

Appendix 4E

30 June 2024



Preliminary Financial Report

Financial year ended 30 June 2024

This information should be read in conjunction with the St Barbara Limited 2024 Financial Report attached.

Name of entity

St Barbara Limited

ABN or equivalent company reference

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Results for announcement to the market		% Change		A\$'000
Revenue and other income (continuing operations)	down	29%	to	235,455
Loss after tax from ordinary activities (before significant items) attributable to members - Underlying (Prior year underlying loss: \$12,752,000)	down	Nm	to	(38,061)
Net loss attributable to members of the parent entity (Prior year net loss: \$429,199,000)	up	87%	to	(53,915)

During the year there were significant items that had a material impact on the income statement of the consolidated entity as set out in the table below:

A\$'000	Year ended 30 June 2024	Year ended 30 June 2023
Net loss after tax as reported – Statutory Loss	(53,915)	(429,199)
<u>Significant Items</u>		
Business development costs	1,471	-
Accelerated depreciation	10,725	
Inventories write-down	8,553	
Expected credit Loss	-	26,262
Impairment loss on assets	-	588,534
Corporate cost redundancies	1,603	2,649
Profit on sale of Leonora Assets	-	(86,733)
Tax effect of impairment	-	(138,045)
Tax effect of profit on sale of Leonora	-	26,020
Tax effect of other items	(6,498)	(8,674)
Tax losses de- recognised	-	6,434
Underlying net loss after tax	(38,061)	(12,752)

Net tangible asset backing		
Net tangible assets per ordinary security*	\$0.43	\$0.47

* Calculated as the Company's net tangible assets at period end divided by ordinary shares on issue at period end

Dividends

No dividend was declared for the 30 June 2024 year end reporting period.



Overview of group results

The consolidated results for the year are summarised as follows:

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
EBITDA ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	(50,829)	(416,933)
EBIT ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	(78,919)	(523,792)
Loss before tax ⁽⁴⁾	(73,015)	(534,736)
Statutory loss⁽¹⁾ after tax	(53,915)	(429,199)
Total net significant items after tax	(15,854)	(416,447)
EBITDA ⁽⁶⁾ (excluding significant items)	(28,477)	113,779
EBIT ⁽⁶⁾ (excluding significant items)	(56,567)	6,920
(Loss)/profit before tax (excluding significant items)	(50,663)	(4,024)
Underlying net profit/(loss) after tax⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	(38,061)	(12,752)

Details of significant items included in the statutory profit/(loss) for the year are reported in the table below. Descriptions of each item are provided in Note 3 to the Financial Report.

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Business development costs	(1,471)	-
Accelerated Depreciation	(10,725)	-
Inventories write-down	(8,553)	-
Redundancy costs	(1,603)	(2,649)
Impairment loss on assets	-	(588,534)
Expected credit loss	-	(26,262)
Profit on sale of Leonora	-	86,733
Significant items before tax	(22,352)	(530,712)
Tax effect of impairment	-	138,045
Tax effect of profit on sale of Leonora	-	(26,020)
Tax effect of other items	6,498	8,674
Tax losses de-recognised	-	(6,434)
Significant items after tax	(15,854)	(416,447)

(1) Statutory loss is net loss after tax attributable to owners of the parent.

(2) EBIT is earnings before interest revenue, finance costs and income tax expense.

(3) EBITDA is EBIT before depreciation and amortisation.

(4) Profit/(loss) before tax is earnings before income tax expense.

(5) Underlying net profit after income tax is net profit after income tax ("statutory profit")

excluding significant items as described in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.

(6) EBIT, EBITDA and underlying net profit after tax are non-IFRS financial measures, which have not been subject to review or audit by the Group's external auditors. These measures are presented to enable understanding of the underlying performance of the Group by users.

In 2024 St Barbara's strategic focus has moved to the prioritisation of the development of the Simberi and Atlantic growth projects. St Barbara undertook several changes in the 2023 financial year ahead of this strategy shift:

- The asset sale of the Leonora operation to Genesis Minerals Limited, resulting in a \$86,733,000 pre-tax profit on sale, and cash proceeds of \$371,596,000.
- The cash repayment of \$159,196,000 to close out the syndicated debt facilities and repayment of the Australian finance lease of \$4,495,000 to repay Leonora related lease liabilities.

Structural business changes in the financial year 2024:

- Simberi firmed up its ability to continue oxide processing from a combination of using incremental cut-off grade costings and the use of Artificial Intelligence to identify more Carbon-in-Leach (CIL) treatable material in the mine plan. This operating strategy is designed to maintain business continuity through to the commencement of sulphides operations anticipated in late 2027 such that closure costs, care and maintenance and associated community impacts can be avoided.
- Atlantic's Touquoy operation was closed, and the processing plant entered into care and maintenance in October 2023 due to the inability to obtain permits for in-pit tailings deposition within a reasonable timeframe.
- The Company undertook further organisational restructuring to significantly reduce the corporate costs while retaining the core capabilities for the new strategic direction.

Key 2024 achievements include:

Strategic Objectives Achieved at Simberi included:

- ✓ The extension of oxide ore mine life to beyond FY28, if required, to allow continuity of business operations through to anticipated commencement of sulphides processing;
- ✓ Completion of the metallurgical drilling and advancing the metallurgical testwork program to ensure sufficiently comprehensive characterisation of material and flotation concentrate production;
- ✓ Completing the resource definition drilling program and additional geological modelling resulting in Mineral Resources increasing 25% from 4.0 Moz to 5.0 Moz, including the conversion of 1.9 Moz from Inferred to Measured and Indicated
- ✓ Increasing Ore Reserves by 40% from 2.0 Moz to 2.8 Moz (net of depletion) following the successful upgrade of Mineral Resource confidence; and Delivering the Concept Study outlining a 10 Year Plus Mine Plan with production of more than 200,000 ounces per annum from FY28 through FY34 at All-in Sustaining Costs falling to between US\$1,000 and US\$1,200 per ounce.

Strategic Objectives Achieved in Nova Scotia Included:

- ✓ Completing the Feasibility Study confirming the viability of relocating the Touquoy processing plant to 15-Mile;
- ✓ Completing a Pre-Feasibility Study on the 15-Mile project utilising a relocated Touquoy processing plant for carbon-in-leach flowsheet (CIL) instead of gold concentrate production;
- ✓ Updating Beaver Dam project to feed ore to the redesigned 15-Mile CIL project design;
- ✓ Completion of sterilisation drilling campaigns at Goldboro East (now available for monetisation) and at Cochrane Hill (now available for infrastructure redesign); and
- ✓ Reaching agreement on the first exploration access agreement by the Company with a First Nation community in South-west under new consultation requirements in Nova Scotia.



Corporate:

- ✓ Listed investment portfolio increased by over 75% to \$36,019,000 (FY23 \$20,495,000) with just \$3,500,000 invested during the year to assist Linden Gold Alliance's acquisition by Brightstar Resources Limited.
- ✓ Reduced Corporate overheads by 48% to \$13,895,000 from FY23 \$26,506,000.
- ✓ Successfully completed a smooth transition of the Leonora business to the ownership of Genesis Minerals Limited.

The Group's underlying net loss after tax for the year ended 30 June 2024 was \$38,061,000. Key elements of the result comprise a net operating loss at Simberi of \$18,279,000 and a net operating profit at the Touquoy operation of \$132,000. In addition, Atlantic care and maintenance costs of \$13,179,000, corporate costs of \$13,895,000 and exploration costs of \$5,294,000 were offset by interest income of \$8,869,000.

Cash on hand was \$145,867,000 as at 30 June 2024 excluding restricted cash of \$45,390,000 provided as security for letters of credit issued for the Touquoy operation and classified under "Trade and other receivables". Of the \$57,412,000 net cash outflows from operating activities, \$56,364,000 did not relate to current business activities as it was in relation to the Leonora asset sale being the settlement of working capital of \$32,321,000 and the income tax payment of \$24,043,000 on the sale.

Impact of COVID-19

Simberi Mine was not materially impacted by Covid in the year ended 30 June 2024. A Trigger Action Response Plan is in place to manage the impacts of any new localised COVID-19 outbreak.

Overview of operating results

The table below provides a summary of the profit/(loss) before tax generated from St Barbara Group operations.

\$'000	Simberi		Touquoy		Total operations	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenue	197,724	205,569	25,879	118,283	223,603	323,852
Mine operating costs	(199,160)	(171,871)	(20,413)	(93,590)	(219,573)	(265,461)
Gross (loss)/ profit	(1,436)	33,698	5,466	24,693	4,030	58,391
Royalties	(4,909)	(5,047)	(512)	(2,363)	(5,421)	(7,410)
EBITDA	(6,345)	28,651	4,954	22,330	(1,391)	50,981
Depreciation and amortisation	(11,934)	(13,519)	(4,822)	(32,653)	(16,756)	(46,172)
Underlying (loss)/ profit from operations⁽¹⁾	(18,279)	15,132	132	(10,323)	(18,147)	4,809

(1) Excludes impairment and other write offs, care and maintenance costs, accelerated depreciation, corporate costs, exploration expenses, interest and tax and is non-IFRS financial information, which has not been subject to review or audit by the Group's external auditors.

The table below provides a summary of the cash contribution from St Barbara Group cash generating units.

\$'000	Simberi		Atlantic		Total operations	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Operating cash contribution	(3,566)	23,971	11,825	37,485	8,259	61,456
Capital - sustaining	(7,992)	(5,156)	(66)	(6,475)	(8,058)	(11,631)
Operating Cash Contribution ⁽¹⁾	(11,558)	18,815	11,759	31,010	201	49,825
Growth capital ⁽²⁾	(15,940)	(2,187)	(9,630)	(10,845)	(25,570)	(13,032)
Total Cash contribution	(27,498)	16,628	2,129	20,165	(25,369)	36,793

(1) Cash contribution is non-IFRS financial information, which has not been subject to review or audit by the Group's external auditors. This measure is provided to enable an understanding of the cash generating performance of the operations. This amount excludes corporate royalties paid, taxation and exploration expensed.

(2) Growth capital at Simberi represents expenditure associated with the sulphides project. At Atlantic growth capital represents expenditure associated with capitalised exploration, permitting costs and near mine studies projects in the Moose River Corridor.



A summary of production performance for the year ended 30 June 2024 is provided in the table below.

		Simberi		Touquoy	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
Ore Mined	kt	2,599	2,607	-	960
Grade	g/t Au	1.07	1.07	-	0.54
Ore Milled (including stockpiles)	kt	1,858	2,422	511	2,746
Grade	g/t Au	1.22	1.23	0.47	0.55
Recovery	%	75	81	84	90
Gold Production	oz	54,705	78,320	6,480	43,998
Gold Sales	oz	62,058	75,183	8,676	46,497
Cash Cost ⁽¹⁾	A\$/oz	3,431	2,213	2,823	1,917
All-in-sustaining cost ⁽²⁾	A\$/oz	3,694	2,419	2,994	2,244
Average gold price	A\$/oz	3,161	2,724	3,010	2,542

(1) Cash operating costs are mine operating costs including government royalties, and after by-product credits. This is a non-IFRS financial measure which has not been subject to review or audit by the Group's external auditors. It is presented to provide meaningful information to assist management, investors and analysts in understanding the results of the operations. Cash operating costs are calculated according to common mining industry practice using The Gold Institute (USA) Production Cost Standard (1999 revision).

(2) AISC is a non-IFRS financial measure which has not been subject to review or audit by the Group's external auditors. It is presented to provide a meaningful measure by which to assess the total sustaining cash cost of operation. It is calculated in accordance with the World Gold Council's Guidance Note on Non-GAAP Metrics – All-In Sustaining Costs and All-In Costs (June 2013).

Analysis of Simberi operations

In Financial Year 2024, Simberi shifted focus to maintaining a cash neutral operation, with a steady sustainable production profile until 2028. This is an intentional strategy to ensure business continuity, for the benefit of the community and costs mitigation, whilst the Sulphide Expansion Feasibility project is completed.

During the year the operation was impacted by plant and mobile fleet reliability. Work continues to improve the reliability in line with the focus on steady sustainable production. New mining contractor fleet delivery was delayed due to equipment availability and the USD foreign exchange (FX) availability in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Despite these factors Simberi produced 54,705 ounces.

Total mine operating costs at Simberi during the year was \$199,160,000 reflecting higher maintenance costs incurred to overcome the historically underinvestment in plant and equipment, higher input costs for consumables, contractors and freight and higher overhead costs. Higher diesel and aviation fuel costs added cost pressure on the operation in the latter months due to the PNG FX and fuel supplies crisis. The operation continues to work through the impact on aviation costs.

Sustaining capital expenditure of \$7,992,000 was 55% higher than the comparative year due to the focus on increasing plant and mining reliability including structural repairs and the purchase and upgrade of mobile plant and equipment.

Growth capital expenditure in the year was significantly higher than the comparative period at \$15,940,000 due to the increased investment in the Simberi Sulphide Expansion Project as the project design confidence improves based on intense period of study work and metallurgical testwork and Ore Reserve upgrade.

Analysis of Atlantic operations

Touquoy operation production for the year was 6,480 ounces (2023: 43,998 ounces) with gold production from Touquoy operation ceasing in September. Growth capital expenditure in the year of \$9,630,000 was focused on 15-Mile, Beaver Dam and Cochrane Hill development projects.

Events occurring after the end of the financial year

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the financial year that, in their opinion, has significantly affected or may significantly affect in future years the Company's or the Group's operations, the results of those operations or the state of affairs, except as described in this note.

On 16 August 2024, the Company sold its financial asset investment in Catalyst Metals Limited (CYL) on the Australian Securities Exchange for \$25,200,000.

Rounding of amounts

St Barbara Limited is a Company of the kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Report) Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). As a result, amounts in this Directors' Report and the accompanying Financial Report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, except where otherwise indicated.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

For and on behalf of the Board

Dated at Perth this 22 August 2024

Andrew Strelein

Managing Director and CEO

Our values

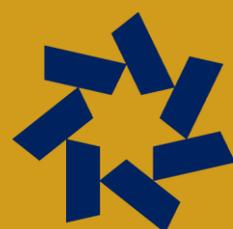
We act with honesty and integrity

We treat people with respect

We value working together

We deliver to promise

We strive to do better



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