

CRITICAL MINERALS GROUP LIMITED A.B.N. 91 652 994 726

> INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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CRITICAL MINERALS GROUP LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES A.B.N. 91 652 994 726 DIRECTORS REPORT

Your directors present their report on Critical Minerals Group Limited ("the Company") and its controlled entities ("the Group"), for the half-year ended 31 December 2023. The period of this interim financial report is for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the half-year are:

Alan John Broome William Scott Winter (appointed 10 July 2023) Scott Drelincourt (resigned 10 July 2023) Steven Kovac Art Malone Stuart McClure

The names of the Company Secretary in office at any time during or since the end of the half-year are:

Adam Gallagher (appointed 31 August 2023) Tony Myers (resigned 31 August 2023)

The directors have been in office since the start of the half-year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Review of Operations and Principal Activities

The Group incurred a loss of \$910,659 for the half-year (2022: \$775,172) relating mainly to employee costs, professional and consulting fees incurred during the half-year.

The principal activity of the Group during the half-year continued to be the exploration and evaluation of mineral resources with \$768,409 (2022: \$364,464) in exploration and evaluation costs capitalised during the half-year.

During the half-year the Group:

- Completed an infill drilling programme at the "Lindfield Project" (EPM 27872) located at Julia Creek, Queensland.
- 2. Carried out a series of programmed bench scale testing on the mineralised material from the "Lindfield Vanadium Project" to develop the vanadium and HPA processing and beneficiation flow sheets.
- 3. Completed a Scoping Study for the "Lindfield Vanadium Project" (EPM 27872) that evaluated the development potential to produce vanadium pentoxide, high purity alumina, and molybdenum from the MRE.
- 4. The tenements for the "Whinmoor" (EPM 28631) in the district of Julia Creek, Queensland was granted.
- 5. Executed a non-binding term sheet with ASX-listed resources company True North Copper Limited (ASX: TNC) ("TNC"), under which TNC may farm-in to two of the Group's exploration permits EPM 27998 (forming the Figtree Creek Project) and EPM 27999 (forming the Lorena Surrounds Project), both located in Mount Isa, Queensland (together, "Tenements").
- 6. Signed a Licence Agreement with Lava Blue Ltd, a mineral processing technology company that will assist CMG in developing its capability in the processing and production of HPA from the ore at Lindfield and Whinmoor.
- 7. Undertook water sampling and initial ecological surveys of the immediate prospective mining area as part of an overall approvals and environmental studies programme for the development of the "Lindfield Project"

Other than those disclosed in this report, there were no significant changes in the Group's state of affairs.

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Events Subsequent to Balance Date

On 6 March 2024, the Company announced that it has received firm commitments for \$1.7m at \$0.15 per share. This will result in the issue of 11,333,334 new ordinary class shares. The first tranche of 7,681,657 shares will be issued to sophisticated and professional investor utilising the Company's available placement capacity on or around 15 March 2024. The remaining 3,651,677 shares will be issued to the Company's largest shareholder, Idemitsu Australia subject to shareholder approval to be sought at a general meeting scheduled to be held on or around the 12 April 2024.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the half-year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the result of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial periods.

Likely Developments

In accordance with the Group's exploration and evaluation program, significant effort will continue to be directed towards the geological model metallurgy and lab pilot plant test work in relation to the Lindfield Project. A more detailed feasibility study and evaluation will be undertaken for the Lindfield Vanadium Project.

In relation to the Whinmoor Project, further desktop evaluation is likely to proceed along with a potential initial drilling program. In relation to the Lara Downs Project and Lindfield North Project, the Directors are unable to comment on the likely results from the Group's planned activities on each of the projects due to the speculative nature of such activities.

Environmental Issues

The Group's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under the law of the Commonwealth or of a State of Territory, except for those related to licences for mineral exploration.

Dividends

No dividends were paid during the period and no recommendation is made as to the dividends.

Share Options

At the date of this report, unissued ordinary share options are as follows:

Unquoted (exercise price \$0.25 and expiry date of two (2) years from the date of quotation (being 27 September 2022)	8,368,333
Total existing Options	8,368,333

Option holders do not have any right, by virtue of the option, to participate in any share issue of the Company or any related body corporate.

During the half-year, no options were exercised to acquire ordinary shares.

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Deeds of Indemnity, Insurance and Access

The Company has entered into Deeds of Indemnity, Insurance and Access with each of its directors. Under these deeds, the Company agrees to indemnify each officer to the extent permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) ("Corporations Act 2001") against any liability arising as a result of the officer acting as an officer of the Company. The Company is also required to maintain insurance policies for the benefit of the relevant officer and must also allow the officers to inspect board papers in certain circumstances.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 4.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

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Dated this 12th day of March 2024



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF CRITICAL MINERALS GROUP LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the half-year ended 31 December 2023, there have been:

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

PKF BRISBANE AUDIT

TIM FOLLETT PARTNER

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
		\$	\$
Revenue			
Interest		19,436	20,301
Expenses			
Administration costs		(146,263)	(52,254)
Professional and consulting fees	2	(119,207)	(239,213)
Employee costs		(481,441)	(111,739)
Director fees		(111,287)	(69,410)
Share based payments		-	(250,400)
Other expenses	3	(71,897)	(72,458)
Loss before income tax, attributable to members		(910,659)	(775,172)
Tax expense	4	-	-
Loss for the period, attributable to members		(910,659)	(775,172)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax, attributable to members		(910,659)	(775,172)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	971,165	2,705,665
Other receivables	· ·	82,596	48,287
Total Current Assets		1,053,761	2,753,952
Non-Current Assets			
Exploration and evaluation assets	6	1,559,499	791,090
Total Non-Current Assets		1,559,499	791,090
Total Assets		2,613,260	3,545,042
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	102,770	122,530
Provisions		22,607	23,971
Total Current Liabilities		125,377	146,501
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	-
Total Liabilities		125,377	146,501
Net Assets		2,487,883	3,398,541
Equity			
Issued capital	8	5,437,137	5,437,137
Reserves	9	334,733	334,733
Accumulated losses		(3,283,987)	(2,373,329)
Total Equity		2,487,883	3,398,541

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Issued Capital	Reserves	Accumulated losses	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023		5,437,137	334,733	(2,373,329)	3,398,541
Loss for the period		-	-	(910,659)	(910,659)
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	(910,659)	(910,659)
Shares issued		-	-	-	-
Share issue costs		-	-	-	-
Share based payment expense		-	-	-	-
Transaction with owners, in their capacity as owners		-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2023		5,437,137	334,733	(3,283,987)	2,487,883
Balance at 1 July 2022		772,515	84,333	(937,065)	(80,217)
Loss for the period		-	-	(1,436,264)	(1,436,264)
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	(1,436,264)	(1,436,264)
Shares issued		5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
Share issue costs		(335,378)	-	-	(335,378)
Share based payment expense		-	250,400	-	250,400
Transaction with owners, in their capacity as owners		4,664,622	250,400	-	4,915,022
Balance at 30 June 2023		5,437,137	334,733	(2,373,329)	3,398,541

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
_		\$	\$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(985,527)	(920,071)
Interest received		19,436	20,301
Net cash used in operating activities		(966,091)	(899,770)
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for exploration and evaluation		(768,409)	(364,464)
Net cash used in investing activities		(768,409)	(364,464)
Cash flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares		-	5,000,000
Payments for share issue costs		-	(84,978)
Net cash provided by financing activities		-	4,915,022
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(1,734,500)	3,650,788
Cash at beginning of financial period		2,705,665	53,510
Cash at end of financial period	5	971,165	3,704,298

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the half-year financial report

These consolidated interim financial statements and notes represent those of Critical Minerals Group Limited ("CMG" or "the Company") and controlled entities (together referred to as "the Group "or "Consolidated Entity") and are presented in Australian dollars. The Group is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. The financial statements were authorised for issue on 12 March 2024 by the Directors.

These consolidated general-purpose financial statements for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Act 2001.

These financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial statement. Accordingly, these financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made by the company during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except for the statement of cash flows. Cost is based on the fair values of consideration in exchange for assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, unless otherwise stated.

Going Concern

Notwithstanding a consolidated loss before income tax of \$910,659 and a net cash outflow from operating and investing activities of \$1,734,500 for the period ended 31 December 2023, the interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors are of the view that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The ability of the Group to continue to pay its debts as and when they fall due is dependent upon the Group successfully raising additional share capital and ultimately developing its mineral properties. The Directors believe that they will continue to be successful in securing additional funds through equity issues as and when the need to raise working capital arises, as evidenced by the capital raise subsequent to the year-end detailed in Note 12 of the interim financial statements.

Should additional funds through equity issues as and when the need to raise capital arises not be available, the going concern assumption may not be appropriate.

New accounting standards and interpretations

The group has adopted all the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are mandatory for the current reporting period. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted. None of the new standards or amendments to standards that are mandatory for the first time materially affected any of the amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure

Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure incurred is accumulated in respect of each separately identifiable area of interest. These costs are only carried forward where the right of tenure for the area of interest is current and to the extent that they are expected to be recouped through the successful development and commercial exploitation of the area, or alternatively sale of the area, or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage that permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure assets acquired in a business combination are recognised at their fair value at the acquisition date.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the extraction of mineral resources in an area of interest are demonstrable, the exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area of interest are first tested for impairment and then reclassified to mining development.

Accumulated costs in relation to an abandoned area are written off in full against the result in the period 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.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements 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 Group.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure

The application of the Group's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation expenditure requires judgement in determining whether it is likely that future economic benefits are likely, which may be based on assumptions about future events or circumstances. Estimates and assumptions may change if new information becomes available. If after expenditure is capitalised information becomes available suggesting that the recovery of expenditure is unlikely, the amount capitalised is written off in the Statement of Profit or Loss in the period when the new information becomes available.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
<u>-</u>	\$	\$
2. Professional and Consulting Fees		
Other professional and consulting fees	108,122	122,461
Legal expenses	11,085	116,752
- -	119,207	239,213
3. Other expenses		
Marketing expenses	59,326	52,860
Other expenses	201	17,995
Exploration expenditure	12,370	1,603
- -	71,897	72,458
4. Income tax expense		
Prima facie tax (receivable) on loss before income tax at 25% (2022 – 25%)	(227,665)	(193,793)
Add: Tax effect of tax losses not recognised as a deferred tax asset	227,665	193,793
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		31 December 2023	30 June 2023
		\$	\$
5.	Cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash at bank	971,165	2,705,665
		971,165	2,705,665
6.	Exploration and evaluation assets		
	Exploration and evaluation asset	1,559,499	791,090
	Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial period are set out below		
	Balance at start of the period	791,090	38,874
	Additions	768,409	752,216
	Balance at end of the period	1,559,499	791,090
7.	Trade and other payables		
	Trade and other payables	102,770	122,530
	-	102,770	122,530
8.	Issued Capital		
	Fully paid ordinary shares	5,437,137	5,437,137
		5,437,137	5,437,137

Ordinary shareholders participate in dividends in proportion to the number of shares held. At shareholder's meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands.

Capital Management

There are no externally imposed capital requirements.

Management effectively manages the Group's capital by assessing the Group's financial risks and adjusting its capital structure in response to changes in these risks and in the market.

There have been no changes in the strategy adopted by the management to control the capital of the Group during the period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		31 December 2023	30 June 2023
		\$	\$
9.	Reserves		
	Share based payment reserve	334,733	334,733
		334,733	334,733

10. Segment information

The Group is organised into one operating segment, being mining and exploration operations. This operating segment is based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. The accounting policies adopted for internal reporting is consistent with those adopted in the financial statements. The Group operates in one geographical segment being Australia, specifically in the state of Queensland.

11. Events Subsequent to Balance Date

On 6 March 2024, the Company announced that it has received firm commitments for \$1.7m at \$0.15 per share. This will result in the issue of 11.333.334 new ordinary class shares. The first tranche of 7,681,657 shares will be issued to sophisticated and professional investor utilising the Company's available placement capacity on or around 15 March 2024. The remaining 3,651,677 shares will be issued to the Company's largest shareholder, Idemitsu Australia subject to shareholder approval to be sought at a general meeting scheduled to be held on or around the 12 April 2024.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the half-year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the result of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial periods.

12. Company Details

The registered office of the Group is: Critical Minerals Group Limited Level 4, Gold Tower 10 Eagle Street Brisbane QLD Australia 4000

The principal place of business is the same as above.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

13. Controlled Entities

The Consolidated Financial Statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries.

Name of entity	Country of Incorporation	Class of Share	Equity %
Vanteq Minerals Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100%
CMG 1 Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100%
CMG 3 Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100%

14. Commitments and contingencies

Exploration commitments

To maintain current rights to tenure of various exploration and mining tenements, the Company will be required to outlay amounts in respect of tenement rent to the relevant governing authorities and to meet certain annual exploration expenditure commitments. These outlays (exploration expenditure and rent), which arise in relation to granted tenements, inclusive of tenement applications granted after 31 December 2023, are as follows:

	\$
Exploration expenditure commitments payable	
Within one year	540,000
 Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years 	<u>-</u>
	540,000

DIRECTORS DECLARATION

In the directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 14 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) including:
 - i. complying with Australian Accounting Standards 134: Interim Financial Reporting;
 - ii. giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Scott Winter

Managing Director

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Dated this 12th day of March 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CRITICAL MINERALS GROUP LIMITED

Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Critical Minerals Group Limited ("the company"), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and 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 half-year ended on that date, a statement of accounting policies, other selected explanatory notes, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity, comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year's end or from time to time during the financial half-year.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Critical Minerals Group Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:-

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with the Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the consolidated entity in accordance with the auditor 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 (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. In accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, we have given the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration.



Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

PKF BRISBANE AUDIT

TIM FOLLETT PARTNER

12 March 2024 Brisbane