



BOUGAINVILLE COPPER LIMITED

Press Release

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BOUGAINVILLE COPPER LIMITED (BOC)

The directors of Bougainville Copper Limited announce the following results of the company for the six months ended 30 June 2014 which have been independently reviewed together with comparable results for six months to 30 June 2013.

The result for the six months ended 30 June 2014 was a net loss of K5.6 million (AUD\$2.3m) compared to a net profit of K1.1million (AUD\$0.5m) for the corresponding period last year.

Financial Results

	2014	2013
	K'000	K'000
Exchange gains	536	-
Interest	425	350
Realised gain on disposal of investments	-	4,647
Dividends	<u>1,621</u>	<u>1,879</u>
	2,582	6,876
Less: General and administration expenses	8,143	4,851
Exchange losses	<u>-</u>	<u>905</u>
	8,143	5,756
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(5,561)	1,120
Income tax expense	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net profit/(loss)	<u>(5,561)</u>	<u>1,120</u>
Average A\$/Kina exchange rate for period	0.4142	0.4673
Equivalent net loss in A\$'000	(2,303)	523

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RECENT EVENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

The first half of 2014 has been notable for the continued engagement of stakeholders through formally constituted arrangements directed towards a potential re-start of the Panguna mine.

The Joint Supervisory Board met in Kokopo, East New Britain, on July 4. The JSB was established under the Bougainville Peace Agreement, to oversee the establishment of Bougainville autonomy and the referendum on Independence, as well as the transfer of powers including those relating to mining.

As reported to ASX on June 25th, 2014, a Draft Bougainville Mining (Transitional Arrangements) Bill circulated which, in its current form and if passed into law by the Bougainville Parliament, may adversely impact on the mining rights held by the Company, which include a Special Mining Lease, various other leases for mining purposes, and several Exploration Licences. The Company has not made any adjustments to its financial statements for any impacts that might arise should this Bill be enacted in its current or similar form.

Further meetings of the Joint Panguna Negotiation Co-ordination Committee have been held, facilitating preparations for formal mine redevelopment processes, and the scoping of baseline social, economic and environmental studies. This committee has high level representation from the Governments of PNG and Bougainville, as well as the landowners and BCL, with inputs from agencies including the United Nations Environment Program. The meeting on May 8th was the tenth meeting of the JPNCC.

Issues being addressed with the formally constituted United Panguna Mine Affected Landowner Association include Bel Kol reconciliation ceremonies, outstanding 1989/90 compensation payments, landowner relocation and resettlement, and skills training for future mining operations.

It is anticipated that the completion of the symbolic Bel Kol process will be followed by a formal invitation from the ABG, Landowners and Ex-Combatants to BCL, to re-establish an office on Bougainville.

Negotiations are continuing aimed at resolving the Taxation Dispute between BCL and the Internal Revenue Commission of PNG.

2014 DIVIDEND

The Directors have not declared a dividend in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2014.

BORROWING

No borrowings were outstanding at year-end.

STOCK EXCHANGE

The standard proforma Appendix 4D was lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange in accordance with official listing requirements.

By order of the Board.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Coleman', with a stylized, flowing script.

Paul Coleman
Company Secretary
Bougainville Copper Limited

Condensed statement of comprehensive income

	Current period - K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
1.1 Revenues from ordinary activities (<i>see items 1.23 –1.25</i>)	2,582	5,971
1.2 Expenses from ordinary activities (<i>see items 1.26 & 1.27</i>)	8,143	4,851
1.3 Borrowing costs	-	-
1.4 Share of net profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities (<i>see item 16.7</i>)	-	-
1.5 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	(5,561)	1,120
1.6 Income tax on ordinary activities (<i>see note 4</i>)	-	-
1.7 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	(5,561)	1,120
1.8 Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax (<i>see item 2.5</i>)	-	-
1.9 Net profit (loss)	(5,561)	1,120
1.10 Net profit (loss) attributable to outside ⁺ equity interests	-	-
1.11 Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members	(5,561)	1,120
Other comprehensive income		
1.12 Increase (decrease) in revaluation reserves	-	-
1.13 Net exchange differences recognised in equity	-	-
1.14 Other revenue, expense and initial adjustments recognised directly in equity (attach details)	-	-
1.15 Initial adjustments from UIG transitional		
1.15 Increase (decrease) in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	4,160	(1,104)
1.16 Other comprehensive income for the period (items 1.12 to 1.15)	4,160	(1,104)
1.17 Total comprehensive income for the period	(1,401)	16

	Current period	Previous corresponding Period
<i>Earnings per security (EPS)</i>		
1.18 Basic EPS	(1.39) toea	0.28 toea
1.19 Diluted EPS	(1.39) toea	0.28 toea

Notes to the condensed statement of comprehensive income

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities attributable to members

	Current period – K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
1.20 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (<i>item 1.7</i>)	(5,561)	1,120
1.21 Less (plus) outside ⁺ equity interests	-	-
1.22 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax, attributable to members	(5,561)	1,120

Revenue and expenses from ordinary activities

	Current period – K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
1.23 Revenue from sales or services	-	-
1.24 Interest revenue	425	350
1.25 Other relevant revenue-		
Dividends received	1,621	1,879
Gain on sale of investments	-	4,647
Foreign exchange gain /(loss)	536	(905)
1.26 Details of relevant expenses-General and administration expenses		
Related Party (reimbursement of expenses to related parties - salaries, rent etc)	3,060	2,246
Other Administrative Expenses	5,083	2,605
1.27 Depreciation and amortisation excluding amortisation of intangibles (<i>see item 2.3</i>)	-	-
<i>Capitalised outlays</i>		
1.28 Interest costs capitalised in asset values	-	-
1.29 Outlays capitalised in intangibles (unless arising from an ⁺ acquisition of a business)	-	-

Retained profits

	Current period – K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
1.30 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial period	(110,753)	(117,531)
1.31 Net profit (loss) attributable to members (<i>item 1.11</i>)	(5,561)	1,120
1.32 Net transfers from (to) reserves (<i>details if material</i>)	-	-
1.33 Net effect of changes in accounting policies	-	-
1.34 Dividends and other equity distributions paid or payable	-	-
1.35 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period	(116,314)	(116,411)

Intangible and extraordinary items

		Current period			
		Before tax K'000 (a)	Related tax K'000 (b)	Related outside + equity interests K'000 (c)	Amount (after tax) attributable to members K'000 (d)
2.1	Amortisation of goodwill	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.3	Total amortisation of intangibles	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.4	Extraordinary items (details)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.5	Total extraordinary items	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Comparison of half year profits

(Preliminary final report only)

		Current year - K'000	Previous year - K'000
3.1	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members reported for the <i>1st</i> half year (item 1.22 in the half yearly report)	(5,561)	1,120
3.2	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members for the <i>2nd</i> half year	-	5,658

Condensed balance sheet

	At end of current period K'000	As shown in last annual report K'000	As in last half yearly report K'000
Current assets			
4.1 Cash	10,828	13,553	15,121
4.2 Receivables	70,195	69,950	70,182
4.3 Investments	-	-	-
4.4 Inventories	-	-	-
4.5 Tax assets	-	-	-
4.6 Other –Held-to-maturity financial assets	-	-	-
4.7 Total current assets	81,023	83,503	85,303
Non-current assets			
4.8 Receivables	3,909	3,909	3,909
4.9 Investments (equity accounted)	-	-	-
4.10 Available-for-sale financial assets	109,556	105,396	83,633
4.11 Inventories	-	-	-
4.12 Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised (<i>see para .71 of AASB 1022</i>)	-	-	-
4.13 Development properties (⁺ mining entities)	-	-	-
4.14 Other property, plant and equipment (net)	547,894	547,894	547,894
4.15 Intangibles (net)	-	-	-
4.16 Tax assets	-	-	-
4.17 Other –General Provision	(350,000)	(350,000)	(350,000)
4.18 Total non-current assets	311,359	307,199	285,742
4.19 Total assets	392,382	390,702	371,045
Current liabilities			
4.20 Payables	6,801	3,720	3,019
4.21 Interest bearing liabilities	-	-	-
4.22 Tax liabilities	-	-	-
4.23 Provisions exc. tax liabilities	-	-	-
4.24 Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.25 Total current liabilities	6,801	3,720	3,019
Non-current liabilities			
4.26 Payables	4,517	4,517	4,517
4.27 Interest bearing liabilities	-	-	-
4.28 Tax liabilities	6,759	6,759	6,759
4.29 Provisions exc. tax liabilities	13,913	13,913	22,073
4.30 Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.31 Total non-current liabilities	25,189	25,189	33,349
4.32 Total liabilities	31,990	28,909	36,368
4.33 Net assets	360,392	361,793	334,677

Condensed balance sheet continued

Equity				
4.34	Capital/contributed equity	401,063	401,063	401,063
4.35	Reserves	75,643	71,483	50,025
4.36	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	(116,314)	(110,753)	(116,411)
4.37	Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	360,392	361,793	334,677
4.38	Outside ⁺ equity interests in controlled entities	-	-	-
4.39	Total equity	360,392	361,793	334,677
4.40	Preference capital included as part of 4.37	-	-	-

Notes to the condensed balance sheet

Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised

(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material. Include all expenditure incurred.)

		Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
5.1	Opening balance	-	-
5.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	-	-
5.3	Expenditure written off during current period	-	-
5.4	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-	-
5.5	Expenditure transferred to Development Properties	-	-
5.6	Closing balance as shown in the balance sheet (item 4.12)	Nil	Nil

Development properties

(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material)

		Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
6.1	Opening balance	-	-
6.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	-	-
6.3	Expenditure transferred from exploration and evaluation	-	-
6.4	Expenditure written off during current period	-	-
6.5	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-	-
6.6	Expenditure transferred to mine properties	-	-
6.7	Closing balance as shown in the balance sheet (item 4.13)	Nil	Nil

Condensed statement of cash flows

		Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
	Cash flows related to operating activities		
7.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
7.2	Payments to suppliers and employees	(4,983)	(6,757)
7.3	Dividends received from associates	-	-
7.4	Other dividends received	1,621	1,879
7.5	Interest and other items of similar nature received	101	17
7.6	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
7.7	Income taxes paid	-	-
7.8	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
7.9	Net operating cash flows	(3,261)	(4,861)
	Cash flows related to investing activities		
7.10	Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	-	-
7.11	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
7.12	Proceeds from available-for-sale-assets	-	19,500
7.13	Proceeds from held-to-maturity financial assets	-	-
7.14	Disputed tax payments	-	-
7.15	Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
7.16	Payment to held-to-maturity financial assets	-	-
7.17	Net investing cash flows	-	19,500
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
7.18	Proceeds from issues of ⁺ securities (shares, options, etc.)	-	-
7.19	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
7.20	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
7.21	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
7.22	Net financing cash flows	-	-
7.23	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(3,261)	14,639
7.24	Cash at beginning of period (see <i>Reconciliation of cash</i>)	13,553	1,387
7.25	Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.25.	536	(905)
7.26	Cash at end of period (see <i>Reconciliation of cash</i>)	10,828	15,121

Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. (If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.)

Nil

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
8.1 Cash on hand and at bank	10,828	15,121
8.2 Deposits at call	-	-
8.3 Bank overdraft	-	-
8.4 Other –Short term liquid investments	-	-
8.5 Total cash at end of period (item 7.26)	10,828	15,121

Other notes to the condensed financial statements

Ratios	Current period	Previous corresponding Period
Profit before tax / revenue		
9.1 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax (item 1.5) as a percentage of revenue (item 1.1)	(215.3%)	18.8%
Profit after tax / ⁺equity interests		
9.2 Net profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (item 1.11) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (item 4.37)	(1.54%)	0.33%

Earnings per security (EPS)

10. Details of basic and diluted EPS reported separately in accordance with paragraph 9 and 18 of AASB 1027: *Earnings Per Share* are as follows.

Current year: (1.39) toea

Previous year: 0.28 toea

Diluted EPS is the same as Basic EPS

NTA backing

(see note 7)

- 11.1 Net tangible asset backing per ⁺ordinary security

Current period Kina	Previous corresponding Period - Kina
0.898	0.835

Discontinuing Operations

(Entities must report a description of any significant activities or events relating to discontinuing operations in accordance with paragraph 7.5 (g) of AASB 1029: *Interim Financial Reporting*, or, the details of discontinuing operations they have disclosed in their accounts in accordance with AASB 1042: *Discontinuing Operations* (see note 17).)

12.1 Discontinuing Operations

Nil

Control gained over entities having material effect

13.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	Nil
13.2	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) since the date in the current period on which control was ⁺ acquired	N/A
13.3	Date from which such profit has been calculated	N/A
13.4	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A

Loss of control of entities having material effect

14.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	Nil
14.2	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control	N/A
14.3	Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	N/A
14.4	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A
14.5	Contribution to profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	N/A

Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	N/A
15.2	⁺ Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of proper instruments of transfer received by 5.00 pm if ⁺ securities are not ⁺ CHESS approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if ⁺ securities are ⁺ CHESS approved)	N/A
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? (Preliminary final report only)	N/A

Amount per security

		Amount per security	Franked amount per security at % tax (see note 4)	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
15.4	<i>(Preliminary final report only)</i> Final dividend: Current year	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.5	Previous year	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.6	<i>(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)</i> Interim dividend: Current year	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.7	Previous year	Nil	Nil	Nil

Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim plus final)

(Preliminary final report only)

	Current year	Previous year
15.8 +Ordinary securities	Nil	Nil
15.9 Preference +securities	Nil	Nil

Half yearly report - interim dividend (distribution) on all securities or

Preliminary final report - final dividend (distribution) on all securities

	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
15.10 +Ordinary securities <i>(each class separately)</i>	-	-
15.11 Preference +securities <i>(each class separately)</i>	-	-
15.12 Other equity instruments <i>(each class separately)</i>	-	-
15.13 Total	Nil	Nil

The +dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

N/A

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the +dividend or distribution plans

N/A

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions). *(For half yearly reports, provide details in accordance with paragraph 7.5(d) of AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting)*

Nil

Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities

Group's share of associates' and joint venture entities':		Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - K'000
16.1	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	-	-
16.2	Income tax on ordinary activities	-	-
16.3	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	-	-
16.4	Extraordinary items net of tax	-	-
16.5	Net profit (loss)	-	-
16.6	Adjustments	-	-
16.7	Share of net profit (loss) of associates and joint venture entities	Nil	Nil

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities. (If the interest was acquired or disposed of during either the current or previous corresponding period, indicate date of acquisition ("from dd/mm/yy") or disposal ("to dd/mm/yy").)

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to net profit (loss) (item 1.9)	
	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period K'000	Previous corresponding period - \$K'000
17.1 Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities	-	-	-	-
17.2 Total	-	-	-	-
17.3 Other material interests	-	-	-	-
17.4 Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

(Description must include rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates)

Category of ⁺ securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 14) (toea)	Amount paid up per security (see note 14) (toea)
18.1 Preference ⁺securities (description)	-	-	-	-
18.2 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions	-	-	-	-
18.3 ⁺Ordinary securities	401,062,500	401,062,500	-	-
18.4 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks	-	-	-	-
18.5 ⁺Convertible debt securities (description and conversion factor)	-	-	-	-
18.6 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	-	-	-	-
18.7 Options (description and conversion factor)	-	-	Exercise price	Expiry date (if any)
			-	-
18.8 Issued during current period	-	-	-	-
18.9 Exercised during current period	-	-	-	-
18.10 Expired during current period	-	-	-	-
18.11 Debentures (description)	-	-		
18.12 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	- - -	- - -		

18.13	Unsecured notes <i>(description)</i>	-	-
18.14	Changes during current period	-	-
	(a) Increases through issues	-	-
	(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	-	-

Segment reporting

(Information on the business and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with AASB 114: *Segment Reporting* and for half year reports, AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting*. Because entities employ different structures a pro forma cannot be provided. Segment information in the layout employed in the entity's + accounts should be reported separately and attached to this report.)

Operates in one segment only.

Comments by directors

(Comments on the following matters are required by ASX or, in relation to the half yearly report, by AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting*. The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and statement (as required by the Corporations Act) and may be incorporated into the directors' report and statement. For both half yearly and preliminary final reports, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space to comment, attach notes to this report.)

Nil

Basis of financial report preparation

19.1 This is a half yearly report, it is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the listing rules and AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting*. **It should be read in conjunction with the last annual report and any announcements to the market made by the entity during the period.** The financial statements in this report are "condensed financial statements" as defined in the AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting*. This report does not include all the noted of the type normally included in an annual financial report.

19.2 Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period. In a half yearly report, provide explanatory comments about any seasonal or irregular factors affecting operations.

Refer Note 1(a) of the 2013 annual report.

- 19.3 A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and which is not already reported elsewhere in this Appendix or in attachments, with financial effect quantified (if possible).

Nil

- 19.4 Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year.

Nil

- 19.5 Unless disclosed below, the accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases used in this report are the same as those used in the last annual report. Any changes in accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases since the last annual report are disclosed as follows. (Disclose changes and differences in the half yearly report in accordance with *AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting*. Disclose changes in accounting policies in the preliminary final report in accordance with *AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*.)

Nil

- 19.6 Revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous interim periods. For half yearly reports the nature and amount of revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous +annual reports if those revisions have a material effect in this half year.

Nil

- 19.7 Changes in contingent liabilities or assets. For half yearly reports, changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets since the last + annual report.

A draft Bougainville Mining (Transitional Arrangements) Bill (the bill) has been provided to the company which, in its current form and if passed by law, may adversely impact on the mining rights held by the company, including a special mining lease, various other leases for mining purposes and several exploration licences. The company has not made any adjustment to its financial statements for any impacts that might arise should this bill be enacted in its current or in a similar form.

Additional disclosure for trusts

20.1	Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties.	N/A
20.2	A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity. Identify: • initial service charges • management fees • other fees	N/A

Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity

		Contributed Equity K'000	Reserves K'000	Accumulated losses K'000	Total K'000
21.1	Balance at 1 January 2011	401,063	72,094	(108,434)	364,723
21.2	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(17,931)	(3,779)	(21,710)
21.3	Balance at 30 June 2011	401,063	54,163	(112,213)	343,013
21.4	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(20,620)	106	(20,514)
21.5	Balance at 31 December 2011	401,063	33,543	(112,107)	322,499
21.6	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(2,503)	(3,259)	(5,762)
21.7	Balance at 30 June 2012	401,063	31,040	(115,366)	316,737
21.8	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	20,089	(2,165)	17,924
21.9	Balance at 31 December 2012	401,063	51,129	(117,531)	334,661
21.10	Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(1,104)	1,120	16

21.11	Balance at 30 June 2013	401,063	50,025	(116,411)	334,677
21.12	Total comprehensive				
	Income for the period	-	21,458	5,658	27,116
21.13	Balance at 31 December				
	2013	401,063	71,483	(110,753)	361,793
21.14	Total comprehensive				
	Income for the period	-	4,160	(5,561)	(1,401)
21.15	Balance at 30 June 2014	401,063	75,643	(116,314)	360,392

Compliance statement

- 1 This report has been prepared in accordance with AASB Standards, other AASB authoritative pronouncements and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other standards acceptable to ASX and International Accounting Standard 34: Interim Financial Reporting.

Identify other standards used

International Financial Reporting Standards

- 2 This report, and the accounts upon which the report is based, use the same accounting policies.
- 3 The directors are able to declare that the financial report comprising Appendix 4D to the Australian Stock Exchange for the half year ended 30 June 2014:
 - a.) complies with International Accounting Standard IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting, and the Australian Stock Exchange Listing Rules relating to half yearly financial reports, and
 - b.) gives a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows for the half year ended on that date;

except that the results of the company for the six months ended 30 June 2014 have been in the opinion of the directors, substantially affected by events of a material and unusual nature as noted in the annual report dated 31 December 2013. The accounts have been prepared with the inclusion of the company's mine assets at their 1 January 1991 book value, with a separate general provision of K350 million having been made in 1991 for the value of the indeterminate level of deterioration, damage and pilferage of assets which has occurred in the period since the withdrawal of company personnel from Bougainville in early 1990. While the directors have made this impairment provision in good faith based on the limited information available to them, it must be recognised that the actual extent of the necessary write-downs can only be established when access to the mine site by appropriate company representatives is again possible. Accordingly, the 1991 provision may eventually prove to be above or below the sum which is necessary to reflect these losses. The directors believe that in the absence of reliable information and the lack of a more suitable alternative, this is the only appropriate basis to use, despite the current cessation of operations.

- 4 A draft Bougainville Mining (Transitional Arrangements) Bill (the bill) has been provided to the company which, in its current form and if passed by law, may adversely impact on the mining rights held by the company, including a special mining lease, various other leases for mining purposes and several exploration licences. The company has not made any adjustment to its financial statements for any impacts that might arise should this bill be enacted in its current or in a similar form.