# Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd

ABN: 80 146 779 053

### Half-year financial report

For the half-year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report together with the financial report of Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd, the "company" and its controlled entity, the "group", for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 and auditor's review report thereon.

#### **Directors names**

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

Wacek Lipski (appointed 3 September 2024)

Kelvin Wong

Declan Sherman (appointed 25 November 2024)

Scott Ryall (appointed 17 December 2024)

Madeleine Delahunty (appointed 25 November 2024 and resigned 17 December 2024)

Stephen Panizza (resigned 26 November 2024)

Neil Brown (resigned 26 November 2024)

James Hann (resigned 6 August 2024)

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

#### **Results**

The profit of the group for the half-year after providing for income tax amounted to \$891,000 (2024: \$1,104,000).

#### **Review of operations**

The group continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements. As at 31 December 2024, the group is in a net current liability position, however based on the current cashflow and operations post reporting date there is no reason to believe that the group will have difficulties in settling its debt as they fall due.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the group during the half-year was the operation of an 82 Megawatt ("MW") reserve capacity power station at Robartson Road, Merredin, Western Australia with the purpose of being available for use when shortfalls occur within the current operating electricity network.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the half-year.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### After balance date events

Subsequent to the end of the financial half-year on 26 February 2025 the ongoing reconciliation of the energy uplift payment was finalised with AEMO, resulting in \$150,000 of additional revenue than was previously estimated.

Other than noted above no matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial half-year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the group in future financial years.

#### Auditor's independence declaration

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration in relation to the review for the financial half-year is provided with this report.

#### **Rounding of amounts**

In accordance with ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, the amounts in the directors' report and in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar (where indicated).

Director:		Vas	ligh		
Director:		Wace	k Lipski		
Dated	04	April	2025		



#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd and its controlled entities for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence provisions APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd and the entities it controlled during the period.

Trevor Johnston

Partner

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Trevor Johnt

Melbourne 4 April 2025

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	31 December 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000
Revenue and other income			
Revenue from contracts with customers	2	7,041	5,832
Other income	3	35	<u>45</u>
		7,076	5,877
Less: expenses			
Consultancy and advisory expenses		(31)	(3)
Depreciation expense	4	(1,386)	(1,375)
Finance costs	4	(697)	(747)
Insurance expenses		(196)	(194)
Materials and consumables used		(1,187)	(298)
Operations and maintenance		(511)	(349)
Transmission expenses and fees		(525)	(476)
Other expenses	4	<u>(856</u> )	<u>(965</u> )
		(5,389)	(4,407)
Profit before income tax expense		1,687	1,470
Income tax expense	5	<u>(796</u> )	(366)
Net profit from continuing operations		891	1,104
Other comprehensive income for the period			
Total comprehensive income		891	1,104

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2024 \$ '000	30 June 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000	30 June 2023 \$ '000
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	6	768	1,189	2,081	396
Receivables	7	1,335	629	1,469	2,937
Inventories		1,303	1,184	1,302	1,160
Current tax assets	5	-	16	-	-
Other assets		70	222	73	292
Total current assets		3,476	3,240	4,925	4,785
Non-current assets					
Financial assets	8	2,187	2,729	2,784	3,504
Property, plant and equipment	9	41,572	42,848	44,180	45,382
Intangible assets		561	561	561	561
Other assets		130	130	130	130
Total non-current assets		44,450	46,268	47,655	49,577
Total assets		47,926	49,508	52,580	54,362
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Payables		1,074	1,027	807	754
Borrowings	10	3,505	3,274	3,155	3,239
Current tax liabilities	5	<u> 185</u>		<u>681</u>	209
Total current liabilities		4,764	4,301	4,643	4,202
Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	10	23,224	25,065	26,729	28,339
Deferred tax liabilities	5	<u> 1,602</u>	<u>1,457</u>	1,393	1,715
Total non-current liabilities		24,826	26,522	28,122	30,054
Total liabilities		29,590	30,823	32,765	34,256
Net assets		18,336	18,685	19,815	20,106
Equity					
Share capital	11	31,147	31,147	31,147	31,147
Accumulated losses		(12,811)	(12,462)	(11,332)	(11,041)
Total equity		18,336	18,685	19,815	20,106

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Share capital \$ '000	Accumulated losses \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000
Consolidated			
Balance as at 1 January 2024	31,147	(11,332)	19,815
Profit for the year		606	606
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		606	606
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b> Dividends		(1,736)	(1,736)
Total transactions with owners in their capacity as owners		(1,736)	(1,736)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	31,147	(12,462)	18,685
Balance as at 1 July 2024	31,147	(12,462)	18,685
Profit for the half-year		<u>891</u>	<u>891</u>
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		<u>891</u>	<u>891</u>
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b> Dividends	<u>-</u>	(1,240)	(1,240)
Total transactions with owners in their capacity as owners		(1,240)	(1,240)
Balance as at 31 December 2024	31,147	(12,811)	18,336

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Share capital \$ '000	Accumulated losses \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000
Consolidated			
Balance as at 1 January 2023	31,147	(11,674)	19,473
Profit for the year		1,766	1,766
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		1,766	<u>1,766</u>
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:  Dividends  Total transactions with owners in their capacity as		(1,133)	(1,133)
owners		(1,133)	(1,133)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	31,147	(11,041)	20,106
Balance as at 1 July 2023	31,147	(11,041)	20,106
Profit for the half-year		1,104	1,104
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		1,104	<u>1,104</u>
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Dividends		(1,395)	(1,395)
Total transactions with owners in their capacity as owners		(1,395)	(1,395)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	31,147	(11,332)	19,815

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from customers and net fuel tax credits including GST		7,382	7,776
Payments to suppliers including GST		(3,732)	(1,911)
Interest received		35	45
Interest and finance costs paid		(544)	(594)
Income tax paid		(449)	(216)
Net cash provided by operating activities		2,692	5,100
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(110)	(173)
Net cash used in investing activities		(110)	(173)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(1,763)	(1,847)
Dividends paid		(1,240)	(1,395)
Net cash used in financing activities		(3,003)	(3,242)
Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at beginning of the period		1,189	396
Net (decrease) / increase in cash held		(421)	1,685
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	6	768	2,081

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### **NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION**

#### **General information**

The half-year financial report is a general-purpose non-statutory half-year consolidated financial report prepared in accordance with AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The half-year financial report does not include notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report and should be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial report, 30 June 2024. Accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The half-year financial report covers Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd and its controlled entity. Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The half-year financial report was approved by the directors at the date of the directors' report.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

#### Historical Cost Convention

The half-year financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets and liabilities as described in the accounting policies.

#### Rounding of Amounts

The amounts in the half-year financial report have been rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar (where indicated).

#### **Comparatives**

Comparatives have been reclassified where appropriate to ensure consistency and comparability with the current period.

#### Going Concern

The half-year financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. As at 31 December 2024 the group is in a net current liability position, however based on the current cashflow and operations post reporting date there is no reason to believe that the group will have difficulties in settling its debt as they fall due.

#### Significant accounting *estimates* and *judgements*

There have been no changes in significant accounting estimates and judgements previously reported in the Group's Financial Report for the year-ended 30 June 2024.

#### Accounting policy change

The half-year financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets as it relates specifically to the provision for dividends. A dividend is only recorded as a provision to the extent a legal obligation to pay the dividend has been created. As a result of the above accounting policy change, the balances disclosed in the signed June 2024 and June 2023 financial reports differ from this half-year financial report. The dividends payable provision as at 30 June 2024 was \$700,000 (2023: \$196,000).

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### **NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)**

New and revised accounting standards effective at 31 December 2024

In the current half-year, there have been no new Australian Accounting Standards or amendments to standards that have impacted on the Group's annual reporting period that began on 1 July 2024.

NOTE 2. DEVENUE EDOM CONTRACTS MUTU SUSTOMERS	31 December 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000
NOTE 2: REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS		
Revenue from contracts with customers	7,041	5,832
NOTE 3: OTHER INCOME		
Interest income	<u>35</u>	<u>45</u>
NOTE 4: OPERATING PROFIT		
Profit before income tax has been determined after:		
Finance costs		
- Interest expense	526	586
- Finance costs	18	8
- Amortisation of capitalised borrowing costs	<u>153</u>	<u>153</u>
	697	747
Depreciation		
- Plant and equipment	1,386	1,375
Other expenses		
- Loss on movement in derivatives	542	719
- Management fees	176	145
- Remuneration of auditors for the audit of financial statements	22	21
- Other expenses	<u>116</u>	80
	<u>856</u>	965

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31 December 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000
NOTE 5: INCOME TAX		
(a) Components of tax expense		
Current tax	650	688
Deferred tax	(146)	(322)
Change in tax rate	292	
	796	366
(b) Income tax reconciliation		
The prima facie tax payable on profit before income tax is reconciled to the income tax expense as follows:		
Prima facie income tax payable on profit before income tax at 30% (2023:		
25%)	506	368
Change in tax rate to 30%	292	
Less tax effect of:		
- Other non-assessable items	2	2
Income tax expense attributable to profit	796	366

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31 December 2024 \$ '000	30 June 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000	30 June 2023 \$ '000
NOTE 5: INCOME TAX (CONTINUED)				
(c) Current tax				
Current tax relates to the following:				
Current tax liabilities				
Opening balance	(16)	(81)	209	-
Income tax	650	688	688	925
Tax payments	(449)	(623)	(216)	-
Utilisation of prior year losses	<del>_</del>			<u>(716</u> )
Current tax liabilities / (assets)	185	(16)	681	209
(d) Deferred tax				
Deferred tax relates to the following:				
Deferred tax assets				
The balance comprises:				
Accruals	82	70	98	27
	82	70	98	27
Deferred tax liabilities				
The balance comprises:				
Other	107	86	-	80
Depreciation	921	759	795	786
Fair value of derivatives	<u>656</u>	682	<u>696</u>	<u>876</u>
	<u>1,684</u>	1,527	<u>1,491</u>	1,742
Net deferred tax liabilities	1,602	1,457	1,393	<u>1,715</u>

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31 December 2024 \$ '000	30 June 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000	30 June 2023 \$ '000
NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS				
Cash at bank and in hand	768	1,189	2,081	396
NOTE 7: RECEIVABLES				
Trade debtors	625	262	1,182	2,586
Other receivables	710	367	287	351
	1,335	629	1,469	2,937
NOTE 8: FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Derivative instruments at fair value through profit and loss				
Interest rate swap contracts	2,187	2,729	2,784	3,504

#### Fair value measurement

Interest rate swaps have been valued with reference to Level 2 fair value measurements using obersevable inputs. The fair value of the interest rate swaps have been recorded based on the mark to market valuations provided by the group's banker.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31 December 2024 \$ '000	30 June 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000	30 June 2023 \$ '000
NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMEN	т			
Land				
At cost	205	205	205	205
Plant and equipment				
At cost	80,340	80,272	80,235	80,022
Less accumulated depreciation	(39,015)	(37,629)	(36,263)	(34,888)
	41,325	42,643	43,972	45,134
Capital work in progress	42		3	43
Total plant and equipment	41,367	42,643	43,975	45,177
Total property, plant and equipment	41,572	42,848	44,180	45,382
(a) Reconciliations				
Land				
Opening carrying amount	205	205	205	205
Closing carrying amount	205	205	205	205
Plant and equipment	42.642	4F 124	4F 124	47.765
Opening carrying amount Additions	42,643 45	45,134 208	45,134 173	47,765 139
Transfer from work in progress	23	43	40	139
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,386</u> )	(2,742)	<u>(1,375</u> )	(2,770)
Closing carrying amount	41,325	42,643	43,972	45,134
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Capital work in progress				
Opening carrying amount	-	43	43	-
Additions	65	-	-	43
Transfer to plant and equipment	(23)	(43)	(40)	<del>_</del>
Closing carrying amount	42		3	43
Total property, plant and equipment				
Opening carrying amount	42,848	45,382	45,382	47,970
Additions	110	208	173	182
Depreciation expense	(1,386)	(2,742)	(1,375)	(2,770)
Closing carrying amount	41,572	42,848	44,180	45,382

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31 December 2024 \$ '000	30 June 2024 \$ '000	31 December 2023 \$ '000	30 June 2023 \$ '000
NOTE 10: BORROWINGS				
CURRENT				
Secured liabilities Bank loans	3,505	3,274	3,155	3,239
NON CURRENT				
Secured liabilities Bank loans	23,224	25,065	26,729	28,339

#### (a) Finance facilities & capitalised borrowing costs

The Group finance facilities were refinanced in May 2020 for an 11 year term expiring in 2031. The total facility amount at 31 December 2024 of \$26,841,600 (30 June 2024: \$28,605,000, 31 December 2023: \$30,301,243, 30 June 2023: \$32,148,893) has principal and interest payments being made on a quarterly basis through to maturity.

Interest is payable on the balance of the loan at an interest rate equal to the applicable margin plus Bank Bill Swap Bid Rate (BBSY). The margin for the facility is 2.2% per annum.

Borrowing costs capitalised at 31 December 2024 total \$112,524 (30 June 2024: \$265,889, 31 December 2023: \$417,588, 30 June 2023: \$570,954).

#### **NOTE 11: SHARE CAPITAL**

Issued and paid-up capital 22,993,901 (2023: 22,993,901) Ordinary shares

<u>31,147</u> <u>31,147</u> <u>31,147</u> <u>31,147</u>

#### **Dividends**

Dividends paid were as follows for the 6 months period ending:

- 30 June 2023 \$1,133,000
- 31 December 2023 \$1,395,000
- 30 June 2024 \$1,736,000
- 31 December 2024 \$1,240,000

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 AND 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### **NOTE 12: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE**

Subsequent to the end of the financial half-year on 26 February 2025 the ongoing reconciliation of the energy uplift payment was finalised with AEMO, resulting in \$150,000 of additional revenue than was previously estimated.

There has been no other matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 31 December 2024 which has significantly affected or which may significantly affect:

- (a) the operations, in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2024, of the group, or
- (b) the results of those operations, or
- (c) the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2024, of the group.

#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this general-purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 4 16 presents fairly the company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 and performance for the half-year ended on that date of the company in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.
- 2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Director:	Wash light			
	Wa	acek Lipski		
Dated this	04	day of	April	2025



# Independent auditor's review report to the members of Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd

Report on the half-year financial report

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd (the Company) and the entities it controlled during the half-year (together the Group), which comprises the Condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, the Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity, Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows and Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the half-year ended on 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd does not present fairly, in all material respects, the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the half-year ended on 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### 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 (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

#### Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting and restriction on use

We draw attention to Note 1 in the half-year financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The half-year financial report has been prepared for internal purposes to assist Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd. As a result, the half-year financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd and its members and should not be used by parties other than Merredin Energy Holdings Pty Ltd and its members. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of management for the half-year financial report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines 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 half-year 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 anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the half-year financial report does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the half-year ended on that 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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.

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Melbourne 4 April 2025