

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 30 JUNE 2014

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The Directors of Sovereign Metals Limited present their report on the Consolidated Entity consisting of Sovereign Metals Limited ("the Company" or "Sovereign" or "Parent") and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2014 ("Consolidated Entity" or "Group").

#### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Operations**

Sovereign is a dynamic resources company focussed on the exploration and development of potentially large scale projects. Sovereign is actively exploring the large and highly prospective, 100% owned Central Malawi Graphite Project located in Malawi, near the capital city, Lilongwe (Figure 1).

Highlights during, and subsequent to, the financial year end include:

#### **Excellent Metallurgical Results:**

- Results from an initial metallurgical test-work program confirmed the large flake potential at Duwi.
  - Favourable high-value Extra Large (Jumbo) Flake "footprint" and increasing purity with flake size:
    - 36.8% of concentrate is +48 mesh (+300µm Extra Large) with a purity of 95% Total Graphitic Carbon ("TGC").
    - 64.2% of concentrate is +100 mesh (+150µm) with a purity of 93% TGC.
  - Overall recoveries of 87.5% grading 92.0% TGC.
  - Indicates the potential of the Duwi Prospect to deliver a high-quality marketable flake graphite concentrate using simple conventional flotation technology.

#### > Up to 99.98% C Ultra-high Purity Graphite Concentrate Produced.

- Upgrade of raw concentrates to between 99.97 and 99.98 %C ultra-pure graphite achieved across all flake size fractions.
- Results indicate that Duwi Prospect concentrates may be suitable for the growing market of high-value ultra-pure graphite applications in addition to traditional high volume applications.

#### Excellent Saprolite Metallurgical Results at Dedza.

- Favourable graphite flake distribution with 17.3% of concentrate +48 mesh (Extra Large Flake) with a purity of 96.5% C (t) and a further 30.5% of concentrate is +80 mesh (Large Flake) with a purity of 95.9% C (t).
- Importantly, the saprolite material required no primary grind and graphite was easily liberated by simple slurrying and scrubbing before the rougher flotation stage which indicates that the saprolite mineralisation at Dedza and elsewhere may provide the basis for a low-cost flake graphite operation, with "free dig" mineralised material that requires no primary crush and grind.

#### **Discovery of new zones:**

#### > New Graphite zone discovered at Duwi.

- Substantial widths of medium & high-grade flake graphite mineralisation were intersected in a trench at Duwi Bend, immediately east of Duwi Main zone.
- A single trench oriented obliquely to the mineralised trend returned a cumulative intercept of 170m @ 8.0% TGC.



#### **Operations (Continued)**

#### **Substantial Exploration Program completed:**

- > Reverse Circulation ('RC') and diamond drilling program at Duwi and Dedza completed.
  - A 6,393m combined air-core, RC and diamond drilling program at Duwi and Dedza was completed between June and September 2014.
  - Results from the first 11 holes have been received and include:

**DWRC0013: 84m** @ **9.8** %**TGC** (from 24m)

inc. 20m @ 12.8% TGC & 16m @ 11.0% TGC

**DWRC0002: 74m** @ **9.4** % **TGC** (from 8m)

inc. 10m @ 12.0% TGC & 14m @ 11.1% TGC

- Sovereign aims to delineate a maiden flake graphite resource at Duwi Main Zone in Q4, 2014.
- Drilling also tested for potential additional zones of mineralisation e.g. Duwi Bend, as well as obtaining additional drill-core for upcoming metallurgical test-work programs.

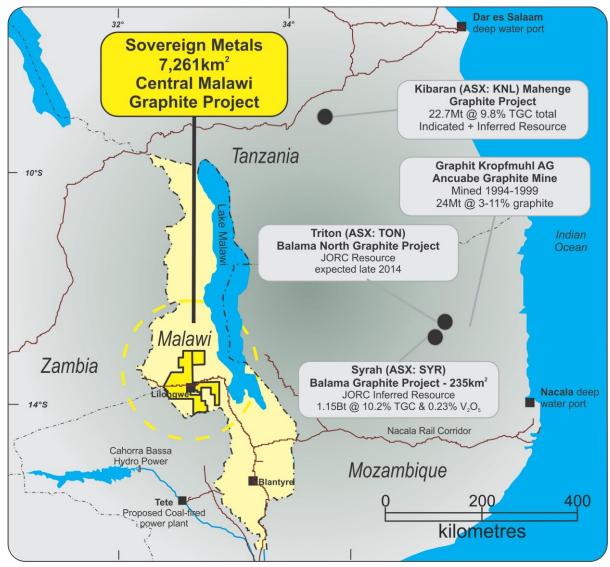


Figure 1. Location of the Central Malawi Graphite Project.



#### **Operations (Continued)**

#### **Central Malawi Graphite Project**

In November 2012, the Company acquired McCourt Mining Pty Ltd which holds the large and highly prospective Central Malawi Graphite Project ("CMGP"), located in Malawi, near the capital city, Lilongwe. The CMGP is surrounded by established infrastructure including high capacity power lines, rail, roads and a port which is currently undergoing a major expansion.

The CMGP is composed of three tenements (Figure 2) totalling 7,261km² in area, being:

- Exclusive Prospecting Licence EPL0355 780km<sup>2</sup>;
- Exclusive Prospecting Licence EPL0372 2,499km<sup>2</sup>;and
- Reconnaissance Licence RL0146 3.982km<sup>2</sup>.

Sovereign has identified a number of graphite prospects within its tenement holding, including Duwi, Dedza Mountain and Nanzeka.

Large areas of the CMGP remain unexplored to date. A 2012 Heli-VTEM Survey of 4,116 line kilometres, covered a significant area of the CMGP in order to assess historically known graphite prospects, and attempt to identify new areas of graphite mineralisation. Interpretation of results from the survey (refer ASX announcement 23 January 2013) identified at least 31 new, high priority conductors. Field work to confirm the existence of graphite mineralisation at a number of these targets continues.

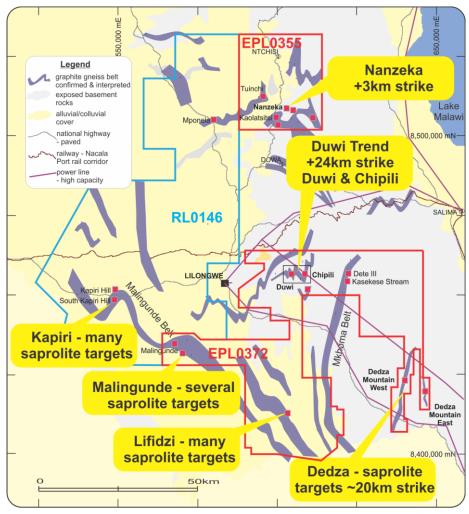


Figure 2. Simplified map showing major flake graphite prospects.

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#### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)**

#### **Operations (Continued)**

#### **Duwi Prospect**

The Duwi Prospect is located in EPL0372 just 15km east of the capital city Lilongwe. Continuous high grade mineralisation has been identified over a cumulative strike length of greater than 18km at Duwi. Mineralisation remains open along strike in a number of areas, and Heli-VTEM data indicates the potential for further significant extensions to this high-grade mineralised trend.

Three substantial proximal bodies of flake graphite mineralisation have been identified at the Duwi Prospect – being Duwi Main, Duwi Bend and Nyama.

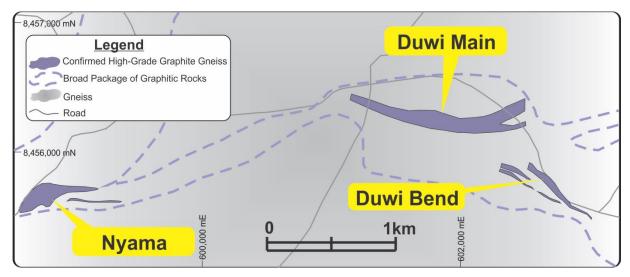


Figure 3. Simplified map of three major flake graphite bodies at Duwi – Duwi Main, Duwi Bend and Nyama showing results for recent trench DWTR0016 at Duwi Bend.

#### Duwi Main

Following discovery in late 2012, the Company completed an initial diamond drill program at the Duwi Main Zone in July 2013. The program was designed to test the width and grades of flake graphite mineralisation and to obtain material for key metallurgical test-work.

A total of 7 drill-holes were drilled at Duwi Main for 1,150m, with results including:

**DWDD0001:** 8m @ 13.6% TGC (from 32m) &

**48m** @ **7.7% TGC incl. 6m** @ **13.7% TGC** (from 102m)

**DWDD0006**: **34m** @ **8.5% TGC incl. 12m** @ **11.8% TGC** (from surface)

A follow up drill program commenced at Duwi Main in June 2014 with a view to a maiden Mineral Resource Estimate being defined. Wide zones of high-grade flake graphite mineralisation have been intersected from surface in drilling within the ~1.4km long Duwi Main Zone, supporting preliminary modelling from the 2013 drilling campaign.

Results for the first twelve RC holes to be received have returned wide and high-grade intercepts that show a substantial body of high-grade graphite mineralisation, including:

**DWRC0013**: **84m** @ **9.8** %**TGC** (from 24m)

inc. 20m @ 12.8% TGC & 16m @ 11.0% TGC

**DWRC0002:** 74m @ 9.4 % TGC (from 8m)

inc. 10m @ 12.0% TGC & 14m @ 11.1% TGC



#### **Operations (Continued)**

Drilling results returned to-date show a large body of coarse flake graphite mineralisation at Duwi Main Zone including at least two, coherent, high grade zones (Figure 4). The eastern half of the Duwi Main Zone has shown a number of very thick, high grade graphite intercepts that begin at surface.

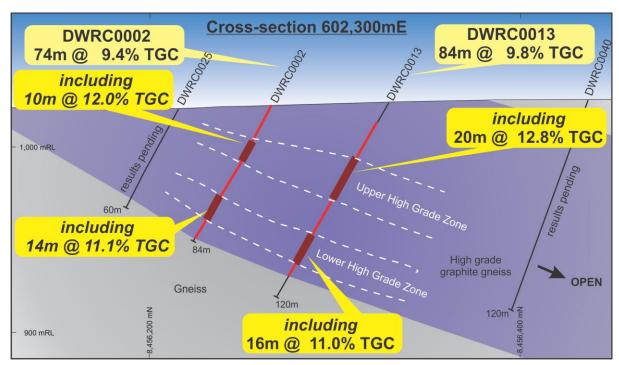


Figure 4. 602,300mE cross-section at Duwi Main Zone.

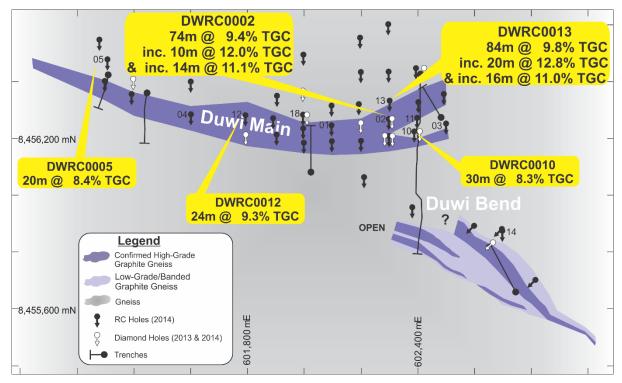


Figure 5. Simplified map of Duwi Main and Duwi Bend showing selected 2014 RC drilling results reported to date.



#### **Operations (Continued)**

#### Metallurgical Testwork

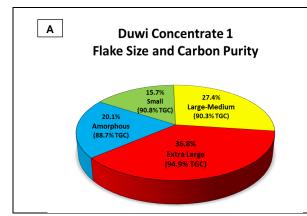
The Company reported results of an initial comprehensive bench-scale metallurgical testwork program for the Duwi Prospect in January 2014 (see ASX announcement 22 January 2014). The testwork was performed on representative large-diameter drill core obtained from hole DWDD0004 from the 2013 drill program by MINTEK Johannesburg under the supervision of Tenova Mining and Minerals (South Africa).

The overall objective, to produce a well characterised graphite concentrate of more than 90% TGC (total graphitic carbon) with a high-proportion of coarse-flake, was achieved (see Table 1 & Figure 6).

Particl	e size	Distribution	TGC	Flake
Tyler Mesh	(µm)	(%)	(%)	Category
+35	+425	19.7	96.3	Extra Large
-35 + 48	- 425 + 300	17.1	93.3	(Jumbo)
-50 + 100	- 300 + 150	27.4	90.3	Large-Medium
-100 + 200	- 150 + 75	15.7	90.8	Small
-200	- 75	20.1	88.7	Amorphous
Total		100.0	91.8	

Table 1: Duwi Concentrate 1 - Flake Size and Total Graphitic Carbon (TGC) Content

The Company is highly encouraged by the results of this initial metallurgical testwork program as it shows that commercial grades of sought-after and valuable Extra Large ('Jumbo') and Large Flake make up close to two-thirds of the final concentrate. The proportion of Extra Large and Large Flake is at the higher end of reported graphite projects worldwide and significantly enhances the Project's commercial appeal.



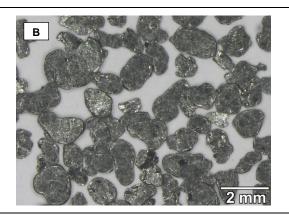


Figure 6: Duwi Concentrate 1 – (A) Flake Size Distribution and TGC Purity (B) Photograph of the Extra Large +425 μm fraction of Concentrate-1

Sovereign has subsequently completed an initial chemical leach purification test on graphite concentrates from the Duwi Main Prospect. Ultra-pure graphite was produced across all flake size fractions of concentrates generated from the previously reported flotation test-work program.

The objective of the initial chemical purification test was to investigate the upgrading of the raw concentrate product previously produced via flotation of Duwi fresh rock material. An upgrade of raw concentrates to between 99.97 and 99.98% Carbon ultra-pure graphite was achieved across all flake size fractions (see ASX Announcement 12 June 2014). These results indicate that Duwi concentrates may be suitable for the growing market of high-value ultra-pure graphite applications in addition to traditional high volume applications.

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#### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)**

#### **Operations (Continued)**

The Company has embarked on a substantial metallurgical optimisation program for the Duwi Prospect, including:

- Optimisation of Duwi fresh rock material flotation concentrates that produced world-class jumbo and coarse flake distribution results in the initial test-work program;
- Initial flotation test-work on weathered saprock material;
- Further purification test-work on flotation concentrates; and
- Investigation on appropriateness of concentrates to produce high value products in the spherical, expandable and other end-use markets

#### Duwi Bend

Sovereign's exploration team confirmed a substantial zone of flake graphite mineralisation at a new prospect called Duwi Bend just east of the Duwi Main zone (Figures 3 & 5). A single trench along a road that cuts obliquely across the Duwi Bend zone returned substantial widths of flake graphite mineralisation with a cumulative intercept of 170m @ 8.0% TGC.

The Company has drilled four RC/diamond holes beneath the trench intercepts which showed visually consistent wide zones of flake graphite mineralisation. Assay results are yet to be reported.

#### <u>Nyama</u>

The Nyama discovery is the westerly extension of the major Duwi prospect (Figure 3). It appears to be two separate zones of high-grade flake graphite mineralisation that range in surface width from 20m to 100m and have a confirmed and sampled strike length of about 7km each. Extensions to the Nyama VTEM conductors suggest this mineralised corridor may extend for at least a further 6km along strike to the south-west.

The Company completed a single trench for 223m and drilled four RC holes at Nyama for 595 metres in July 2014 and results are pending.

#### Dedza Mountain Prospect

The Company recognised significant potential for flake graphite mineralisation at Dedza through the discovery of approximately twenty trenches excavated for base metals exploration by a previous explorer. Subsequent field reconnaissance mapping defined two very discrete zones of graphite mineralisation with ~4km (Dedza Mountian East) and ~20km (Dedza Mountain West) strike lengths respectively (Figure 2).

Field examination of the existing trenches at DME showed significant and visually consistent zones of coarse flake graphite mineralisation. A total of 8 trenches for 502m were sampled and showed graphite mineralisation to be hosted within very soft and highly weathered saprolite (Figure 7).

The discovery of DME is important due to the occurrence of substantial widths and high-grades of flake graphite mineralisation within highly weathered and very soft upper saprolite.

A 1,666m trenching program was recently completed at the DMW and DME prospects and the Company subsequently drilled 17 RC holes for 634 metres and 15 aircore holes for 474 metres at the DMW Prospect. Results are pending.



#### **Operations (Continued)**

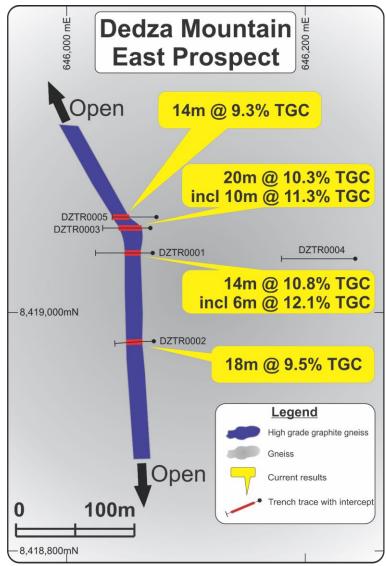


Figure 7. Trench results over Dedza Mountain East (DME) Prospect, March 2014.

#### Metallurgy

Samples of saprolite material were gathered from a vertical pit excavated to 5m depth located toward the southern part of DME. A composite sample containing 5.8% TGC was dispatched to SGS Lakefield laboratories in Canada.

The testwork program comprised sample selection and preparation, slurrying and scrubbing, followed by a rougher flotation stage. The rougher concentrate was then subjected to two stages of primary cleaning followed by a polishing grind and 3 additional stages of cleaner flotation to produce the final cleaner concentrate.

Two separate cleaner flotation tests were undertaken and both tests produced relatively similar, and hence repeatable, results. Better conditions were achieved in the second test which employed a slightly shorter polishing grind time than the first test (see Table 2).



#### **Operations (Continued)**

Table 2. Dedza Mountain East - Concentrate Flake Size and Carbon Content

Particle size		Distribution	C(t)	Flake		
Tyler Mesh	(µm)	(%)	(%)	Category		
+ 48	+ 297	17.3	96.5	Extra Large (Jumbo)		
- 48 + 80	- 297 + 177	30.5	95.9	Large		
- 80 + 100	-177 + 149	10.6	93.4	Medium		
- 100 + 200	- 149 + 74	26.9	92.3	Small		
- 200	- 74	14.8	91.6	Amorphous		
Total		100%	94.1%			

Results reported are those from the 2<sup>nd</sup> five-stage cleaner flotation test. All reported results have an associated measurement uncertainty (MU) based on the expected precision and accuracy relating to the method and sample concentration. Values at 100% should not be treated as pure products without additional impurity testing. Testing by party and/or umpire analysis will reduce, but not remove measurement uncertainty of the method. The estimated MU for C(t) using a LECO SC-632 analyser are 1.4% relative for grades between 95 and <100% C(t) and 1.7% relative for grades between 90.0 and <95% C(t).

Since these tests were scoping level in nature, additional flowsheet development work will aim to further improve the flake size distribution and concentrate grade, especially of the smaller flakes sizes.

The Company is very encouraged by the results of this initial scoping level metallurgical test-work program on saprolite samples from Dedza. The results demonstrate that high grade flake graphite concentrates, with significant portions of Extra Large and Large Flake graphite, can be simply and easily produced.

Saprolite-hosted flake graphite mining operations may have significant advantages over hard rock operations including:

- mineralisation occurs at or near surface so will likely have the benefit of low stripping ratios;
- lower mining costs because saprolite material is generally "free-dig", potentially requiring minimal drilling and blasting during mining; and
- potential for significant reductions in capital and operating costs to the extent that primary crushing and grinding is reduced or eliminated.

#### Nanzeka Prospect

The Nanzeka Prospect is located in EPL0355 to the north of the capital city Lilongwe (Figure 2).

Mapping and rock-chip sampling at Nanzeka delineated two high-grade flake graphite zones over a combined strike length of 2.0km, with individual zones ranging between 10m and 150m in surface width. An initial drilling program was conducted at Nanzeka in July 2013. A total of 3 drill-holes for 237m drilled, with results including:

KODD0002: 10m @ 11.0% TGC incl. 4m @ 12.5% (from 24m)

KODD0003: 8m @ 10.5% TGC incl. 4m @ 12.5% (from 8m)



#### **Operations (Continued)**

The drilling along with earlier trenching data together show a very consistent and predictable, high-grade zone of flake graphite over at least 3km, which is open in both directions along strike and down-dip. In general, the mineralised zone has shallow dips ranging between 0° and 35°, with the southern ~2km of strike folded into a gently plunging, synform-antiform pair. This geometry results in a substantial amount of mineralised material occurring at or near surface (Figure 8).

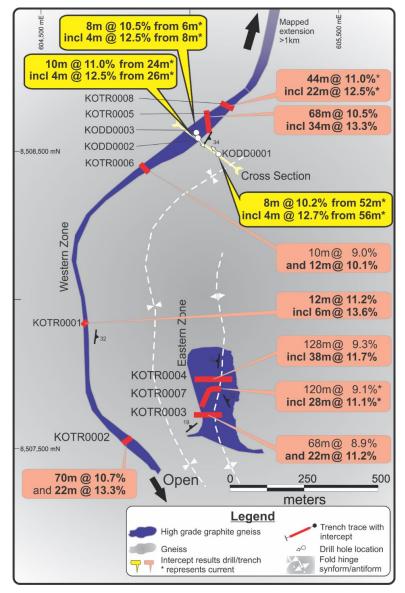


Figure 8. Trench and drilling results over interpreted geology at Nanzeka (results in %TGC).

#### **Tate River**

The Tate River Project, in north-east Queensland, exhibits the potential for the discovery of epithermal and intrusion related gold and base metal mineralisation. Sovereign has 100% (contractual) interest in the Project.

During the year, Sovereign completed a review of a 2013 tenement scale mapping and sampling program which was undertaken in order to identify additional targets.

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#### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)**

#### **Operations (Continued)**

#### **Carpentaria Joint Venture**

Mount Isa Mines, a Glencore Company, continues to manage and sole fund all tenements comprising the Carpentaria Joint Venture ("CJV"). Under the terms of the CJV, Mount Isa Mines earns 1.5% for every \$200,000 of expenditure. As at 30 June 2014, Sovereign's interest in the CJV has reduced to 37.48%.

#### **Mongoose Prospect**

Drilling at Mount Avarice during the year consisted of twenty RC holes for 3,612m at the Mongoose Prospect which is located on the eastern boundary of EPM 8588 along strike north west of the historic Paddock open pit (not in EPM 8588) south of the township of Cloncurry.

Results were reported in March 2014 and demonstrated encouraging widths of high-grade copper mineralisation intersected in drilling with mineralisation open along strike and at depth in all areas, including:

MGX002: 17m @ 1.41% Cu and 0.29g/t. Au (from 173m) including

4m @ 4.07% Cu and 0.90g/t. Au (from 180m)

MGX009: 16m @ 4.20% Cu and 0.43g/t. Au (from 3m)

**MGX019**: **12m** @ **1.18% Cu and 0.29g/t. Au** (from 20m)

The Mongoose Prospect remains open to the north, south, west and at depth. The mineralisation is highly strategic, being located directly next to an existing open pit. The Mongoose Prospect requires further drill testing both to establish the potential resource but also the depth potential and to improve the geological model. Mount Isa Mines are currently reviewing the exploration results received to date prior to considering a follow up drill program at Mongoose.

#### Corporate

#### **Appointment of Managing Director**

Mr Matthew Syme was appointed as Managing Director of the Company in June 2014. Mr Syme was previously Managing Director of copper-gold developer Sierra Mining Limited, which completed its merger with RTG Mining Inc in early June 2014. Mr Syme was responsible for the acquisition of Sierra's key Mabilo Project in late 2011 and with his involvement, Sierra grew from a market capitalisation of approximately A\$5m to over A\$100m at the time of the merger.

Mr Syme is an accomplished mining executive with over 26 years' experience in senior management roles in Australia and overseas. The Board is pleased that an executive with Mr Syme's experience agreed to join the Company at such a pivotal time in the development of Sovereign's Central Malawi Graphite Project and is confident that his appointment will further enhance the ability of the Company to take advantage of the unique, large flake graphite prospects identified to date.

#### **Capital Raising**

In May 2014, the Company completed the placement of 15.25 million ordinary shares to sophisticated investors, to raise \$3.35 million before costs.

The funds raised are being used to accelerate Sovereign's exploration and testwork programs for the Central Malawi Graphite Project as well as general working capital and business development purposes.

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#### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)**

#### **Results of Operations**

The net loss of the Consolidated Entity for the year ended 30 June 2014 was \$2,256,694 (2013: \$3,239,354). This loss is partly attributable to:

- The Consolidated Entity's accounting policy of expensing exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred by the Consolidated Entity subsequent to acquisition of the rights to explore and up to the completion of feasibility studies. During the year, exploration expenditure totalled \$1,688,996 (2013: \$2,510,772).
  - Exploration activity during the year included completion of the 2013 drilling campaign, extensive trenching and commencement of the 2014 drilling campaign. In addition, Sovereign commenced an extensive metallurgical test work program.
- Business development activities conducted by the Consolidated Entity during the year. Business development expenditure totalled \$39,957 for the year (2013: \$243,598).
  - Business development expenditure decreased in 2014 as the Company focussed its activities on exploring the Central Malawi Graphite Project acquired in 2013; and
- Share based payment expenses totalling \$38,661 (2013: \$88,352) relating to the granting of incentive
  options during the year. The fair value of the incentive options is recognised over the vesting period of the
  option.

#### **Financial Position**

The Company had cash reserves of \$3,030,676 as at 30 June 2014. The Company completed a placement during the year raising \$3.35 million (before costs) which was primarily used to accelerate Sovereign's exploration and testwork programs for the Central Malawi Graphite Project.

The Consolidated Entity had net assets of \$9,976,110 at 30 June 2014 (2013: \$9,011,162), an increase of \$964,948 or approximately 10.7% compared with the previous year. This increase is consistent with the increase in cash reserves following the completion of the placement raising \$3.35 million, which is offset by the comprehensive loss for the year of \$2.26 million.

#### **Business Strategies and Prospects for Future Financial Years**

The objective of the Consolidated Entity is to create long-term shareholder value through the discovery, development and acquisition of technically and economically viable mineral deposits.

To date, the Consolidated Entity has not commenced production of any minerals, nor has it identified a Mineral Resource in accordance with the JORC Code. To achieve its objective, the Company currently has the following business strategies and prospects over the medium to long term:

- Further drilling on prospects at the Central Malawi Graphite Project, and subject to the results, preparation of an initial Mineral Resource Estimate in accordance with the JORC Code scheduled for late 2014.
- Continue metallurgical and mineralogical test work on core samples from the drilling program completed at the Central Malawi Graphite Project.
- Complete a Scoping Study on the Central Malawi Graphite Project, which is scheduled for the second half of 2014/2015.
- Secure a strategic partner and/or offtake agreement for the Central Malawi Graphite Project.
- Conduct further field work to follow up the large number of targets identified by Heli-VTEM survey and investigate a number of graphite prospects discovered by a previous company searching for copper.
- Continue to examine other new business development opportunities in the resources sector, both locally and overseas.

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#### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)**

#### **Business Strategies and Prospects for Future Financial Years (Continued)**

All of these activities are inherently risky and the Board is unable to provide certainty that any or all of these developments will be able to be achieved. The material business risks faced by the Company that are likely to have an effect on the Consolidated Entity's future prospects, and how the Consolidated Entity manages these risks, include:

- The Company's exploration properties may never be brought into production The exploration for, and development of, mineral deposits involves a high degree of risk. Few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. To mitigate this risk, the Company will undertake systematic and staged exploration and testing programs on its mineral properties and, subject to the results of these exploration programs, the Company will then progressively undertake a number of technical and economic studies with respect to its projects prior to making a decision to mine. However there can be no guarantee that the studies will confirm the technical and economic viability of the Company's mineral properties or that the properties will be successfully brought into production;
- The Company's activities will require further capital The exploration and any development of the Company's exploration properties will require substantial additional financing. Failure to obtain sufficient financing may result in delaying or indefinite postponement of exploration and any development of the Company's properties or even a loss of property interest. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing will be available if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financing will be favourable to the Company;
- The Company is subject to sovereign risk of the Republic of Malawi The Company's operations in the Republic of Malawi are exposed to various levels of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties. The Republic of Malawi is a developing country and there can be no assurances that the risks of operating in the Republic of Malawi will not directly impact the Company's operations;
- The Company may be adversely affected by fluctuations in commodity prices The price of graphite and other commodities fluctuates widely and is affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company. Future production, if any, from the Company's mineral properties will be dependent upon the price of graphite and other commodities being adequate to make these properties economic. The Company currently does not engage in any hedging or derivative transactions to manage commodity price risk. As the Company's operations change, this policy will be reviewed periodically going forward; and
- Global financial conditions may adversely affect the Company's growth and profitability Many industries, including the mineral resource industry, are impacted by these market conditions. Some of the key impacts of the current financial market turmoil include contraction in credit markets resulting in a widening of credit risk, devaluations and high volatility in global equity, commodity, foreign exchange and precious metal markets, and a lack of market liquidity. Due to the current nature of the Company's activities, a slowdown in the financial markets or other economic conditions may adversely affect the Company's growth and ability to finance its activities. If these increased levels of volatility and market turmoil continue, the Company's activities could be adversely impacted and the trading price of the Company's shares could be adversely affected.

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#### **DIRECTORS**

The names of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

#### **Current Directors**

Mr Ian Middlemas Chairman

Mr Matthew Syme Managing Director (appointed 5 June 2014)

Mr Peter Woodman Technical Director
Mr Mark Pearce Non-Executive Director

Unless otherwise disclosed, Directors held their office from 1 July 2013 until the date of this report.

#### **CURRENT DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

#### **lan Middlemas**

Chairman Qualifications – B.Com, CA

Mr Middlemas is a Chartered Accountant, a member of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He worked for a large international Chartered Accounting firm before joining the Normandy Mining Group where he was a senior group executive for approximately 10 years. He has had extensive corporate and management experience, and is currently a director with a number of publicly listed companies in the resources sector.

Mr Middlemas was appointed a Director and Chairman of Sovereign Metals Limited on 20 July 2006. During the three year period to the end of the financial year, Mr Middlemas has held directorships in Paringa Resources Limited (October 2013 – present), Berkeley Resources Limited (April 2012 – present), Prairie Mining Limited (August 2011 – present), Papillon Resources Limited (May 2011 – present), Pacific Ore Limited (April 2010 – present), Wildhorse Energy Limited (January 2010 – present), Equatorial Resources Limited (November 2009 – present), WCP Resources Limited (September 2009 – present), Odyssey Energy Limited (September 2005 – present), Sierra Mining Limited (January 2006 – June 2014), Decimal Software Limited (July 2013 – April 2014), Global Petroleum Limited (April 2007 – December 2011), Coalspur Mines Limited (March 2007 – October 2011).

#### **Matthew Syme**

Managing Director Qualifications – B.Com, CA

Mr Syme is a Chartered Accountant and an accomplished mining executive with over 26 years experience in senior management roles in Australia and overseas. He was a Manager in a major international Chartered Accounting firm before spending 3 years as an equities analyst in a large stockbroking firm. He was then Chief Financial Officer of Pacmin Mining Limited, a successful Australian gold mining company.

Mr Syme has considerable experience in managing mining projects in a wide range of commodities and countries. He most recently held the position of Managing Director of copper-gold developer Sierra Mining Limited, which merged with RTG Mining Inc in early June 2014. Mr Syme was responsible for the acquisition of Sierra's key Mabilo Project in late 2011.

Prior to joining Sierra in 2010 he was Managing Director of Berkeley Resources Limited where he successfully guided the acquisition and scoping studies of Berkeley's Salamanca Uranium Project in Spain.

Mr Syme was appointed a director of Sovereign Metals Limited on 5 June 2014. During the three year period to the end of the financial year, Mr Syme was a director of RTG Mining Inc. (June 2014 – September 2014), Sierra Mining Limited (July 2010 – June 2014) and Berkeley Resources Limited (August 2004 – August 2012).

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#### **CURRENT DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS (Continued)**

#### **Peter Woodman**

Technical Director

Qualifications – B.Sc. (Geology), MAusIMM

Mr Woodman is a Geologist with over 25 years experience in exploration, development and operations in the resources sector. He is a graduate of the Australian National University and is a corporate member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Mr Woodman has worked for a number of mining companies during his extensive career in the resources sector and most recently held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Wedgetail Mining Limited where he oversaw the successful completion of the bankable feasibility study for the Nullagine Gold Project. Prior to his role with Wedgetail Mining Ltd, he held positions with Samantha Gold NL, Ranger Minerals NL, Hellman & Schofield Pty Ltd, Centamin Egypt Ltd and Kingsgate Consolidated Ltd. His background is in management, exploration planning and execution, resource development and mining operations both in Australia and overseas.

Mr Woodman was appointed a Director of Sovereign Metals Limited on 10 May 2007. During the three year period to the end of the financial year, Mr Woodman has held directorships in WCP Resources Limited (August 2010 – present), Equatorial Resources Limited (April 2010 – present) and Papillon Resources Limited (May 2011 – June 2014).

#### **Mark Pearce**

Non-Executive Director Qualifications – B.Bus, CA, FCIS, FFin

Mr Pearce is a Chartered Accountant and is currently a director of several listed companies that operate in the resources sector. He has had considerable experience in the formation and development of listed resource companies. Mr Pearce is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and a member of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia.

Mr Pearce was appointed a Director of Sovereign Metals Limited on 20 July 2006. During the three year period to the end of the financial year, Mr Pearce has held directorships in Prairie Mining Limited (August 2011 – present), Pacific Ore Limited (April 2010 – present), Equatorial Resources Limited (November 2009 – present), WCP Resources Limited (September 2009 – present), Odyssey Energy Limited (September 2005 – present), Decimal Software Limited (July 2013 – April 2014) and Coalspur Mines Limited (March 2007 – October 2011).

#### **Mr Clint McGhie**

Company Secretary
Qualifications – B.Com, CA, ACIS, FFin

Mr McGhie is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Secretary. He commenced his career at a large international Chartered Accounting firm, before moving to commerce in the role of financial controller and company secretary. Mr McGhie now works in the corporate office of a number of public listed companies focussed on the resources sector.

Mr McGhie was appointed Company Secretary of Sovereign Metals Limited on 20 July 2006.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Consolidated Entity during the year consisted of mineral exploration, identification and appraisal of resource projects. No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

	2014	2013
The number of full time equivalent people employed by the Consolidated Entity at balance date	11	5

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#### **DIVIDENDS**

No dividends have been declared, provided for or paid in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

#### **EARNINGS PER SHARE**

	2014 Cents	2013 Cents
Basic loss per share	(2.80)	(4.72)
Diluted loss per share	(2.80)	(4.72)

#### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

Sovereign Metals Limited is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The Company has prepared a consolidated financial report including the entities it incorporated and controlled during the financial year.

#### **CONSOLIDATED RESULTS**

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Loss of the Consolidated Entity before income tax expense	(2,256,694)	(3,239,354)
Income tax expense	-	-
Net loss	(2,256,694)	(3,239,354)

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group during the year other than the following:

- (i) On 26 May 2014, the Company completed a placement of 15.25 million ordinary shares to sophisticated investors, to raise \$3.35 million before costs.
  - The funds raised are being used to accelerate Sovereign's exploration and testwork programs for the Central Malawi Graphite Project as well as general working capital and business development purposes.
- (ii) Mr Matthew Syme was appointed Managing Director of the Company with effect from 5 June 2014. Mr Peter Woodman, the previous Managing Director of Sovereign, continues with the Company as Technical Director.

As part of his remuneration package, Mr Syme was granted the following incentive options:

- 1,500,000 incentive options exercisable at \$0.33 each on or before 15 May 2016, vesting on 15 May 2015 or a change in control / sale of major asset / financing event;
- 1,500,000 incentive options exercisable at \$0.40 each on or before 15 May 2017, vesting on 15 May 2016 or a change in control / sale of major asset / financing event; and
- 1,500,000 incentive options exercisable at \$0.47 each on or before 15 May 2018, vesting on 15 May 2017 or a change in control / sale of major asset / financing event.

The value of the above options granted to Mr Syme was \$583,500 at grant date. This value will be expensed over the vesting period of the options. The fair value has been estimated as at the date of grant using the Binomial option valuation model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted.

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#### SIGNIFICANT POST BALANCE DATE EVENTS

(i) On 29 August 2014, Shareholders approved Sovereign's Performance Rights Plan. Following approval of the plan, 3.7 million Performance Rights were issued on 5 September 2014. The Performance Rights issued have expiry dates ranging from 31 December 2015 to 31 December 2018.

There are no matters or circumstances which have arisen since 30 June 2014 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2014 of the Consolidated Entity;
- the results of those operations, in financials years subsequent to 30 June 2014 of the Consolidated Entity;
   or
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2014 of the Consolidated Entity.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND PERFORMANCE**

The Consolidated Entity's operations are subject to various environmental laws and regulations under the relevant government's legislation. Full compliance with these laws and regulations is regarded as a minimum standard for all operations to achieve.

Instances of environmental non-compliance by an operation are identified either by external compliance audits or inspections by relevant government authorities.

There have been no significant known breaches by the Consolidated Entity during the financial year.

#### INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF SOVEREIGN

As at the date of this report, the Directors' interests in the securities of the Company are as follows:

Interest in Secur	Interest in Securities at the Date of this Report									
Current Directors	Ordinary Shares <sup>(i)</sup>	\$0.30 Incentive Options <sup>(ii)</sup>	\$0.33 Incentive Options <sup>(iii)</sup>	\$0.35 Incentive Options <sup>(iv)</sup>	\$0.40 Incentive Options <sup>(v)</sup>	\$0.47 Incentive Options <sup>(vi)</sup>	Perform- ance Rights <sup>(vii)</sup>			
lan Middlemas	3,385,000	-		-	-	-	-			
Matthew Syme	110,000	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	400,000			
Peter Woodman	-	500,000	-	500,000	-	-	1,200,000			
Mark Pearce	283,076	250,000	-	-	-	-	400,000			

#### Notes:

- (i) "Ordinary Shares" means fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company;
- (ii) "\$0.30 Incentive Options" means an option to subscribe for 1 ordinary Share in the capital of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30 on or before 30 September 2014;
- (iii) "\$0.33 Incentive Options" means an option to subscribe for 1 ordinary Share in the capital of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.33 on or before 15 May 2016;
- (iv) "\$0.35 Incentive Options" means an option to subscribe for 1 ordinary Share in the capital of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.35 on or before 31 March 2015;
- (v) "\$0.40 Incentive Options" means an option to subscribe for 1 ordinary Share in the capital of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.40 on or before 15 May 2017;
- (vi) "\$0.47 Incentive Options" means an option to subscribe for 1 ordinary Share in the capital of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.47 on or before 15 May 2018; and
- (vii) "Performance Rights" means the right to subscribe for 1 ordinary Share in the capital of the Company upon the completion of specific performance milestones by the Company.

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#### SHARE OPTIONS AND PERFORMANCE RIGHTS

At the date of this report the following options and performance rights have been issued by the Company over unissued capital:

- 1,000,000 \$0.30 incentive options expiring 30 September 2014;
- 500,000 \$0.35 incentive options expiring 31 March 2015;
- 250,000 \$0.22 incentive options expiring 30 September 2015;
- 1,500,000 \$0.33 incentive options expiring 15 May 2016;
- 1,500,000 \$0.40 incentive options expiring 15 May 2017;
- 1,500,000 \$0.47 incentive options expiring 15 May 2018;
- 750,000 Performance Rights at no exercise price that expire on 31 December 2015;
- 750,000 Performance Rights at no exercise price that expire on 31 December 2016;
- 1,100,000 Performance Rights at no exercise price that expire on 31 December 2017; and
- 1,100,000 Performance Rights at no exercise price that expire on 31 December 2018.

During the year ended 30 June 2014 and up to the date of this report, no ordinary shares have been issued as a result of the exercise of options or performance rights.

#### **MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

The following table sets out the number of meetings of the Company's Directors held during the year ended 30 June 2014, and the number of meetings attended by each Director.

Current Directors	Board Meetings Eligible to Attend	Board Meetings Attended
Ian Middlemas	3	3
Matthew Syme	2	2
Peter Woodman	3	3
Mark Pearce	3	3

The Board currently does not have any committees, however this will be reviewed should the size and nature of the Company's activities change.

#### INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

The Company has entered into Deeds of Indemnity with the Directors indemnifying them against certain liabilities and costs to the extent permitted by law.

The Group has paid, or agreed to pay, premiums totalling \$9,083 in respect of Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance and Company Reimbursement policies for the 12 months ended 30 June 2015 (2013 and 2014: nil), which cover all Directors and officers of the Group against liabilities to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The policy conditions preclude the Group from any detailed disclosures.

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#### REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)

This Remuneration Report, which forms part of the Directors' Report, sets out information about the remuneration of Key Management Personnel ("KMP") of the Group.

#### **Details of Key Management Personnel**

The KMP of the Group during or since the end of the financial year were as follows:

**Directors** 

Mr Ian Middlemas Chairman

Mr Matthew Syme Managing Director (appointed 5 June 2014)

Mr Peter Woodman Technical Director
Mr Mark Pearce Non-Executive Director

Other KMP

Mr Clint McGhie Company Secretary

Unless otherwise disclosed, the KMP held their position from 1 July 2013 until the date of this report.

#### **Remuneration Policy**

The Group's remuneration policy for its KMP has been developed by the Board taking into account the size of the Group, the size of the management team for the Group, the nature and stage of development of the Group's current operations, and market conditions and comparable salary levels for companies of a similar size and operating in similar sectors.

In addition to considering the above general factors, the Board has also placed emphasis on the following specific issues in determining the remuneration policy for KMP:

- the Group is currently focused on undertaking exploration, appraisal and development activities;
- risks associated with small cap resource companies whilst exploring and developing projects; and
- other than profit which may be generated from asset sales, the Company does not expect to be undertaking profitable operations until sometime after the commencement of commercial production on any of its projects.

#### **Executive Remuneration**

The Group's remuneration policy is to provide a fixed remuneration component and a performance based component (options, performance rights and a cash bonus, see below). The Board believes that this remuneration policy is appropriate given the considerations discussed in the section above and is appropriate in aligning executives' objectives with shareholder and business objectives.

#### Fixed Remuneration

Fixed remuneration consists of base salaries, as well as employer contributions to superannuation funds and other non-cash benefits. Non-cash benefits may include provision of working directors insurance and life insurance premiums.

Fixed remuneration is reviewed annually by the Board. The process consists of a review of company and individual performance, relevant comparative remuneration externally and internally and, where appropriate, external advice on policies and practices.

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#### **REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED) (Continued)**

#### Performance Based Remuneration - Short Term Incentive

Some executives are entitled to an annual cash bonus upon achieving various key performance indicators ("KPI's"), as set by the Board. Having regard to the current size, nature and opportunities of the Company, the Board has determined that these KPI's will include measures such as the successful completion of business development activities (e.g. project acquisition and capital raisings) and exploration activities (e.g. completion of exploration programs within budgeted timeframes and costs). The Board assesses performance against these criteria annually.

No bonuses were paid, payable or forfeited during the current financial year.

#### Performance Based Remuneration - Long Term Incentive

In July 2014, the Company adopted a long-term incentive plan ("LTIP") comprising the "Sovereign Performance Rights Plan" (the "Plan") to reward KMP and key employees and contractors for long-term performance. Shareholders approved the Plan in August 2014 at a General Meeting of Shareholders and Performance Rights were issued under the Plan in September 2014.

The Plan provides for the issuance of unlisted performance share rights ("Performance Rights") which, upon satisfaction of the relevant performance conditions attached to the Performance Rights, will result in the issue of an Ordinary Share for each Performance Right. Performance Rights are issued for no consideration and no amount is payable upon conversion thereof.

To achieve its corporate objectives, the Company needs to attract and retain its key staff, whether employees or contractors. The Board believes that grants made to eligible participants under the Plan will provide a powerful tool to underpin the Company's employment and engagement strategy, and that the implementation of the Plan will:

- (a) enable the Company to incentivise and retain existing key management personnel and other eligible employees and contractors needed to achieve the Company's business objectives;
- (b) enable the Company to recruit, incentivise and retain additional key management personnel and other eligible employees and contractors needed to achieve the Company's business objectives;
- (c) link the reward of key staff with the achievements of strategic goals and the long term performance of the Company;
- (d) align the financial interest of participants of the Plan with those of Shareholders; and
- (e) provide incentives to participants of the Plan to focus on superior performance that creates Shareholder value.

Performance Rights granted under the Plan to eligible participants will be linked to the achievement by the Company of certain performance conditions as determined by the Board from time to time. These performance conditions must be satisfied in order for the Performance Rights to vest. Upon Performance Rights vesting, Ordinary Shares are automatically issued for no consideration. If a performance condition of a Performance Right is not achieved by the expiry date then the Performance Right will lapse.

Prior to the adoption of the Plan, the Board has chosen to issue incentive options to some executives as a key component of the incentive portion of their remuneration, in order to attract and retain the services of the executives and to provide an incentive linked to the performance of the Company. The Board considers that each executive's experience in the resources industry will greatly assist the Company in progressing its projects to the next stage of development and the identification of new projects. As such, the Board believes that the number of incentive options granted to executives is commensurate to their value to the Company.

The Board has a policy of granting options to executives with exercise prices at and/or above market share price (at the time of agreement). As such, incentive options granted to executives will generally only be of benefit if the executives perform to the level whereby the value of the Company increases sufficiently to warrant exercising the incentive options granted.

Other than service-based vesting conditions, there are no additional performance criteria on the incentive options granted to executives, as given the speculative nature of the Company's activities and the small management team responsible for its running, it is considered the performance of the executives and the performance and value of the Company are closely related.

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#### REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED) (Continued)

#### **Remuneration Policy for Non-Executive Directors**

The Board policy is to remunerate Non-Executive Directors at market rates for comparable companies for time, commitment and responsibilities. Given the current size, nature and risks of the Company, incentive options and performance rights have been used to attract and retain Non-Executive Directors. The Board determines payments to the Non-Executive Directors and reviews their remuneration annually, based on market practice, duties and accountability. Independent external advice is sought when required.

The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to Non-Executive Directors is subject to approval by shareholders at a General Meeting. Director's fees paid to Non-Executive Directors accrue on a daily basis. Fees for Non-Executive Directors are not linked to the performance of the economic entity. However, to align Directors' interests with shareholder interests, the Directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Company and Non-Executive Directors have received incentive options and performance rights in order to secure their services and as a key component of their remuneration.

Fees for the Chairman are presently \$36,000 (2013: \$36,000) and fees for Non-Executive Directors' are \$20,000 per annum (2013: \$20,000). These fees cover main board activities only. Non-Executive Directors may receive additional remuneration for other services provided to the Company, including but not limited to, membership of committees.

#### Relationship between Remuneration of KMP and Shareholder Wealth

During the Company's project identification, acquisition, exploration and development phases of its business, the Board anticipates that the Company will retain earnings (if any) and other cash resources for the exploration and development of its resource projects. Accordingly the Company does not currently have a policy with respect to the payment of dividends and returns of capital. Therefore there was no relationship between the Board's policy for determining, or in relation to, the nature and amount of remuneration of KMP and dividends paid and returns of capital by the Company during the current and previous four financial years.

The Board did not determine, and in relation to, the nature and amount of remuneration of the KMP by reference to changes in the price at which shares in the Company traded between the beginning and end of the current and the previous four financial years. However, as noted above, a number of KMP have received incentive options which generally will only be of value should the value of the Company's shares increase sufficiently to warrant exercising the Incentive Options, and performance rights which are linked to the achievement of certain performance conditions.

#### Relationship between Remuneration of KMP and Earnings

As discussed above, the Company is currently undertaking new project acquisition, exploration and development activities, and does not expect to be undertaking profitable operations (other than by way of material asset sales, none of which is currently planned) until sometime after the successful commercialisation, production and sales of commodities from one or more of its projects. Accordingly the Board does not consider earnings during the current and previous four financial years when determining, and in relation to, the nature and amount of remuneration of KMP.

#### General

In addition to a focus on operating activities, the Board is also focused on finding and completing new business and other corporate opportunities. The Board considers that the prospects of the Company and resulting impact on shareholder wealth will be enhanced by this approach. Accordingly, the Board may pay a bonus or issue securities to KMP (executive or non-executive) based on their success in generating suitable new business or other corporate opportunities. A bonus may be paid or an issue of securities may also be made upon the successful completion of a new business or corporate transaction. No bonus was paid during the current financial year.

Where required, KMP receive superannuation contributions, equal to 9.25% (9.5% from 1 July 2014) of their salary, and do not receive any other retirement benefit. From time to time, some individuals have chosen to sacrifice part of their salary to increase payments towards superannuation.

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#### **REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED) (Continued)**

#### **General (Continued)**

All remuneration paid to KMP is valued at cost to the Company and expensed. Incentive options are valued using the Binomial option valuation methodology. The value of these incentive options is expensed over the vesting period.

The fair value of performance rights granted is estimated as at the date of grant using the seven day volume weighted average share price prior to issuance. The value of the performance right is expensed over the vesting period.

#### **Remuneration of Key Management Personnel**

Details of the nature and amount of each element of the remuneration of each Director and KMP of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013 are as follows:

Short-Term Benefits								
2014	Salary & Fees \$	Cash Bonus \$	Post Employment Superann- uation \$	Equity Options \$	Other Non-Cash Benefits \$	Total \$	Percentage Performance Related %	
Directors								
Ian Middlemas	36,000	-	-	-	-	36,000	-	
Matthew Syme(i)	19,435	-	1,798	38,661	831	60,725	63.67	
Peter Woodman	20,000	-	1,850	-	-	21,850	-	
Mark Pearce	20,000	-	1,850	-	-	21,850	-	
Other KMP								
Clint McGhie(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	95,435	-	5,498	38,661	831	140,425		

#### Notes:

<sup>(</sup>ii) Mr McGhie provides services as the Company Secretary through a services agreement with Apollo Group Pty Ltd. Apollo Group Pty Ltd, a company of which Mr Pearce is a Director and beneficial shareholder, was paid \$288,000 (2013: \$284,000) for the provision of serviced office facilities and administration services during the year.

Short-Term Benefits							
2013	Salary & Fees \$	Cash Bonus \$	Post Employment Superann- uation \$	Equity Options \$	Other Non-Cash Benefits \$	Total \$	Percentage Performance Related %
Directors							
Ian Middlemas	36,000	-	3,240	-	-	39,240	0.00
Peter Woodman	20,000	-	1,800	23,488	7,284	52,572	44.68
Mark Pearce	20,000	-	1,800	2,557	-	24,357	10.50
Other KMP							
Clint McGhie(i)	-	-	-	2,557	-	2,557	100.00
	76,000	-	6,840	28,602	7,284	118,726	

#### Notes:

<sup>(</sup>i) Mr Syme was appointed Managing Director of the Company on 5 June 2014. Mr Syme was paid \$5,150 for provision of services prior to his commencement as Managing Director; and

<sup>(</sup>i) Mr McGhie provides services as the Company Secretary through a services agreement with Apollo Group Pty Ltd. Apollo Group Pty Ltd, a company of which Mr Pearce is a Director and beneficial shareholder, was paid \$284,000 for the provision of serviced office facilities and administration services during the year.

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#### **REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED) (Continued)**

#### **Options Granted to Key Management Personnel**

Details of unlisted Incentive Options granted by the Company to each KMP of the Group during the financial year are as follows:

2014	Grant Date	Vesting Date <sup>(iii)</sup>	Expiry Date	Exercise Price \$	Grant Date Fair Value <sup>(i)</sup> \$	No. Granted <sup>(ii)</sup>	No. Vested At 30 June 2014
Director							
Matthew Syme	20 May 14	15 May 15	15 May 16	\$0.33	\$0.114	1,500,000	-
Matthew Syme	20 May 14	15 May 16	15 May 17	\$0.40	\$0.13	1,500,000	-
Matthew Syme	20 May 14	15 May 17	15 May 18	\$0.47	\$0.145	1,500,000	-

#### Notes:

- (i) For details on the valuation of the options, including models and assumptions used, please refer to Note 19 to the financial statements;
- (ii)
- Each unlisted Incentive Option converts into one Ordinary Share of Sovereign Metals Limited; and The vesting conditions are service conditions. The Incentive Options will also immediately vest if a change of control (iii) event or financing event occurs in respect of the shares and/or assets of the Company.

No options were granted to KMPs during the 2013 financial year.

Details of the value of options granted, exercised or lapsed for each Key Management Person of the Company or Group during the financial year are as follows:

2014	Options Granted Value at Grant Date	Options Exercised Value at Exercise Date	Options Lapsed Value at Time of Lapse	Total Value of Options Granted, Exercised and Lapsed	Value of Options included in Remuneration for the Period	Percentage of Remuneration for the Period that Consists of Options
2014	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Directors						
Matthew Syme	583,500	-	-	583,500	38,661	63.67
Peter Woodman	-	-	_(i)	-	-	-
Mark Pearce	-	-	_(i)	-	-	-
Other KMP						
Clint McGhie	-	-	_(i)	-	-	-

#### Notes:

1,000,000 Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.25 expired on 31 March 2014.

	Options Granted Value at Grant Date	Options Exercised Value at Exercise Date	Options Lapsed Value at Time of Lapse	Total Value of Options Granted, Exercised	Value of Options included in Remuneration for the Period	Percentage of Remuneration for the Period that Consists of Options
2013	\$	\$	\$	and Lapsed \$	\$	%
Directors						
Peter Woodman	-	-	-	-	23,488	44.68
Mark Pearce	-	-	-	-	2,557	10.50
Other KMP						
Clint McGhie		-	_	-	2,557	100.00



#### REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED) (Continued)

#### **Option Holdings of Key Management Personnel**

2014	Held at 1 July 2013 (#)	Granted as Compen- sation (#)	Options Exercised (#)	Net Change Other (#)	Held at 30 June 2014 (#)	Vested and Exercisable at 30 June 2014 (#)
Directors						
Ian Middlemas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew Syme	-	4,500,000 <sup>(i)</sup>	-	-	4,500,000	-
Peter Woodman	1,500,000	-	-	(500,000) <sup>(ii)</sup>	1,000,000	1,000,000
Mark Pearce	500,000	-	-	(250,000) <sup>(ii)</sup>	250,000	250,000
Other KMP						
Clint McGhie	500,000	-	-	(250,000) <sup>(ii)</sup>	250,000	250,000

#### Note:

- Mr Matthew Syme was appointed a Director with effect from 5 June 2014. Mr Syme was granted 4,500,000 Unlisted Options (subject to vesting conditions) upon his acceptance of the appointment, but prior to his commencement.
- (ii) 1,000,000 Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.25 expired on 31 March 2014.
- (iii) Refer to note 18 for further details regarding the Incentive Options granted during the year.

#### **Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel**

2014	Held at 1 July 2013 (#)	Granted as compensation (#)	On Exercise of Options (#)	Purchases (#)	Held at 30 June 2014 (#)
Directors					
Ian Middlemas	3,385,000	-	-	-	3,385,000
Matthew Syme <sup>(i)</sup>	110,000	-	-	-	110,000
Peter Woodman	-	-	-	-	-
Mark Pearce	283,076	-	-	-	283,076
Other KMP					
Clint McGhie	189,465	-	-	-	189,465

#### Note:

(i) Mr Matthew Syme was appointed a Director on 5 June 2014 and this balance refers to the number of Shares held as at that date.

#### **Loans to/ from Key Management Personnel**

No loans were provided to or received from KMP during the year ended 30 June 2014 (2013: Nil).

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#### **REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED) (Continued)**

#### **Other Transactions with Key Management Personnel**

Apollo Group Pty Ltd, a company of which Mr Mark Pearce is a Director and beneficial shareholder, was paid, or is payable, \$288,000 (2013: \$284,000) for the provision of serviced office facilities, administration services and additional consulting services provided during the year. The amount is based on a monthly retainer due and payable in arrears, with no fixed term. Effective 1 July 2014 the monthly retainer is \$26,000. This item has been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. At 30 June 2014, \$48,000 (2013: \$24,000) was included as a current liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

#### **Employment Contracts with Key Management Personnel**

Mr Matthew Syme, Managing Director, has a letter of appointment with the Company dated 20 May 2014. The contract specifies the duties and obligations to be fulfilled by the Managing Director. The contract has a rolling annual term and may be terminated by the Company by giving 3 months notice. No amount is payable in the event of termination for neglect or incompetence in regards to the performance of duties. Mr Syme's contract provides for an annual salary of \$200,000 plus superannuation (2014: 9.25% and 2015: 9.5%) and insurance benefits.

In accordance with Mr Syme's contract, the following incentive options were granted to Mr Syme:

- 1,500,000 \$0.33 incentive options expiring 15 May 2016;
- 1,500,000 \$0.40 incentive options expiring 15 May 2017; and
- 1,500,000 \$0.47 incentive options expiring 15 May 2018.

Prior to his commencement as Managing Director, Mr Syme provided services on a part time basis under a temporary employment arrangement. He was paid \$5,150 plus 9.25% superannuation for these services.

The Technical Director, Mr Woodman, receives director's fees of \$20,000 (2013: \$20,000).

End of Remuneration Report

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#### **NON-AUDIT SERVICES**

There were no non-audit services provided by the auditor (or by another person or firm on the auditor's behalf) during the financial year.

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

The auditor's independence declaration is on page 27.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to section 298(2) of the Corporations Act 2001.

For and on behalf of the Directors

MATTHEW SYME Managing Director

26 September 2014

#### Competent Person Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, not including Metallurgical Testwork Results, is extracted from reports entitled 'Metallurgical Testwork Confirms Significant Large Flake Potential' dated 22 January 2014, 'Drilling by Glencore Returns Copper Mineralisation' dated 25 March 2014, 'Significant New Zone of Flake Graphite Identified at Dedza, Malawi' dated 27 March 2014, 'New Graphite Zone Discovered at Duwi' dated 10 July 2014 and 'Wide, High Grade Graphite Zones Intersected at Duwi' dated 25 August 2014. These reports are available to view on <a href="www.sovereignmetals.com.au">www.sovereignmetals.com.au</a>. The information in the original ASX Announcements that related to Exploration Results, not including Metallurgical Testwork Results, were based on information compiled by Mr Peter Woodman, who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Woodman is a director of Sovereign Metals Limited. Mr Woodman has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement. 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 announcement.

The information in this report that relates to initial Metallurgical Testwork Results for Duwi conducted at MINTEK, Johannesburg, is extracted from the report entitled 'Metallurgical Testwork Confirms Significant Large Flake Potential' dated 22 January 2014 and is available to view on <a href="www.sovereignmetals.com.au">www.sovereignmetals.com.au</a>. The information in the original ASX Announcement that related to Metallurgical Testwork Results was based on information compiled by Mr Michael Kenneth Rhodes, who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Rhodes is an employee of Tenova Mining & Minerals (Pty) Ltd ("Tenova"). Tenova was engaged as a consultant by Sovereign Metals Limited. Mr Rhodes has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement. 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 announcement.

The information in this report that relates to Metallurgical Testwork Results, including initial chemical leach purification tests on graphite concentrates from Duwi, and metallurgical testwork for Dedza, was extracted from the reports entitled 'Up to 99.98% C Ultra-high Purity Graphite Concentrate Produced' dated 12 June 2014 and 'Excellent Saprolite Metallurgical Results at Dedza' dated 17 June 2014. These reports are available to view on <a href="www.sovereignmetals.com.au">www.sovereignmetals.com.au</a>. The information in the original ASX Announcements that related to Metallurgical Testwork Results was based on information compiled by Mr Oliver Peters, M.Sc., P.Eng., MBA, who is a Member of the Professional Engineers of Ontraio ('PEO'), a 'Recognised Professional Organisation' ('RPO'). Mr Peters is a consultant of SGS Canada Inc. ('SGS'). SGS is engaged as a consultant by Sovereign Metals Limited. Mr Peters has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement. 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 announcement.



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26 September 2014

**Dear Board Members** 

#### **Sovereign Metals Limited**

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Sovereign Metals Limited.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial statements of Sovereign Metals Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2014, 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 audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely

**DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU** 

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Neil Smith Partner

Chartered Accountants

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014



	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
Continuing Operations			
Revenue	2(a)	31,805	83,211
Other (expense)/ income	2(b)	(1,565)	7,025
Exploration and evaluation expenses		(1,688,996)	(2,510,772)
Corporate and administrative expenses		(557,981)	(575,220)
Business development expenses		(39,957)	(243,598)
Loss before income tax		(2,256,694)	(3,239,354)
Income tax expense	3	-	-
Loss for the year		(2,256,694)	(3,239,354)
Loss attributable to members of the parent		(2,256,694)	(3,239,354)
Other Comprehensive Income, net of income tax:			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		-	-
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Exchange differences on Foreign entities		(3,503)	15,494
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of income tax		(3,503)	15,494
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(2,260,197)	(3,223,860)
Loss attributable to members of Sovereign Metals			
Limited		(2,260,197)	(3,223,860)
Total comprehensive loss attributable to members of Sovereign Metals Limited		(2,260,197)	(3,223,860)
Basic loss per share from continuing operations	40	(0.00)	(4.70)
(cents per share)	13	(2.80)	(4.72)
Diluted loss per share from continuing operations (cents per share)	13	(2.80)	(4.72)

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

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014



	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
Current Assets		Ψ	Ψ
Cash and cash equivalents	12(b)	3,030,676	2,082,662
Trade and other receivables	4	50,818	115,787
Total Current Assets		3,081,494	2,198,449
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	201,408	172,289
Exploration and evaluation assets	6	7,170,282	7,170,282
Total Non-current Assets		7,371,690	7,342,571
TOTAL ASSETS		10,453,184	9,541,020
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	468,892	525,957
Provisions	8	8,182	3,901
Total Current Liabilities		477,074	529,858
TOTAL LIABILITIES		477,074	529,858
NET ASSETS		9,976,110	9,011,162
EQUITY			
Contributed Equity	9	21,999,884	18,813,400
Reserves	10	1,484,027	1,589,869
Accumulated losses	11	(13,507,801)	(11,392,107)
TOTAL EQUITY		9,976,110	9,011,162

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

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014



	Notes	2014 \$	2013
Cash flows from operating activities		Ψ	Ψ
Interest received		29,552	78,157
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,340,999)	(3,168,727)
GST refunds		140,991	98,974
Net cash used in operating activities	12(a)	(2,170,456)	(2,991,596)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for purchase of plant and equipment		(68,014)	(168,532)
Payment for purchase of exploration project		-	(1,021,132)
Net cash used in investing activities		(68,014)	(1,189,664)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares		3,355,000	4,100,000
Transaction costs from issue of shares		(168,516)	(97,489)
Net cash from financing activities		3,186,484	4,002,511
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		948,014	(178,749)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		2,082,662	2,261,411
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	12(b)	3,030,676	2,082,662

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

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY





	Issued Capital	Share Based Payments Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total Equity
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2013	18,813,400	1,574,375	15,494	(11,392,107)	9,011,162
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(2,256,694)	(2,256,694)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(3,503)	-	(3,503)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(3,503)	(2,256,694)	(2,260,197)
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity					
Placement of Ordinary Shares	3,355,000	-	-	-	3,355,000
Share based payments expense	-	38,661	-	-	38,661
Expired Options	-	(141,000)	-	141,000	-
Share Issue Costs	(168,516)	-	-	-	(168,516)
Total transactions with owners recorded directly in equity	3,186,484	(102,339)	-	141,000	3,225,145
Balance at 30 June 2014	21,999,884	1,472,036	11,991	(13,507,801)	9,976,110

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

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014



	Issued Capital	Share Based Payments Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2012	10,085,888	328,398	-	(8,152,753)	2,261,533
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	(3,239,354)	(3,239,354)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	15,494	-	15,494
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	15,494	(3,239,354)	(3,223,860)
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity					
Placement of Ordinary Shares	4,100,000	-	-	-	4,100,000
Ordinary Shares issued to acquire controlled entity	4,725,000	-	-	-	4,725,000
Performance Rights issued to acquire controlled entity	-	1,157,625	-	-	1,157,625
Share based payments expense	-	88,352	-	-	88,352
Share Issue Costs	(97,488)	-	-	-	(97,488)
Total transactions with owners recorded directly in equity	8,727,512	1,245,977	-	-	9,973,489
Balance at 30 June 2013	18,813,400	1,574,375	15,494	(11,392,107)	9,011,162

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

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

#### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted in preparing the financial report of the Sovereign Metals Limited ("Sovereign" or "Company") and its consolidated entities ("Consolidated Entity" or "Group") for the year ended 30 June 2014 are stated to assist in a general understanding of the financial report.

Sovereign is a company limited by shares incorporated in Australia whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The financial report of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2014 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 25 September 2014.

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards ("AASBs") and interpretations adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financial statements comprise the consolidated financial statements of the Group. For the purposes of preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Company is a for profit entity.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the continuity of normal business activity and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

The financial report has also been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale investments, which have been measured at fair value.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

#### (b) Statement of Compliance

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures the consolidated financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the current year, the Group has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. These new accounting standards have not had any significant impact on the Group's financial report. Further details of these new accounting standards are set out in the individual accounting policy notes below.

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective have not been adopted by the Group for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2014. These are outlined in the table below:

Reference	Title	Summary	Application Date of Standard	Impact on Group Financial Report	Application Date for Group
AASB 2012-3	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities	AASB 2012-3 adds application guidance to AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation to address inconsistencies identified in applying some of the offsetting criteria of AASB 132, including clarifying the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off" and that some gross settlement systems may be considered equivalent to net settlement.	1 January 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014
Interpretation 21	Levies	This Interpretation confirms that a liability to pay a levy is only recognised when the activity that triggers the payment occurs. Applying the going concern assumption does not create a constructive obligation.	1 January 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS





#### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (b) Statement of Compliance (Continued)

Reference	Title	Summary	Application Date of Standard	Impact on Group Financial Report	Application Date for Group
AASB 9/IFRS 9	Financial Instruments	On 24 July 2014 The IASB issued the final version of IFRS 9 which replaces IAS 39 and includes a logical model for classification and measurement, a single, forward-looking 'expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-reformed approach to hedge accounting.	1 January 2018	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2018
		IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. However, the Standard is available for early application. The own credit changes can be early applied in isolation without otherwise changing the accounting for financial instruments.		·	
		The final version of IFRS 9 introduces a new expected-loss impairment model that will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. Specifically, the new Standard requires entities to account for expected credit losses from when financial instruments are first recognised and to recognise full lifetime expected losses on a more timely basis.			
		The AASB is yet to issue the final version of AASB 9. A revised version of AASB 9 (AASB 2013-9) was issued in December 2013 which included the new hedge accounting requirements, including changes to hedge effectiveness testing, treatment of hedging costs, risk components that can be hedged and disclosures.			
		AASB 9 includes requirements for a simplified approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139.			
		The main changes are described below.  a. Financial assets that are debt instruments will be classified based on (1) the objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; (2) the characteristics of the contractual cash flows.			
		Allows an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument.			
		c. Financial assets can be designated and measured at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities, or recognising the gains and losses on them, on different bases.			
		<ul> <li>d. Where the fair value option is used for financial liabilities the change in fair value is to be accounted for as follows:</li> <li>The change attributable to changes in</li> </ul>			
		credit risk are presented in other comprehensive income (OCI)			
		<ul> <li>The remaining change is presented in profit or loss</li> <li>AASB 9 also removes the volatility in profit or loss that</li> </ul>			
		was caused by changes in the credit risk of liabilities elected to be measured at fair value. This change in accounting means that gains caused by the deterioration of an entity's own credit risk on such liabilities are no longer recognised in profit or loss.			
		Consequential amendments were also made to other standards as a result of AASB 9, introduced by AASB 2009-11 and superseded by AASB 2010-7, AASB 2010-10 and AASB 2014-1 – Part E.			





## 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## (b) Statement of Compliance (Continued)

Reference	Title	Summary	Application Date of Standard	Impact on Group Financial Report	Application Date for Group
AASB 2013-3	Amendments to AASB 136 – Recoverable Amount Disclos ures for Non- Financial Assets	AASB 2013-3 amends the disclosure requirements in AASB 136 Impairment of Assets. The amendments include the requirement to disclose additional information about the fair value measurement when the recoverable amount of impaired assets is based on fair value less costs of disposal.	1 January 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014
AASB 2013-4	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting [AASB 139]	AASB 2013-4 amends AASB 139 to permit the continuation of hedge accounting in specified circumstances where a derivative, which has been designated as a hedging instrument, is novated from one counterparty to a central counterparty as a consequence of laws or regulations.	1 January 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014
AASB 2013-5	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Investment Entities [AASB 1, AASB 3, AASB 10, AASB 107, AASB 112, AASB 124, AASB 124, AASB 132, AASB 134 & AASB 139]	These amendments define an investment entity and require that, with limited exceptions, an investment entity does not consolidate its subsidiaries or apply AASB 3 Business Combinations when it obtains control of another entity.  These amendments require an investment entity to measure unconsolidated subsidiaries at fair value through profit or loss in its consolidated and separate financial statements.  These amendments also introduce new disclosure requirements for investment entities to AASB 12 and AASB 127.	1 January 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014
AASB 2013-7	Amendments to AASB 1038 arising from AASB 10 in relation to Consolidation and Interests of Policyholders [AASB 1038]	AASB 2013-7 removes the specific requirements in relation to consolidation from AASB 1038, which leaves AASB 10 as the sole source for consolidation requirements applicable to life insurer entities.	1 January 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014
AASB 1031	Materiality	The revised AASB 1031 is an interim standard that cross-references to other Standards and the Framework (issued December 2013) that contain guidance on materiality.  AASB 1031 will be withdrawn when references to AASB 1031 in all Standards and Interpretations have been removed.	1 January 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014
AASB 2013-9	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments	The Standard contains three main parts and makes amendments to a number Standards and Interpretations.  Part A of AASB 2013-9 makes consequential amendments arising from the issuance of AASB CF 2013-1.  Part B makes amendments to particular Australian Accounting Standards to delete	20 December 2013	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	30 June 2014 1 July 2014
		references to AASB 1031 and also makes minor editorial amendments to various other standards.  Part C makes amendments to a number of Australian Accounting Standards, including	1 January 2014		1 July 2015
		incorporating Chapter 6 Hedge Accounting into AASB 9 Financial Instruments.	1 January 2015		





## 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## (b) Statement of Compliance (Continued)

Reference	Title	Summary	Application Date of Standard	Impact on Group Financial Report	Application Date for Group
AASB 2014-1 Part A - Annual Improvement s 2010–2012 Cycle	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards Part A Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010– 2012 Cycle	AASB 2014-1 Part A: This standard sets out amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the issuance by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010–2012 Cycle and Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011–2013 Cycle.  Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010–2012 Cycle addresses the following items:  ► AASB 2 - Clarifies the definition of 'vesting conditions' and 'market condition' and introduces the definition of 'performance condition' and 'service condition'.  ► AASB 3 - Clarifies the classification requirements for contingent consideration in a business combination by removing all references to AASB 137.  ► AASB 8 - Requires entities to disclose factors used to identify the entity's reportable segments when operating segments have been aggregated. An entity is also required to provide a reconciliation of total reportable segments' asset to the entity's total assets.  ► AASB 116 & AASB 138 - Clarifies that the determination of accumulated depreciation does not depend on the selection of the valuation technique and that it is calculated as the difference between the gross and net carrying amounts.  ► AASB 124 - Defines a management entity providing KMP services as a related party of the reporting entity. The amendments added an exemption from the detailed disclosure requirements in paragraph 17 of AASB 124 for KMP services provided by a management entity. Payments made to a management entity in respect of KMP services should be separately disclosed.	1 July 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014
AASB 2014-1 Part A - Annual Improvement s 2011–2013 Cycle	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Part A Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011– 2013 Cycle	This standard sets out amendments to Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011–2013 Cycle addresses the following items:  ➤ AASB13 - Clarifies that the portfolio exception in paragraph 52 of AASB 13 applies to all contracts within the scope of AASB 139 or AASB 9, regardless of whether they meet the definitions of financial assets or financial liabilities as defined in AASB 132.  ➤ AASB40 - Clarifies that judgment is needed to determine whether an acquisition of investment property is solely the acquisition of an investment property or whether it is the acquisition of a group of assets or a business combination in the scope of AASB 3 that includes an investment property. That judgment is based on guidance in AASB 3.	1 July 2014	These amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial report.	1 July 2014

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#### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (c) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of the Company as at 30 June 2014 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended.

Control is achieved when the Company has power over the investee, is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to use its power to affect its returns. The Company reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above. When the Company has less than a majority of the voting rights of an investee, it has power over the investee when the voting rights are sufficient to give it the practical ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee unilaterally. The Company considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether or not the Company's voting rights in an investee are sufficient to give it power.

Subsidiaries are all those entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, is exposed or has rights to variable returns from its involvement and has the ability to use its power to affect the returns of those entities. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Company controls another entity.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company, using consistent accounting policies. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Company.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Company. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases. Intercompany transactions and balances, income and expenses and profits and losses between Group companies, are eliminated.

Non-controlling interests are allocated their share of net profit after tax in the statement of comprehensive income and are presented within equity in the consolidated statement of financial position, separately from the equity of the owners of the parent.

Total comprehensive income within a subsidiary is attributed to the non-controlling interest even if that results in a deficit balance.

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary that does not result in a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

#### (d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term highly liquid investments original maturities of 2 months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

#### (e) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less a provision for any uncollectable debts. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written-off as incurred.

Receivables from related parties are recognised and carried at the nominal amount due and are interest free

### (f) Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Plant and equipment are depreciated or amortised on a reducing balance or straight line basis at rates based upon their expected useful lives as follows:





### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (f) Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)

	Life
Plant and equipment	2 - 15 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### (g) Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure

Expenditure on exploration and evaluation is accounted for in accordance with the 'area of interest' method and with AASB 6 *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources*, which is the Australian equivalent of IFRS 6.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure encompasses expenditures incurred by the Group in connection with the exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources before the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred in relation to the acquisition of a project by the Group is accumulated for each area of interest and recorded as an asset if:

- the rights to tenure of the area of interest are current; and
- at least one of the following conditions is also met:
  - the exploration and evaluation expenditures are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest, or alternatively, by its sale; and
  - exploration and evaluation activities in the area of interest have not at the reporting date reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active and significant operations in, or in relation to, the area of interest are continuing.

For each area of interest, expenditure incurred in the acquisition of rights to explore is capitalised, classified as tangible or intangible, and recognised as an exploration and evaluation asset. Exploration and evaluation assets are measured at cost at recognition. Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred by the Group subsequent to acquisition of the rights to explore is expensed as incurred, up to costs associated with the preparation of a feasibility study.

Capitalised exploration costs are reviewed each reporting date to establish whether an indication of impairment exists. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the capitalised exploration costs is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in previous years.

Where a decision is made to proceed with development, accumulated expenditure is tested for impairment and transferred to development properties, and then amortised over the life of the reserves associated with the area of interest once mining operations have commenced.

Recoverability of the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively, sale of the respective areas of interest.





### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (h) Investments and Other Financial Assets

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset.

The Group classifies its investments in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

#### (i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets.

#### (ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Company provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of selling the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than twelve months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets. Loans and receivables are included in "trade and other receivables" and "other financial assets" in the Statement of Financial Position.

#### (iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity are classified as held-to-maturity when the Group has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. Investments intended to be held for an undefined period are not included in this classification. Investments that are intended to be held-to-maturity, such as bonds, are subsequently measured at amortised cost. This cost is computed as the amount initially recognised minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the initially recognised amount and the maturity amount. This calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums and discounts. For investments carried at amortised cost, gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the investments are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

#### (iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets, comprising principally marketable equity securities, are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within twelve months of the balance sheet date.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date – the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

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### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## (h) Investments and Other Financial Assets (Continued)

Available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which they arise. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of non-monetary securities classified as available-for-sale are recognised in equity in the available-for-sale investments revaluation reserve. When securities classified as available-for-sale are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments are included in profit or loss as gains and losses from investment securities.

The Group assesses at each balance date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of equity securities classified as available-for-sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of a security below its cost is considered in determining whether the security is impaired. If any such evidence exists for available-for-sale financial assets, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognised in profit and loss. Impairment losses recognised in the profit or loss on equity instruments are not reversed through the profit or loss.

### (i) Payables

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received. Trade accounts payable are normally settled within 60 days.

### (j) Employee Benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled wholly within twelve months of the reporting date are recognised in provisions in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable. Employee benefits payable later than one year are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made for those benefits.

#### (k) Issued Capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Issued and paid up capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Company.

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.

#### (I) Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognised at the fair value of the consideration received net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) payable to the taxation authority.

#### (i) Sale of Non-current Assets

Proceeds from the sale of non-current assets are recognised as revenue at the date control of the asset passes to the buyer, usually when an unconditional contract of sale is signed. The gain or loss on disposal is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the net proceeds on disposal (including incidental costs).

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## 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (I) Revenue Recognition (Continued)

(ii) Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues, taking into account the effective yield on the financial asset

(iii) Grant Revenue

Grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating. Grants relating to assets are credited to deferred income at fair value and are credited to income over the expected useful life of the asset on a straight-line basis.

#### (m) Income Tax

The income tax expense for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income based on the national income tax rate for each jurisdiction adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, and to unused tax losses.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to apply when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted for each jurisdiction. The relevant tax rates are applied to the cumulative amounts of deductible and taxable temporary differences to measure the deferred tax asset or liability. An exception is made for certain temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of an asset or a liability. No deferred tax asset or liability is recognised in relation to these temporary differences if they arose on goodwill or in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction did not affect either accounting profit or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognised for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in controlled entities where the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in other comprehensive income or equity are also recognised directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset only if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against tax liabilities and the deferred tax liabilities relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.





## 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## (n) Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to members of the Company for the reporting period, after excluding any costs of servicing equity, 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 financing costs associated with dilutive potential 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 Shares and dilutive Ordinary Shares adjusted for any bonus issue.

#### (o) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

#### (p) Business Combinations

Acquisitions of subsidiaries and businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values (at the date of exchange) of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

Where applicable, the consideration for the acquisition includes any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, measured at its acquisition-date fair value. Subsequent changes in such fair values are adjusted against the cost of acquisition where they qualify as measurement period adjustments (see below). All other subsequent changes in the fair value of contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability are accounted for in accordance with relevant Standards. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration classified as equity are not recognised.

Where a business combination is achieved in stages, the Group's previously held interests in the acquired entity are remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date (i.e. the date the Group attains control) and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognised in profit or loss. Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss, where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

The acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities that meet the conditions for recognition under AASB 3(2008) are recognised at their fair value at the acquisition date, except that:

- deferred tax assets or liabilities and liabilities or assets related to employee benefit arrangements are recognised and measured in accordance with AASB 112 Income Taxes and AASB 119 Employee Benefits respectively;
- liabilities or equity instruments related to the replacement by the Group of an acquiree's share based payment awards are measured in accordance with AASB 2 Share-based Payment; and
- assets (or disposal groups) that are classified as held for sale in accordance with AASB 5 Noncurrent Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations are measured in accordance with that Standard.





### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (p) Business Combinations (Continued)

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Group reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted during the measurement period (see below), or additional assets or liabilities are recognised, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognised as of that date.

The measurement period is the period from the date of acquisition to the date the Group obtains complete information about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date – and is subject to a maximum of one year.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, but only after a reassessment of the identification and measurement of the net assets acquired.

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of exchange. The discount rate used is the entity's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

### (q) Impairment of Assets

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets and the asset's value in use cannot be estimated to be close to its fair value. In such cases the asset is tested for impairment as part of the cash-generating unit to which it belongs. When the carrying amount of an asset or cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset or cash-generating unit is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing the value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An assessment is also made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognised in profit or loss. After such a reversal the depreciation charge is adjusted in future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.





### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (r) Fair Value Estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives, and trading and available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the reporting date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current ask price.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over the counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques. The Group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt instruments held. Other techniques, such as discounted cash flows, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments. The fair value of interest-rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows. The fair value of forward exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange market rates at the reporting date.

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

#### (s) Dividends

Provision is made for the amount of any dividend declared on or before the end of the period but not distributed at balance date.

#### (t) Share-Based Payments

Equity-settled share-based payments are provided to officers, employees, consultants and other advisors. These share-based payments are measured at the fair value of the equity instrument at the grant date. Fair value is determined using the Binomial option pricing model. Further details on how the fair value of equity-settled share based payments has been determined can be found in Note 19.

The fair value determined at the grant date is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Company's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest. At each reporting date, the Company revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognised in profit or loss over the remaining vesting period, with a corresponding adjustment to the option premium reserve.

### (u) Joint Ventures

Interests in joint venture operations are reported in the financial statements by including the Consolidated Entity's share of assets employed in the joint ventures, the share of liabilities incurred in relation to joint ventures and the share of any expenses incurred in relation to joint ventures in their respective classification categories.





### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (v) Operating Segments

An operating segment is a component of an entity that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses (including revenues and expenses relating to transactions with other components of the same entity), whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the entity's chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance and for which discrete financial information is available. This includes start up operations which are yet to earn revenues. Management will also consider other factors in determining operating segments such as the existence of a line manager and the level of segment information presented to the board of directors.

Operating segments have been identified based on the information provided to the chief operating decision makers – being the executive management team.

The group aggregates two or more operating segments when they have similar economic characteristics, and the segments are similar in each of the following respects:

- Nature of the products and services,
- Nature of the production processes,
- Type or class of customer for the products and services,
- Methods used to distribute the products or provide the services, and if applicable,
- Nature of the regulatory environment.

Operating segments that meet the quantitative criteria as prescribed by AASB 8 are reported separately. However, an operating segment that does not meet the quantitative criteria is still reported separately where information about the segment would be useful to users of the financial statements.

Information about other business activities and operating segments that are below the quantitative criteria are combined and disclosed in a separate category for "all other segments".

#### (w) Use and Revision of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amount recognised in the financial statements are described in the following note:

• Note 18 - Share-Based Payments.



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### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (w) Use and Revision of Accounting Estimates (Continued)

Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets

The group's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation assets is set out at Note 1(g). The application of this policy requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions as to future events and circumstances, in particular, the assessment of whether economic quantities of reserves have been found.

Any such estimates and assumptions may change as new information becomes available. If, after having capitalised expenditure under the policy, the Group concludes that it is unlikely to recover the expenditure by future exploitation or sale, then the relevant capitalised amount will be written off to the statement of comprehensive income. Subsequent to the acquisition costs capitalised, no exploration expenditure is currently being capitalised.

#### (x) Going Concern

The Annual Financial Report has been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes the continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and extinguishment of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

For the year ended 30 June 2014, the Consolidated Entity has incurred a net loss of \$2,256,694 (2013: \$3,239,354) and had net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of \$2,238,470 (2013: \$4,181,260). As at 30 June 2014, the Consolidated Entity had cash assets of \$3,030,676 (30 June 2013: \$2,082,662) and net current assets of \$2,604,420 (30 June 2013: \$1,668,591).

Subject to results of ongoing exploration programs at the Central Malawi Graphite Project, the Consolidated Entity plans to raise additional capital within the next 12 months to fund its planned operations. The Directors are satisfied that they will be able to raise additional capital when required to enable the Consolidated Entity to meet their obligations as and when they fall due, and accordingly, consider that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Should the Company and Consolidated Entity be unable to achieve the matters referred to above, there is material uncertainty whether the Consolidated Entity could continue as a going concern and therefore, whether it would be able to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business.

These consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts, or to the amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Consolidated Entity be unable to continue as a going concern.





		Notes 2014 \$	2013 \$
2.	LOSS FROM OPERATIONS		
(a)	Revenue		
()	Interest revenue	31,805	83,211
(b)	Other (Expense)/ Income		
	Foreign exchange (loss)/ gain	(1,565)	7,025
(c)	Depreciation		
	Depreciation of plant and equipment	(38,895)	(29,884)
(d)	Share Based Payments Expense		
	Share based payment expense	(38,661)	(88,352)
(e)	Employee Benefits Expense		
	Salaries and wages	(234,304)	(177,872)
	Defined contribution plan	(20,495)	(16,944)
	Annual Leave provision	(4,281)	(3,901)
	Non-cash benefits	(831)	(7,284)
	Share based payment expense	(38,661)	(28,602)
		(298,572)	(234,603)





		2014 \$	2013 \$
3.	INCOME TAX		
(a)	Recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income		
	Current income tax		
	Current income tax benefit	(289,074)	(309,661)
	Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	92,201	7,633
	Deferred income tax		
	Origination and reversal of temporary differences	2,576	7,572
	Deferred tax assets not brought to account	194,297	294,456
	Income tax expense reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	-	-
(b)	Reconciliation Between Tax Expense and Accounting Loss Before Income Tax		
	Accounting loss before income tax	(2,256,692)	(3,239,354)
	At the domestic income rate of 30% (2013: 30%)	(677,008)	(971,806)
	Expenditure not allowable for income tax purposes	390,510	671,793
	Income not assessable for income tax purposes	-	(2,076)
	Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	92,201	7,633
	Deferred tax assets not brought to account	194,297	294,456
	Income tax expense reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	-	-
(c)	Deferred Income Tax		
` '	Deferred income tax at 30 June 2014 relates to the following:		
	Deferred Tax Liabilities		
	Accrued interest	2,192	1,517
	Property, Plant and Equipment	, · .	256
	Deferred tax assets used to offset deferred tax liabilities	(2,192)	(1,773)
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	Deferred Tax Assets		
	Other financial assets	1,711	1,711
	Accruals	11,100	9,750
	Provisions	2,455	1,170
	Property, Plant and Equipment	1,470	-,
	Capital allowances	2,719	7,033
	Tax losses available to offset against future taxable income	2,705,695	2,512,543
	Deferred tax assets used to offset deferred tax liabilities	(2,192)	(1,773)
	Deferred tax assets used to onset deferred tax habilities  Deferred tax assets not brought to account	(2,722,958)	(2,530,434)
	Deletied tax assets not brought to account	(2,122,900)	(2,550,454)



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### 3. INCOME TAX (Continued)

### (c) Deferred Income Tax

The benefit of deferred tax assets not brought to account will only be brought to account if:

- future assessable income is derived of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefit to be realised;
- the conditions for deductibility imposed by tax legislation continue to be complied with; and
- no changes in tax legislation adversely affect the Company in realising the benefit.

### (d) Tax Consolidation

The Company and its wholly-owned Australian resident entities have formed a tax consolidated group from 11 January 2007 and are therefore taxed as a single entity from that date. The head entity within the tax consolidated group is Sovereign Metals Limited. The members of the tax consolidated group are identified at note 14.





		2014 \$	2013 \$
4.	CURRENT ASSETS – TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
	Accrued interest	7,308	5,055
	GST receivable	20,293	62,285
	Other receivable	23,217	48,447
		50,818	115,787
5.	NON-CURRENT ASSETS – PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
(a)	Office Furniture and Equipment		
	Cost	12,095	12,095
	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(3,143)	(434)
		8,952	11,661
(b)	Computer Equipment		_
	Cost	28,153	28,153
	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(22,362)	(11,093)
		5,791	17,060
(c)	Plant & Equipment		
	Cost	257,488	189,474
	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(74,686)	(50,473)
		182,802	139,001
(d)	Furniture & Fittings		
	Cost	24,375	24,375
	Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(20,512)	(19,808)
		3,863	4,567
	Net carrying amount	201,408	172,289
(e)	Reconciliation		
	Carrying amount at beginning of year, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	172,289	40,210
	Additions	71,326	168,532
	Depreciation charge	(38,895)	(29,884)
	Foreign Exchange differences	(3,312)	(6,569)
	Carrying amount at end of year, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	201,408	172,289





		2014 \$	2013 \$
6.	NON-CURRENT ASSETS – EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS		
(a)	Movement in Exploration and Evaluation Assets		
	Carrying amount at beginning of year	7,170,282	-
	- Additions (1)	-	7,170,282
	Carrying amount at end of year	7,170,282	7,170,282

#### Note:

(1) On 7 November 2012, the Company completed of the acquisition of McCourt Mining Pty Ltd ("McCourt") which holds the large and highly prospective Central Malawi Graphite Project ("CMGP"), located in Malawi, near the capital city, Lilongwe. The total cost of the acquisition was \$7,170,282 and comprised of an issue of equity instruments and cash. No amounts were capitalised during the year.

		2014 \$	<b>201</b> 3 \$
7.	CURRENT LIABILITIES – TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
	Trade creditors	431,892	493,457
	Accrued expenses	37,000	32,500
		468,892	525,957
8.	CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS		
	Annual leave provisions	8,182	3,901
		8,182	3,901
9.	CONTRIBUTED EQUITY		
(a)	Issued and Paid Up Capital		
()	94,340,328 fully paid ordinary shares		
	(2013: 79,090,328)	21,999,884	18,813,400
		21,999,884	18,813,400

## (b) Movements in Ordinary Share Capital During the Current and Prior Financial Periods Were as Follows:

Date	Details	Number of Shares	Issue Price \$	\$
1 Jul 13	Opening Balance	79,090,328		18,813,400
26 May 14	Share Placement	15,250,000	0.22	3,355,000
	Share issue costs	-	-	(168,516)
30 Jun 14	Closing Balance	94,340,328		21,999,884





### 9. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY (Continued)

## (b) Movements in Ordinary Share Capital During the Current and Prior Financial Periods Were as Follows (continued):

Date	Details	Number of Shares	Issue Price \$	\$
1 Jul 2012	Opening balance	51,590,328		10,085,888
8 Aug 2012	Share Placement	5,000,000	\$0.22	1,100,000
7 Nov 2012	Consideration Shares	12,500,000	\$0.378	4,725,000
18 Jan 2013	Share Placement	10,000,000	\$0.30	3,000,000
	Share Issue costs	-		(97,488)
30 Jun 2013	Closing balance	79,090,328		18,813,400

Ordinary shares have no par value and the company does not have a limited amount of authorised capital.

#### (c) Terms and Conditions of Ordinary Shares

#### (i) General

The ordinary shares ("Shares") are ordinary shares and rank equally in all respects with all ordinary shares in the Company.

The rights attaching to the Shares arise from a combination of the Company's Constitution, statute and general law. Copies of the Company's Constitution are available for inspection during business hours at its registered office.

#### (ii) Reports and Notices

Shareholders are entitled to receive all notices, reports, accounts and other documents required to be furnished to shareholders under the Company's Constitution, the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules.

#### (iii) Voting

Subject to any rights or restrictions at the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, at a general meeting of the Company on a show of hands, every ordinary Shareholder present in person, or by proxy, attorney or representative (in the case of a company) has one vote and upon a poll, every Shareholder present in person, or by proxy, attorney or representative (in the case of a company) has one vote for any Share held by the Shareholder.

A poll may be demanded by the Chairperson of the meeting, any 5 Shareholders entitled to vote in person or by proxy, attorney or representative or by any one or more Shareholders holding not less than 5% of the total voting rights of all Shareholders having the right to vote.

## (iv) Variation of Shares and Rights Attaching to Shares

Shares may be converted or cancelled with member approval and the Company's share capital may be reduced in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act.

Class rights attaching to a particular class of shares may be varied or cancelled with the consent in writing of holders of 75% of the shares in that class or by a special resolution of the holders of shares in that class.





### 9. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY (Continued)

### (c) Terms and Conditions of Ordinary Shares (continued)

### (v) Unmarketable Parcels

The Company may procure the disposal of Shares where the member holds less than a marketable parcel of Shares within the meaning of the Listing Rules (being a parcel of shares with a market value of less than \$500). To invoke this procedure, the Directors must first give notice to the relevant member holding less than a marketable parcel of Shares, who may then elect not to have his or her Shares sold by notifying the Directors.

#### (vi) Changes to the Constitution

The Company's Constitution can only be amended by a special resolution passed by at least three quarters of the members present and voting at a general meeting of the Company. At least 28 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution must be given.

		2014 \$	2013 \$
10.	RESERVES		
(a)	Reserves		
	Share based payments reserve		
	Nil (30 June 2013: 1,000,000) unlisted \$0.25 options	-	141,000
	1,000,000 (30 June 2013: 1,000,000) unlisted \$0.30 options	143,000	143,000
	500,000 (30 June 2013: 500,000) unlisted \$0.35 options	73,000	73,000
	250,000 (30 June 2013: 250,000) unlisted \$0.22 options	59,750	59,750
	8,750,000 (30 June 2013: 8,750,000) Performance Shares 'Class A'	826,875	826,875
	8,750,000 (30 June 2013: 8,750,000) Performance Shares 'Class B'	330,750	330,750
	1,500,000 (30 June 2013: nil) unlisted \$0.33 options	19,475	-
	1,500,000 (30 June 2013: nil) unlisted \$0.40 options	11,012	-
	1,500,000 (30 June 2013: nil) unlisted \$0.47 options	8,174	-
	Total Share based payments reserve	1,472,036	1,574,375
	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve (FCTR)		
	Exchange differences	11,991	15,494
	Total Foreign Currency Translation Reserve (FCTR)	11,991	15,494
	Total Reserves	1,484,027	1,589,869

Share Based Payments Reserve

The share based payments reserve is used to record the fair value of share-based payments made by the Company.

Foreign Currency Translation Reserve (FCTR)

The Foreign Currency Translation Reserve (FCTR) is used to record exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign subsidiaries.





### 10. RESERVES (continued)

#### (b) Movements in Options During the Current and Prior Financial Periods Were as Follows:

		Number of Unlisted	
Date	Details	Incentive Options	\$
1 Jul 13	Opening Balance	2,750,000	416,750
31 Mar 14	Expiry of Options	(1,000,000)	(141,000)
20 May 14	Grant of \$0.33 Options(1)	1,500,000	19,475
20 May 14	Grant of \$0.40 Options(1)	1,500,000	11,012
20 May 14	Grant of \$0.47 Options <sup>(1)</sup>	1,500,000	8,174
30 Jun 14	Closing Balance	6,250,000	314,411
1 Jul 12	Opening Balance	2,500,000	328,398
23 Aug 12	Grant of \$0.22 Options(1)	250,000	59,750
30 Jun 13	Option vesting expense	-	28,603
30 Jun 13	Closing Balance	2,750,000	416,750

#### Note

(1)

The value of unlisted Incentive Options granted is recognised over the vesting period of the grant, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Refer to note 19.

#### (c) Terms and Conditions of unlisted Incentive Options

- The unlisted Incentive Options are granted based upon the following terms and conditions:
- each Incentive Option entitles the holder to subscribe for one Share upon exercise of each Incentive Option; plaque
- the unlisted Incentive Options have exercise prices, vesting dates and expiry dates as follows:
  - \$0.30 Incentive Options vested on 31 July 2012 and expire 30 September 2014;
  - o \$0.35 Incentive Options vested on 31 October 2012 and expire 31 March 2015;
  - \$0.22 Incentive Options vested on 23 August 2012 and expire 30 September 2015;
  - \$0.33 Incentive Options will vest on 15 May 2015 and expire 15 May 2016;
  - o \$0.40 Incentive Options will vest on 15 May 2016 and expire 15 May 2017; and
  - \$0.47 Incentive Options will vest on 15 May 2017 and expire 15 May 2018.
- the Incentive Options are exercisable at any time after the Vesting Date and on or prior to the Expiry Date;
- Shares issued on exercise of the Incentive Options rank equally with the then shares of the Company;
- application will be made by the Company to ASX for official quotation of the Shares issued upon the exercise of the Incentive Options;
- if there is any reconstruction of the issued share capital of the Company, the rights of the Option holders will be varied to comply with the ASX Listing Rules which apply to the reconstruction at the time of the reconstruction;
- no application for quotation of the Incentive Options will be made by the Company; and
- the Incentive Options are transferable provided that the transfer of Incentive Options complies with section 707(3) of the Corporations Act.

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### 10. RESERVES (continued)

#### (d) Movements in Performance Shares

Date	Details	Number of 'Class A' Performance Shares	Number of 'Class B' Performance Shares	Fair Value \$	\$
1 Jul 13	Opening Balance	8,750,000	8,750,000	-	1,157,625
30 Jun 14	Closing Balance	8,750,000	8,750,000	-	1,157,625
1 Jul 12	Opening Balance	-	-	-	-
7 Nov 12	Issue of Performance Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	8,750,000	-	0.31	826,875
7 Nov 12	Issue of Performance Shares (2)	-	8,750,000	0.31	330,750
30 Jun 13	Closing Balance	8,750,000	8,750,000	-	1,157,625

#### Notes:

- (1) The fair value of the milestone shares at the acquisition date has been determined to be \$826,875, based on Management's assessment of the probability that the milestone for the Class A shares will be met.
- (2) The fair value of the milestone shares at the acquisition date has been determined to be \$330,750, based on Management's assessment of the probability that the milestone for the Class B shares will be met.

### (e) Terms and Conditions of Performance Shares

The Convertible Performance Shares are granted on the following terms and conditions:

- Each Convertible Performance Share will convert into one Share upon the satisfaction, prior to the Expiry Date, of the respective Milestone;
- Class A Milestone: The announcement by the Company to ASX of the delineation of at least an Inferred Mineral Resource of at least 25Mt at an average grade of not less than 10% total graphitic carbon (or the equivalent in contained tonnes of total graphitic carbon provided the average grade is not below 7.5% total graphitic carbon) using a cut-off grade of not less than 5% total graphitic carbon globally on the Project Licences and which is determined in accordance with the provisions of the JORC Code, within three years from the date of issue;
- Class B Milestone: The announcement by the Company to ASX of the results of a positive Scoping Study, within four years from the date of issue;
- Expiry Date means:
  - (a) in relation to the Class A Convertible Performance Shares, 3 years from the date of issue;
  - (b) in relation to the Class B Convertible Performance Share, 4 years from the date of issue;

If the Milestone for a Performance Share is not met by the Expiry Date, the total number of the relevant class of Performance Shares will convert into one Share per holder;

- The Company shall allot and issue Shares immediately upon conversion of the Performance Shares for no consideration:
- Shares issued on conversion of the Performance Share rank equally with the then shares of the Company;
- In the event of any reconstruction, consolidation or division into (respectively) a lesser or greater number of securities of the Shares, the Performance Shares shall be reconstructed, consolidated or divided in the same proportion as the Shares are reconstructed, consolidated or divided and, in any event, in a manner which will not result in any additional benefits being conferred on the Performance Shareholders which are not conferred on the Shareholders;
- The Performance Shareholders shall have no right to vote, subject to the Corporations Act;
- No application for quotation of the Performance Share will be made by the Company; and
- The Performance Share are not transferable.





	2014 \$	2013 \$
11. ACCUMULATED LOSSES		
Balance at the beginning of year	(11,392,107)	(8,152,753)
Adjustment to retained losses for expired options	141,000	-
Net loss for the year	(2,256,694)	(3,239,354)
Balance at end of year	(13,507,801)	(11,392,107)

### (a) Franking Account

In respect to the payment of dividends (if any) by Sovereign in subsequent financial years, no franking credits are currently available, or are likely to become available in the next 12 months.

		2014 \$	2013 \$
12.	STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
(a)	Reconciliation of Loss for the Year to Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
	Loss for the year	(2,256,694)	(3,239,354)
	Adjustment for non-cash income and expense items		
	Depreciation	38,895	29,884
	Share based payment expense	38,661	88,352
	Foreign currency differences	(3,503)	27,230
	Changes in assets and liabilities		
	Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	64,969	(100,105)
	(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables and provisions	(52,784)	202,397
	Net cash outflow from operating activities	(2,170,456)	(2,991,596)
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(b)	Reconciliation of Cash Assets		
	Cash at bank and on hand	3,030,676	72,710
	Bank short term deposits	-	2,009,952
		3,030,676	2,082,662

### (c) Credit Standby Arrangements with Banks

At balance date, the Company had no used or unused financing facilities.

#### (d) Non-cash Financing and Investing Activities

30 June 2014

During the year ended 30 June 2014, there were no non-cash financing or investing activities.

30 June 2013

Other than the acquisition of MMPL in November 2012 (refer to Note 14), there were no non-cash financing or investing activities during the year ended 30 June 2013.





	2014 Cents per Share	2013 Cents per Share
13. EARNINGS PER SHARE		_
Basic loss per share		
From continuing operations	2.80	4.72
From discontinued operations	-	
Total basic loss per share	2.80	4.72
Diluted loss per share		
From continuing operations	2.80	4.72
From discontinued operations	-	-
Total diluted loss per share	2.80	4.72

The following reflects the income and share data used in the calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Net loss used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share	2,256,694	3,239,354

	2014 Number of Shares	2013 Number of Shares
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	80,594,438	68,645,123
Effect of dilutive securities*  Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares and		-
potential ordinary shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share	80,594,438	68,645,123

#### \*Non-dilutive securities

As at balance date, 6,250,000 unlisted Incentive Options (which represent 2,750,000 potential Ordinary Shares) and 17,500,000 Performance Shares (which represent 17,500,000 potential Ordinary Shares) were not dilutive as they would decrease the loss per share.

#### Conversions, calls, subscriptions or issues after 30 June 2014

Since 30 June 2014, there have been 3,700,000 performance rights issued.

There have been no conversions to, calls of, or subscriptions for ordinary shares or issues of potential ordinary shares since the reporting date and before the completion of this financial report.





#### 14. RELATED PARTIES

#### (a) Ultimate Parent

Sovereign Metals Limited is the ultimate parent of the Group.

#### (b) Subsidiaries

All controlled entities are included in the consolidated financial statements. The parent entity does not guarantee to pay the deficiency of its controlled entities in the event of a winding up of any controlled entity. The financial year-end of the controlled entities is the same as that of the parent entity.

	Country of Incorporation	% Eq Inter		Investme	nt Cost		t Carrying lue
Name		2014 %	2013 %	2014 \$	2013 \$	2014 \$	2013 \$
Sovereign Cloncurry Pty Ltd (i)	Australia	100	100	1,273,002	1,273,002	2	2
Sovereign Mozambique Pty Ltd (i)	Australia	100	100	3,161	3,161	-	-
Sovereign Moçambique Limitada	Mozambique	100	100	-	-	-	-
Sovereign Zambia Pty Ltd (i)	Australia	100	100	2,541	2,541	-	-
Sovereign Metals (Zambia) Ltd	Zambia	100	100	-	-	-	-
Sovereign Coal Pty Ltd (i)	Australia	100	100	612	612	612	612
McCourt Mining Pty Ltd (i)	Australia	100	100	6,919,246	6,919,246	6,919,246	6,919,246
McCourt Mining Limited	Malawi	100	100	-	-	-	-
Sovereign Services Limited	Malawi	100	100	-	-	-	-
McCourt Mining (UK) Limited	United Kingdom	100	100	-	-	-	-
McCourt Holdings (UK) Limited	United Kingdom	100	100	-	-	-	-
				8,198,562	8,198,562	6,919,860	614

#### Notes:

(i) Member of the tax consolidated group.

#### (c) Transactions with Related Parties in the Consolidated Group

There were no transactions with related parties during the 2014 financial year (2013: Nil).

#### (d) Key Management Personnel

Details relating to Key Management Personnel, including remuneration paid, are included at Note 17.

#### (e) Other Transactions

Apollo Group Pty Ltd, a company of which Mr Mark Pearce is a Director and beneficial shareholder, was paid, or is payable, \$288,000 (2013: \$284,000) for the provision of serviced office facilities, administration services and additional consulting services provided during the year (effective 1 July 2014 the monthly retainer is \$26,000). The amount is based on a monthly retainer due and payable in arrears, with no fixed term. This item has been recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. At 30 June 2014, \$48,000 (2013: \$24,000) was included as a current liability in the Statement of Financial Position.





		2014 \$	2013 \$
15.	PARENT ENTITY DISCLOSURES		
(a)	Financial Position		
	Assets		
	Current Assets	3,037,482	2,141,607
	Non-Current Assets	6,944,305	8,948,064
	Total Assets	9,981,787	11,089,670
	Liabilities		
	Current Liabilities	126,279	122,112
	Total Liabilities	126,279	122,112
	Equity		
	Issued Capital	21,999,884	18,813,400
	Accumulated losses	(13,616,413)	(9,420,217)
	Share based payments reserve	1,472,037	1,574,376
	Total Equity	9,855,508	10,967,558
(b)	Financial Performance		
	Loss for the year	(4,337,196)	(1,268,076)
	Other comprehensive income		-
	Total comprehensive income	(4,337,196)	(1,268,076)

## 16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### (a) Commitments

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Exploration Commitments - Central Malawi Graphite Project:		
Within one year	500,000	840,116
After one year but not more than five years	-	-
More than five years	-	-
	500,000	840,116

## (b) Contingencies

At the last annual reporting date, the Consolidated Entity did not have any contingent liabilities. There has been no material change in contingent assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Entity during the year (2013: Nil).

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#### 17. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

#### (a) Details of Key Management Personnel

The KMP of the Group during or since the end of the financial year were as follows:

**Directors** 

Mr Ian Middlemas Chairman

Mr Matthew Syme Managing Director
Mr Peter Woodman Technical Director
Mr Mark Pearce Non-Executive Director

Other KMP

Mr Clint McGhie Company Secretary

Unless otherwise disclosed, the KMP held their position from 1 July 2013 until the date of this report.

### (b) Key Management Personnel Compensation

	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
Short-term benefits		95,435	76,000
Post-employment benefits		5,498	6,840
Other non cash benefits		831	7,284
Share based payments		38,661	28,602
		140,425	118,726

Key Management Personnel disclosures previously required by AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* paragraphs Aus25.2 to Aus25.6 and Aus25.7.1 and Aus25.7.2 are included the Remuneration Report section of the Directors' Report.

## 18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

#### (a) Recognised Share-based Payment Expense

From time to time, the Group provides incentive options to officers, employees, consultants and other key advisors as part of remuneration and incentive arrangements. The number of options granted, and the terms of the options granted are determined by the Board. Shareholder approval is sought where required.

During the past two years, the following equity-settled share-based payments have been made:

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Expense arising from equity-settled share-based payment transactions	38,661	88,352





## 18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (continued)

## (b) Summary of Options Granted

The following incentive options were granted during 2014:

Option Series	Number	Grant Date	Vesting Date	Expiry Date	Exercise Price \$	Grant Date Fair Value \$
Incentive	1,500,000	20 May 2014	15 May 2015	15 May 2016	\$0.33	\$0.114
Incentive	1,500,000	20 May 2014	15 May 2016	15 May 2017	\$0.40	\$0.114
Incentive	1,500,000	20 May 2014	15 May 2017	15 May 2018	\$0.47	\$0.114

The following incentive options were granted during 2013:

Option Series	Number	Grant Date	Vesting Date	Expiry Date	Exercise Price \$	Grant Date Fair Value \$
Incentive	250,000	23 August 2012	23 August 2012	30 September 2015	\$0.22	\$0.239

#### Note

(1) The vesting conditions were service conditions.

The following table illustrates the number and weighted average exercise prices (WAEP) of share options at the beginning and end of the financial year:

	2014 Number	2014 WAEP	2013 Number	2013 WAEP
Outstanding at beginning of year	2,750,000	\$0.28	2,500,000	\$0.29
Granted by the Company during the year	4,500,000	\$0.40	250,000	\$0.35
Expired during the year	(1,000,000)	\$0.25	-	-
Outstanding at end of year	6,250,000	\$0.38	2,750,000	\$0.28

The outstanding balance of options granted as share based payments on issue as at 30 June 2014 is represented by:

- 1,000,000 \$0.30 Incentive Options;
- 500,000 \$0.35 Incentive Options;
- 250,000 \$0.22 Incentive Options;
- 1,500,000 \$0.33 Incentive Options;
- 1,500,000 \$0.40 Incentive Options; and
- 1,500,000 \$0.47 Incentive Options.





### 18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (continued)

#### (c) Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life

The weighted average remaining contractual life for share options outstanding as at 30 June 2014 was 1.54 years (2013: 1.25 years).

#### (d) Range of Exercise Prices

The range of exercise prices for share options outstanding as at 30 June 2014 was \$0.22 to \$0.47 (2013: \$0.22 to \$0.35).

#### (e) Weighted Average Fair Value

The weighted average fair value of share options outstanding as at 30 June 2014 was \$0.38 (2013: \$0.15).

#### (f) Option Pricing Model

The fair value of the equity-settled share options granted is estimated as at the date of grant using the Binomial option valuation model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted.

30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013

The following table lists the inputs to the valuation model used for share options granted by the Group during the year ended 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013:

	2013		2014	
	Incentive Options	<b>Incentive Options</b>	Incentive Options	Incentive Options
Inputs	Tranche 1	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3
Exercise Price	\$0.22	\$0.33	\$0.40	\$0.47
Grant date share price	\$0.22	\$0.255	\$0.255	\$0.255
Dividend yield	-	-	-	-
Volatility <sup>(1)</sup>	90%	95%	95%	95%
Risk free interest rate	2.68%	2.67%	2.86%	3.17%
Grant date	23 August 2012	20 May 2014	20 May 2014	20 May 2014
Expiry date	30 September 2015	15 May 2016	15 May 2017	15 May 2018
Expected life of option(2)	3.10 years	1.99 years	2.99 years	3.99 years
Fair value at grant date	\$0.239	\$0.114	\$0.130	\$0.145

#### Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> The expected volatility reflects the assumption that the historical volatility is indicative of future trends, which may not necessarily be the actual outcome.

<sup>(2)</sup> The expected life of the options is based on historical data and is not necessarily indicative of exercise patterns that may occur.

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		Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
19.	REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS			
	Amounts received or due and receivable by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for an audit or review of the financial report of the Company		22,000	23,300
	Total Auditors' Remuneration		22,000	23,300

#### 20. SEGMENT INFORMATION

AASB 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Consolidated Entity that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance.

The Consolidated Entity has two operating segments, being exploration in Queensland, Australia (Tate River Project and the Carpentaria Joint Venture) and Malawi (Central Malawi Graphite Project). Information regarding these segments is reported below.

#### (a) Reconciliation of Non-current Assets by geographical location

	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
Australia		24,444	36,496
Malawi		7,347,246	7,306,075
		7,371,690	7,342,571

### 21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### (a) Overview

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise receivables, payables, cash and short-term deposits. The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, commodity price risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

This Note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks, its objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital. Other than as disclosed, there have been no significant changes since the previous financial year to the exposure or management of these risks.

The Group manages its exposure to key financial risks in accordance with the Group's financial risk management policy. Key risks are monitored and reviewed as circumstances change (e.g. acquisition of a new project) and policies are revised as required. The overall objective of the Group's financial risk management policy is to support the delivery of the Group's financial targets whilst protecting future financial security.

Given the nature and size of the business and uncertainty as to the timing and amount of cash inflows and outflows, the Group does not enter into derivative transactions to mitigate the financial risks. In addition, the Group's policy is that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken for the purposes of making speculative gains. As the Group's operations change, the Directors will review this policy periodically going forward.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing the Group's financial risks as summarised below.





## 21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### (b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. This risk arises principally from cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk within the Group. The carrying amount of the Group's financial assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure, as represented below:

	Notes	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash and cash equivalents		3,030,676	2,082,662
Trade and other receivables		50,818	115,787
		3,081,494	2,198,449

The Group does not have any significant customers and accordingly does not have any significant exposure to bad or doubtful debts.

Trade and other receivables comprise GST receivable, accrued interest and other miscellaneous receivables. Where possible the Group trades only with recognised, creditworthy third parties. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant. There were no trade and other receivables that were past due at 30 June 2014 (2013: nil).

With respect to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents, the Group's exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counter party, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments.

Credit risk related to balances with banks is considered low as the Group banks with a financial institution which is considered to have a high credit rating.

#### (c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Board's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that the Group will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due. At 30 June 2014 and 2013, the Group has sufficient liquid assets to meet its financial obligations.

The contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments, are provided below. There are no netting arrangements in respect of financial liabilities.

2014 Group	≤6 Months \$	6-12 Months \$	1-5 Years \$	≥5 Years \$	Total \$
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	477,074	-	-	-	477,074
	477,074	-	-	-	477,074





### 21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### (c) Liquidity Risk (Continued)

2013 Group	≤6 Months \$	6-12 Months \$	1-5 Years \$	≥5 Years \$	Total \$
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	529,858	-	-	-	529,858
	529,858	-	_	-	529,858

#### (d) Interest Rate Risk

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the cash and short-term deposits with a floating interest rate.

These financial assets with variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. All other financial assets and liabilities, in the form of receivables and payables are non-interest bearing.

At the reporting date, the interest rate profile of the Group's interest-bearing financial instruments was:

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Interest-bearing financial instruments		
Cash at bank and on hand	3,030,676	72,710
Bank short term deposits	-	2,009,952
	3,030,676	2,082,662

The Group's cash at bank and on hand and short term deposits had a weighted average floating interest rate at year end of 2.92% (2013: 2.42%).

The Group currently does not engage in any hedging or derivative transactions to manage interest rate risk.

Interest rate sensitivity

A sensitivity of 20 per cent has been selected as this is considered reasonable given the current level of both short term and long term interest rates. A 20% movement in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased (decreased) equity and profit and loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2013.

	Profit or	Profit or Loss		Equity		
	20% Increase	20% Decrease	20% Increase	20% Decrease		
2014						
Cash and cash equivalents	14,956	(14,956)	14,956	(14,956)		
2013						
Cash and cash equivalents	10,506	(10,506)	10,506	(10,506)		

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### 21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

#### (e) Foreign Currency Risk

The Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the United States dollar (USD) and the Malawian Kwacha (MWK).

Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency and net investments in foreign operations. The Group has not formalised a foreign currency risk management policy however, it monitors its foreign currency expenditure in light of exchange rate movements.

The functional currency of the subsidiary companies incorporated in Malawi is USD. All parent and remaining subsidiary's entity balances are in Australian dollars. The Group does not have any material exposure to foreign currency risk relating to MWK.

(i) Sensitivity Analysis for Currency Risk – United States dollar (USD)

The year end USD:AUD exchange rate was 1.0617. Had the value of the USD increased by 10% against the AUD to 1.1679 the net assets of the Consolidated Entity would have increased by \$46,388 (2013: \$15,078). Had the value of the USD decreased by 10% against the AUD to 0.9556 the net assets of the Consolidated Entity would have decreased by \$46,388 (2013: \$15,078).

This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant. The Group did not have any exposure to foreign currency prior to the current financial year.

There would be no impact on profit or loss arising from changes in the currency risk variables relating to the Group's activities overseas as all changes in value are taken to a reserve.

### (f) Commodity Price Risk

The Group is exposed to graphite, copper, gold and other base metal commodity price risk. These commodity prices can be volatile and are influenced by factors beyond the Group's control. However, as the Group is currently engaged in exploration and business development activities, no sales of commodities are forecast for the next 12 months, and accordingly, no hedging or derivative transactions have been used to manage commodity price risk.

#### (g) Capital Management

The Board's policy is to maintain an adequate capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. Given the stage of development of the Group, the Board's objective is to minimise debt and to raise funds as required through the issue of new shares. The Group continues to examine new business opportunities where acquisition/working capital requirements of a new project may involve additional funding in some format (which may include debt where appropriate).

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the year.

The Group is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

#### (h) Fair Value

The net fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their carrying value. The methods for estimating fair value are outlined in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

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#### 22. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES

The Company has an interest in the following joint venture assets:

Joint Venture	Project	Activity	2014 Interest	2013 Interest
Carpenteria Joint Venture	Mt Isa Project, Queensland	Mineral Exploration	37.48%	41.1%
Tate River Project	Queensland	Mineral Exploration	100%	100%

There were no net assets employed in the joint ventures included as exploration and evaluation assets in the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2014 (2013: \$nil).

#### Carpentaria Joint Venture

Pursuant to the joint venture agreement assigned to the Company by Fusion Resources Limited ("Fusion"), Mount Isa Mines Limited ("MIM") agreed to farm-in to various tenements owned by the Company.

Under the terms of the joint venture:

- MIM has earned a 62.52% interest in the tenements; and
- Sovereign has elected to cease contributing to the joint venture expenditure on the tenements. As a
  result, Sovereign's original interest in the joint venture will dilute by 1.5% for every \$200,000 of
  expenditure by MIM. As at 30 June 2014 Sovereign's interest has reduced to 37.48%.

If the Company's participating interest in the joint venture is diluted to less than 10% the Company has the election to withdraw from the joint venture in which case MIM shall be obligated to pay to the Company a royalty of 1.5% of the net profits derived from production.

No material assets of the Consolidated Entity were employed in the joint venture during the period.

#### Tate River Joint Venture

Pursuant to a farm-in agreement with Fusion Resources Pty Ltd ("Fusion") (a wholly owned subsidiary of Paladin Energy Limited), Sovereign had earned a 50% interest in the Project by spending \$1.45M over a two year period from the commencement date. In November 2010, Sovereign reached agreement with Fusion to acquire the remaining 50% interest in the Project.

The new agreement terminates the original Farm-in Agreement and the remaining interest in the tenement (EPM 17103) will be transferred to Sovereign. In return, Sovereign must pay a perpetual royalty equal to 2% of the net smelter returns as and when returns are received. Formal completion of the acquisition by Sovereign is conditional on ministerial approval for the transfer of the tenement.

#### 23. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

(i) On 29 August 2014, Shareholders approved Sovereign's Performance Rights Plan. Following approval of the plan, 3.7 million Performance Rights were issued on 5 September 2014. The Performance Rights issued have expiry dates ranging from 31 December 2015 to 31 December 2018.

There are no matters or circumstances which have arisen since 30 June 2014 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2014 of the Consolidated Entity;
- the results of those operations, in financials years subsequent to 30 June 2014 of the Consolidated Entity;
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2014 of the Consolidated Entity.

#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**



In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Sovereign Metals Limited, I state that:

- (1) In the opinion of the Directors:
  - (a) the attached financial statements, notes and the additional disclosures included in the directors' report designated as audited, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including:
    - (i) section 296 (compliance with accounting standards and Corporations Regulations 2001);
    - (ii) section 297 (gives a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Group; 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.
- (2) The attached financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as stated in note 1 to the financial statements.
- (3) The Directors have been given a declaration required by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

On behalf of the Board.

**MATTHEW SYME**Managing Director

26 September 2014



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## **Independent Auditor's Report** to the members of Sovereign Metals Limited

### **Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Sovereign Metals Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity, comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year as set out on pages 28 to 68.

### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the 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 financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the consolidated financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control, relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Sovereign Metals Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Sovereign Metals Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) the consolidated financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report which indicates that the Consolidated Entity incurred a net loss of \$2,256,694 and had net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of \$2,238,470 during the year ended 30 June 2014. These conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the ability of the Company and the Consolidated Entity to continue as going concerns and therefore the Company and the Consolidated Entity may be unable to realise their assets and discharge their liabilities in the normal course of business.

#### **Report on the Remuneration Report**

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 19 to 25 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2014. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act* 2001. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

**Opinion** 

In our opinion the Remuneration Report of Sovereign Metals Limited for the year ended 30 June 2014, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

**DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU** 

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Neil Smith Partner

**Chartered Accountants** 

Perth, 26 September 2014