

HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

**31 DECEMBER 2022** 

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### **Directors' Report**

Your Directors present their report, including the Financial Report for the consolidated entity for the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Directors**

The directors of Santana Minerals Limited ("Santana" or "the Company") at any time during or since the half-year ended 31 December 2022 are:

### Mr Norman A Seckold, Non-Executive Chairman

Appointed 15 January 2013

Mr Seckold graduated with a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Sydney in 1970. He has spent more than 40 years in the full time management of natural resource companies, both in Australia and overseas.

Mr Seckold is currently Chairman and Director of each of ASX listed companies Sky Metals Limited (director since December 2001), Alpha HPA Limited (director since November 2009) and is Deputy Chairman of Nickel Industries Limited (director since 12 September 2007).

He has been Chairman of Bolnisi Gold NL, Palmarejo Silver and Gold Corporation, Moruya Gold Mines NL, Pangea Resources Limited, Timberline Minerals, Inc., Perseverance Corporation Limited, Valdora Minerals NL, Viking Gold Corporation, Mogul Mining NL, San Anton Resource Corporation Inc., Cockatoo Coal Limited, Equus Mining Limited and Cerro Resources NL.

### Mr Richard E Keevers, Executive Director

Appointed 15 January 2013 and Executive Director from 16 December 2020.

Mr Keevers graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of New England in NSW. He is a qualified and experienced geologist, having held senior positions with BH South Limited and Newmont during his 20 years in the mining industry. Subsequently he was an executive director of Pembroke Josephson Wright Limited, an Australian share brokerage firm, for ten years.

Mr Keevers is currently Chairman and director of Renascor Resources Limited (director since July 2016).

### Mr Frederick James Leslie Bunting, Non-Executive Director

Appointed 3 November 2020

Mr Bunting graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Auckland University NZ in 1971 and with Master of Science from Rhodes University South Africa in 1977. Mr Bunting is an experienced geologist with 48 years of exploration experience, including initiating the Company's Bendigo-Ophir project in New Zealand.

### Mr Warren Batt, Non-Executive Director

Appointed 3 November 2020

Mr Batt graduated with a Master of Science (Hons) from Auckland University NZ in 1974. Mr Batt is an experienced geologist and mining professional with over 45 years of experience, including initiating the Company's Bendigo-Ophir project in New Zealand.

### Mr Anthony J McDonald, Non-Executive Director

Re-appointed as a director on 16 December 2020 and previously a director from 15 January 2013 to 3 November 2020

Mr McDonald graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology in 1981. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1982. He has been involved in the natural resources sector in Australia and internationally and since 2001 has been actively involved in corporate and business management in the resources and technology industries.

Mr McDonald is currently a non-executive director of PPK Group Limited (appointed September 2017) and Li-S Energy Limited (appointed July 2019).

### **Company Secretary**

### Mr Craig J McPherson

Corporate Secretary (since 15 January 2013)

Mr McPherson graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Queensland and is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. He has over twenty years of commercial and financial management experience and has held various roles with ASX and TSX listed companies for in excess of fifteen years in Australia and overseas.



### Operating and financial review

### **Review of Operations**

### Bendigo-Ophir Project Overview (100%)

During the reporting period exploration activities were focused on the advancement of the Company's 100% owned Bendigo-Ophir Project ("the Project") in Central Otago, New Zealand (Figure 1). The Project covers 292 square kilometres and is located 90 kilometres northwest of OceanaGold's world-class Macraes Gold Mine where previous production and mineral resources total 10 million ounces of gold.

Drilling along the Rise and Shine Shear Zone (RSSZ) during the 6 months ending 31 December 2022 has largely focused on the Rise & Shine (RAS) deposit leading to a major upgrade of resources being completed after the end of the 6-month period by GeoModelling Limited in accordance with JORC 2012 guidelines (MRE Feb 2023)

The new MRE has been increased the global resource to 40Mt @ 2.3g/t containing 2.9Moz gold at a 0.5g/t cut-off grade (Table 1, Figure 2). This is a 1 Moz increase in gold and a 30% increase in grade from the last MRE (July 2022).

RSSZ Mineral Resources at 0.5g/t cutoff (with top-cut) Tonnes (Mt) Au grade (g/t) **Contained Gold (koz) Deposit** Category Inferred 31.5 2.4 2,383 **RAS Indicated** 2.0 4.3 279 **RAS Total** 33.5 2.5 2,662 CIT Inferred 1.2 1.5 59 Inferred **SHR** 4.7 1.1 174 **SRE** Inferred 0.3 1.3 11 Inferred 37.7 2.2 2,628 **RSSZ Total** Indicated 2.0 4.3 279 **RSSZ Total** 39.7 2.3 2,909

Table 1. Global Resource on RSSZ at 0.5 g/t Cut-off Grade with top cut (MRE Feb 2023)

All the increase is in the RAS deposit which now contains 91 percent of the total resource, including indicated resources of 2Mt @ 4.0 g/t containing 280Koz of gold (Table 1, Figure 3). Although significant mineralisation has been intersected outside RAS by drilling during the period at Come-in-Time (CIT) and Shreks / Shreks East (SHR/SRE) there has been no update of these resources since 2021 (MRE 2021).

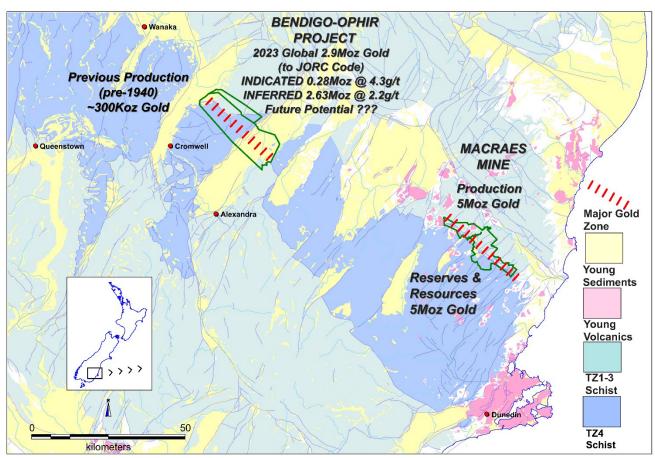


Figure 1: The Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project in the Otago Goldfields New Zealand

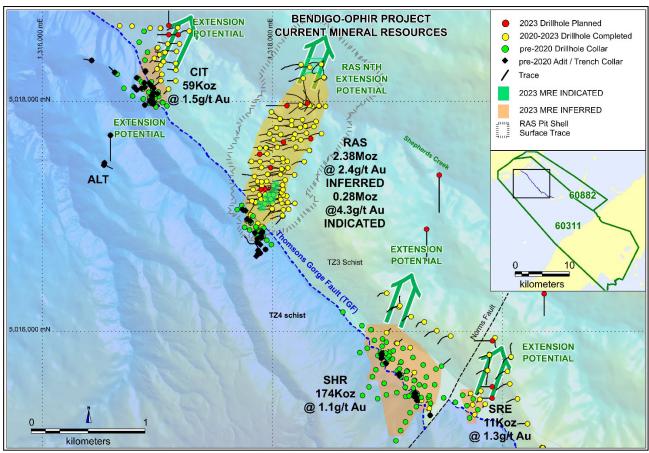


Figure 2: Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project, RSSZ Deposits, North Dunstan Range, Otago, New Zealand



### **Exploration Results July-December 2022**

A total of 18,412 metres (65 drillholes) were completed during the period with 11,184 metres (35 drillholes) at RAS and the balance at other RSSZ deposits and targets.

Significant RAS drillhole intercepts in the north-east and south-east of RAS respectively (Figure 3) define the limits of the RAS mineralisation halo now extending 1.7 kilometres by 450 metres, plunging NNE at a low-angle (Figure 7).

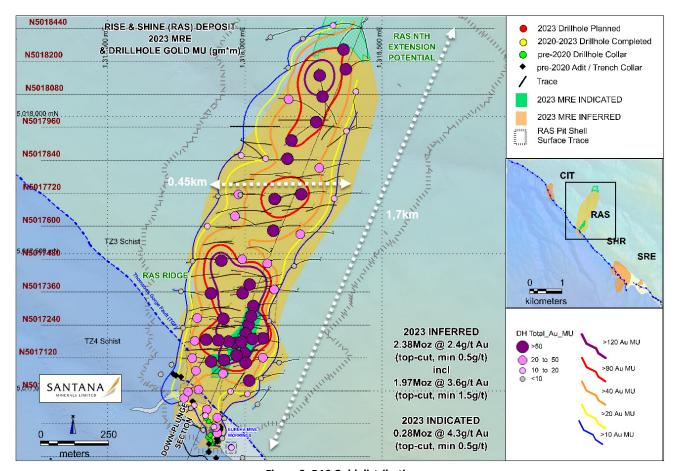


Figure 3: RAS Gold distribution

The higher-grade intercepts occur throughout the mineralised sequence with thickest zones largely confined to the upper RSSZ hanging-wall-shear (HWS) mineralisation.

A large number (21) of the holes drilled between July and December 2022 have significant aggregate intercepts of higher grade and greater thicknesses (Table 2) than earlier drill holes used in the previous July 2022 RAS MRE.

Table 2: RAS Significant Aggregate Drillhole Intercepts from July 2022

Deposit	Drillhole	From (m)	Aggregate Drill intercept (m)	Average Gold Grade (g/t) (topcut 100g/t, min 0.50 g/t)	Comments
	MDD054	165.8	43.3	11.24	(over 56.2m)
	MDD084	177.9	37.1	9.28	(over 58.1m) partial result, 87.6m assays pending
	MDD051	152.1	49.9	6.42	(over 92.9m)
	MDD080	179.0	40.0	6.88	(over 44.0m) partial result, 35.8m assays pending
	MDD085	173.1	38.9	5.03	(over 47.9m) partial result, 45.9m assays pending
	MDD079	168.0	22.0	7.38	(over 35.0m) partial result, 75.0m assays pending
	MDD067	184.0	7.0	23.12	(over 20.0m)
	MDD086	158.6	31.4	5.12	(over 53.4m) partial result, 57.4m assays pending
	MDD083	147.3	47.7	3.32	(over 124.7m)
	MDD081	164.0	40.0	3.52	(over 50.0m) partial result, 59.4m assays pending
RAS	MDD061	150.9	36.1	3.88	(over 156.1m)
	MDD055	311.6	31.4	3.45	(over 33.4m)
	MDD064	176.0	20.0	4.97	(over 22.0m)
	MDD066	478.6	24.4	3.13	(over 35.4m)
	MDD078	406.4	20.6	2.50	(over 51.6m) partial result, 49.4m assays pending
	MDD072	189.0	17.0	2.73	(over 34.0m)
	MDD056	161.0	15.0	2.68	(over 100.0m)
	MDD053	184.0	12.3	2.93	(over 12.3m)
	MDD082	156.0	9.0	3.04	(over 29.0m) partial result, 82.9m assays pending
	MDD070	195.0	8.0	0.98	(over 8.0m)
	MDD069	507.0	6.0	1.30	(over 39.0m)

Bonanza grades (1 metre >10g/t Au) "typical" of RAS mineralisation and often flagged by visible gold are widespread (Table 3) particularly in the RAS Ridge area (Figure 4) which encompasses 40,000 square metres surrounding MDD054 (the "Jewellery Box") where a 1 metre interval of 1,400g/t Au from 179m was reported in July.

Table 3 RAS Drillholes – Bonanza grade intercepts (1m >10g/t Au) 4th Quarter 2022

DH No	MDD072	MDD078	MDD079	MDD080	MDD081	MDD083	MDD084	MDD085	MDD086
	26.3g/t Au	16.4g/t Au	47.3g/t Au	10.5g/t Au	10.6g/t Au	32.9g/t Au	21.2g/t Au	12.2g/t Au	18.9g/t Au
	from 205m	from 456m	from 173m	from 181m	from 165m	from 157m	from 178m	from 186m	from 181m
			32.3g/t Au	20.7g/t Au	10.9g/t Au	15.4g/t Au	33.9g/t Au	11.9g/t Au	49.8g/t Au
			from 174m	from 186m	from 167m	from 192m	from 182m	from 187m	from 182m
			10.7g/t Au	13.9g/t Au	32.0g/t Au	14.8g/t Au	59.9g/t Au	11.6g/t Au	20.2g/t Au
1			from 175m	from 187m	from 171m	from 247m	from 184m	from 206m	from 183m
1m downhole			13.2g/t Au	11.7g/t Au		10.1g/t Au	20.4g/t Au	56.8g/t Au	15.9g/t Au
intervals			from 182m	from 189m		from 270m	from 185m	from 207m	from 189m
intervais			12.1g/t Au	30.9g/t Au			17.0g/t Au	13.1g/t Au	
			from 188m	from 190m			from 186m	from 208m	
			15.0g/t Au	33.3g/t Au			121.0g/t Au		
			from 196m	from 209m			from 206m		
				53.4g/t Au			33.9g/t Au		
				from 221m			from 207m		

The high-grade continuity between holes at RAS Ridge is evident in plan view (Figure 4) and in the NS Section E1318100 (Figure 5).



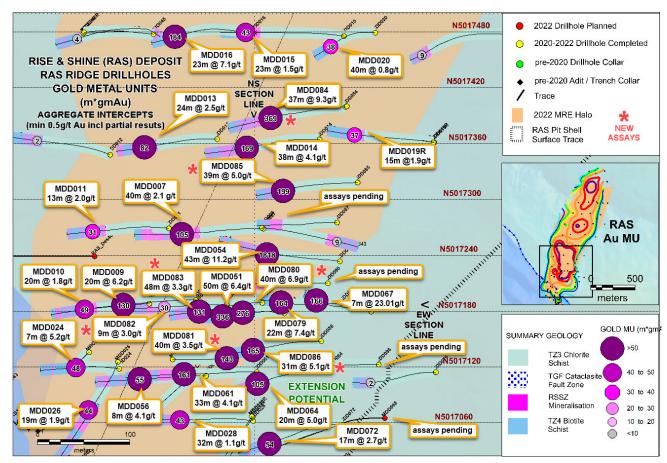


Figure 4 RAS Ridge Area - Significant Aggregate Drill Intercepts (top-cut, 0.5g/t Au lower cut-off)

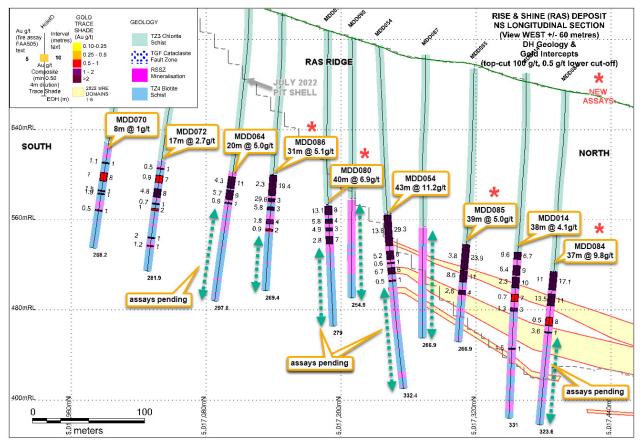


Figure 5 RAS Deposit - North-South Section E1318100 (View West)

### Mineral Resource (MRE) Upgrade - after the Period End (February 2023)

The 2023 MRE update in February 2023 integrates additional RAS DD drilling results from the six-month period June 2022 to December 2022 and was compiled by independent resource estimation consultant GeoModelling Limited (GML), Petone, New Zealand.

The latest MRE has been increased to 40Mt @ 2.3g/t containing 2.9Moz gold at a 0.5g/t cut-off grade (Table 1). This is a 1 Moz increase in gold and a 30% increase in grade from the last MRE (July 2022). All the increase is in the RAS deposit which now contains 91 percent of the total resource, including indicated resources of 2Mt @ 4.0 g/t containing 280Koz of gold (Figure 6). The increase was principally within the 2022 MRE inferred envelope.

Resources at CIT and SHR / SRE have not been updated since 2021 (Wild MRE 2021) although drilling has extended the mineralised envelopes.

The RAS resource is modelled in 6 stacked domains with greatest continuity in the upper 2 domains which contain 95 percent of the RAS resource at an average grade of 2.6g/t gold. At a higher cut-off grade of 1.5g/t RAS contains 18Mt @ 3.8 g/t containing 2.2Moz (Table 4).

Category Tonnes (Mt) Au grade (g/t) **Contained Gold (koz)** Indicated 1.6 5.0 267 Inferred 16.8 3.6 1.967 RAS Total @ 1.5g/t cut-off 18.4 3.8 2,334

Table 4. RAS High Grade Resource at 1.5 g/t Cut-off Grade

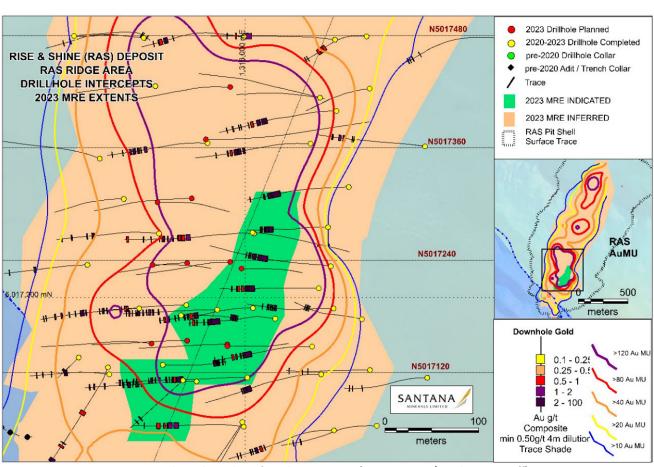


Figure 6 RAS Ridge Indicated & Inferred MRE Extents (top-cut, 0.50g/t Au lower cut-off)

GML estimated the new 2023 RAS resources with top-cuts (to restrict higher grades) and reported at 0.25, 0.50 and 1.5 g/t Au lower cut-off grades (MRE Feb 2023) constrained within a pit shell optimised using gravity-leach economics with



revenue escalated by 30% to allow for the reasonable prospects test. The 0.25 g/t cut-off for open pit resources and 1.50 g/t cut-off for underground resources are considered appropriate lower cut-off grades at this stage of the project.

The new RAS 2023 MRE is within 6 domains (as modelled for the July 2022 MRE), with the upper continuous domains 1 and 2 containing 1.83Moz @ 3.2g/t Au and 0.69Moz @ 1.8g/t Au respectively (Table 5, Figure 7). These upper domains have 95% (2.52Moz @ 2.6g/t Au) of the total RAS 2023 MRE gold (2.66Moz @ 2.5g/t Au).

All domains (1-6) are interpreted as stacked low-angle (~23° dip) tabular bodies (Figure 7) plunging NNE at an angle subparallel to the slope of topography towards Shepherds Creek. Continuity of lower domains 3-6 (which appear to be confined to the RAS Ridge area) are yet to be clearly defined due to generally narrower intercepts and the broad ~100\*120 metre drill spacing.

<u>Indicated</u> category RAS resources are confined to domains 1 and 2 at RAS Ridge where they extend ~400 metres NNE down-plunge (Figures 3 & 8) as defined by infill ~40\*60 metre spaced drilling.

<u>Inferred</u> category domains 1 and 2 extend ~1.7km NNE (to 018°T) down-plunge and ~450 metres in width (Figures 2, 3, 4 & 6) within the hanging wall shear (HWS), an upper geological unit of the RSSZ. The late cataclastic Thomson Gorge Fault (TGF) defines the top of the RSSZ and separates the HWS from overlying barren TZ3 schist.

Table 5: Rise and Shine (RAS) Deposit by Domain

RAS Mineral Resource by domain 0.50 g/t cutoff								
Domain	cutoff (Au g/t)	category	tonnes (Mt)	Au grade (g/t)	ounces (koz)			
1	0.5	Indicated	1.10	6.1	208			
2	0.5	Indicated	1.00	2.3	71			
3	0.5	Indicated						
4	0.5	Indicated						
5	0.5	Indicated						
6	0.5	Indicated						
Total	0.5	Indicated	2.10	4.1	279			
1	0.5	Inferred	16.80	3.0	1,617			
2	0.5	Inferred	10.70	1.8	620			
3	0.5	Inferred	1.70	0.9	50			
4	0.5	Inferred	0.60	0.9	17			
5	0.5	Inferred	1.20	1.6	60			
6	0.5	Inferred	0.60	1.0	19			
Total	0.5	Inferred	31.60	2.3	2,383			
1	0.5	(all)	17.90	3.2	1,825			
2	0.5	(all)	11.70	1.8	691			
3	0.5	(all)	1.70	0.9	50			
4	0.5	(all)	0.60	0.9	17			
5	0.5	(all)	1.20	1.6	60			
6	0.5	(all)	0.60	1.0	19			
Total	0.5	(all)	33.70	2.5	2,662			

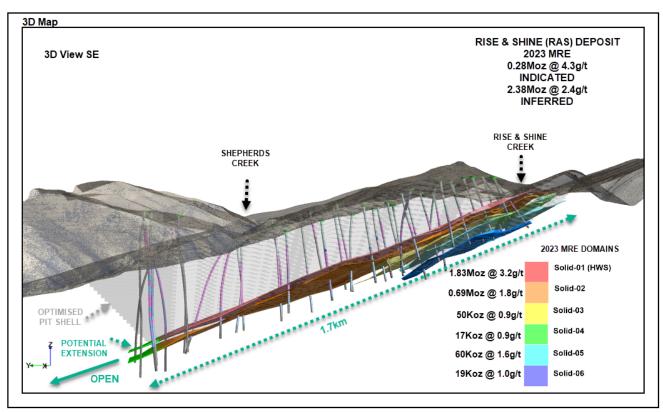


Figure 7 RAS Down-plunge Domains & Resource Extension Potential (3D view SE)

Tonnages (Tables 1, 4, & 5) for MRE calculations are assigned on a dry basis from density measurements of drill core for fresh and transition rock and surface rock samples for oxide rock. Tonnages and density measurements for CIT, SHR and SRE deposits used for the 2021 MRE are unchanged from those reported previously being: oxide rock 2.50g/cm3; transitional rock 2.65g/cm<sup>3</sup>; and fresh rock 2.70g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

Almost all (98%) of the Global MRE is fresh sulphide mineralisation. The oxide and transitional mineralisation at RAS is <0.1% of the resource with all the new Indicated RAS category resource in fresh sulphide mineralisation. CIT and SHR Deposits have the highest oxide components, where down-plunge resources have yet to be re-estimated.

### **Key Conclusions and 2023 Forward Programme**

Since drilling by Santana commenced in late 2020, resources at RAS have been expanded dramatically from the 8Koz inferred resource at the time of acquisition of the Bendigo Ophir project. The overall global increase of 2.30Moz from 0.64Moz resources since 2020 has been delivered at a 'discovery cost per ounce' of A\$3.50.

Metallurgical testwork is ongoing with environmental and social baseline studies continuing which will provide valuable input into future project development plans.

Drilling continues with 5 rigs active along the 30km mineralised trend of the Bendigo-Ophir Project.

The Company's immediate priority is to continue in-fill drilling of RAS to increase Indicated Resources and implement scoping and development studies with other drilling continuing to define gold mineralisation extents at other prospects. This includes the appointment of Mr Damian Spring, an experienced New Zealand based mining engineer to lead the project in this phase of development (ASX announcement on 16 November 2022).



### Other exploration assets

#### Cuitaboca Silver (gold) project, Mexico.

Previous diamond drilling in the southern part of the Cuitaboca Project by Santana, outlined significant mainly Ag mineralisation with minor Au, in a series of epithermal base and precious metal veins and stockworks in the lower series of volcanics, a sequence of andesitic and rhyolitic rocks. This suite of volcanic rocks is the host of many base and precious metal deposits in Mexico, upon which that country's major, particularly Ag mining industry is based.

In the northern part of the Project, evidence from our reconnaissance geological mapping, as well as rock chip and outcrop channel sampling, indicated that gold was more common in the veins there, although in amounts which may have been accessory only to Ag and base metals. Santana geologists are of the view that drill testing in parts of the northern area is desirable but the lack of track access and the prohibitive cost of providing this access, encouraged Santana to await some improvements in the ground access. While planned by local authorities for 2022, to date the road access has not been completed. Santana personnel did attempt some diamond core drilling with a light back pack man portable rig, but this was unsuccessful.

The company has maintained the exploration title and option to purchase in good standing, while completing a new review of past exploration during this half year. A new valuation was completed to confirm that the capital value of the Project shown in the company's accounts, is in line with the valuation of other similar Ag projects held by other public companies, where data were publicly available. During the second half of this FY, Santana plans to reassess the likelihood of gaining access to the northern area by examining the track progress, which is reported to have been washed out, causing the cessation of works.

#### Cambodia

Immediately after the close of the half year, on January 10, 2023, RC drilling was commenced by our Joint Venture partners, Emerald Resources NL, at the Anchor Prospect within the Snoul Exploration Licence. Further reports on the outcome of this drilling are not due to Santana until after the end of the first quarter, 2023, when Emerald as operator and sole financial contributor, are due to report progress. Emerald has advised that 4000-5000m of RC drilling are planned.

The Anchor prospect lies about 75km SW of the Emerald operating gold mine, Okvau, now producing at the rate of 100,000 to 120,000 oz Au p.a.<sup>1</sup> Emerald hold a reported 1639 square kilometres of EL's within what they regard as a possible feeder area for their mine, which may be capable of boosting production and / or extending the life of the Okvau mine<sup>1</sup>. Emerald has quickened the pace of exploration in this area now that the mine is operating.

The present RC drilling programme follows on from a series of geological mapping, soil geochemistry, aeromagnetics and both gradient array and dipole-dipole IP surveys, leading to reconnaissance drilling. The project is based upon a series of mineralised dioritic intrusions of porphyry copper / gold affinity, where some copper and iron sulphides associated with gold have been intersected in the reconnaissance drilling. Significant drill intersections are tabled below.

- 6m @ 8.28g/t from 12m (SNRC009);
- 3m @ 6.43g/t from 6m (SNRC002);
- 5m @ 6.23g/t from 14m (RC20SNU027);
- 8m @ 1.37g/t from 34m (RC20SNU028); and
- 3m @ 2.67g/t from 24m (RC20SNU033)

The location of these drill holes is shown on figure 13.

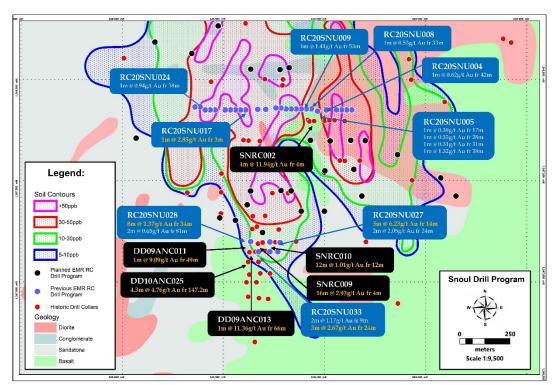


Figure 13 Planned RC drill programme on the Anchor prospect within the Snoul licence

These drill results encouraged Emerald to infill gold soil geochemistry, as well as to follow up the gradient array IP with more definitive dipole-dipole IP, upon which the new drilling programme now commenced is based. Above is a plan (figure 13) which shows the Anchor Prospect, illustrating the geology, gold soil geochemistry, the location of previous drilling and assay summaries for this previous drilling, as well as the planned locations of new drill holes for the current drilling programme.

<sup>1</sup> Emerald Resources NL Quarterly Report, December quarter 2022, dated January, 2023.

### **CORPORATE**

During the half year the Company completed a placement in two tranches and raised \$9.375m through the issue of 15,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.625.

The Company also issued 1,140,310 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.20 per share upon exercise of options.

### **Financial review**

At the end of the reporting period the consolidated entity had \$6,711,152 (30 June 2022: \$2,450,528) in cash and at call deposits. Capitalised mineral exploration and evaluation expenditure carried forward was \$21,670,779 (30 June 2022: \$16,800,234).

The consolidated entity had net assets of \$28,330,659 (30 June 2022: \$19,275,820).



### **Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration**

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 15 and forms part of the directors' report for the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Norman A Seckold Chairman Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

#### Previous Disclosure - 2012 JORC Code

Information relating to Mineral Resources, Exploration Targets and Exploration Data associated with the Company's projects in this report is extracted from the following ASX Announcements:

- ASX announcement titled "Gold Resources Increased 155% to 643Koz" dated 28 September 2021
- ASX announcement titled "Rise & Shine Mineralisation extends North, Metallurgy Updates" dated 11 May 2022
- ASX announcement titled "Rise & Shine and Come-in-Time Extension Drilling Results" dated 25 May 2022
- ASX announcement titled "Rise and Shine (RAS) mineralisation expands North" dated 2nd June 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "A new 2 Million Ounce Global Inferred Gold Resource Platform" dated 11 July 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "Strong mineralisation intercepts continue at Bendigo-Ophir" dated 20 July 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "MDD054 "Jewellery Box" Drillhole Delivers Exceptional Result" dated 26 July 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "MDD054 Jewellery Box Re-Assays to 1,400g/t Gold" dated 22 August 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "New gold intercepts exceed previous grades & thicknesses" dated 6 September 2022.
- ASX announcement titled "Multiple Gold intercepts beyond all Resource Halos" dated 18 October 2022
- ASX announcement titled "RAS continues to deliver strong gold grades" dated 2 November 2022
- ASX announcement titled "RAS Glows with more high gold grades over wide intervals" dated 29 November 2022

A copy of such announcements is available to view on the Santana Minerals Limited website <a href="www.santanaminerals.com">www.santanaminerals.com</a>. The reports were issued in accordance with the 2012 Edition of the JORC 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 announcements. 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 announcements.



# Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

### To the Directors of Santana Minerals Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review of Santana Minerals Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2022 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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Simon Crane Partner

Brisbane 14 March 2023

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### **Consolidated Interim Statement of Profit or Loss** for the Half Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	Note	\$	\$
General and administrative expenses		(568,466)	(413,614)
Exploration and evaluation expenses		(59,722)	(67,702)
Results from operating activities		(628,188)	(481,316)
Financing income	6	28,369	226
Financing expenses	6	(4,168)	-
Net financing expense		24,201	226
Share of loss of equity-accounted investees, net of tax	8	(17,903)	(16,403)
Loss before income tax Income tax benefit		(621,890)	(497,493)
Loss for the period – attributable to Shareholders of the Company		(621,890)	(497,493)
Earnings per share		(0.42) conts	(0.41) conts
Basic loss per share		(0.43) cents	(0.41) cents
Diluted loss per share		(0.43) cents	(0.41) cents

The consolidated interim statement of profit or loss is to be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements.

# **Consolidated Interim Statement of Other Comprehensive Income** for the Half Year Ended 31 December 2022

	<b>31 December 2022</b>	31 December 2021
	\$	\$
Loss for the period	(621,890)	(497,493)
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Foreign exchange translation differences	636,167	56,112
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of		
income tax	636,167	56,112
Total comprehensive income for the period – attributable		
to Shareholders of the Company	14,277	(441,381)

The consolidated interim statement of other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements.



# **Consolidated Interim Statement of Financial Position** as at 31 December 2022

	Note	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
Current assets		\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents		6,711,152	2,450,528
Trade and other receivables	7	315,815	2,430,328
Prepayments	,	26,184	57,199
Total current assets		7,053,151	2,757,445
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Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		342,661	209,612
Equity-accounted investees	8	133,248	151,151
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	5, 9	21,670,779	16,800,234
Total non-current assets		22,146,688	17,160,997
Total assets		29,199,839	19,918,442
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		869,180	642,622
Total current liabilities		869,180	642,622
Total liabilities		869,180	642,622
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Net assets		28,330,659	19,275,820
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Equity			
Share capital	10	61,532,468	52,491,906
Reserves		268,984	(367,183)
Accumulated losses		(33,470,793)	(32,848,903)
Total equity		28,330,659	19,275,820
		20,330,033	13,273,020

The consolidated interim statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements.

# **Consolidated Interim Statement of Changes in Equity** for the Half Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Issued capital	Foreign currency translation reserve	Accumulated losses	Total equity
Opening balance as at 1 July 2022		52,491,906	(367,183)	(32,848,903)	19,275,820
Loss for the period		-	-	(621,890)	(621,890)
Foreign currency translation differences		-	636,167	-	636,167
Total comprehensive income for the period			636,167	(621,890)	14,277
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity					
Share-based payments (net of tax)					
Shares issued	10	9,603,062	-	-	9,603,062
Transaction costs	10	(562,500)	-	-	(562,500)
Total transactions with owners		9,040,562	-	-	9,040,562
Balance at 31 December 2022		61,532,468	268,984	(33,470,793)	28,330,659

			Foreign currency		
	Note	Issued capital	translation reserve	Accumulated losses	Total equity
Opening balance as at 1 July 2021		48,779,923	(220,044)	(31,808,898)	16,750,981
Loss for the period		-	-	(497,493)	(497,493)
Foreign currency translation differences		-	56,112	-	56,112
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	56,112	(497,493)	(441,381)
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity					
Share-based payments (net of tax)					
Shares issued	10	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
Transaction costs	10	(288,017)	-	-	(288,017)
Total transactions with owners		3,711,983	-	-	3,711,983
Balance at 31 December 2021		52,491,906	(163,932)	(32, 306,391)	20,021,583

The consolidated interim statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements.



## **Consolidated Interim Statement of Cash flows** for the Half Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(554,095)	(465,128)
Cash paid for exploration and evaluation		
expenditure expensed	(59,722)	(67,702)
Interest received	28,369	193
Net cash used in operating activities	(585,448)	(532,637)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for exploration and evaluation		
expenditure capitalised	(4,039,260)	(1,602,690)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(158,689)	(14,107)
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,197,949)	(1,616,797)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of shares	9,603,062	4,000,000
Share issue costs	(562,500)	(288,017)
Net cash provided by financing activities	9,040,562	3,711,983
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held	4,257,165	1,562,549
Effects of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	3,459	2,158
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	·	•
	2,450,528	3,930,780
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	6,711,152	5,495,487

The consolidated interim statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial statements.

### Condensed Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 December 2022

#### 1. REPORTING ENTITY

Santana Minerals Limited (the "Company") is a company domiciled in Australia. The consolidated interim financial report of the Company as at and for the six months ended 31 December 2022 comprises the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "consolidated entity").

The consolidated annual financial report of the consolidated entity as at and for the year ended 30 June 2022 is available upon request from the Company's registered office at Level 1, 371 Queen Street, Brisbane, Queensland Australia or on the Company's website at www.santanaminerals.com.

#### 2. **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The consolidated interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Act 2001, and with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The accounting policies applied by the consolidated entity in this consolidated interim financial report are the same as those applied by the consolidated entity in its consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The consolidated interim financial report does not include all of the information required for a full annual financial report, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated annual financial report of the consolidated entity as at and for the year ended 30 June 2022 and any public announcements made by Santana Minerals Limited during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

Selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position of the Group since the last consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The condensed consolidated interim financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 14 March 2023.

#### 3. **BASIS OF MEASUREMENT**

The consolidated interim financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. The consolidated interim financial report is prepared on the historical cost basis.

The preparation of the consolidated interim financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this consolidated interim financial report, the significant judgements made by management in applying the consolidated entity's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied to the consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2022.



### 4. GOING CONCERN

The consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles applicable to a "going concern" which assumes the consolidated entity will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations.

The consolidated entity has the ability to seek to raise funds from the public and intends to raise such funds as and when required to complete its projects.

The consolidated entity currently has no source of operating cash inflows, other than interest income, and has incurred net cash outflows from operating and investing activities for the period ended 31 December 2022 of \$4,783,397. At 31 December 2022, the consolidated entity had cash balances of \$6,711,152 (30 June 2022: \$2,450,528) and net working capital (current assets less current liabilities) of \$6,183,971 (30 June 2022: \$2,114,823).

The directors have prepared cash flow projections that support the ability of the consolidated entity to continue as a going concern. These cash flow projections include significant planned expenditure on the consolidated entity's projects and assume the consolidated entity obtains sufficient additional funding from shareholders or other parties. If such funding is not achieved, the consolidated entity plans to reduce expenditure significantly, which may result in an impairment loss on the book value of exploration and evaluation expenditure recorded at reporting date.

These conditions give rise to a material uncertainty that may cast doubt upon the consolidated entity's ability to continue as a going concern. The ongoing operation of the consolidated entity is dependent upon:

- The consolidated entity raising additional funding from shareholders or other parties; and/or
- The consolidated entity reducing expenditure in line with available funding.

In the event that the consolidated entity does not obtain additional funding and/or reduce expenditure in line with available funding, it may not be able to continue its operations as a going concern and therefore may not be able to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the ordinary course of operations and at the amounts stated in the consolidated interim financial report.

In the longer term, the development of economically recoverable mineral deposits found on the consolidated entity's existing or future exploration properties depends on the ability of the consolidated entity to obtain financing through equity financing, debt financing or other means. If the consolidated entity's exploration programs are ultimately successful, additional funds will be required to develop the consolidated entity's properties and to place them into commercial production. The ability of the consolidated entity to arrange such funding in the future will depend in part upon the prevailing capital market conditions as well as the business performance of the consolidated entity. There can be no assurance that the consolidated entity will be successful in its efforts to arrange additional financing, if needed, on terms satisfactory to the consolidated entity. If adequate financing is not available, the consolidated entity may be required to delay, reduce the scope of, or eliminate its current or future exploration activities or relinquish rights to certain of its interests. Failure to obtain additional financing on a timely basis could cause the consolidated entity to forfeit its interests in some or all of its properties and reduce or terminate its operations.

### 5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Each area of interest represents an operating segment, however for reporting purposes areas of interest are aggregated where they are located in the same region and relate to the exploration of similar commodities. The Consolidated Entity's current areas of interest relate to the exploration of precious metals in Mexico, Cambodia and New Zealand. In reviewing segment results the Executive Director and Board consider total expenditure on exploration and evaluation activities (expensed and capitalised) and results of such activities.

	31 December 2022 \$	31 December 2021 \$
<u>Cuitaboca Project - Mexico</u>		
Exploration and evaluation expenditure expensed in profit or loss	59,722	67,702
Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised	122,376	87,924
	182,098	155,626
Bendigo-Ophir Project - New Zealand		
Exploration and evaluation expenditure expensed in profit or loss	-	-
Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised	4,145,604	1,431,335
	4,145,604	1,431,335
Total exploration and evaluation expenditure	4,327,702	1,586,961
	31 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 \$
Exploration and evaluation assets	·	·
Cuitaboca Project - Mexico	4,688,776	4,358,342
Bendigo-Ophir Project – New Zealand	16,982,002	12,441,892
	21,670,778	16,800,234
Equity accounted investee		
Southern Gold (Asia) Pty Ltd – Cambodian Projects	133,248	151,151
	21,804,026	16,951,385

### 6. NET FINANCING INCOME/ (EXPENSE)

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$	\$
Interest income	28,369	193
Foreign exchange gain		33
Financing Income	28,369	226
Foreign exchange loss		<u> </u>
Financing expense	(4,168)	
Net financing expense	24,201	226



### 7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 \$
Current	•	*
Other receivables	6,892	6,946
GST Receivable	308,923	242,772
	315,815	249,718

### 8. EQUITY-ACCOUNTED INVESTEES

	31 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 \$
Interests in associate – Southern Gold (Asia) Pty Ltd	133,248	151,151

On 17 July 2019, the consolidated entity announced that it had signed an agreement with Mekong Minerals Limited ('Mekong') to purchase Mekong's 75% interest in the Sayabouly Project in Lao and two Cambodian gold projects in which Mekong held farmed out interests. The transaction with Mekong completed on 9 December 2019, with consideration for the transaction being the issue of 648,721,076 fully paid ordinary shares (to be distributed to Mekong Shareholders) and 45,862,352 options to Mekong option holders and reimbursement of \$210,000 to Mekong for exploration expenses.

Upon completion of the transaction, the consolidated entity acquired 100% of the ordinary share capital in two companies, Southern Gold (Asia) Pty Ltd and Dominion Metals Pty Ltd.

Southern Gold (Asia) Pty Ltd ("SGA", an associate) holds the interests in the Cambodian gold projects. SGA is a party to an unincorporated joint venture agreement with Southern Gold Limited (SGL) in respect of two Cambodian Exploration Licences (CELs). Pursuant to the agreement, SGL has a 15% unincorporated joint venture interest in the CELs, which is free carried until completion of a feasibility study.

SGA has also entered into a farm-out and incorporated joint venture agreement with Renaissance Cambodia Pty Ltd (Renaissance) (the "Farm-Out Agreement"). Under the Farm Out Agreement Renaissance will manage SGA and sole fund US\$0.5million of exploration expenditure on each of the CELs in order to earn a 30% shareholding in SGA. After earning the 30% shareholding, Renaissance can elect to sole fund a further US\$1.0million of exploration expenditure on each of the CELs over the following two years and increase its shareholding in SGA to 60%.

When Renaissance has earned a 60% shareholding in SGA, the consolidated entity may elect to either contribute to further exploration activities on the CELs and maintain its 40% shareholding in SGA, or alternatively elect not to contribute, in which case Renaissance may earn a further 25% shareholding in SGA by continuing to manage SGA and funding completion of a definitive feasibility study. During the definitive feasibility study period the consolidated entity interests would be free carried.

Renaissance has advised that it has met the initial expenditure requirements to earn the initial 30% interest in the Subsidiary. Under the Farm-out Agreement the consolidated entity has given control of the entity to Renaissance whilst retaining significant influence through representation on the board of Southern Gold (Asia) Pty Ltd.

	31 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 \$
Percentage ownership interest	70%	100%
Non-current assets	3,987,079	3,824,046
Current assets	234,967	230,426
Non-current liabilities	-	-
Current liabilities	(4,169)	(1,333)
Net assets (100%)	4,217,817	4,053,139
Consolidated entity's share of net assets	70%	100%
Carrying amount of interest in associate	133,248	151,151
	6 months to 31	12 months to 30
Revenue	December 2022	June 2021
	(25.576)	- (40.040)
Loss from continuing operations (100%)	(25,576)	(48,849)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) (100%)	(25,576)	(48,849)
Consolidated entity's share of total comprehensive income/(loss)	(17,903)	(48,849)
income/(1033)	(17,503)	(40,043)

In accordance with the Farm-Out Agreement, Renaissance has advised that it has met the initial expenditure requirements to earn the initial 30% interest in SGA through sole funding of exploration which is being recognised in equity of SGA. Santana Minerals Limited does not currently recognise any share of this increase in equity of SGA.

### 9. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE

	6 months 31 December 2022 \$	12 months 30 June 2022 \$
Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure	•	•
Exploration and evaluation phase – at cost		
Cuitaboca Project - Mexico	4,688,776	4,358,342
Bendigo-Ophir - New Zealand	16,982,002	12,441,892
	21,670,778	16,800,234
<u>Reconciliations</u>		
Cuitaboca Project - Mexico		
Opening balance at beginning of period	4,358,342	3,907,438
Expenditure for the period	122,376	195,453
Indirect taxes recovered on previously capitalised amounts	-	(42,788)
Effect of foreign exchange movement	208,058	298,239
Closing balance at end of period	4,688,776	4,358,342
Bendigo-Ophir - New Zealand		
Opening balance at beginning of period	12,441,892	8,931,193
Expenditure for the period	4,145,604	3,757,390
Fair value on acquisition	-	-
Effect of foreign exchange movement	394,506	(246,691)
Closing balance at end of period	16,982,002	12,441,892



#### Cuitaboca Project, Mexico

On 29 July 2014 the consolidated entity announced that it had entered into agreements allowing it to earn 80% of the Cuitaboca Project located in the State of Sinaloa, Mexico. Under the terms of the agreements, the consolidated entity made an initial payment of A\$100,000 and committed to meeting 100% of expenditure, thereby providing the consolidated entity with management of the Cuitaboca Project through an initial 100% ownership of Minera Cuitaboca S.A. de C.V. (Project Company). The Project Company has the right to acquire the Cuitaboca Project mining concessions under an option agreement (Concession Option Agreement) with Consorcio Minero Latinoamericano S.A. de C.V (Concession Holder) with such right expiring in December 2026. The Concession Option Agreement provides that the Project Company can acquire a 100% interest in the mining concessions from the Concession Holder by paying option fees totalling US\$3,500,000, with those option fees payable on a six monthly basis. A balance of US\$2,765,168 in option fees remains payable by the Project Company to the Concession Holder as at 31 December 2022. The Consolidated Entity is required to meet all expenditure during the term of the Concession Option Agreement (including option fees which the Project Company has agreed to pay the Concession Holder, concession rentals plus exploration expenditure as the Consolidated Entity determines) with the Vendors free carried. Once the Concession Option Agreement is completed the expenditure and ownership of the Project Company will revert to 80% Consolidated Entity 20% Vendors. The Consolidated Entity retains the right to withdraw from the Cuitaboca Project at any time without making the recurring option payments.

#### Bendigo-Ophir Project, New Zealand

On 3 November 2020, the consolidated entity announced that it had completed a share purchase agreement for the acquisition of the Bendigo Ophir Project by acquiring 100% of the shares in Matakanui Gold Limited ('MGL'), which holds 100% of the Bendigo-Ophir Project.

The project is subject to a 1.5% NSR on all production. The NSR Agreement provides that a minimum of \$3m is to be spent on exploration on the project within 2 years following completion of the Acquisition, which occurred on 2 November 2020.

#### **10**. **SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company recorded the following amounts within shareholders' equity as a result of having issued ordinary shares and options over ordinary shares.

31 December 2022	Number of	Issue price	Share capital
	ordinary shares	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	132,637,288		52,491,906
Share issue July 2022 (cash)	9,800,000	0.625	6,125,000
Share issue September 2022 (cash)	5,200,000	0.625	3,250,000
Option exercise November 2022 (cash)	1,140,310	0.20	228,062
Share issue costs			(562,500)
Balance at 31 December 2022	148,777,598		61,532,468
31 December 2021	Number of	Issue price	Share capital
	ordinary shares	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	114,032,636		48,779,923
Share issue November 2021 (cash)	18,604,652	0.215	4,000,000
Share issue costs	<u> </u>		(288,017)
Balance at 31 December 2021	132,637,288		52,491,906

	Number of options 6 months 31 December 2022	Number of options 12 months 30 June 2022
Options issued as part of the Matakanui Transaction – Nov 2020	2,280,620	3,420,930
Total options over ordinary shares currently issued	2,280,620	3,420,930
Reconciliation	Number of options 31 December 2022	Number of options 30 June 2022
Total options over ordinary shares – 1 July	3,420,930	3,420,930
Options lapsed during the period	-	-
Options exercised during period	(1,140,310)	
Total options over ordinary shares	2,280,620	3,420,930



### 11. RELATED PARTIES

There were no material changes in arrangements with related parties from those arrangements set out in the 30 June 2022 annual financial report.

### 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the Company advises that it has issued 500,000 options with an exercise price of \$0.885 per share, vesting 23 January 2025 and expiring 23 January 2026.

Other than as outlined, since the end of the financial year and to the date of this report no matter or circumstance has arisen which has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Consolidated Entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Consolidated Entity in subsequent financial years.

### **Directors' Declaration**

- 1. In the opinion of the directors of Santana Minerals Limited ("the Company")
  - the consolidated interim financial statements and notes that are set out on pages 16 to 28 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
    - giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the six month period ended on that date; and
    - complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- 2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

Norman A Seckold

Chairman

Dated this 14th day of March 2023





# Independent Auditor's Review Report

### To the shareholders of Santana Minerals Limited

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying Half-year Financial Report of Santana Minerals Limited.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Half-year Financial Report of Santana Minerals Limited does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the Half-year ended on that date; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

The Half-year Financial Report comprises

- Consolidated interim statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022
- Consolidated interim statement of profit or loss, Consolidated interim statement of other comprehensive income, Consolidated interim statement of changes in equity and Consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the Half-year ended on that date
- Notes 1 to 12 comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- The Directors' Declaration.

The *Consolidated Entity* comprises Santana Minerals Limited (the Company) and the entities it controlled at the Half-year's end or from time to time during the Half-year.

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity.* Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-year Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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### Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 4, "Going Concern" in the Half-year Financial Report. The events or conditions disclosed in Note 4 indicate a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Consolidated Entity's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, whether it will realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business, and at the amounts stated in the Half-year Financial Report. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Half-year Financial Report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for:

- the preparation of the Half-year Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001
- such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Half-year Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-year Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Half-year Financial Report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Half-year Financial Report does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the Half-Year ended on that date, and complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a Half-year Financial Report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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Simon Crane

Brisbane 14 March 2023

Partner

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