

# **Eastern Metals Limited**

ABN 29 643 902 943

Financial Report for the half year ended 31 December 2024

# **Corporate Directory**

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# **Directors' Report**

The Directors present their report, together with the Interim Financial Statements of Eastern Metals Limited (Company) at the end of and during the half year ended 31 December 2024.

## **Directors**

The Directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the financial half year are:

lan White	Non-Executive Chairman	Appointed Non-Executive Director 4 October 2022. Elected Non-Executive Chairman 11 February 2025.
Mark Dugmore	Non-Executive Director	Appointed Non-Executive Director 4 October 2022
Gregory Starr	Non-Executive Director	Appointed Non-Executive Director 10 February 2025
Dr Jason Berton	Former Chairman	Appointed Non-Executive Director 26 July 2021 Elected Non-Executive Chairman 4 November 2024. Resigned 11 February 2025.
Bob Duffin	Former Chairman	Elected Non-Executive Chairman 2 September 2020. Resigned 15 October 2024

# **Review of Operations and Outlook**

# **Overview and Strategy**

# **Cobar Project**

The Cobar Project is located 470km west of Sydney, near the town of Lake Cargelligo in New South Wales. It includes the Company's Browns Reef tenement (EL6321), as well as the Tara, Bothrooney and Black Range Exploration Licences (EL9180, EL9136 and EL9565). All four tenements lie in the southern Cobar Basin, a Tier-1 base metals exploration and production province.

The southern Cobar Basin is rapidly emerging as a new exploration hotspot, and reconnaissance drilling undertaken by the Company in Q2 FY2025 at two new targets, Kelpie Hill and Windmill Dam, returned significant high-grade gold (KHRC001) and copper mineralisation (WDRCDD001).

Browns Reef also hosts a JORC 2012 Exploration Target of 27-36Mt grading between 1.3-1.4% zinc, 0.6-0.7% lead, 9-10g/t silver and 0.2-0.3% copper prepared in 2015 by the previous owner, Kidman Resources<sup>1</sup>.

#### **EL6321 Browns Reef**

Browns Reef (EL6321) is an 'advanced exploration project' located 5km west of Lake Cargelligo in the southern Cobar Basin, NSW (Figure 2). Historical and current data shows that the main mineralised trend has good continuity from south of Browns Reef through Evergreen, Kelpie Hill and historical

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kidman Resources Ltd (ASX:KDR) ASX Announcement 20 January 2015, 'Clarification to Brown's Reef Announcement'.

prospects to the north for ~6km and is open to both the north and south. This trend has been ascribed to the Woorara Fault, a crustal scale structure with several spatially related mineral occurrences including Wirlong and Browns Reef.

Eastern Metals completed a Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling program during the December Quarter to test high-priority targets. The drilling tested two new targets, Kelpie Hill and Windmill Dam, as well the more advanced Evergreen prospect.

Results from the drilling program were reported in ASX announcements dated 23 October 2024 and 29 October 2024. Highlights include:

- 7m @ 4.3g/t Au, 2.7g/t Ag, 0.3% Pb from 50m and 1m @ 4.17g/t Au, 2.7g/t Ag from 82m at Kelpie Hill (KHRC001);
- 20m @ 0.3% Cu from 186m and 30m @ 0.15% Cu from 271m at Windmill Dam (WDRCDD001).

Hydrothermally emplaced gold was mined within coarse, gold-bearing quartz veins hosted in Ordovician sediments in the middle of Lake Cargelligo in the 1870s. These Ordovician sediments are interpreted as the same Clements Formation that lies adjacent to the Woorara Fault-Preston Formation unconformity within EL6321.

These gold veins, textures and alteration assemblages observed in core and recent drill results (7m @ 4.3g/t Au) at Kelpie Hill, provides evidence for the potential of a metal bearing intrusive underneath the Browns Reef mineralised trend.

An Induced Polarisation ground geophysical survey is planned to identify and delineate further drill targets, particularly in areas with Tertiary basalt cover which masks the prospective underlying geology along the Woorara Fault.

#### EL9180 Tara, EL9136 Bothrooney & EL9565 Black Range

Tara, Bothrooney and Black Range represent secondary targets within the Cobar Project along the highly prospective Woorara Fault.

Eastern Metals has identified prospective geology within each of these licence areas, with exploration programs to be undertaken in parallel with the Company's primary work program focussed on Browns Reef. Activities in the remainder of FY2025 include acquiring remaining land access agreements in key areas.

# **Arunta Project**

The Company's core focus within the Arunta Project is the Home of Bullion deposit (EL23186), which lies in the Neutral Junction block and hosts a 3.1 million tonne Mineral Resource (JORC 2012) grading 2.9% CuEq.

In the half year ended 31 December 2024, the Company undertook an IP survey. Three new geophysical anomalies were identified directly along strike from the Home of Bullion deposit, representing follow-up drill targets. These results were reported in an ASX announcement dated 26

November 2024. The area offers strong potential for the discovery of additional high-grade, structurally controlled Volcanic Massive Sulphide-style lodes along a magnetic high trend.

Two of the three anomalies, located 400m and 800m to the north-west of Home of Bullion, show broad conductivity and chargeability anomalies at about 150m below surface and sit on the same magnetic-high ridge as the Home of Bullion Main Lode.

A third anomaly, located about 600m to the south-east of the deposit, coincides with the magnetic-high ridge which is considered similar in shape and intensity to the Home of Bullion response and could potentially represent a deep target. Previous electromagnetic (EM) survey results did not show any strong response within this area, suggesting that the source is either too deep, low-grade or is dominated by disseminated rather than massive pyrrhotite or chalcopyrite. There has been no drilling in this area, and it is currently untested.

The IP survey was supported by a co-funding grant of up to \$100,000 which was awarded to Eastern Metals in Round 17 of the NT Geophysics and Drilling Collaborations Program (GDCP), part of the NT Government's 'Resourcing the Territory' initiative.

#### EL29475 Adnera & EL31292 Buggy Camp

Renewal applications for EL29475 and EL31292 were lodged with the NT Department of Mining & Energy on 4 December 2024, and both were renewed by the Department in January 2025.

# **Thomson Project**

The divestment of the Thomson Project, comprising two exploration licences in north-western New South Wales, Harrier (EL9194) and Falcon (EL9190), was finalised in November 2024. The sale of the Thomson Project to Legacy Minerals Holdings Ltd (ASX: LGM, "Legacy Minerals") comprised:

- \$200,000 cash; and
- A 1.5% NSR, on all minerals produced with a buy-back option for:
  - (i) half of the NSR (0.75%) for \$2M at any time; and
  - (ii) the remaining half of the NSR (0.75%), for \$4M at any time.

The sale streamlines Eastern Metals' asset portfolio, enabling the Company to focus its funds and resources on the high-potential, advanced base metals Cobar Project in NSW.

# **Corporate**

# **Appointment of Non-Executive Chairman**

In November 2024, Eastern Metals appointed experienced mining executive, Dr Jason Berton, as the Company's Non-Executive Chairman. Dr Berton's appointment followed the recent retirement of Mr Robert Duffin from the Board.

Dr Berton resigned for personal reasons on 11 February 2025.

Mr Ian White, a Non-Executive Director since 2022, was elected as the Company's Non-Executive Chairman effective 11 February 2025.

On 10 February 2025, the Board appointed Mr Gregory Starr as an independent Non-Executive Director to fill the vacancy left by Dr Berton. As required by the Company's Constitution and the Listing Rules, Mr Starr's appointment is effective until the Company's next annual general meeting when he will be eligible for election by shareholders.

Mr Starr is an experienced public company director, who has taken projects from exploration through to producer status. He has been involved in gold, copper, lead, silver, zinc and silica sand projects and has worked through key issues with regulators and stock exchanges (Australia) ASX, NSX and (Canada) TSX. He has been Managing Director of producing mining companies on the ASX and TSX with projects in Australia, Papua New Guinea, China, Fiji and Brazil.

Currently Mr Starr is a non-executive director for a number of listed and unlisted companies. This includes: Admiralty Resources Limited (ASX: ADY), Credit Intelligence Limited (ASX: CI1), Kalium Lakes Limited (ASX: KLL), Open Negotiation Limited (ASX: OPN) and Red Ridge Group Limited (NSX: RRG).

In the past 3 years Mr Starr has also been a director of Diatreme Resources Limited (ASX: DRX) and Candy Club Limited (ASX: CLB).

#### **Grant of Junior Minerals Exploration Incentive Tax Credits**

In July 2024, Eastern Metals was successful in its application for the Australian Government's Junior Minerals Exploration Incentive (JMEI) scheme for the 2024-25 income tax year. Eastern Metals has received an allocation of \$910,750 in refundable tax offsets and franking credits, available for potential distribution to Eligible Shareholders for the 2024-25 income tax year.

Should an Eligible Shareholder receive newly issued EMS shares in the 2024-25 tax year, Eastern
Metals encourages individuals and entities to seek their own tax advice. Further information can
be found on the Australian Taxation Office's ("ATO") webpage 'What to do if you receive
exploration credits', here.

# **Financial Overview**

The Company's cash balance on 31 December 2024 was \$156,458 (2023: \$1,395,630).

The Company incurred a \$1,336,393 loss after tax for the half year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: \$956,020).

# **Events Subsequent to the Reporting Date**

There are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the half year which significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of these operations or the Company's state of affairs in future financial periods.

# **Rounding Off**

The Company is of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191* dated 1 April 2016 and as such, amounts in the Interim Financial Statements and Directors' Report have been reported to the nearest dollar, unless otherwise stated.

# **Previously Reported Information**

Information in this report references previously reported exploration results extracted from the Company's Quarterly Activity Reports lodged 31 October 2024 (September 2024 Quarter) and 31 January 2025 (December 2024 Quarter).

The reports and ASX announcements are available to view on Eastern Metals' website (easternmetals.com.au) or on the ASX website (asx.com.au).

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements. 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 announcements.

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

Ian White

Chairman

Sydney

10 March 2025

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# **Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

# Half Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Income		\$	\$
Sale of tenements		150,000	_
Government grants		62,387	_
Other income		2,423	19,861
Total income		214,810	19,861
Expenses			
Exploration & evaluation expenses	C1	(959,618)	(459,559)
Administration expenses	C2	(518,060)	(435,329)
Share based payments expenses	A6	(73,525)	(80,993)
Total expenses		(1,551,203)	(975,881)
Loss hafaya ingama tay		(1.226.202)	(056,030)
Loss before income tax Income tax benefit		(1,336,393)	(956,020)
Net loss attributable to the members of the		(1,336,393)	(956,020)
Company Other comprehensive income, net of income tax		_	-
Total comprehensive income for the half year		(1,336,393)	(956,020)
Loss per share – basic	C4	(0.01)	(0.01)
Loss per share – diluted	C4	(0.01)	(0.01)

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

# **Statement of Financial Position**

# As of 31 December 2024

	Note	31 December 2024 \$	30 June 2024 \$
Current assets		Ψ	Ą
Cash and cash equivalents		156,458	1,045,868
Trade and other receivables		104,011	119,207
Total current assets		260,469	1,165,075
Non-current assets	440	0.40.4.40	0.40.4.40
Exploration and evaluation assets	A10	840,148	840,148
Tenement deposits		130,069	127,069
Plant and equipment  Total non-current assets		38,278	35,706
Total assets  Total assets		1,008,495 1,268,964	1,002,923
Total assets		1,200,904	2,167,998
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		136,075	218,929
Total current liabilities		136,075	218,929
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Non-current liabilities			
Total non-current liabilities		_	_
Total liabilities		136,075	218,929
Net assets		1,132,889	1,949,069
Equity			
Issued capital	A6	9,618,974	9,143,774
Share based payment reserve	A6	410,184	1,736,518
Capital raising costs		(1,283,153)	(1,165,024)
Accumulated losses		(7,613,116)	(7,766,199)
Net equity		1,132,889	1,949,069

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

# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

# Half year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Ordinary fully paid shares	Accumulated Losses	Share Based Payment Reserve	Capital Raising Costs	Total Equity
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2024		9,143,774	(7,766,199)	1,736,518	(1,165,024)	1,949,069
Net loss attributable to the members of the Company	-	-	(1,336,393)	-	-	(1,336,393)
Other comprehensive income for the half year, net of tax		-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half year		-	(1,336,393)	-	-	(1,336,393)
Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs	A6	475,200	-	-	(118,129)	357,071
Equity settled share-based payments for the half year	A6		-	163,142	-	163,142
Expiry of options not exercised			1,489,476	(1,489,476)	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2024		9,618,974	(7,613,116)	410,184	(1,283,153)	1,132,889
Balance at 1 July 2023		8,618,974	(5,872,933)	1,651,009	(1,124,465)	3,272,585
Net loss attributable to the members of the Company		-	(956,020)	-	-	(956,020)
Other comprehensive income for the half year, net of tax	<u>-</u>	-	-	-	-	_
Total comprehensive income for the half year	<u>-</u>	-	(956,020)	-	-	(956,020)
Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs	A6	-	-	-	(7,072)	(7,072)
Equity settled share-based payments for the half year	A6	-	-	80,993	-	80,993
Expiry of options not exercised		-	-	-	-	
Balance at 31 December 2023		8,618,974	(6,828,953)	1,732,002	(1,131,537)	2,390,486

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

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

# Half year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Cash flows used in operating activities		\$	\$
Receipts from customers		_	_
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,556,735)	(954,616)
Net cash used in operating activities		(1,556,735)	(954,616)
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Cash flows used in investing activities			
Receipts from sale of tenements		200,000	-
Receipts from Government grants		31,194	-
Payments for tenement deposits		(3,000)	-
Payments for plant and equipment		(7,557)	
Net cash received from investing activities		220,637	-
Cash flows from financing activities			
Receipts from capital raising	A6	475,200	-
Payments for capital raising costs		(28,512)	(7,072)
Net cash received from / (used in) financing activities		446,688	(7,072)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(889,410)	(961,688)
Opening cash and cash equivalents		1,045,868	2,357,318
Closing cash and cash equivalents		156,458	1,395,630

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

## **Notes to the Interim Financial Statements**

# Half year Ended 31 December 2024

#### **General Information**

The Interim Financial Statements cover Eastern Metals Limited (Company) as an individual entity. The Interim Financial Statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

A description of the nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities is included in the Directors' Report, which is not part of the Interim Financial Statements.

The Interim Financial Statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of Directors, 10 March 2025.

The Notes to the financial statement are set out in the following main sections:

Section A – Key Financial Information and Preparation Basis

Section B – Key Management Personnel and Related Party Disclosures

Section C – Other Disclosures

#### Section A – Key Financial Information and Preparation Basis

This section sets out the basis upon which the Company's Interim Financial Statements have been prepared as a whole and explains the results and performance of the Company that the Directors consider most relevant in the context of the operations of the entity.

#### A1. Reporting Entity

The Company is a company domiciled in Australia. These interim financial statements (Interim Financial Statements) as at and for the half year ended 31 December 2024 comprise only the Company, which has no subsidiaries.

The Company is an early-stage mineral exploration company.

#### A2. Basis of Preparation

The Interim Financial Statements are general purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), and with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

They do not include all the information required for a full annual financial report. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Company's financial position and performance since the last financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The Company is of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191* dated 1 April 2016 and, in accordance with the Class Order, amounts in the Interim Financial Statements and Directors' Report have been rounded to the nearest dollar, unless otherwise stated.

#### A3. Historical Cost Convention

The Interim Financial Statements are prepared on the historical cost basis other than share-based transactions that are assessed at fair value.

#### A4. Critical Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the Interim Financial Statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the Interim Financial Statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities have not changed from the year ended 30 June 2024.

# A5. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and discharge of liabilities in the normal course of business.

For the half year ended 31 December 2024, the Company incurred a net loss of \$1,336,393 (2023: \$956,020) and had operating cash outflows of \$1,556,735 (2023: \$954,616). As at 31 December 2024 the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$156,458 (June 2024: \$1,045,868) and net assets of \$1,132,889 (June 2024: \$1,949,069).

Included in the Company's net loss is exploration & evaluation expenses totalling \$959,618 (2023: \$459,559), which is expensed in accordance with the Company's accounting policy.

Management continues to preserve operating cash. The ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is principally dependent upon one or more of the following:

- the ability of the Company to raise additional capital in the form of equity or alternative funding;
- the ability to successfully develop and extract value through development and/or sale of its projects; or
- the ability of the Company to scale back exploration and operating expenses until additional capital is raised or its assets are successfully developed or sold.

It is planned that there would be no future discretionary exploration costs until new financing is raised. Future exploration expenditure will be dependent on available funds from finance raised at that time. The Company is presently actively seeking new funding.

These factors indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt as to whether the Company will continue as a going concern and therefore whether it will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the financial report.

The Directors believe that the going concern basis of preparation is appropriate due to the following reasons:

- included in the Company's net loss exploration & evaluation expenditure totalling \$959,618 (2023: \$459,559), which is largely discretionary and may be scaled back if required;
- the Directors believe that the Company has the ability to successfully develop and extract value through development and/or sale of its projects
- to date the Company has funded its activities through issuance of equity securities and it is expected that the Company will be able to fund its future activities through further issuances of equity securities or sale of assets;
- the Company is exploring potential opportunities that could result in additional equity/debt funding.
- the Company is presently negotiating with an entity interested in investing in the Company, which, at the date of this report, is an incomplete proposal or negotiation.

Accordingly, the Directors believe that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern and that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial report.

The financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the amounts or classification of recorded assets or liabilities that might be necessary if the company does not continue as a going concern

## A6. Capital and Reserves

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

# Share Capital Ordinary shares issued and fully paid.

	Date	Number of shares	Issue Price per share	\$
Balance	30 June 2024	98,826,245		9,143.774
Share issue	16 July 2024	14,850,000	\$0.032	475,200
Balance	31 December 2024	113,676,245		9,618,974
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Balance	30 June 2023	82,426,245	_	8,618,974
Balance	31 December 2023	82,426,245	_	8,618,974

# **Options**

Each option provides the right for the option holder to be issued one fully paid share by the Company, upon payment of the exercise price of each option. The options do not entitle the holder to participate in any share issue of the Company or any other body corporate.

During the half year ended 31 December 2024 there were no shares issued on the exercise of options (2023: Nil). 10,000,000 unquoted options were granted during the half year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: 2,600,000) No options are subject to escrow. 24,250,000 unquoted options expired unexercised during the half year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: Nil)

Details of options over ordinary shares in the Company that were granted and vested during the financial half year are as follows:

Grant Date	Exercise Price per Share	Expiry Date	ASX Escrow Expiry	Vesting Date	Balance a	t 1 July	Expired during the half year	Granted during the half year	Vested during the half year	Balance Decer	
					Vested	Unvested				Vested	Unvested
					Number	Number		Number	Number	Number	Number
Half Year Ended	31 December 2024	4									
21 Apr 2021	\$0.30	14 Oct 2024	14 Oct 2023	21 Oct 2021	6,000,000	-	(6,000,000)	-		-	-
9 Jul 2021	\$0.30	14 Oct 2024	14 Oct 2023	21 Oct 2021	3,750,000	-	(3,750,000)	-		-	-
11 Oct 2021	\$0.30	14 Oct 2024	14 Oct 2023	11 Oct 2021	4,500,000	-	(4,500,000)	-		-	-
11 Oct 2021	\$0.30	14 Oct 2024	Not applicable	11 Oct 2021	10,000,000	-	(10,000,000)	-		-	-
17 Feb 2022	\$0.30	17 Feb 2025	Not applicable	17 Feb 2022	300,000	-	-	-		300,000	-
7 Dec 2022	\$0.30	7 Dec 2025	Not applicable	7 Dec 2022	666,666	-	-	-		666,666	-
7 Dec 2022	\$0.30	7 Dec 2025	Not applicable	7 Dec 2023	666,666	-	-	-		666,666	-
7 Dec 2022	\$0.30	7 Dec 2025	Not applicable	7 Dec 2024	-	666,668	-	-	666,668	666,668	-
19 June 2023	\$0.10	9 June 2026	Not applicable	19 June 2023	3,493,342		-	-		3,493,342	-
29 June 2023	\$0.10	9 June 2026	Not applicable	29 June 2023	14,244,359		-	-		14,244,359	-
7 July 2023	\$0.10	9 June 2026	Not applicable	7 July 2026	600,000		-	-		600,000	-
7 July 2023	\$0.10	9 June 2026	Not applicable	23 August 2023	2,000,000		-	-		2,000,000	-
18 July 2024	\$0.06	18 July 2027	Not applicable	18 July 2024	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
16 Aug 2024	\$0.06	18 July 2027	Not applicable	16 Aug 2024	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
					46,221,033	666,668	(24,250,000)	10,000,000	10,666,668	32,637,701	-

Grant Date			Exercise Price per Share	Expiry Date	ASX Escrow Expiry	Vesting Date	Balance at 1 July	Expired during the half year	Granted during the half year	Vested during the half year	Balance at 31 December
							Vested	Unvested			
							Number	Number		Number	Number
Half Year Ended 31	December 20	23									
21 Apr 2021	\$0.30	14 Oct 2024	14 Oct 2023	21 Oct 2021	6,000,000	-	-	-	-	6,000,000	-
9 Jul 2021	\$0.30	14 Oct 2024	14 Oct 2023	21 Oct 2021	3,750,000	-	-	-	-	3,750,000	-
11 Oct 2021	\$0.30	14 Oct 2024	14 Oct 2023	11 Oct 2021	4,500,000	-	-	-	-	4,500,000	-
11 Oct 2021	\$0.30	14 Oct 2024	Not applicable	11 Oct 2021	10,000,000	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	-
17 Feb 2022	\$0.30	17 Feb 2025	Not applicable	17 Feb 2022	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000	-
7 Dec 2022	\$0.30	7 Dec 2025	Not applicable	7 Dec 2022	666,666	-	-	-	-	666,666	-
7 Dec 2022	\$0.30	7 Dec 2025	Not applicable	7 Dec 2023	-	666,666	-	-	-	666,666	-
7 Dec 2022	\$0.30	7 Dec 2025	Not applicable	7 Dec 2024	-	666,668	-	-	-	-	666,668
19 June 2023	\$0.10	9 June 2026	Not applicable	19 June 2023	3,493,342	-	-	-	-	3,493,342	
29 June 2023	\$0.10	9 June 2026	Not applicable	29 June 2023	14,244,359	-	-	-	-	14,244,359	
7 July 2023	\$0.10	9 June 2026	Not applicable	7 July 2026	-	-	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	
7 July 2023	\$0.10	9 June 2026	Not applicable	23 August 2023		-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	
					42,954,367	1,333,334	-	2,600,000	2,600,000	46,221,033	666,668

Share based payments expense for the interim period ended 31 December 2024 totalled \$73,525 (2023: \$80,993). Share-based payments included within transaction costs of issued capital for the interim period ended 31 December 2024 were \$89,617 (2023: \$Nil).

# Share Based Payment Reserve

	Note	Number of Options	\$
Balance at 1 July 2024		46,887,701	1,736,518
Equity settled share-based payments for the half year Share based payments expense – non-related parties Share based payments expense – related		5,000,000	69,581
parties	B3	-	3,944
		5,000,000	73,525
Share-based payments included within transaction costs of issued capital		5,000,000	89,617
		10,000,000	163,142
Options expired unexercised		(24,250,000)	(1,489,476)
Balance at 31 December 2024		32,637,701	410,184
Balance at 1 July 2023		44,287,701	1,651,009
Equity settled share-based payments for the half year Share based payments expense – non-related parties		2,600,000	68,528
Share based payments expense – related parties	В3		12,465
		2,600,000	80,993
Share-based payments included within transaction costs of issued capital			_
		2,600,000	80,993
Options expired unexercised			
Balance at 31 December 2023		46,887,701	1,732,002

# **Share Unlisted Options**

The fair value of the unlisted options was calculated at the date of grant using the Black Scholes option pricing model and allocated to each reporting period evenly over the period from grant date to vesting date. The value disclosed is the portion of the fair value of the options recognised as an expense in each reporting period.

	31 December	er 2024	31 December 2023		
Grant date	16 August 2024	18 July 2024	23 August 2023	7 July 2023	
Expiry Date	18 July 2027	18 July 2027	9 June 2026	9 June 2026	
Fair value at grant date	\$0.01392	\$0.01792	\$0.0241	\$0.034	
Share price at grant date	\$0.026	\$0.031	\$0.050	\$0.063	
Number of Options	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000	600,000	
Exercise price per option	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.10	\$0.10	
Expected volatility (weighted average)	113.0%	112.9%	101.0%	100.4%	
Risk free interest rate (based on government bonds)	3.52%	3.96%	3.91%	3.78%	
Dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

The Company's accounting policy for the treatment of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements granted to employees.

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

#### A7. Dividends

No dividends were paid by the Company during the half year to 31 December 2024 (2023: \$Nil).

## **A8.** Exploration Commitments

Included in the commitments below are tenement maintenance costs only. Work program costs have been excluded on the basis that there is no contractual obligation to incur such costs. In order to maintain current rights of tenure to exploration tenements, the Company is required to perform minimum exploration activities to meet the minimum expenditure requirements as part of the licence conditions upon grant. There is significant judgement involved in determining whether the work program costs submitted to the regulator are commitments as defined, given that these obligations are subject to renegotiation when application for a mining lease is made and at other times.

All the Company's licences are in good standing at the date of this report.

As at 31 December 2024, these obligations are not provided for in the financial report and are payable as follows:

Exploration expenditure commitments	31 Dec 2024	30 Jun 2024
	\$	\$
Within one year	68,553	79,973
One year or later and not later than five years	19,500	48,256
Later than five years	-	-
	88,053	128,229

#### A9. Contingencies

There are no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2024 (2023: Nil).

## A10. Exploration and Evaluation Assets

Exploration and evaluation costs are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Subsequent exploration and evaluation expenditure is charged against profit and loss as incurred.

	\$
Polones 1 July 2024	0.40 1.40
Balance 1 July 2024	840,148
Balance at 31 December 2024	840,148
Balance 1 July 2023	840,148
Balance at 31 December 2023	840,148

#### A11. Segment Reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Company that engages in business activities whose operating results are reviewed regularly by the Company's Board and for which discrete financial information is available.

For the half year ended 31 December 2024, the Company had a single operating segment.

## Business and geographical segments

The results and financial position of the Company's single operating segment are prepared on a basis consistent with Australian Accounting Standards and thus no additional disclosures in relation to the revenues, profit or loss, assets and liabilities and other material items have been made. Entity-wide disclosures in relation to the Company's product and services and geographical areas are detailed below.

#### **Products and Services**

The Company currently provides no products for sale.

# Geographical Areas

The Company's activities are located solely in Australia.

### **A12.** Subsequent Events

There are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the half year which significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of these operations or the Company's state of affairs in future financial periods.

## **Section B – Key Management Personnel and Related Party Disclosures**

This section includes information about key management personnel's remunerations, related parties information and any transactions key management personnel or related parties may have had with the Company during the half year.

## **B1.** Key Management Personnel Expenses

There are no key management personnel expenses for the half year ended 31 December 2024 other than the expenses reported in Note B3.

# **B2.** Key Management Personnel Disclosures

Individual Directors and executive compensation disclosure

Information regarding individual Director and executive compensation and some equity instruments disclosures are required by Corporation Regulation 2M.3.03.

Apart from the details disclosed in this Note, no Director has entered into a material contract with the Company during the financial half year and there were no material contracts involving Directors' interests existing at the end of the half year.

Apart from the details disclosed in this Note, there have been no transactions with Directors of the Company.

Apart from the details disclosed in Note B3 below, there are no amounts payable to Directors and their Director related entities for unpaid Directors' fees, statutory superannuation owed to each Director's superannuation fund, and consulting fees at the reporting date.

## **B3.** Related Party Disclosures

The following related party transaction charges for Directors' fees, consulting fees were made with the Company on normal terms and conditions and in the ordinary course of business:

	Half Year Ended 31 Dec \$	31 Dec \$	Terms
31 December 2024 Cash Remuneration Directors' fees	87,083	32,541	Payable within one month of
Non-cash Remuneration Share based payments	3,944 <b>91,027</b>		receipt of invoice
31 December 2023 Cash Remuneration Directors' fees Non-cash Remuneration Share based payments	100,000 12,465 <b>112,465</b>	4,125 - <b>4,125</b>	Payable within one month of receipt of invoice

### **B4.** Directors' Equity Securities

**Unlisted Options** 

For the half year ended 31 December 2024, no options were granted to Directors (2023: Nil). 666,668 options vested during the half year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: 666,666).

The options were granted at no cost to the recipient. The options expense from options granted to Directors, for the half year ended 31 December 2023, totals \$3,944 (2023: \$12,465).

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

There are no entitlements for the Company's option holders to participate in new issues of capital which may be offered to the Company's existing ordinary shareholders.

The Company prohibits those that are granted share-based payments as part of their remuneration from entering other arrangements that limit their exposure to losses that would result from share price decreases. Entering such arrangement is prohibited by law.

# **Section C – Other Disclosures**

This section includes information that the Directors consider to be significant in understanding the exploration activities of the Company and is not required to be disclosed to comply with the Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) or the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

# **C1.** Exploration & Evaluation Expenses

Te	nement	Territory/ State	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2024	Cumulative to 31 Dec 2024	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2023	Cumulative to 31 Dec 2023
Reference	Name		\$	\$	\$	\$
EL23186	Barrow Creek	NT	(212,867)	(1,211,966)	(9,724)	(872,476)
EL24253	Neutral Junction	NT	(1,312)	(50,428)	(2,182)	(32,622)
EL28615	Donkey Creek	NT	(4,123)	(77,422)	(6,179)	(39,089)
EL29475	Adnera	NT	(7,670)	(36,309)	(7,839)	(23,677)
EL30797	Ooralingie	NT	(9,963)	(48,060)	(11,003)	(32,860)
EL31292	Buggy Camp	NT	(6,757)	(33,938)	(7,070)	(22,346)
EL32027	Home of Bullion	NT	(6,833)	(123,994)	(10,188)	(74,623)
			(249,525)	(1,582,117)	(54,185)	(1,097,693)
EL6321	Browns Reef	NSW	(677,604)	(2,341,174)	(150,689)	(1,506,365)
EL9136	Bothrooney	NSW	(11,923)	(79,450)	(11,648)	(29,205)
EL9180	Tara	NSW	(3,316)	(363,509)	(174,646)	(326,743)
EL9190	Falcon	NSW	(8,398)	(166,754)	(30,219)	(147,937)
EL9194	Harrier	NSW	(3,658)	(98,940)	(8,720)	(86,217)
EL9565	Black Range	NSW	(5,194)	(100,506)	(29,452)	(64,286)
			(710,093)	(3,150,333)	(405,374)	(2,160,753)
Pr	oject Evaluation Cos	sts	-	(28,894)	-	(28,894)
Tenemer	nt acquisition costs e	expensed	-	(56,374)	-	(56,374)
		Total	(959,618)	(4,817,718)	(459,559)	(3,343,714)

## C2. Administration Expenses

	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2024 \$	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2023 \$
Accounting fees	(25,460)	(25,405)
Audit fees	(11,000)	(10,000)
Compliance costs (general		
meetings, ASIC, ASX, Company	(91,601)	(91,885)
Secretary)		
Consulting expenses	(19,310)	(28,334)
Depreciation	(4,984)	(4,873)
Director's fees	(87,083)	(100,000)
Executive salaries	(282,178)	(219,560)
<u>Less:</u>	(202,170)	(219,500)
Executive salaries re-classified as exploration costs	171,322	147,624
Insurance expenses	(23,335)	(32,086)
Investor relations, communication	(114,467)	(45,443)
Legal expenses	(11,428)	(7,171)
Other costs	(18,536)	(18,196)
Total	(518,060)	(435,329)

#### C3. Material Accounting Policies

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the Interim Financial Report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in in the Company's financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 June 2024.

## C4. Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is calculated by dividing the net profit or loss attributable to members of the Company for the half year, after excluding any costs of servicing equity (other than ordinary shares and converting preference shares classified as ordinary shares for EPS calculation purposes), by the weighted average number of ordinary shares of the Company, adjusted for any bonus issue.

Diluted EPS is calculated by dividing the basic EPS earnings, adjusted by the after-tax effect of financial costs associated with dilutive ordinary shares and the effect on revenues and expenses of conversion to ordinary shares associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary and dilutive potential ordinary shares adjusted for any bonus issue.

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share for the half year ended 31 December 2024 was based on the net loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of \$1,336,393 (2023: \$956,020) and a weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the half year ended 31 December 2024 of 112,384,941 (2023: 82,426,245) calculated as follows:

	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2024	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2023
	\$	\$
Net loss attributable to the members of the Company	(1,336,393)	(956,020)

Weighted average number of ordinary shares

	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2024	Half Year Ended 31 Dec 2023
	Number	Number
<b>Undiluted Number of Shares</b>		
Issued ordinary shares at beginning		
of the half year	98,826,245	82,426,245
Shares Issued 16 July 2024	13,558,696	<u> </u>
Weighted average number of		
ordinary shares used in calculating		
basic and diluted profit per share	112,384,941	82,426,245
	\$	\$
Loss per share – basic	(0.01)	(0.01)
Loss per share – diluted	(0.01)	(0.01)

44,841,505 potential shares (2023: 46,277,918) were excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share because they are antidilutive for the half year ended 31 December 2024 as the Company is in a loss position.

# **END OF NOTES**

# **Directors' Declaration**

In the opinion of the Directors of Eastern Metals Limited:

- (a) the condensed financial statements and notes set out on pages 9 to 26 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), including:
  - i. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the interim period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024; and
  - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001; 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.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

Ian White

Chairman

Sydney

10 March 2025



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT To the Members of Eastern Metals Limited

#### Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Eastern Metals Limited which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024 the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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 Eastern Metals Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and 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 Company 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.

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

#### Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note A5 in the half-year financial report, which indicates that the Company incurred a net loss of \$1,336,393 during the half year ended 31 December 2024 and, as of that date, the Company's total assets exceeded its total liabilities by \$1,132,889. As stated in Note A5, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note A5, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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#### Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

The directors of the Eastern Metals Limited are responsible for the preparation of the half-year 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 half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, 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 company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 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.

**GARY SHERWOOD** 

Partner

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Dated: 11 March 2025



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#### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

As lead auditor for the review of the financial report of Eastern Metals Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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**GARY SHERWOOD** 

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Partner

Sydney, NSW

Dated: 10 March 2025