at each reporting date if there are any triggers for impairment which may suggest the carrying value is in excess of the recoverable value.  The process undertaken by management to assess whether there are any impairment triggers in each area of interest involves an element of management judgement.  This area is a key audit matter due to the valuation of exploration and evaluation assets being a significant risk.	Our procedures included, amongst others:  Obtaining the management reconciliation of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure and agreeing to the general ledger;  Reviewing management's area of interest considerations against AASB 6;  Agreeing exploration written off during the year for completeness with reference to abandoned areas;  Conducting a detailed review of management's assessment of trigger events prepared in accordance with AASB 6 including;  Tracing projects to statutory registers, exploration licenses and third party confirmations to determine whether a right of tenure existed;  Enquiry of management regarding their intentions to carry out exploration and evaluation activity in the relevant exploration area, including review of managements' budgeted expenditure;  Understanding whether any data exists to suggest that the carrying value of these exploration and evaluation assets are unlikely to be recovered through development or sale; and  Reviewing the appropriateness of the related disclosures within the financial statements.

#### Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2018, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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



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

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of 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 preparation 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 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 Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors responsibilities/ar1.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Report on the Remuneration Report

### Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2018.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Investigator Resources Limited, for the year ended 30 June 2018, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

## Responsibilities

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

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Chartered Accountants

J L Humphrey

Partner - Audit & Assurance

Adelaide, 27 August 2018