

## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT/MEDIA**

## **QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

## December 2022

## 31 January 2023

Alliance Nickel Limited (formerly GME Resources Limited) ("Alliance" or the "Company") (ASX:AXN) provides an update on its activities completed during the December 2022 quarter as it advances its 100%-owned NiWest Nickel Cobalt Project in Western Australia ("NiWest" or the "Project").

## **Highlights**

- Signing of a non-binding MOU with Stellantis N.V. in relation to future offtake of battery grade nickel and cobalt sulphate products from NiWest.
- Bulk sample collection and metallurgical sonic drilling program completed on time and on budget at NiWest.
- Partnership with industry leading engineering firm Ausenco for delivery of process and nonprocess infrastructure engineering for NiWest Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS).
- Completion of a Placement to raise \$4.0 million (before costs) to be applied towards the NiWest DFS and provide general working capital.
- Shareholders approve change of company name to Alliance Nickel Ltd (ASX: AXN).

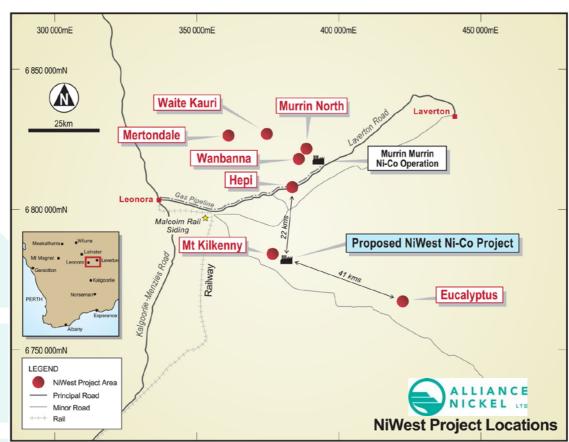


Figure 1: NiWest Project location showing individual deposit areas and proximity to infrastructure



## **NIWEST (NICKEL-COBALT) PROJECT**

## Alliance and Stellantis sign MOU for future Offtake

On 10 October 2022, Alliance and Stellantis N.V. (NYSE / MTA / Euronext Paris: STLA) ("**Stellantis**") announced that they had signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding ("**MOU**") for the future sale of quantities of battery grade nickel and cobalt sulphate products from NiWest. The MOU contemplates the finalisation of a Definitive Agreement between the two parties.

Negotiation and execution of the detailed Definitive Agreement is subject to due diligence and customary closing conditions, including respective company approvals. Discussions on the Definitive Agreement continued to advance during the quarter.

## **Completion of bulk sample collection for Offtake Partner Testwork**

During the quarter, Alliance commenced an eight-week bulk sample collection and sonic metallurgical drilling program. The drilling program was designed to support the revised DFS mine plan and further facilitate the Company's battery metals offtake and partnership strategy.

Alliance announced the completion of the program on 22 December 2022. A bulk 10 tonne sample was produced through a successful costeaning program, with the extracted material awaiting transportation for metallurgical processing. The material will be subjected to the proposed NiWest process route at a pilot scale to produce battery-grade nickel and cobalt sulphate products for provision to offtake partners, including Stellantis, and other potential parties the Company is currently in advanced discussions with.

The results of the sonic drilling are expected in the first quarter of 2023 and will also seek to improve the resource confidence of several deposits at NiWest, particularly the Wanbanna deposit (Figure 1). Wanbanna hosts a resource containing 111kt of nickel and 7.2kt of cobalt and was not included in the 2018 NiWest Pre-Feasibility Study mine plan. The inclusion of Wanbanna into the current DFS mine plan has strong potential to further enhance project economics and extended mine life.

#### Alliance enters partnership with Ausenco for completion of NiWest DFS

Following a competitive tendering process, Alliance entered into an engineering partnership with Ausenco Services Pty Ltd ("**Ausenco**") to deliver the process and non-process infrastructure studies for the NiWest Definitive Feasibility Study ("**DFS**"). Ausenco brings a depth of knowledge in nickel heap leach and downstream processing operations that is directly applicable to the NiWest development pathway. Ausenco's role in the DFS incorporates activities including:

- Review and optimisation of the NiWest process flowsheet
- Process engineering support in further detailed metallurgical testwork programs
- Pursue a range of value engineering and optimisation studies including opportunities to enhance the future performance of the heap leach and lower site infrastructure costs
- Completion of process and non-process infrastructure engineering designs
- Delivery of high confidence cost estimates for process and non-process infrastructure components

The DFS is on track for completion in the December quarter 2023.



## **CORPORATE**

## **Completion of Capital Raising**

In October the Company completed a placement of approximately 42.1 million ordinary shares at a price of A\$0.095 per share to raise \$4.0 million (before costs) (the "Placement"). The Placement was completed pursuant to the Company's available 15% placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 ("New Shares"). The New Shares have been issued and rank equally with the Company's existing shares on issue.

Proceeds from the Placement will be used to advance the DFS for NiWest and provide general working capital for ongoing activities.

For full details of the Placement refer to Alliance's ASX releases dated 12 October 2022 Successful Placement to Advance NiWest Nickel Cobalt Project and 19 October 2022 Placement Completes.

## **Change of Company Name to Alliance Nickel Limited**

Post the end of the quarter, the Company's shareholders voted in favour of changing the Company's name to **Alliance Nickel Limited**. The name change will result in a change of ASX code to AXN which took effect on Friday, 27 January 2023.

## **Expenditure this quarter**

In accordance with the reporting requirements of ASX Listing Rule 5.3 the Company spent \$1,133,000 on exploration and evaluation activities during the quarter.

There was no mining development or production activities conducted during the quarter.

Expenditure predominantly related to:

- Site drilling and bulk ore collection programs;
- DFS and engineering works;
- Advancing various environmental and heritage programs;
- Laboratory sample testing and confirmatory testwork programs;
- Regulatory rents, rates and associated tenement administration holding costs.

In addition, during the current quarter the Company made payments to related parties of \$42,050 being Directors Remuneration.

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Alliance Nickel Limited.

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#### About Alliance Nickel

Alliance Nickel Limited is an ASX-listed nickel and Critical Minerals development company with its principal asset being its flagship 100% owned NiWest Nickel Cobalt Project containing one of the highest-grade undeveloped nickel laterite resources in Australia. The Project has access to existing primary mining infrastructure such as an established network of roads, a railway and gas pipeline and is strategically situated adjacent to Glencore's Murrin Murrin Operations. The Company has completed a Pre-Feasibility Study which has confirmed the technical and economic viability of a heap leach and direct solvent extraction operation where it aims to manufacture low-cost, high-quality Class 1 nickel and cobalt sulphate for battery manufacturers and automakers in the Electric Vehicle (EV) sector.

More information is available on the Alliance website at www.alliancenickel.au

#### **COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENTS**

## **NiWest Project**

Where Alliance refers to the NiWest Mineral Resource Estimate and the NiWest Ore Reserve Estimate, as disclosed in an ASX market release on 2 August 2018 and titled "Pre-Feasibility Study Delivers Outstanding Results" and updated pursuant to an ASX market release on 21 July 2022 and entitled "Updated PFS Outcomes for NiWest Nickel-Colbalt Project", it confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market releases and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market release continue to apply and have not materially changed.

## Forward Looking Statement

This announcement contains statements related to our future business and financial performance and future events or developments involving Alliance Nickel Limited (Alliance) that may constitute forward-looking statements. These statements may be identified by words such as "potential", "exploitable", "proposed open pit", "evaluation", "expect," "future," "further," "operation, "development, "plan," "permitting", "approvals", "processing agreement" or words of similar meaning. Such statements are based on the current expectations and certain assumptions of Alliance management & consultants, and are, therefore, subject to certain risks and uncertainties. A variety of factors, many of which are beyond Alliance's control, affect our operations, performance, business strategy and results and could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Alliance to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.



## **APPENDIX 1: NiWest Mineral Resources and Reserves Statement**

The Company's Mineral Resource Statement (Table 1 and Table 2) has been compiled in accordance with the Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The JORC Code 2012 Edition) and Chapter 5 of the ASX Listing Rules and ASX Guidance Note 31.

Table 1: Mineral Resource Estimate<sup>1,2</sup> for NiWest Project at 0.8% Ni Cut-off Grade

Deposit	JORC Classificatio n	Tonnes (million )	Nickel Grade (%)	Cobalt Grade (%)	Nickel Metal (kt)	Cobal t Metal (kt)
	Measured	8.8	1.11	0.063	98	5.6
Mt Kilkenny <sup>1</sup>	Indicated	12.7	1.09	0.079	138	10.0
Wit Klikelilly	Inferred	4.5	0.98	0.051	44	2.3
	Total*	26.0	1.08	0.069	279	17.9
	Indicated	23.7	1.04	0.064	247	15.3
Eucalyptus <sup>1</sup>	Inferred	12.8	0.95	0.056	121	7.1
	Total*	36.5	1.01	0.061	368	22.4
	Measured	1.6	1.20	0.078	19	1.2
Hepi <sup>1</sup>	Indicated	1.5	1.01	0.073	15	1.1
пері	Inferred	1.4	0.95	0.074	14	1.1
	Total*	4.5	1.06	0.075	48	3.4
Mertondale <sup>2</sup>	Indicated	1.9	0.98	0.070	18	1.3
Wertoridate	Total*	1.9	0.98	0.070	18	1.3
	Measured	1.5	1.01	0.062	15	0.9
Waite Kauri <sup>2</sup>	Indicated	0.3	0.91	0.025	3	0.1
waite Naum	Inferred	0.0	0.09	0.015	0	0.0
	Total*	1.8	0.98	0.054	18	1.0
	Measured	3.4	0.98	0.062	33	2.1
Murrin	Indicated	0.1	0.88	0.051	1	0.1
North <sup>2</sup>	Inferred	0.1	0.86	0.083	1	0.1
	Total*	3.7	0.97	0.062	35	2.3
	Indicated	10.1	1.03	0.066	104	6.7
Wanbanna <sup>2</sup>	Inferred	0.7	0.99	0.070	7	0.5
	Total*	10.8	1.03	0.066	111	7.2
	Measured	15.2	1.08	0.064	165	9.8
NiWest	Indicated	50.4	1.04	0.068	527	34.5
Project	Inferred	19.5	0.95	0.057	186	11.0
	TOTAL*	85.2	1.03	0.065	878	55.4

<sup>\*</sup> Columns may not total exactly due to rounding errors. Tonnages are reported as dry tonnage

<sup>1</sup> ASX Release 2 August 2018

<sup>2</sup> ASX Release 21 February 2017



Table 2: Mineral Resource Estimate<sup>1,2</sup> for NiWest Project at 1.0% Ni Cut-off Grade

Deposit	JORC Classificatio n	Tonnes (million )	Nickel Grade (%)	Cobalt Grade (%)	Nickel Metal (kt)	Cobal t Metal (kt)
	Measured	5.7	1.22	0.072	70	4.1
Mt Kilkenny <sup>1</sup>	Indicated	7.8	1.20	0.094	93	7.3
wit Klikenny	Inferred	1.7	1.11	0.060	19	1.1
	Total*	15.2	1.20	0.082	182	12.4
	Indicated	12.5	1.16	0.074	145	9.2
Eucalyptus <sup>1</sup>	Inferred	3.1	1.08	0.062	34	1.9
	Total*	15.6	1.15	0.072	178	11.2
	Measured	1.1	1.34	0.088	14	0.9
Hepi <sup>1</sup>	Indicated	0.7	1.12	0.086	8	0.6
пері	Inferred	0.4	1.07	0.104	5	0.5
	Total*	2.2	1.21	0.090	27	2.0
Mertondale <sup>2</sup>	Indicated	0.7	1.14	0.070	8	0.5
Wertoridate	Total*	0.7	1.14	0.070	8	0.5
	Measured	0.5	1.25	0.087	6	0.5
Waite Kauri <sup>2</sup>	Indicated	0.1	1.08	0.015	1	0.0
Waite Raum	Inferred	0.0	1.07	0.000	0	0.0
	Total*	0.6	1.23	0.079	7	0.5
	Measured	1.2	1.14	0.070	14	0.9
Murrin	Indicated	0.0	1.04	0.070	0	0.0
North <sup>2</sup>	Inferred	0.0	0.00	0.000	0	0.0
	Total*	1.3	1.14	0.070	14	0.9
	Indicated	4.7	1.19	0.080	56	3.8
Wanbanna <sup>2</sup>	Inferred	0.3	1.16	0.080	3	0.2
	Total*	5.0	1.19	0.080	59	4.0
	Measured	8.5	1.22	0.074	104	6.4
NiWest	Indicated	26.5	1.18	0.081	311	21.4
Project	Inferred	5.6	1.09	0.066	61	3.7
* 0-1	TOTAL*	40.6	1.17	0.077	476	31.4

<sup>\*</sup> Columns may not total exactly due to rounding errors. Tonnages are reported as dry tonnage

1 ASX Release 2 August 2018

2 ASX Release 21 February 2017



### **NiWest Ore Reserve Statement**

The Company's Ore Reserve Statement (Table 3) has been compiled in accordance with the Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The JORC Code 2012 Edition) and Chapter 5 of the ASX Listing Rules and ASX Guidance Note 31.

Table 3: NiWest Ore Reserve Estimate<sup>1</sup> at 0.5% Ni cut-off

Orebody	JORC Classification	Tonnes (million)	Nickel Grade (%)	Cobalt Grade (%)
Mt Kilkenny	Probable	27.9	0.96	0.06
Eucalyptus	Probable	32.2	0.87	0.05
Hepi	Probable	4.7	0.91	0.06
Total*	Probable	64.9	0.91	0.06

<sup>\*</sup> Columns may not total exactly due to rounding errors. Tonnages are reported as dry tonnage

<sup>1</sup> ASX Release 2 August 2018



## **APPENDIX 2: Tenement Summary**

Table 4: Tenement Summary as at 31 December 2022

Project	Tenements	Interest Beginning Period	Interest End Period
Abednego West	M39/427, M39/0825 PL's 39/6225- 6231 P39/5927 Applications E39/2326 P37/9632-36 P39/6306 - 09	Golden Cliffs 100% Golden Cliffs 0% NiWest 100% Golden Cliffs NL 0%	Golden Cliffs 100% Golden Cliffs 100% NiWest 100% Golden Cliffs NL 0%
Eucalyptus	M39/744 M39/289, M39/430, M39/344 M39/666, M39/674 M39/313, M39/568 M39/802 - 803 P39/5459 PL39/5962 Application GPA 39/016	NiWest Ni Co Rights 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 100%	NiWest Ni Co Rights 100% NiWest 100%
Hawks Nest	M38/218	Golden Cliffs 100%	Golden Cliffs 100%
Нері	M39/717 - 718, M39/819, P39/6032	NiWest 100% NiWest 100%	NiWest 100% 0%
Laverton Downs	M38/1266 L38/340	Golden Cliffs 100% Golden Cliffs 100%	Golden Cliffs 100% Golden Cliffs 100%
Mertondale	M37/591	NiWest 100%	NiWest 100%
Mt Kilkenny	M39/878 – 879, E39/1784 E39/1794, EL39/2072	NiWest 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 100%	NiWest 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 100%
Murrin Murrin	M39/426, M39/456, M39/552, M39/553, M39/569	GlenMurrin 100% Nickel & Cobalt Golden Cliffs 100% gold and other minerals	GlenMurrin 100% Nickel & Cobalt Golden Cliffs 100% gold and other minerals
Murrin North	M39/758	NiWest 100%	NiWest 100%
Waite Kauri	M37/1216 M 37/1334	NiWest 100% NiWest 100%	NiWest 100% NiWest 100%
Wanbanna	M39/460	NiWest 80% Wanbanna Pty Ltd 20%	NiWest 80% Wanbanna Pty Ltd 20%
Misc. Licences (Haul Roads and Water)	L37/175, L39/293 L37/247, L39/177, L37/205 L39/0326 (Application) L39/0327 (Application)	NiWest 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 0% NiWest 0%	NiWest 100% NiWest 100% NiWest 0% NiWest 0%

LEGEND

E: Exploration Licence | P: Prospecting Licence | PLA: Prospecting Licence Application | M: Mining Lease | ELA: Exploration Licence Application | L: Miscellaneous Lease | MLA: Mining Lease Application | GP: General Purpose Lease All of the above tenements and miscellaneous licences are in the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia.

# Appendix 5B

# Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

## Name of entity

ALLIANCE NICKEL LIMITED	
ABN	Quarter ended ("current quarter")
62 009 260 315	31 DEC 2022

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	-	-
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(398)	(519)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	6	7
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other – Royalty Income	100	100
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(292)	(412)

2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	(13)	(13)
	(d) exploration & evaluation	(1,133)	(1,361)
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(1,146)	(1,374)

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	4,000	4,500
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	(254)	(256)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	3,746	4,244

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	725	575
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(292)	(412)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(1,146)	(1,374)

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	3,746	4,244
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	_
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	3,033	3,033

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	12	165
5.2	Call deposits	3,021	560
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	3,033	725

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	6
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	36
N-4	if any amounts are aboun in items 6.1 or 6.2 years quarterly activity report must include	!

Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.

7.	Financing facilities  Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.  Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	Total financing facilities	-	-
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at quarter end		-
7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional final facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarte include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		itional financing	

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(292)
8.2	(Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(1,146)
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(1,438)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	3,033
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	3,033
8.7	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	2.11

Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.

8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:

8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?

Answer: N/A

Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer: N/A

8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer: N/A

Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.

## **Compliance statement**

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

	31 January 2023
Date:	
	The Board of Alliance Nickel Limited
Authorised by:	
	(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

#### Notes

- 1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
- If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
- 4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
- 5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.