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# CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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Valerie Hodgins *Non-Executive Director*  
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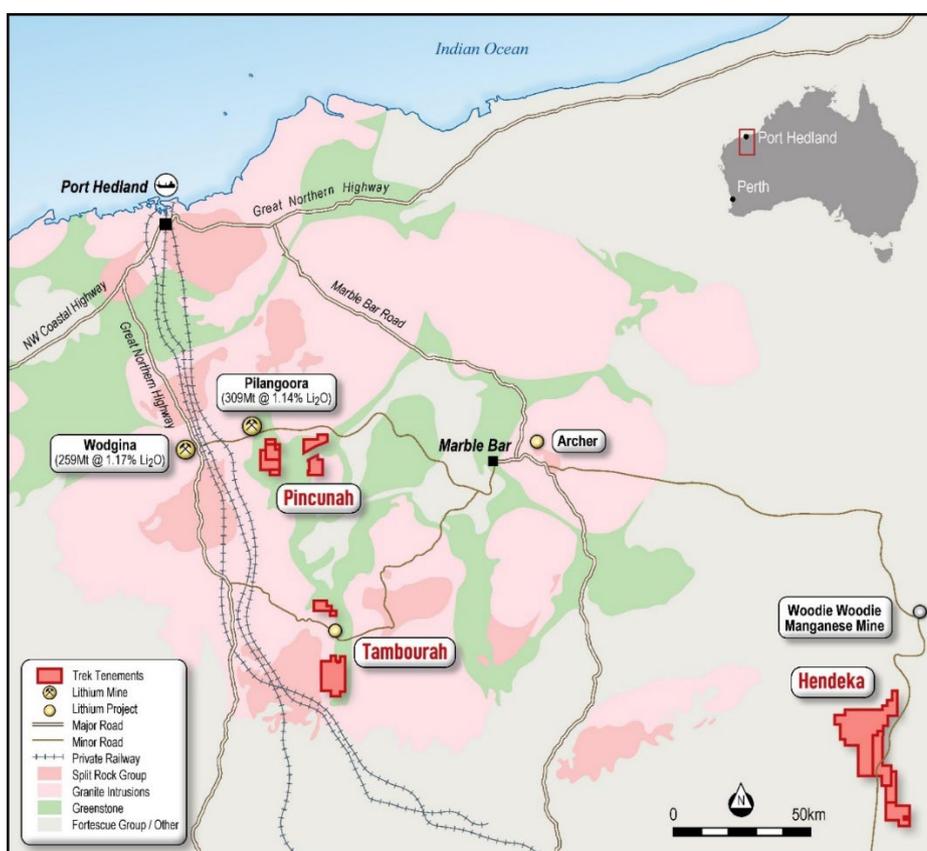
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# REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The year to 31 March 2023 has been a highly productive period for Trek Metals Limited (“Trek” or “the Company”), with strong progress achieved towards the Company’s objective of becoming a key participant within the battery supply chain based on its portfolio of high-potential exploration and development assets in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

During the reporting period, Trek delivered positive results from the Tambourah Lithium Project that support the potential for a major greenfields discovery, as well as completing the acquisition of the advanced Hendeka Manganese Project (previously named ‘South Woodie Woodie’), where a major metallurgical testwork program is underway to assess the potential to produce battery-grade high purity manganese sulphate monohydrate (HPMSM).



**Figure 1:** Location of Trek Metals’ Tambourah, Hendeka and Pincunah Projects in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

## TAMBOURAH PROJECT

The Tambourah Lithium Project is located 70km south-east of Pilbara Minerals’ (ASX: PLS) world-class Pilgangoora lithium mine site in the Pilbara region of Western Australia (Figure 1). Trek’s extensive landholding at Tambourah comprises two Exploration Licences (E45/5484 & E45/5839) which are 100%-owned by ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Trek Metals Ltd.

The Project encompasses large areas of the Western Shaw Greenstone Belt, predominantly within the hinge and eastern limb of an anticline folded around the Tambourah Dome. The greenstone rocks comprise Archean-aged metavolcanic, metasedimentary, and various granitoids with associated pegmatitic phases. Historic exploration data highlighted the potential for lithium-bearing pegmatite mineralisation on both of Trek's tenements (Refer ASX: TKM 26th May 2022 for additional information).

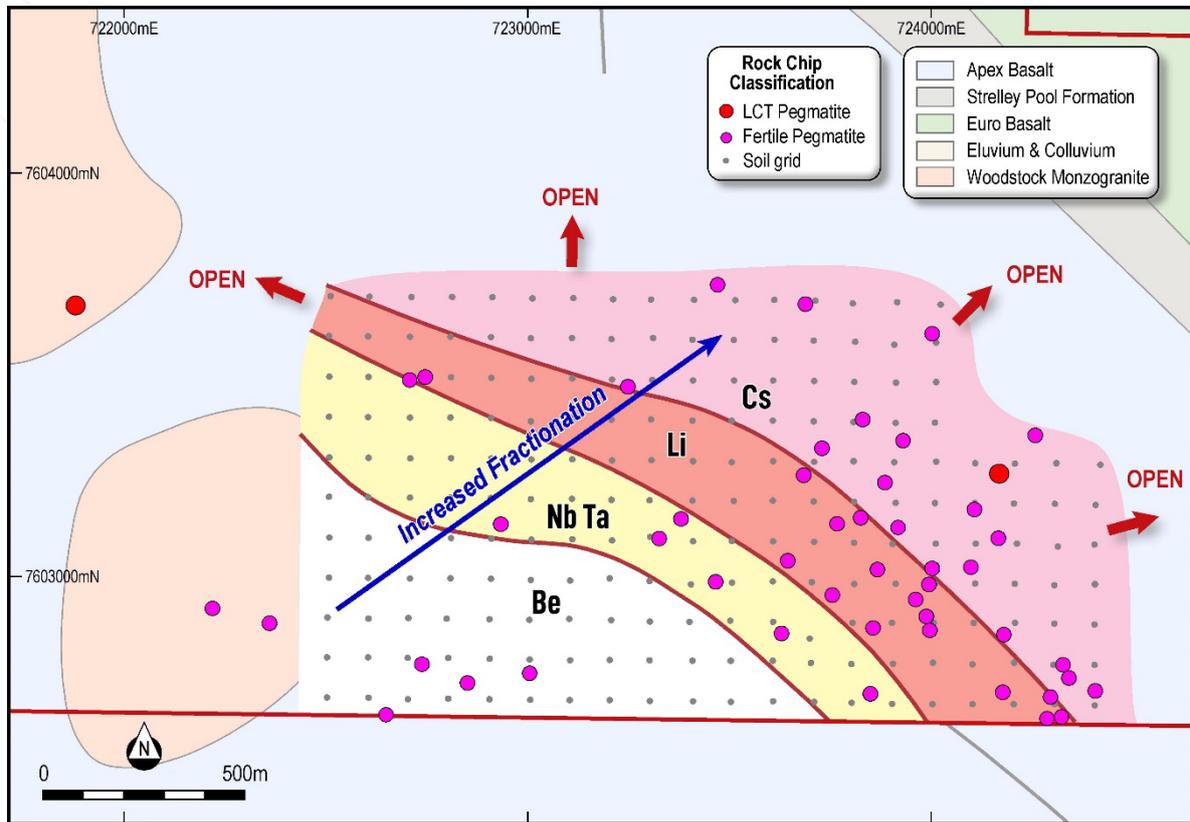
Rock chip sampling undertaken by Trek Metals during the reporting period confirmed the presence of high-grade lithium within an extensive, undrilled pegmatite system. Highlights included:

- 3.07% Li<sub>2</sub>O in TKL0045
- 2.69% Li<sub>2</sub>O in TKL0042
- 2.36% Li<sub>2</sub>O in TKL0095
- 2.28% Li<sub>2</sub>O in TKL0044
- 2.11% Li<sub>2</sub>O in TKL0083

Following completion of the rock chip sampling program, Trek commissioned an independent evaluation of available stream sediment, rock chip and soil data from the Tambourah Project which returned highly encouraging results and confirmed the significant prospectivity of the project to host a greenfields lithium discovery.

The evaluation was undertaken by highly regarded geochemist Dr Nigel Brand, with his report based on an evaluation and classification of stream sediment, rock chip and soil data according to their fertility and Lithium (Li) Caesium (Cs) Tantalum (Ta) (LCT) prospectivity.

Encouragingly, the review has upgraded the prospectivity of the Central Prospect Area due to the apparent fractionation trends defining classic LCT pegmatite zonation within soil data (Figure 2). These soil samples were selected for geochemical analysis due to the abundance of mapped pegmatites, the anomalous lithium values in stream sediment samples, and the fertility ratios e.g., K/Rb in rock chips in this Central Prospect Area (Refer ASX: TKM 7th November 2022).



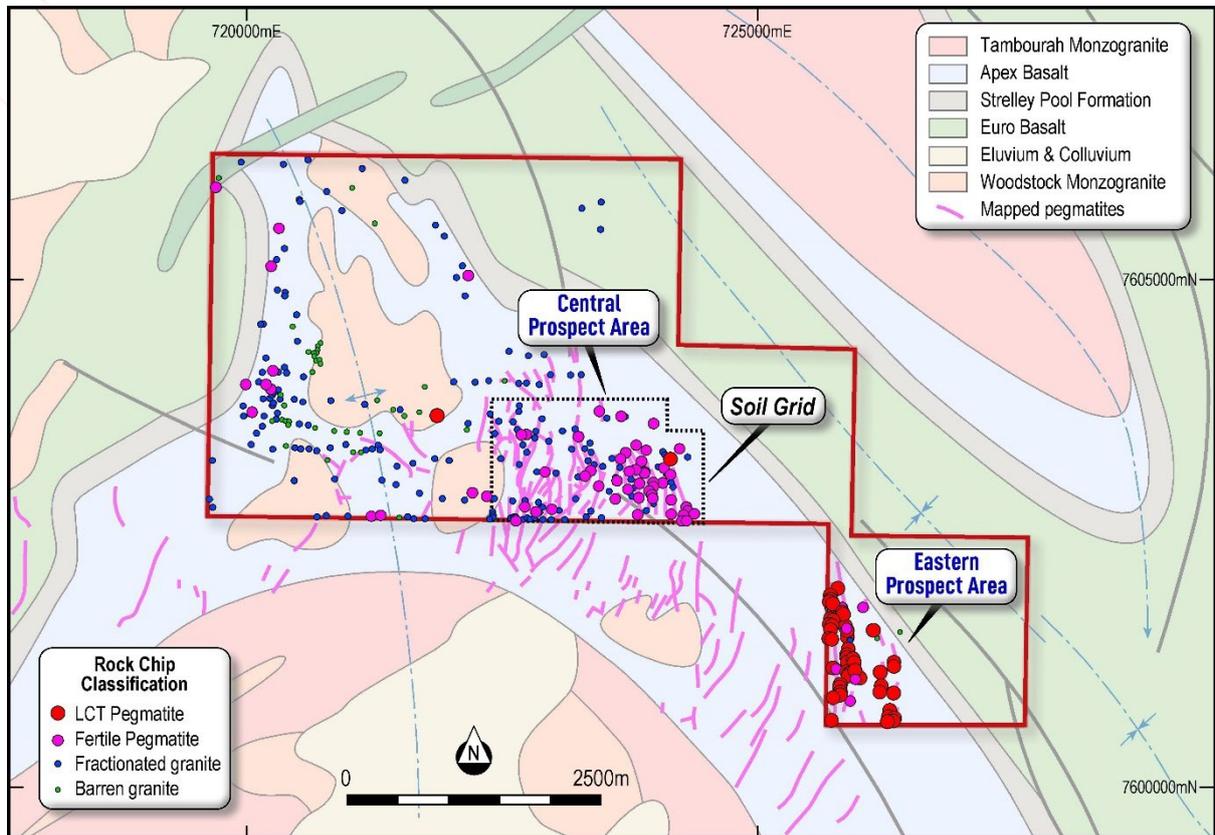
**Figure 2:** The Central Prospect area at Tambourah exhibits a strong fractionation trend in soil samples (interpreted zones coloured and labelled by dominant element – Be, Nb & Ta, Li and Cs) with rock chip data confirming that the more highly fractionated area is dominated by Fertile Pegmatites, which represent a part of the mineralised LCT system proximal to the lithium-dominant zone. The most fractionated zones represent a priority drill target area.

The review included classification of all rock chips from the Project which show the Central Prospect Area as being dominated by Fertile Pegmatites, a highly fractionated pegmatite that is likely proximal to the lithium-bearing zone of an LCT pegmatite (Figure 3). There was one pegmatite rock chip classified as a weathered LCT pegmatite within this zone, adding confidence that the pegmatite swarm in this area is a high-ranking lithium target and should be drill tested.

As anticipated, the majority of rock chips taken in the Eastern Prospect, where spodumene-bearing high-grade lithium (up to 3.07%  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ ) was discovered late in 2022 (refer ASX: TKM 7th November 2022), have been classified as LCT pegmatite and therefore this area remains a high-priority drill target area for the upcoming maiden drill program.

Dr Brand's report also highlighted the prospectivity of Trek's southern tenement (E45/5484), which hosts several large areas with anomalous stream sediment geochemistry indicating their lithium prospectivity (Figure 4).

These anomalous areas are located with the greenstone belt adjacent to Monzogranites and are mapped as having pegmatite in outcrop, however there has been minimal rock chip sampling and no soil sampling to date. One of the anomalous areas occurs over 6.5km of strike. These large, early-stage target areas will be a focus of exploration during the 2023 field season.

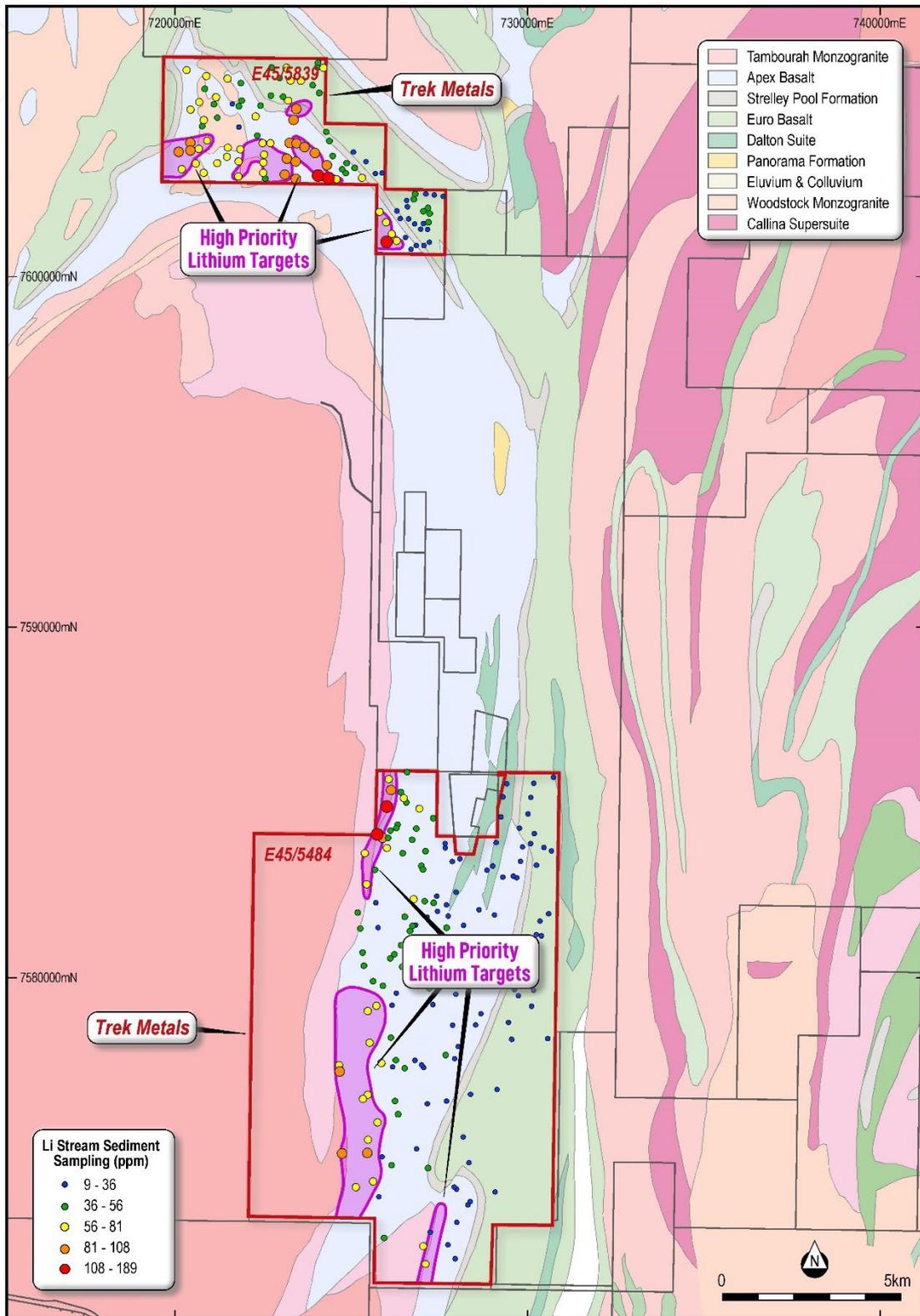


**Figure 3:** Rock chip classification shows that the majority of rocks within the Eastern Prospect area are LCT pegmatites (including the spodumene-bearing pegmatites discovered late 2022) and, encouragingly, the Central Prospect area is dominated by Fertile Pegmatites, interpreted to be proximal to lithium-bearing LCT pegmatites.

Due to the success of the soil and rock chip sampling in defining drill targets, these exploration methods will be expanded across the Project area to assist with future drill targeting.

Additional soil samples collected during the 2022 field season on the northern licence (E45/5839) have been submitted for analysis and additional rock and soil sampling is planned for both the northern and southern licences (Figure 4) during the upcoming field season.

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, Trek secured all the required approvals to commence its maiden drilling program at the Tambourah Project. A heritage survey was completed recently over key pegmatite targets, with approval also received from DMIRS, paving the way for drilling to commence to test the Central and Eastern Prospects.



**Figure 4:** High-priority lithium target areas defined by stream sediment analysis include known spodumene-bearing pegmatites in the north (on E45/5839 – the 2022 focus of exploration) but importantly also include several large anomalous areas in the south (on E45/5484 – which will be a focus of early-stage exploration during the 2023 field season).

## HENDEKA MANGANESE PROJECT (PILBARA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

Trek secured an exceptional near-term development opportunity in the battery materials sector during the reporting period through the acquisition of the advanced Hendeka Manganese Project (previously named the “South Woodie Woodie Project”), located in the Pilbara region of Western Australia (see Figure 1). Hendeka has a JORC (2012) Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) of 11.3Mt grading 15.0% Mn for the Contact and Contact North deposits (refer ASX Release 6 June 2022 – Table 1, Appendix 1, 2 & 4 for additional information), with immediate drill targets for both Resource extensions and new discoveries.

Following completion of the acquisition, Trek’s initial focus has been on metallurgical test work to determine the characteristics of the ore and the potential to produce both concentrate for the steel market and battery-grade manganese products, including high-purity manganese sulphate monohydrate ( $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) which is seeing growing demand for use in lithium-ion battery cathode manufacturing.

During the March 2023 Quarter, a selection of PQ3 diamond drill core from the Contact/Contact North Deposit at Hendeka was selected and submitted to Nagrom Laboratories under the guidance of BHM Process Consultants. Sample composites are currently being formed for mineralogical analysis and subsequent diagnostic and bulk beneficiation testwork.

The key aims of the current metallurgical testwork are:

- 1) Identify whether 31.5 mm is the optimal liberation point for processing or if coarser particle size processing can be entertained.
- 2) Define the concentrate mineralogy and liberation profile with respect to manganese (Mn) bearing species.
- 3) Assess the manganese recovery and product purity/grade achieved.
- 4) Produce a conceptual metallurgical flowsheet.

The initial metallurgical testwork will encompass stage crushing and comminution, assay and analysis, scrubbing, and Heavy Liquid Separation (HLS)/Ericsson Cone Testwork. Following completion of the diagnostic testwork, a crush size will be selected for a bulk testwork program. It is anticipated that the initial program will be completed, and the bulk program initiated during the June 2023 Quarter.

Trek plans to use the concentrate produced from this testwork to undertake a hydrometallurgical testwork program to investigate the potential to produce battery-grade, high-purity manganese sulphate monohydrate (HPMSM) for the lithium-ion battery sector.

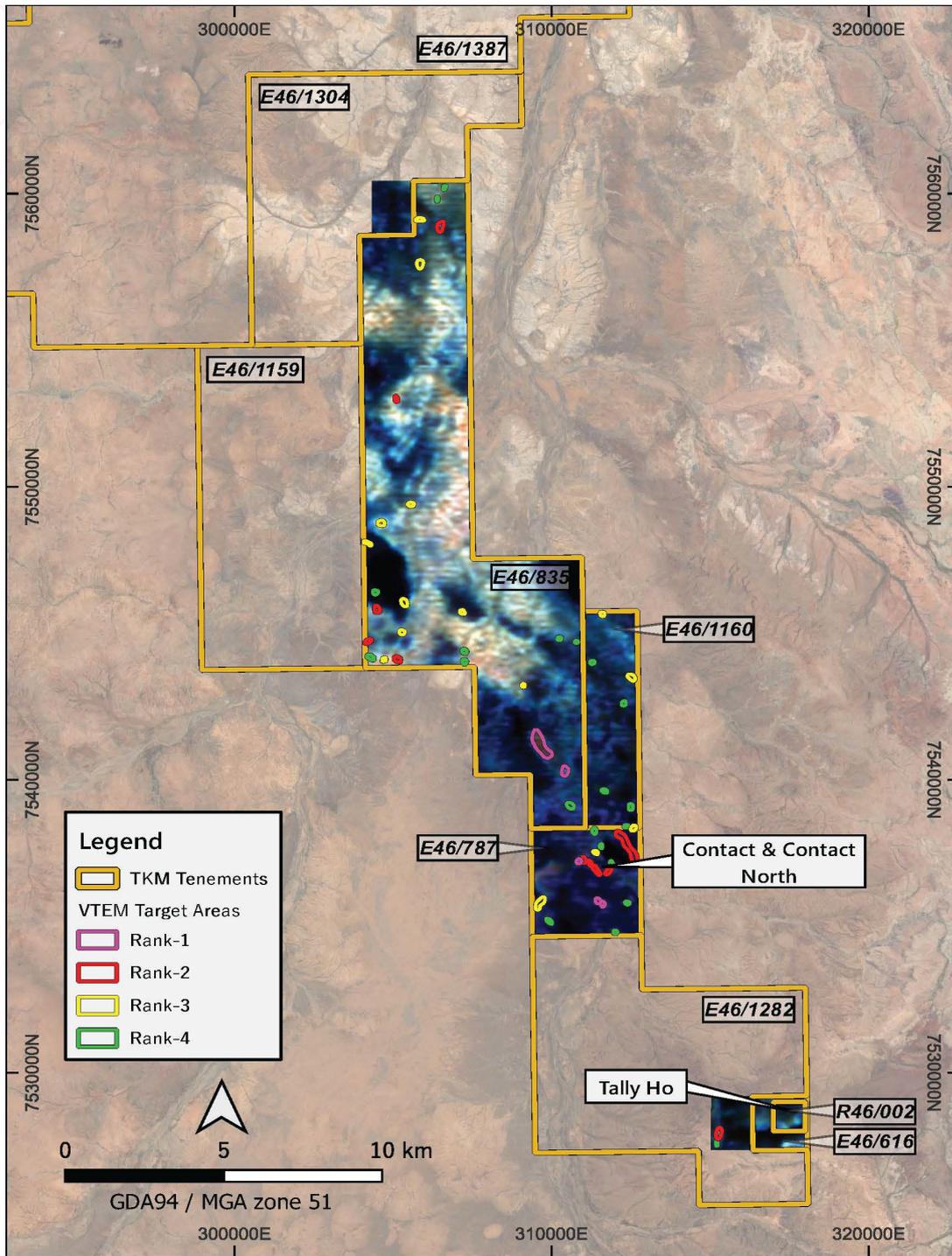
A helicopter electromagnetic (EM) survey was flown over the eastern and southeastern parts of the Hendeka Project area with the survey finishing in early 2023. The Versatile Time-Domain (VTEM) Max survey system was contracted through Perth based UTS Geophysics Pty Ltd to fly two areas using 100m spaced E-W survey lines covering a large manganese-mineralised corridor that hosts Trek's Contact and Contact North hydrothermal Mn deposits in Archaean dolomite-chert beds, similar to the Woodie Woodie style hydrothermal Mn deposits located to the north, and a small survey area over the Tally Ho sedimentary style manganese deposit formed in Proterozoic Manganese Group shale and siltstone beds (Figure 5).

The VTEM survey crew were based at the Woodie Woodie Mn mine and UTS provided daily updates to Trek's consultant geophysicists for survey data QC and selecting areas for infill flying. Final VTEM data delivered by UTS was processed by Resource Potentials Pty Ltd and show that the survey area is dominated by conductor anomalies caused by clays in sedimentary cover deposits associated with the modern Oakover River drainage channel and thin Cainozoic River sediment deposits left behind on mesas from the ancient Oakover River system.

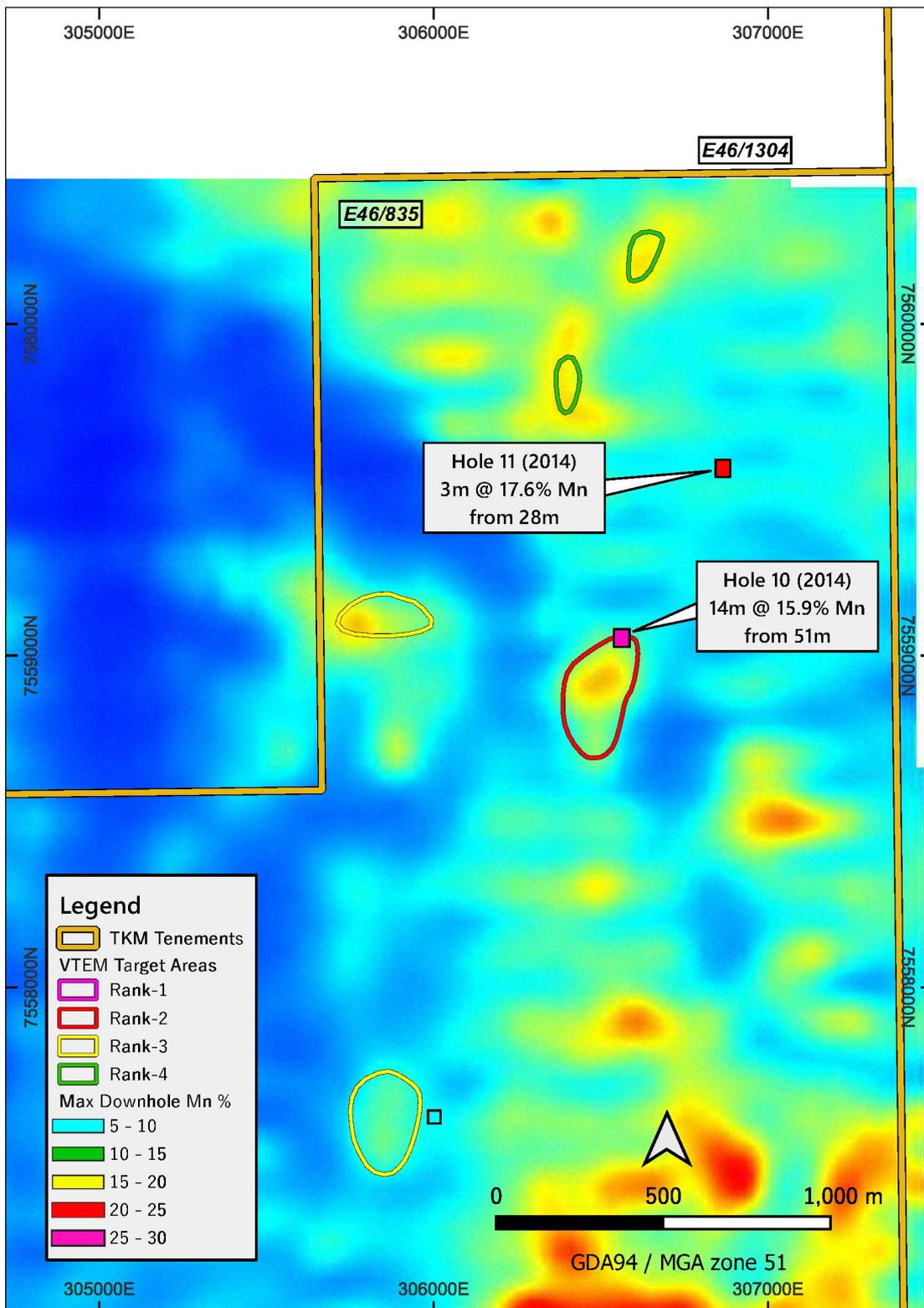
Areas with outcropping and shallow soil covered Archaean Pinjin Chert Breccia and Carawine Dolomite formations are prospective for hosting hydrothermal manganese mineralisation.

Trek has identified a number of weak to moderately electrically conductive VTEM EM anomalies in these areas as shown by coloured outlines in Figures 5 and 6, and some of these VTEM target areas overlap with or are close to anomalous manganese mineralisation intersected in historical drill-holes while some target areas coincide with Induced Polarisation anomalies related to manganese mineralisation, forming excellent target areas for field checking and drilling.

A current standout target is shown on Figure 6, where historical exploration drilling intersected 14m @ 15.9% Mn from 51m (refer ASX: SPI 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014). This target is also at the interpreted contact between the Pinjin Chert Breccia and the Carawine Dolomite and is sitting on the edge of a recently defined mid-time EM anomaly.



**Figure 5:** Map of Trek's Hendeka Manganese Project area showing example VTEM EM anomaly image of Z receiver dB/dt component time decay channel window data as a red-green-blue image of channels 28-18-08, with the location of Mn deposits, Trek's mineral licence outlines and VTEM target areas coloured by priority rank where 1 is highest priority.

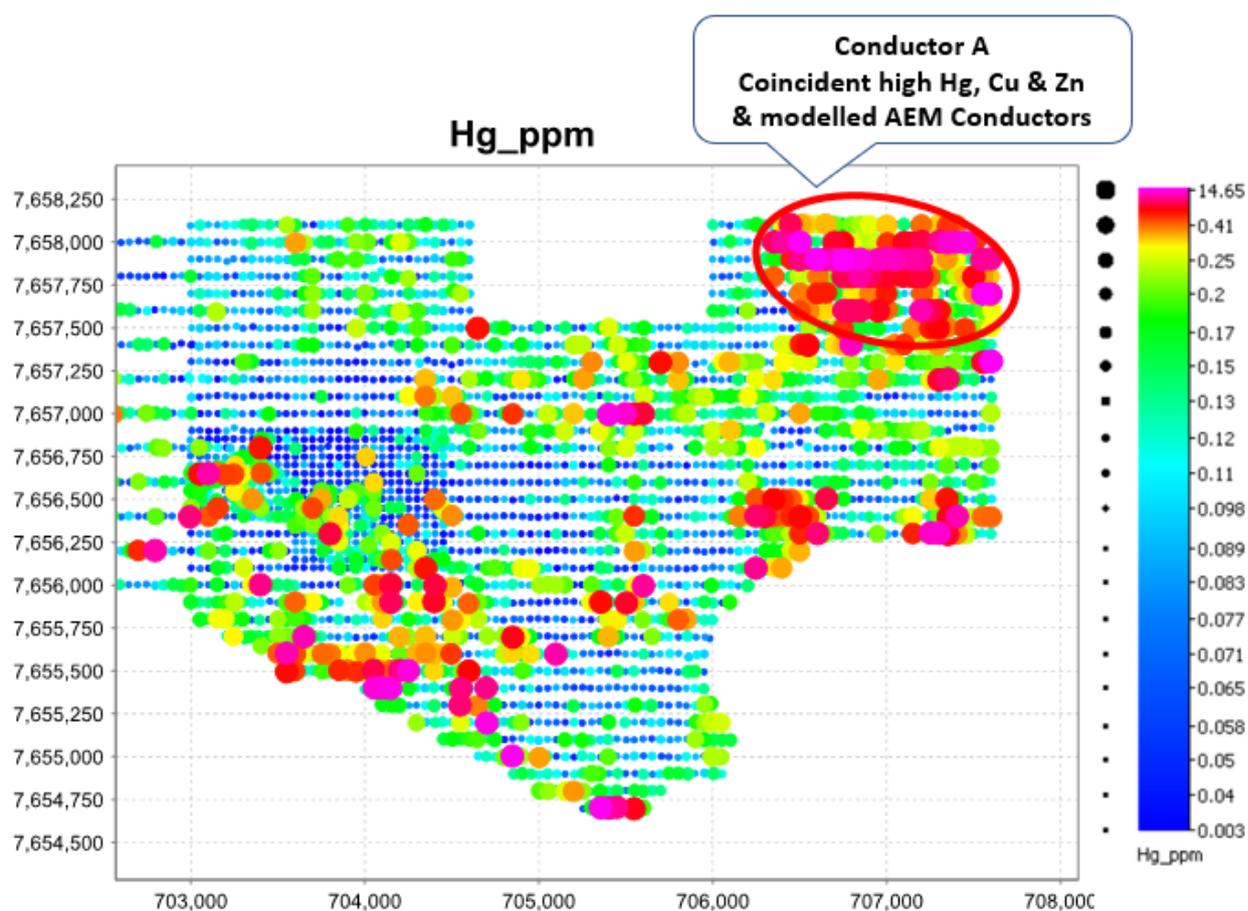


**Figure 6:** Map of the northern part of Trek's Hendeka manganese Project area showing example VTEM EM anomaly image of Z receiver dB/dt component time decay channel window 15 data as a pseudo colour image, with the location of historical Mn drilling labelled by Mn grade intervals and maximum 1m grade in the hole as coloured points at the drill collar, Trek's mineral licence outlines and VTEM target areas coloured by priority rank where 1 is highest priority.

## PINCUNAH PROJECT

A review of exploration data from the Valley of the Gossans (VOG) prospect and the greater Pincunah Project during the reporting period resulted in a new mineralisation model for the area. The review, conducted by independent consultant CSA Global, suggests that the observed mineralisation at VOG is likely to be of epithermal origin, with the system potentially capable of hosting significant precious metals.

The identification of epithermal mineralisation potential at VOG as part of a likely precious metals system has upgraded the previously identified Conductor 'A', which has yet to be tested by drilling.



**Figure 7:** High mercury (Hg) values at Conductor A potentially indicate a higher crustal level of epithermal mineralisation which typically contain more precious metals such as gold and silver

A robust multi-element As, Se, Sb, Bi, Ag, Cd, Pb, In, Cu, Mo, Au, S & Te metal association has been defined in soils at Valley of Gossans Prospect. This metal association also defines subsidiary targets including those located immediately north-east of Valley of the Gossans extending to Conductor 'A'.

All mafic and sedimentary units are strongly altered. Alteration is more difficult to define in ultramafic samples where the least altered composition is quite close to chlorite. Sericite alteration is most closely associated with mineralisation. A zonation from possible chloritic (propylitic) inwards to sericite (phyllic) alteration was recognised and the widespread presence of chlorite was confirmed via ASD hyperspectral analysis of two drill-holes (VRC006 & 023).

If Valley of Gossans is indeed a high-sulphidation epithermal system, the mineralogy and zonation with a predominance of propylitic alteration (chlorite-sericite-carbonate) with possible minor dickite suggests that current exposure is deep in the system, below potential economic gold mineralisation.

Potential for deeper porphyry copper mineralisation may still exist. Although the currently observed absolute gold grades are low (<0.4g/t Au), it is important that gold is correlated with the best mineralisation in the system so far. If there is porphyry copper mineralisation at depth, it is reasonable to expect that it is gold-bearing.

The low temperature metal suite that overlies epithermal deposits is Hg-Tl-(As-Sb). While there is very high As and Sb anomalism at VOG, the Hg and Tl are not so pronounced over the main As-Sb anomaly. Furthermore, "high temperature metals" like Bi and Cu don't fit with low temperature upper levels of an epithermal story.

However, at Conductor 'A' there is a very pronounced Hg and Tl anomalism in association with a comparable multi-element geochemical signature to that at the main VOG anomaly. It would be reasonable to interpret that Conductor 'A' could represent a higher-level portion of the epithermal system, which should be more prospective for economic accumulations of precious metals. In addition to the exploration data review, Trek Metals expanded its tenement holding in the Pincunah district during the reporting period with the complementary strategic acquisition of tenement E45/4640, which covers the ground directly adjacent to Conductor 'A', from lithium producer Pilbara Minerals (ASX: PLS).

## CORPORATE

### BOARD CHANGES

Trek Metals appointed experienced commercial and corporate lawyer Valerie Hodgins to its board as a Non-Executive Director, effective from 1 July 2022. Ms Hodgins is a highly experienced commercial lawyer with a strong governance and commercial background. Before undertaking legal studies, she worked in the private sector as a human resources professional and in industrial relations before qualifying as a commercial lawyer.

In addition, Mr John Young transitioned from Executive Director to Non-Executive Director effective from the 31st October 2022.

### ACQUISITION OF THE HENDEKA MANGANESE PROJECT

Trek Metals secured an exceptional near-term development opportunity in the battery materials sector through the acquisition of the advanced Hendeka Manganese Project (previously named "South Woodie Woodie").

The acquisition was completed on 8 November 2022 via a binding scheme implementation agreement ("Scheme Implementation Agreement") under which Trek Metals acquired all of the shares in the capital of unlisted public company Edge Minerals Limited ("Edge") by way of a scheme of arrangement under Part 5.1 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) ("Scheme"). Edge held a majority interest in the Hendeka Project.

Under the terms of the Scheme, Trek acquired all of the issued shares in the capital of Edge at a fixed exchange ratio of 2.12 new Trek shares for each Edge share held by Edge shareholders as at the Scheme record date.

### ACQUISITION OF BASE METALS TENEMENT FROM PILBARA MINERALS

Trek Metals completed the acquisition of a 100% interest in precious and base metals exploration tenement E45/4640, located immediately adjacent to its Pincunah Project

from Pilgangoora Operations Pty Ltd (“POPL”), a subsidiary of Pilbara Minerals Limited (ASX: PLS), during the December 2022 Quarter.

In consideration for this acquisition, the Company issued 4,792,332 ordinary shares (\$300,000) based on the 20 trading days volume weighted average price for Trek’s shares three (3) days prior to the Settlement Date. The shares issued were subject to a six-month voluntary escrow period following the date of issue. POPL will retain all lithium and tantalum rights and receive a 2.5% Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) on all other minerals produced from the tenement.

#### HEADS OF AGREEMENT WITH STRIKE ENERGY

Trek Metals has signed a Heads of Agreement with Strike Energy Limited (ASX: STX). Strike is proposing to develop the Mid-West Geothermal Power Project and as part of this proposed development, Strike has applied for a Geothermal Exploration Permit pursuant to the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA). Subject to the grant of the Geothermal Exploration Permit (GEP) on conditions acceptable to Strike, Strike is proposing to drill the Future State-1 well (Well). If Strike (at its election) drills the Well, Strike has agreed to provide a formational water sample from the Well (Sample) to Trek so that Trek can analyse the Sample for lithium content.

The Agreement forms part of a regional exploration initiative under which Trek has been assessing exploration tenure in Western Australia where there may be an opportunity to explore for lithium-in-brines due to the presence of favourable target horizons that are being exploited for geothermal energy.

Trek has three granted and two pending mineral exploration licenses held by 100% owned subsidiary Anaheim Pty Ltd in the Midwest region which overlap Strike Energy’s Geothermal Power Project – which is based on the Kingia Sandstones target horizon. In the event that Trek identifies a sufficient quantity and quality of lithium within the brine sample, the two parties will then consider a potential further agreement that may govern the next stage of potential project, including such items as:

- a) Further drilling of wells and testing for lithium brines;
- b) Investigating the legislative regime for undertaking a joint lithium and geothermal power project;
- c) Conducting scoping and commercial feasibility studies; and
- d) Undertaking further investigation on the interaction between direct lithium extraction (DLE) technology and geothermal power projects.

#### SALE OF 20% INTEREST IN KROUSSOU ZINC-LEAD PROJECT

Trek Metals completed the sale of its remaining 20% interest in the Kroussou zinc-lead project, located in western Gabon in central Africa to Apollo Minerals Limited (Apollo Minerals, ASX: AON).

The consideration received by Trek was 3,000,000 fully-paid AON ordinary shares and 1,000,000 options exercisable into ordinary shares at 12c per share, expiring 30 June 2024.

#### PRINCESS PEGMATITE PROJECT

During the period, Trek secured an exclusive due diligence period and option agreement over the Princess Pegmatite Project in the Northern Territory (Refer ASX Release 22 December 2022). Trek conducted due diligence activities and based on its analysis decided not to proceed further with the Project.

## CENTURION PROJECT

During the year the Company withdrew from the Centurion Farm-in and Joint Venture Agreement with Buxton Resources Limited which comprised the granted Exploration Licence E80/5579 (Refer ASX Release : 28 March 2022).

## CAPITAL RAISING

Post year-end the Company, announced a strongly supported capital raising of up to A\$7.5 million (before costs) to accelerate exploration across its lithium and manganese projects. The Company received commitments for the Placement comprising 75 million shares at an issue price of \$0.06 per Share to existing and new professional, sophisticated and other institutional investors to raise a total of \$4.5 million (Tranche One) which settled on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

In addition, the Company has elected to accept oversubscriptions of an additional A\$3.0 million in Shares from directors of the Company and other investors introduced by the Board in a second tranche which will be subject to shareholder approval (Tranche Two). The Placement includes a 1:3 free attaching option exercisable at \$0.085 per option expiring 2 years from the date of issue (Attaching Option). The Attaching Options will be issued subject to shareholder approval at the Company's Annual General Meeting expected to be held in late July 2023 (AGM). The Company intends to list the Attaching Options, subject to satisfying ASX Listing Rule requirements.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Group incurred a loss for the year of \$3,990,953 (2022 Loss: \$2,185,622). Significant expenditure items during the period include:

- Exploration and evaluation expenditure of \$301,089 (2022: \$654,016);
- Acquisition costs impaired of \$1,627,005 (2022: Nil);
- Directors' salaries and Consulting Fees of \$291,711 (2022: \$179,768);
- Scheme expenses of \$126,878 (2022: Nil); and
- Share based payment of \$676,595 (2022: \$736,830).

The group began the year with \$6,366,832 in cash and ended the year with \$2,704,166 in cash. Subject to the disclosures elsewhere in this report, the Directors believe the Group is in a stable financial position to continue to explore its projects and to identify new opportunities within the resources sector.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our staff, consultants and stakeholders for their ongoing efforts on behalf of the Company and look forward to progressing our projects to create value for shareholders.



### **Derek Marshall**

Chief Executive Officer

22 June 2023

## COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The information in this report relating to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Derek Marshall, a Competent Person, and Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG). Mr Marshall has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and to the type of activity described 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." Mr Marshall has disclosed that he holds Performance Rights in the Company. Mr Marshall consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and content in which it appears.

### **Hendeka Mineral Resource**

The information in this Report contains references to Edge's 2012 JORC Mineral Resources at the Hendeka Project and is extracted from Trek's ASX Release and Public Report of 6 June 2022. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the relevant market announcement. In the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, the Company confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of Trek Metals Limited ("TKM", "Trek" or the "Company") and its controlled entities ("Group") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") is to progress the exploration of its mineral properties and to identify suitable acquisitions in the mineral resources sector.

## RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The loss for the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023 was \$3,990,953 (31 March 2022: \$2,185,622). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

## DIRECTORS

The following persons held office as directors during the financial year and to the date of this report. Directors were in office for the entire period and to the date of this report unless otherwise stated:

Name, qualifications and independence status	Experience, special responsibilities and other Directorships in listed entities
<b>Tony Leibowitz</b> <b>Non-Executive Chairman</b> <b>(Independent)</b> <b>Appointed</b> <b>4 September 2020</b>	<p>Experience:</p> <p>Mr Leibowitz has over 30 years of corporate finance, investment banking and broad commercial experience and has a proven track record of providing the necessary skills and guidance to assist companies grow and generate sustained shareholder value. Previous roles include Chandler Macleod Limited and Pilbara Minerals Limited, where as Chairman and an early investor in both companies, he was responsible for substantial increases in shareholder value and returns. Mr Leibowitz was also a global partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and chaired the board of Bardoc Gold prior to the takeover by St Barbara. Mr Leibowitz is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.</p> <p>Special responsibilities:</p> <p>None</p> <p>Directorships held in other listed entities during the three years prior to the current year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensurance Limited</li><li>• Bardoc Gold Limited (resigned 13 April 2022)</li><li>• Greenvale Mining Limited (resigned 31 December 2022)</li><li>• Astro Resources NL</li></ul>

<p><b>Neil Biddle</b></p> <p><b>Non-Executive Director</b></p> <p><b>(Not Independent)</b></p> <p><b>Appointed</b></p> <p><b>4 September 2020</b></p>	<p>Experience:</p> <p>Mr Biddle is a geologist and Corporate Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has over 30 years' professional and management experience in the exploration and mining industry. Mr Biddle was a founding Director of Pilbara Minerals Limited, serving as Executive Director from May 2013 to August 2016, serving as a Non-Executive Director from August 2016 to 26 July 2017. Throughout his career, Mr Biddle has served on the Board of several ASX listed companies, including Managing Director of TNG Ltd from 1998 - 2007, Border Gold NL from 1994 - 1998 and Consolidated Victorian Mines from 1991 - 1994. Mr Biddle served on the board of Bardoc Gold prior to the takeover by St Barbara.</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <p>None</p> <p>Directorships held in other listed entities during the three years prior to the current year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bardoc Gold Limited (resigned 13 April 2022)</li> <li>• Greenvale Mining Limited</li> <li>• TNG Limited (resigned 28 November 2022)</li> </ul>
<p><b>John Young</b></p> <p><b>Non-Executive Director</b></p> <p><b>(Not Independent)</b></p> <p><b>Appointed</b></p> <p><b>2 September 2019</b></p>	<p>Experience:</p> <p>Mr Young has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Geology) and is a member of AusIMM. He is a highly experienced geologist who has worked on exploration and production projects encompassing gold, uranium, tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum and lithium.</p> <p>Mr Young's corporate experience includes appointments as Chief Executive Officer of Marenica Energy Limited and CEO and Director of Thor Mining PLC. Mr Young was Pilbara Minerals Exploration Manager from June 2014 until August 2015, appointed Technical Director in September 2015 and transitioned to Non-Executive Director in July 2017 until his resignation in April 2018. Mr Young served on the board of Bardoc Gold, prior to the takeover by St Barbara.</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <p>None</p> <p>Directorships held in other listed entities during the three years prior to the current year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Technology Metals</li> <li>• Mosman Oil &amp; Gas Limited</li> <li>• Rarex Limited</li> <li>• Bardoc Gold Limited (resigned 13 April 2022)</li> <li>• Astro Resources NL</li> </ul>

<p><b>Valerie Hodgins</b></p> <p><b>Non-Executive Director (Independent)</b></p> <p><b>Appointed 1 July 2022</b></p>	<p>Experience:</p> <p>Ms Hodgins is a highly experienced commercial lawyer with a strong governance and commercial background. Before undertaking legal studies, she worked in the private sector as a human resource professional and in industrial relations before qualifying as a commercial lawyer.</p> <p>Ms Hodgins has worked as a sole practitioner, as well as in the State and local government sectors, and was previously In-house Counsel for CGA Mining Limited, a junior TSX and ASX listed company with mining interests in the Philippines and Africa, up until its acquisition by Canadian gold miner B2 Gold Corp in January 2013. As a GAICD and member of AICD WA, and a previous Board member of the Australian Association of Corporate Counsel and the WA Legal Practice Board, Ms Hodgins has a strong governance background and brings diversity and independence to the Board of Trek.</p> <p>Special responsibilities</p> <p>None</p> <p>Directorships held in other listed entities during the three years prior to the current year:</p>
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## COMPANY SECRETARY(S)

- Australia – Russell Hardwick – Local Agent and Joint Company Secretary
- Bermuda – c/o Apex Corporate Services Limited

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The directors of the Group support and adhere to the principles of corporate governance, recognising the need for the highest standard of corporate behaviour and accountability. The company has adopted a Corporate Governance plan taking into account the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations. Please refer to the Corporate Governance Statement on the Company's website:

<https://trekmetals.com.au/corporate/corporate-governance>.

## BOARD MEETINGS

The Directors held seven (7) “in-person” meetings during the year in addition to nine (9) board matters were dealt with by Circular resolution signed by all Directors.

The following table shows their attendance at physical Board meetings which were restricted due to the impacts of Covid 19 with the majority of matters dealt with by Circular Resolution:

Name	Eligible to attend	No. of meetings attended
Tony Leibowitz	7	7
Neil Biddle	7	7
John Young	7	7
Valerie Hodgins	4	4

## BOARD COMMITTEES

The Company does not have an Audit, Remuneration or Nomination Committee. Given its size and composition, the Board considers that at this stage, no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing separate board committees. To assist the Board to fulfil its function it has adopted charters for each of these committees. In accordance with the Company’s Board Charter, the Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by the Audit, Remuneration and Nomination Committees under the charters in place for each of these.

## KEY MANAGEMENT SHARES, RIGHTS AND OPTION HOLDINGS

### NUMBER OF SHARES HELD BY KEY MANAGEMENT

The number of ordinary shares in Trek Metals Limited held by each Key Management Personnel of the Group during the financial year is as follows:

31 March 2023	Balance 1 April 2022	Exercise of Options/ Rights received as compensation	Net Change Other	Balance 31 March 2023
Tony Leibowitz	13,966,953	-	1,986,536	15,953,489
Neil Biddle	10,313,726	-	1,095,408	11,409,134
John Young	6,551,738	-	1,141,536	7,693,274
Valerie Hodgins	-	-	-	-
Derek Marshall	93,476	-	-	93,476

31 March 2022	Balance 1 April 2021	Exercise of Options/ Rights received as compensation	Net Change Other	Balance 31 March 2022
Tony Leibowitz	11,195,215	-	2,771,738	13,966,953
Neil Biddle	10,052,857	-	260,869	10,313,726
John Young	6,030,000	-	521,738	6,551,738
Derek Marshall	-	-	93,476	93,476

## NUMBER OF PERFORMANCE RIGHTS HELD BY KEY MANAGEMENT

### PERFORMANCE RIGHTS HELD BY KE MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The number of performance rights held by each Key Management Personnel of the Group during the financial year is as follows:

31 March 2023	Balance 1 April 2022	Granted as Compensation	Vested during the year	Exercised during the year	Balance 31 March 2023	Vested and Exercisable
Tony Leibowitz	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000	-
Neil Biddle	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000	-
John Young	6,000,000	-	-	-	6,000,000	-
Valerie Hodgins	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derek Marshall	6,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	11,000,000	-

31 March 2022	Balance 1 April 2021	Granted as Compensation	Vested during the year	Exercised during the year	Balance 31 March 2022	Vested and Exercisable
Tony Leibowitz	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000	-
Neil Biddle	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000	-
John Young	6,000,000	-	-	-	6,000,000	-
Derek Marshall	-	6,000,000	-	-	6,000,000	-

### NUMBER OF OPTIONS HELD BY KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The number of options over ordinary shares held by each Key Management Personnel of the Group during the financial year is as follows:

31 March 2023	Balance 1 April 2022	Other changes during the year	Total Exercisable 31 March 2023	Balance 31 March 2023
Tony Leibowitz	1,500,000	(1,500,000)	-	-
Neil Biddle	500,000	(500,000)	-	-
John Young	1,875,000	-	1,875,000	1,875,000
Valerie Hodgins	-	-	-	-
Derek Marshall	-	-	-	-

31 March 2022	Balance 1 April 2021	Other changes during the year	Total Exercisable 31 March 2022	Balance 31 March 2022
Tony Leibowitz	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Neil Biddle	500,000	-	500,000	500,000
John Young	1,875,000	-	1,875,000	1,875,000
Derek Marshall	-	-	-	-

## DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT REMUNERATION

The Board of Directors is responsible for determining and reviewing compensation arrangements for the directors and senior management. The Board assesses the appropriateness of the nature and amount of remuneration of non-executive directors and executives on a periodic basis by reference to relevant employment market conditions. The Company recognises that it operates in a competitive environment and to operate effectively it must be able to attract, motivate and retain key personnel. The compensation structures are designed to attract suitably qualified candidates, reward the achievement of strategic objectives, and achieve the broader outcome of creation of value for shareholders. The compensation structures take into account:

- The capability and experience of the key management personnel;
- Size of the Group;
- The key management personnel's ability to control the performance; and
- The Group's exploration success and identification of new investments.

Salaries and fees paid to Directors and Senior Executives have been determined in relation to salaries paid to comparable companies, management responsibility and experience. The salaries and fees are reviewed regularly to ensure that Directors and Executives are appropriately rewarded for their efforts in enhancing shareholder value. Where required, the Board obtains independent advice as required on the appropriateness of compensation packages of the Company given trends of comparative companies and the objectives of the Company's compensation strategy. The Board policy is to remunerate Non-Executive Directors at market rates for time, commitment and responsibilities. Directors may also provide consultancy services to the Company and are remunerated at market rates.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, shareholders approved a new Incentive Performance Rights and Option Plan ("Plan") and participation by Directors in that plan. Key management personnel and staff are also entitled to participate in the plan. Any rights or options issued are valued using standard valuation techniques such as Black-Scholes methodology or Binomial.

The objective of the Plan is to reward Directors, senior management and staff in a manner that aligns remuneration with the creation of shareholder wealth. The amounts disclosed as part of remuneration for the financial year have been determined by allocating the grant date fair value based on the probability of the vesting conditions being achieved over the expected life of the rights or options. The remuneration policy has been tailored to increase goal congruence between Shareholders, Directors and Executives. As part of each of the key management personnel's remuneration package, there is a performance-based component consisting of the issue of Performance rights or options to encourage the alignment of management and Shareholders' interests.

The Board determines appropriate vesting conditions that includes specific milestones including such items as retention, key performance indicators and/or a premium over the prevailing share price to provide potential rewards over a period of time and to align interests with those of shareholders.

A summary of the operating losses and share prices at year end for the last four years are as follows:

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$3,539,630)	(\$274,164)	(\$2,185,622)	(\$3,990,953)
Share price at year end	\$0.014	\$0.063	\$0.074	\$0.065
Earnings per share	(2.51c)	(0.128c)	(0.778c)	(1.204c)

Remuneration earned and the value ascribed to share based payments which were expensed during the year ended 31 March 2023 in relation to Directors and Key Management Personnel is summarised as follows:

Fixed Remuneration				Variable Remuneration	Total Remuneration \$	Value of Rights / Options as a % Remuneration
2023	Directors/ Consulting Fees \$	Super \$	Total \$	Options/Rights Granted \$		
<b>Non-Executive</b>						
Tony Leibowitz	104,273	10,863	115,136	32,395	147,531	22.0%
Neil Biddle	64,897	6,746	71,643	32,395	104,038	31.1%
Valerie Hodgins <sup>(1)</sup>	51,198	5,376	56,574	-	56,574	-
John Young <sup>(2)</sup>	107,156	-	107,156	64,790	171,946	37.7%
<b>Executive</b>						
Derek Marshall	278,750	27,125	305,875	315,684	621,559	50.8%
	<b>606,274</b>	<b>50,110</b>	<b>656,384</b>	<b>445,264</b>	<b>1,101,648</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Ms Hodgins was appointed on 1 July 2022.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr Young transitioned to non-executive director on 31 October 2022.

Fixed Remuneration				Variable Remuneration	Total Remuneration \$	Value of Rights / Options as a % Remuneration
2022	Directors/ Consulting Fees \$	Super \$	Total \$	Options/Rights Granted \$		
<b>Non-Executive</b>						
Tony Leibowitz	90,493	6,764	97,257	96,856	194,113	49.9%
Neil Biddle	54,795	5,411	60,206	96,856	157,062	61.7%
<b>Executive</b>						
John Young	180,000	-	180,000	193,712	373,712	51.8%
Derek Marshall <sup>(1)</sup>	151,667	15,167	166,834	175,034	341,868	51.2%
	<b>476,955</b>	<b>27,342</b>	<b>504,297</b>	<b>562,458</b>	<b>1,066,755</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr Marshall was appointed on 1 September 2021.

## KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The remuneration structure for key Management and Directors is based on a number of factors including length of service, experience, responsibilities and the performance of the Company.

The Company has entered into an employment contract with Mr Derek Marshall as the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The contract commenced on 1 September 2021 on a continuing basis with no fixed term. The agreement specifies the duties and obligations of the Chief Executive Officer and contains normal commercial termination clauses including the provision of three months written notice during the first 12 months of employment and after the first 12 months of employment by giving not less than six months written notice.

## POST BALANCE DATE EVENTS

On 2 May 2023, the Company issued 2,000,000 Performance Rights in accordance with the Incentive Right & Option Plan approved by shareholders.

On 12 May 2023, the Company signed a binding term sheet with Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited ("RTX"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the global mining group Rio Tinto, for an option to farm-in over its Jimblebar Nickel-Copper Project in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

On 25 May 2023, the Company announced a strongly supported two-tranche capital raising of up to A\$7.5 million (before costs) to accelerate exploration across its lithium and manganese projects in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the company issued 75 million shares in the capital of the Company (Shares) at an issue price of \$0.06 per Share to raise a total of \$4.5 million (Tranche One).

In addition, the Company has elected to accept oversubscriptions of an additional A\$3.0 million in Shares from directors of the Company and other investors introduced by the Board in a second tranche which will be subject to shareholder approval (Tranche Two). The Placement includes a 1:3 free attaching option exercisable at \$0.085 per option expiring 2 years from the date of issue (Attaching Option). Tranche to and all Attaching Options will be issued subject to shareholder approval at the Company's Annual General Meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The Company intends to list the Attaching Options, subject to satisfying ASX Listing Rule requirements.

## NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The Group may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the Company and/or Group are important. Should the Group engage the auditor for non-audit related services; the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for the auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001.

During the financial year ended 31 March 2023 the group's auditors Hall Chadwick provided the Group with no other non-audit related services provided.

Signed on behalf of the Board.



**John Young**

Non-executive Director

22 June 2023

To the Board of Directors,

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead audit Director for the audit of the financial statements of Trek Metals Limited for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours Faithfully

*Hall Chadwick*

**HALL CHADWICK WA AUDIT PTY LTD**



**CHRIS NICOLOFF** CA  
**Director**

Dated Perth, Western Australia this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2023

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	NOTES	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 \$	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 \$
<b>Continuing Operations</b>			
Investment revenue	6	46,221	25,511
Other income		8,120	-
Share based payment expense	23	(676,595)	(736,830)
Exploration & evaluation expense	11	(301,089)	(654,016)
Acquisition cost impaired	11	(1,627,005)	-
Stamp duty on acquisition		(155,916)	-
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)		19	3
Loss on sale of subsidiary	11	(51,974)	-
Finance costs		(8,063)	-
Other operating expenses	6	(1,224,671)	(820,290)
Loss before tax		(3,990,953)	(2,185,622)
Income tax expense	8	-	-
Loss for the year		(3,990,953)	(2,185,622)
<b>Attributable to:</b>			
Equity holders of the Parent		(3,990,953)	(2,185,622)
<b>Loss per share for loss attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Parent:</b>		<b>Cents/share</b>	<b>Cents/share</b>
Basic loss per share	7	(1.204)	(0.778)
Diluted loss per share	7	(1.204)	(0.778)

Notes forming part of these financial statements are included on pages 32 to 65.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
	NOTES	\$	\$
Loss for the year		(3,990,953)	(2,185,622)
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>			
<i>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</i>			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	18(c)	-	(196,218)
<i>Items that have been recycled to profit or loss</i>			
Changes in fair value on assets held as available for sale		(48,000)	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Loss for the Year Attributable to Owners of the Company</b>		<b>(4,038,953)</b>	<b>(2,381,840)</b>

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	NOTES	31 MARCH 2023 \$	31 MARCH 2022 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	2,704,166	6,366,832
Trade and other receivables	10	50,846	90,327
Other assets		32,032	17,390
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>2,787,044</b>	<b>6,474,549</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment		317,290	318,875
Right of Use assets	15	84,257	-
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	11	8,125,997	3,703,707
Financial assets		140,026	-
Other assets		-	1,151
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>8,667,570</b>	<b>4,023,733</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>11,454,614</b>	<b>10,498,282</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	14	693,857	171,188
Lease liabilities	15	31,144	-
Provision	16	35,112	8,885
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>760,113</b>	<b>180,073</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities	15	56,992	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>56,992</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>817,105</b>	<b>180,073</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>10,637,509</b>	<b>10,318,209</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	17	35,897,520	34,969,682
Reserves	18	59,080,905	55,757,269
Accumulated loss		(84,340,916)	(80,408,742)
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>10,637,509</b>	<b>10,318,209</b>

Notes forming part of these financial statements are included on pages 32 to 65.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Consolidated	Note	Issued Capital	Share Premium Reserve	Share Based Payments Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total Equity
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 April 2022</b>		<b>34,969,682</b>	<b>51,903,292</b>	<b>1,293,414</b>	<b>2,560,563</b>	<b>(80,408,742)</b>	<b>10,318,209</b>
Loss for the year		-	-	-	-	(3,990,953)	<b>(3,990,953)</b>
Other comprehensive income/(loss)		-	-	-	-	(48,000)	<b>(48,000)</b>
Total comprehensive loss for the year		-	-	-	-	(4,038,953)	<b>(4,038,953)</b>
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity							
Issue of ordinary shares	17	941,169	2,747,772	-	-	-	3,688,941
Issue of ordinary shares on exercise of share options	17	3,940	10,460	(1,800)	-	-	12,600
Share based payments	23	-	-	676,595	-	-	676,595
Expiry of share options	18(b)	-	-	(106,779)	-	106,779	-
Performance rights exercised	18(b)	2,612	7,333	(9,945)	-	-	-
Share issue expenses	17	(19,883)	-	-	-	-	(19,883)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>		<b>35,897,520</b>	<b>54,668,857</b>	<b>1,851,485</b>	<b>2,560,563</b>	<b>(84,340,916)</b>	<b>10,637,509</b>

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Consolidated	Note	Issued Capital	Share Premium Reserve	Share Based Payments Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total Equity
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 April 2021</b>		<b>34,568,285</b>	<b>47,223,165</b>	<b>1,640,152</b>	<b>2,756,781</b>	<b>(79,562,688)</b>	<b>6,625,695</b>
Loss for the year		-	-	-	-	(2,185,622)	<b>(2,185,622)</b>
Other comprehensive income/(loss)		-	-	-	(196,218)	-	<b>(196,218)</b>
Total comprehensive loss for the year		-	-	-	(196,218)	(2,185,622)	<b>(2,381,840)</b>
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity							
Issue of ordinary shares	17	892,020	4,657,480	-	-	-	5,549,500
Issue of ordinary shares on exercise of share options	17	9,353	22,647	(4,000)	-	-	28,000
Share based payments	23	-	-	996,830	-	-	996,830
Expiry of share options	18(b)	-	-	(1,339,568)	-	1,339,568	-
Share issue expenses	17	(499,976)	-	-	-	-	(499,976)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2022</b>		<b>34,969,682</b>	<b>51,903,292</b>	<b>1,293,414</b>	<b>2,560,563</b>	<b>(80,408,742)</b>	<b>10,318,209</b>

Notes forming part of these financial statements are included on pages 32 to 65.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
	NOTES	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,176,919)	(863,926)
Other Income		8,120	-
Interest received		46,221	25,511
<b>Net cash used by operating activities</b>	9	<b>(1,122,578)</b>	<b>(838,415)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for exploration and evaluation		(1,869,376)	(2,482,444)
Payments for property, plant & equipment		(64,080)	(365,143)
Payments for exploration tenements		(23,699)	-
Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash acquired		6,483	-
<b>Net cash used by investing activities</b>		<b>(1,950,672)</b>	<b>(2,847,587)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		(600,000)	-
Proceeds from issue of share capital		-	5,577,501
Proceeds from exercise of options		12,600	-
Payments for share issue costs		(2,621)	(239,976)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(590,021)</b>	<b>5,337,525</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(3,663,271)</b>	<b>1,651,523</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		6,366,832	4,715,309
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies		605	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year</b>	9	<b>2,704,166</b>	<b>6,366,832</b>

Notes forming part of these financial statements are included on pages 32 to 65.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### NOTE 1: CORPORATE INFORMATION

Trek Metals Limited is a limited company incorporated in Bermuda, whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 March 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group" and individually as "Group entities") and the Group's interest in associates and jointly controlled entities.

The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") is to progress the exploration of its mineral properties and to identify suitable acquisitions in the mineral resources sector.

#### (a) Statement of Compliance

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

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.

Accounting Standards include Australian Accounting Standards. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes of the company and the Group comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS').

#### (b) Going Concern

This financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business.

The Group incurred a loss for the year of \$3,990,953 (2022: loss of \$2,185,622) and cash outflows from operating activities of \$1,122,578 (2022: \$838,415).

The directors have prepared a cash flow forecast, which indicates that the Company will have sufficient cash flows to meet all commitments and working capital requirements for the 12 month period from the date of signing this financial report.

Based on the cash flow forecasts and other factors referred to above, the directors are satisfied that the going concern basis of preparation is appropriate. In particular, given the Company's history of raising capital to date, the directors are confident of the Company's ability to raise additional funds as and when they are required.

## NOTE 2: ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS

### Accounting Standards that are mandatorily effective for the current reporting year

The Group has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for an accounting period that begins on or after 1 January 2020. New and revised Standards and amendments thereof and Interpretations effective for the current year that are relevant to the Group include:

- AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities
- AASB 2020-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Removal of Special Purpose Financial Statements for Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities
- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments
- AASB 2020-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions: Tier 2 Disclosures
- AASB 2020-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Tier 2 Disclosures: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Phase 2) and Other Amendments – December 2020
- AASB 2021-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Transition to Simplified Disclosures for Not-for-Profit Entities – March 2021
- AASB 2021-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021
- AASB 2021-7a Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections [general editorials]
- AASB 2022-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Extending Transition Relief under AASB 1
- AASB 2022-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures in Special Purpose Financial Statements of Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities

The Directors have determined that there is no material impact of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations on the Group and, therefore, no material change is necessary to Group accounting policies.

## NOTE 3: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of Preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services. All amounts are presented in AU dollars, unless otherwise noted. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a

basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of AASB 2, leasing transactions that are within the scope of AASB 16, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in AASB 2 or value in use in AASB 136.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

### **(a) Basis of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities (including structured entities) controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. 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, including:

- the size of the Company's holding of voting rights relative to the size and dispersion of holdings of the other vote holders;
- potential voting rights held by the Company, other vote holders or other parties;
- rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- any additional facts and circumstances that indicate that the Company has, or does not have, the current ability to direct the relevant activities at the time that decisions need to be made, including voting patterns at previous shareholders' meetings.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Company obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Company loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Company gains control until the date when the Company ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

## **(b) Impairment of Assets**

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. In assessing 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 for which the estimate of future cash flows have not been adjusted. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been recognised for the asset (or cash generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income statement.

Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

## **(c) Foreign Currency Transactions and Balances**

### **a. Functional and presentation currency**

The functional currency of each of the Group's entities is measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which that entity operates. The functional currency and presentation currency of the parent is AUD. The consolidated financial statements are presented in AU Dollars.

### **b. Transaction and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items are translated at the year-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost continue to be carried at the exchange rate at the date of transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are reported at the exchange rate at the date when fair values were determined.

Exchange differences arising on the transition of monetary items are recognised in the income statement in the period in which they arise, except where deferred in equity as a qualifying cash flow.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items are recognised directly in equity to the extent that the gain or loss is directly recognised in equity; otherwise the exchange difference is recognised in the income statement.

### **c. Group companies**

The financial results and position of foreign operations whose functional currency is different from the Group's presentation currency are translated as follows:

- Assets and liabilities are translated at period-end exchange rates prevailing at that reporting date;
- Income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the period; and
- Retained earnings are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction.

Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations are transferred directly to the Group's foreign currency translation reserve in the balance sheet. These differences are recognised in the income statement in the period in which the operation is disposed.

For the purpose of presenting consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are expressed in AUD using exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuated significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

### **(d) Leases**

#### **The Group as lessee**

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability are recognised by the Group where the Group is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (ie a lease with a remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at the commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

- fixed lease payments less any lease incentives;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;

- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options;
- lease payments under extension options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date and any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset, whichever is the shortest.

Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

### **(e) Borrowings**

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the drawdown occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a prepayment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

The fair value of the liability portion of a convertible note is determined using a market interest rate for an equivalent non-convertible borrowing. This amount is recorded as a liability on an amortised cost basis until extinguished on conversion or maturity of the notes. The remainder of the proceeds is allocated to the conversion option. This is recognised and included in shareholders' equity, net of income tax effects.

Borrowings are removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss as other income or finance costs.

Where the terms of a financial liability are renegotiated and the entity issues equity instruments to a creditor to extinguish all or part of the liability (debt for equity swap), a gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss, which is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability and the fair value of the equity instruments issued.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

## NOTE 4: CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in Note 3, the directors are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. 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.

The following are the critical judgments and estimations that the directors have made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

### a. Impairment of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure

The future recoverability of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is dependent on a number of factors, including whether the Group decides to exploit the related lease itself or, if not, whether it successfully recovers the related exploration and evaluation asset through sale. Factors which could impact the future recoverability include the level of proved, probable and inferred mineral resources, future technological changes which could impact the cost of mining, future legal changes and the approval of the Environmental Impact Study (including changes to environmental restoration obligations) and changes to commodity prices.

To the extent that capitalised exploration evaluation expenditure is determined not to be recoverable in the future, this will reduce profits and net assets in the period in which this determination is made.

In addition, exploration and evaluation expenditure is capitalised if activities in the area of interest have not yet reached a stage which permits reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves. To the extent that it is determined in the future that this capitalised expenditure should be written off, this will reduce profits and net assets in the period in which this determination is made.

### b. Share-based payment transactions

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by using a Black Scholes model.

### c. Taxation

Balances disclosed in the financial statements and the notes thereto related to taxation are based on the best estimates of the directors. These estimates take into account both the financial performance and position of the Group as they pertain to current income taxation legislation, and the directors understanding thereof. No adjustment has been made for pending or future taxation legislation. The current income tax position represents the directors' best estimate, pending an assessment by the applicable taxation authorities.

## NOTE 5: SEGMENT INFORMATION

### (a) Identification of reportable segments

The Group operates predominantly in the mining and exploration industry. This comprises exploration and evaluation activities related to the Battery Metals and Gold projects. The Group continues to assess other commercially and economically viable exploration projects.

The Group has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are provided to the Board of Directors (chief operating decision makers) to assess performance and determine the allocation of resources. Management has identified the operating segments based on the principal location of its projects, and its ASX listing and management location in Australia.

### (b) Basis of accounting for purposes of reporting by operating segments:

#### (i) Accounting policies adopted

Unless stated otherwise, all amounts reported to the Board of Directors are determined in accordance with accounting policies that are consistent to those adopted in the annual financial statements of the Group.

#### (ii) Inter-segment transactions

Inter-segment loans payable and receivable are initially recognised at the consideration received/to be received net of transaction costs. If inter-segment loans receivable and payable are generally on commercial terms.

#### (iii) Segment assets

Where an asset is used across multiple segments, the asset is allocated to that segment that receives majority economic value from that asset. In the majority of instances, segment assets are clearly identifiable on the basis of their nature and physical location.

#### (iv) Segment liabilities

Liabilities are allocated to segments where there is a direct nexus between the incurrence of the liability and the operations of the segment. Borrowings and tax liabilities are generally considered to relate to the Group as a whole and are not allocated. Segment liabilities include trade and other payables and certain direct borrowings.

The following is an analysis of the Group's results by reportable operating segment for the period:

	<b>SEGMENT LOSS</b>	
	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Continuing operations</b>		
Exploration and evaluation	(1,980,068)	(654,016)
Corporate	(2,010,885)	(1,531,606)
<b>Consolidated segment loss for the year from all operations</b>	<b>(3,990,953)</b>	<b>(2,185,622)</b>

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets by reportable operating segment:

	<b>SEGMENT ASSETS</b>	
	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Continuing operations</b>		
Exploration and evaluation	8,478,546	4,102,671
Unallocated corporate assets	2,976,068	6,395,611
<b>Consolidated segment assets</b>	<b>11,454,614</b>	<b>10,498,282</b>

The following is an analysis of the Group's liabilities by reportable operating segment:

	<b>SEGMENT LIABILITIES</b>	
	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Continuing operations</b>		
Exploration and evaluation	439,006	55,433
Unallocated corporate liabilities	378,099	124,640
<b>Consolidated segment liabilities</b>	<b>817,105</b>	<b>180,073</b>

## NOTE 6: RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE AND OTHER EXPENSES

Interest revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. Interest revenue is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

- (i) where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or
- (ii) for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

The loss before tax from continuing operations after charging expenses and receiving income was as follows:

	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
	\$	\$
<b>Investment Revenue</b>		
Interest revenue	46,221	25,511
<b>Total Investment Revenue</b>	<b>46,221</b>	<b>25,511</b>
<b>Other Operating Expenses</b>		
Auditor's remuneration	(32,303)	(33,000)
Communications costs	(4,672)	(4,790)
Consulting expenses	(200,042)	(135,181)
Wages, oncosts and recruitment costs	(110,791)	(170,860)
Directors' salaries and consultant fees	(291,711)	(179,768)
Insurance	(49,261)	(34,097)
Rental costs	(22,004)	(23,543)
Legal	(38,178)	(23,568)
Corporate & statutory costs	(93,139)	(86,725)
Travel	(13,796)	(12,064)
Software expenses	(19,088)	(7,334)
Business development/conferences	(84,263)	(38,904)
Scheme expenses – Edge Minerals	(126,878)	-
Depreciation	(86,443)	(54,448)
Other costs	(52,102)	(16,008)
<b>Total Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>(1,224,671)</b>	<b>(820,290)</b>

## NOTE 7: EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted (loss) /earnings per share is based on the following information:

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Earnings</b>		
Loss attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company used in calculating basic and diluted loss per share:		
From continuing operations	(3,990,953)	(2,185,622)
	<u>(3,990,953)</u>	<u>(2,185,622)</u>
<b>Shares</b>		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating basic loss per share	331,487,651	280,929,853
Adjustment for calculation of diluted earnings per share:		
Options	-	-
Weighted average number of ordinary shares and potential ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating diluted loss per share	<u>331,487,651</u>	<u>280,929,853</u>
<b>Basic Loss per Share</b>		
Total basic loss per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company	(1.204)	(0.778)
Total diluted loss per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company	<u>(1.204)</u>	<u>(0.778)</u>

The following number of potential ordinary shares are not dilutive and are therefore excluded from the weighted average number of ordinary shares in the year ended 31 March 2023:

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
Unlisted Options	16,925,000	20,150,000
Performance Rights	31,575,000	22,675,000
	<b><u>48,500,000</u></b>	<b><u>42,825,000</u></b>

## NOTE 8: INCOME TAX

The charge for current income tax expenses is based on the profit for the year adjusted for any non-assessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or are substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or liability is settled. Deferred tax is credited in the income statement except where it relates to items that may be credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is adjusted directly against equity.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future tax profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the Group will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

Major components of income tax for the year ended 31 March 2023 are as follows:

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current income</b>		
Current income tax (benefit) expense	2,585,157	706,204
Derecognition of current income tax expense (benefit)	(2,585,157)	(706,204)
<b>Deferred income tax</b>		
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary difference	(375,725)	(2,712,237)
Derecognition of current income tax benefit (expense)	(29,985)	2,242,514
Adjustment in respect of prior year tax losses/STA	405,710	469,723
Income tax expense reported in income statement	-	-

A reconciliation of the income tax expense applicable to the loss from operating activities before income tax at the statutory income tax rate to income tax expense at the Group's effective income tax rates is as follows:

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Loss from operating activities before income tax	(3,990,953)	(2,185,622)
Prima facie tax benefit on loss from ordinary activities at 30% (2022: 30%)	(1,197,286)	(655,687)
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible (taxable) in calculating taxable income		
- Non-deductible expenses	699,571	386,114
- International tax rate differential	24,336	9,905
- Tax loss not brought to account as a deferred tax asset	2,585,156	722,821
- Temporary differences not brought to account	(2,111,777)	(463,153)
At effective income tax rate of 0% (31 March 2022: 0%)	-	-
<b>Income tax expensed reported in income statement</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Unrecognised deferred tax balances relate to the following:

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Deferred tax assets at 30% (2022: 30%)		
Provisions	10,534	1,699
Other assets	(6,310)	(5,217)
Capitalised Expenses	4,761	4,761
Capitalised Exploration costs	2,394	117,999
Trade and other payables	17,011	11,425
Property, plant & equipment	(120,464)	(92,982)
Exploration & evaluation expenditure	(1,600,188)	(712,123)
Un-realised foreign exchange gains	(6)	(1)
Business related costs	193,428	227,046
<b>Total Deferred Tax Assets</b>	<b>(1,498,840)</b>	<b>(447,393)</b>

Potential deferred tax assets for the Group are attributable to Gabonese and Australian tax losses carried forward by the subsidiaries and future benefits to exploration expenditure and other temporary differences allowable for deduction. Deferred tax assets have not been brought to account in the consolidated statements as at 31 March 2023 because the directors are of the opinion that it is not appropriate to regard full realisation of the deferred tax assets as probable.

These benefits will only be obtained if:

- a) The subsidiaries derive future assessable income of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefit from the deductions to be realised; and
- b) The subsidiaries continue to comply with the conditions for deductibility imposed by tax legislation; and
- c) No changes in tax legislation adversely affect the subsidiaries in realising the benefit from the deduction of the losses.

Unused tax losses not brought to account are as follows:

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Opening unused tax losses	9,652,463	5,677,315
Add: losses for the year	8,617,189	2,409,404
Less: Prior year adjustment	1,352,365	1,565,744
<b>Unused tax losses</b>	<b>19,622,017</b>	<b>9,652,463</b>

## NOTE 9: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bank balances and cash management accounts	2,682,615	6,345,329
Term deposit <sup>(1)</sup>	21,551	21,503
	<b>2,704,166</b>	<b>6,366,832</b>

(1) A\$20,000 of the cash and cash equivalents is restricted and set aside to offset credit card limits.

(a) Reconciliation of profit or loss after income tax to net cash flow from operating activities

	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
	\$	\$
Loss for the year	(3,990,953)	(2,185,622)
Share-based payment expense	676,595	736,830
Loss on sale of plant & equipment	1,108	-
Finance cost	8,063	-
Impairment of exploration expenditure	1,627,005	653,581
Depreciation	86,443	54,448
Discontinued operation	51,974	-
Net exchange differences	(605)	(3)
<b>Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from sale of subsidiary:</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	35,840	(46,119)
Increase/(decrease) in other assets – current & non-current	(149,875)	48
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	505,600	(57,106)
Increase in provisions	26,227	5,528
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(1,122,578)	(838,415)

(b) Non-cash investing and financing activities

	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
	\$	\$
Acquisition of Edge via the issue of shares (refer Note 11)	3,382,232	-
Acquisition of Tenement E45/4640 via issue of shares	306,709	-

NOTE 10: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
Other receivables	50,846	90,327
	<b>50,846</b>	<b>90,327</b>

Trade and other receivables are non-interest bearing, have no security held against them and are, on average, on terms of 15 days.

## NOTE 11: EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE

Exploration and evaluation expenditure primarily consist of activities including drilling, assaying, geochemical and geophysical investigations and independent geological consultants in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are capitalised provided the rights to tenure of the area of interest is current and either:

- a) the expenditures are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation or sale of the area of interest; or
- b) 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 relating to, the area of interest are continuing.

When the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource have been demonstrated then any capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is reclassified as capitalised mine development. Prior to reclassification, capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is measured at cost and assessed for impairment.

### a. Impairment

All capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is monitored for indications of impairment on a cash-generating unit basis. The cash generating unit shall not be larger than the area of interest. If sufficient data exists to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, and facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount, the capitalised expenditure which is not expected to be recovered is charged to the income statement.

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure</b>	<b>8,125,997</b>	<b>3,703,707</b>
<i>Movement during the period:</i>		
Opening balance	3,703,707	2,049,134
Additions for the period	1,453,582	2,308,154
Impairments	(298,001)	(653,581)
Acquisition of Edge Minerals Ltd	3,200,000	-
Acquisition of tenement E45/4640	306,709	-
Transfer to Other Financial Assets (Sale of subsidiary)	(188,026)	-
Loss on Sale of subsidiary	(51,974)	-
<b>Closing balance at balance date</b>	<b>8,125,997</b>	<b>3,703,707</b>

The Group's exploration properties may be subject to claim under Native Title (or jurisdiction equivalent), or contain sacred sites, or sites of significance to the indigenous people of Australia. As a result, exploration properties or areas within the tenements may be subject to exploration restrictions, mining restrictions and/or claims for compensation. At this time, it is not possible to quantify whether such claims exist, or the quantum of such claims.

The Company policy is to charge exploration expenditure to specific areas of interest. Exploration expenditure that cannot be attributed to specific areas of interest is written off.

Recoverability of the Group's carrying value of interests in mineral projects is subject to the successful development and exploitation of the exploration properties or alternatively, the sale of these tenements at amounts at least equal to the book values.

### ACQUISITION OF EDGE MINERALS – SCHEME

On 27 October 2022, the Supreme Court of Western Australia made orders approving the Scheme of arrangement by which Trek acquired all of the issued shares in Edge Minerals Ltd (Edge). The acquisition of Edge was deemed an asset acquisition. Implementation of the Scheme was completed on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

	Fair value
Purchase consideration	\$
Issue of fully paid ordinary shares (48,317,601 @ \$0.07)	3,382,232
Net liabilities acquired	623,318
Total consideration	4,005,550
Impairment expense (\$3.2M) <sup>1</sup>	(805,550)
<b>Exploration assets at acquisition</b>	<b>3,200,000</b>

- The value of Edge Minerals Limited has been independently valued as part of the Scheme of arrangement at \$3,200,000 with the excess purchase consideration immediately expensed due to being in excess of the fair value on acquisition.

## SALE OF SUBSIDIARY PROJECT

On 21 June 2022, the Company announced the completion of the sale of its remaining 20% interest in the Kroussou zinc-lead project located in west Gabon in central Africa to Apollo Minerals Limited. This was achieved via the sale of its wholly owned subsidiary Select Exploration Mauritius which ultimately held the Kroussou project.

The consideration received by Trek was 3,000,000 fully-paid AON ordinary shares and 1,000,000 options exercisable into ordinary shares at 12c per share, expiring 30 June 2024.

The financial impact is summarised as follows:

	<b>31 MARCH 2023 \$</b>
Carrying value of subsidiary	240,000
Value of 3,000,000 shares received from AON at 21 June 2022	174,000
Value of 1,000,000 options received by AON at 21 June 2022	14,026
Consideration received on sale of subsidiary	188,026
Loss on disposal of subsidiary	<b>(51,974)</b>

In addition, as part of the transaction the Company forgave the Intercompany loan of \$2,164,272 which had been previously impaired in full in prior reporting periods.

## NOTE 12: SUBSIDIARIES

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Trek Metals Limited and the subsidiaries listed below:

	COUNTRY OF INCORP'N	CLASS OF SHARE CAPITAL HELD	HOLDING & VOTING CAPACITY (%)	
			31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
TM Resources Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Trek Management Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Elm Resources Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Select Exploration *	Mauritius	Ordinary	0	100
Select Exploration (Gabon) *	Gabon	Ordinary	0	100
ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Anaheim Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Edge Minerals Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	0

\*On 25 March 2022, Trek reached agreement with Apollo Minerals to sell all of its remaining interest in the Kroussou Project via the sale of Select Exploration (Mauritius). Completion of the agreement took place on 21 June 2022. Refer to Note 11 for further details.

### NOTE 13: INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over those policies. Trek Metals Limited holds 49% of the share capital of Cape Resources Limited company controlled by Glencore International AG (Glencore). There were no contributions by Trek Metals in 2023. The investment in this associate is carried at \$Nil (2022: nil).

### NOTE 14: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Trade and other payables	304,143	102,370
Accrued expenses	389,714	68,818
	<b>693,857</b>	<b>171,188</b>

Trade payables and accruals are non-interest bearing and have repayment terms within 30 days.

## NOTE 15: LEASES

	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
	\$	\$
<b>Leases</b>		
<b>(a) Amounts recognised in the balance sheet</b>		
<b>Rights-of-use asset</b>		
Opening balance	-	-
Right-of-use assets recognised as at 22 August	98,705	-
Less: Depreciation	(14,448)	-
Closing balance	<b>84,257</b>	-
<b>Lease liabilities</b>		
Opening balance – Total	-	-
Lease liabilities recognised as at 22 August	98,705	-
Add: Interest	10,569	-
Less: Payments	(21,138)	-
Closing balance – Total	<b>88,136</b>	-
<i>Closing balance – Current</i>	<i>31,144</i>	-
<i>Closing balance – Non-Current</i>	<i>56,992</i>	-
<b>(b) Amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss</b>		
Depreciation of right-of-use asset	14,448	-
Interest expense on lease liabilities	10,570	-

### (c) Leasing Activities

The Company has entered into an office lease for the premises at Suite 5, 2 Centro Avenue, Subiaco WA. The lease commenced on 22 August 2022 for an initial two-year period with options available for a further four years expiring on 26 August 2026.

The lease is recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Company. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The right-of-use asset is amortised over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

#### Initial measurement

Assets and liabilities from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. The lease liability includes the present value of the fixed payments and variable lease payments that depend on an index, initially measured using the index as at the commencement date (reconciled and adjusted for actual index each year). The lease payments are discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate of 6%.

The right-of-use asset is measured at cost comprising of the initial measurement of the lease liability.

#### Subsequent measurement

The right-of-use asset is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses and adjusted for any re-measurement of the lease liability.

The lease liability is subsequently measured to reflect the interest on the lease liability, the lease payments made and any reassessment of the variable payments.

## NOTE 16: PROVISIONS

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result, and that outflow can be reliably measured. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flow estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	35,112	8,885
	<b>35,112</b>	<b>8,885</b>

## NOTE 17: ISSUED CAPITAL

Authorised ordinary shares of par £0.01 each, carrying one vote per share and rights to dividends. The ordinary shares on issue is summarised as follows:

31 MARCH 2023	NUMBER OF SHARES	ISSUED CAPITAL \$	SHARE PREMIUM \$
<b>Issued and fully paid ordinary shares</b>			
As at 1 April 2022	310,460,150	34,969,682	51,903,292
<b>Allotments</b>			
6/06/2022 Exercise of performance rights	150,000	2,612	7,333
7/11/2022 Acquisition of tenement at \$0.064 per share	4,792,332	85,021	221,688
8/11/2022 Acquisition of Edge Minerals at \$0.07 per share	48,317,601	856,148	2,526,084
14/11/2022 Exercise of options at \$0.056 per share	225,000	3,940	10,460
<b>Share Issue costs</b>	-	(19,883)	-
<b>Balances as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>363,945,083</b>	<b>35,897,520</b>	<b>54,668,857</b>

<b>31 MARCH 2022</b>	<b>NUMBER OF SHARES</b>	<b>ISSUED CAPITAL \$</b>	<b>SHARE PREMIUM \$</b>
<b>Issued and fully paid ordinary shares</b>			
As at 1 April 2021	261,703,691	34,568,285	47,223,165
<b>Allotments</b>			
16/04/2021 Exercise of options at \$0.056	100,000	1,787	4,613
16/09/2021 Exercise of options at \$0.056	400,000	7,566	18,034
26/10/2021 Placement at \$0.115 per share <sup>(1)</sup>	30,434,783	558,941	2,941,059
30/11/2021 Share purchase plan at \$0.115 per share <sup>(2)</sup>	17,821,676	333,079	1,716,421
<b>Share Issue costs</b>	-	(499,976)	-
<b>Balances as at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>310,460,150</b>	<b>34,969,682</b>	<b>51,903,292</b>

(1) Shares issued pursuant to capital raising of \$3.5M.

(2) Shares issued pursuant to share purchase plan raising \$2.05M.

## Performance Rights

At 31 March 2023, the number of Performance Rights of the Company on issue are:

<b>Performance Rights Issued</b>	<b>No of rights</b>	<b>Fair value at Grant Date</b>			<b>Vested #</b>
		<b>(\$)</b>	<b>Grant date</b>	<b>Expiry</b>	
Class A	4,375,000	0.0492	05/03/21	05/03/25	-
Class B	4,000,000	0.0452	05/03/21	05/03/25	-
Class C	4,000,000	0.0420	05/03/21	05/03/25	-
Class D	750,000	0.0663	05/03/21	05/03/25	750,000
Class E	900,000	0.0663	05/03/21	05/03/25	900,000
Class F	900,000	0.0663	05/03/21	05/03/25	900,000
Class G	2,000,000	0.0725	01/09/21	01/09/25	-
Class H	2,000,000	0.0686	01/09/21	01/09/25	-
Class I	2,000,000	0.0664	01/09/21	01/09/25	-
Class J	800,000	0.0909	21/01/22	28/01/26	-
Class K	800,000	0.0888	21/01/22	28/01/26	-
Class L	4,600,000	0.0869	29/11/22	29/11/25	-
Class M	4,450,000	0.0825	29/11/22	29/11/26	-
	<b>31,575,000</b>				<b>2,550,000</b>

## Options on Issue

Unissued ordinary shares of the Company under option at 31 March 2023 are as follows:

Options issued	No of options	Exercise price (\$)	Fair value at Grant Date (\$)	Grant date	Expiry	Vested/ Exercisable #
<b>Options issued as Share Based Payments:</b>						
Directors	1,875,000	0.056	0.016	02/09/19	30/09/23	1,875,000
Directors	3,750,000	0.056	0.008	03/10/19	30/09/23	3,750,000
Consultant	2,300,000	0.056	0.008	03/10/19	30/09/23	2,300,000
Broker Options	2,500,000	0.056	0.008	03/10/19	30/09/23	2,500,000
Consultant	1,500,000	0.056	0.020	01/07/20	30/06/24	1,500,000
Broker Options	5,000,000	0.200	0.052	26/10/21	31/10/23	5,000,000
<b>Options outstanding and exercisable as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>16,925,000</b>					<b>16,925,000</b>

## NOTE 18: RESERVES

### (a) Share Premium Reserve

The share premium reserve records the amounts paid by shareholders for shares in excess of their nominal value. See note 16 for further information.

### (b) Share-Based Payment Reserve

The share-based payment reserve records the fair value of options and performance rights granted to staff and directors, and suppliers.

Movement in unlisted options	Number	\$
<b>Balance at 1 April 2022</b>	<b>20,150,000</b>	<b>532,462</b>
Options exercised	(225,000)	(1,800)
Options lapsed	(3,000,000)	(108,000)
Options expensed (prior issues)	-	5,625
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>16,925,000</b>	<b>428,287</b>

Movement in performance rights	Number	\$
<b>Balance at 1 April 2022</b>	<b>22,675,000</b>	<b>760,952</b>
Issue of Classes L - M (29 November 2022)	9,050,000	-
Rights exercised	(150,000)	(9,945)
Rights expensed (prior issues)	-	672,191
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>31,575,000</b>	<b>1,423,198</b>

### (c) Translation Reserve

Exchange differences relating to the translation of the net assets of the Group's foreign operations from their functional currencies to the Group's presentation currency of AUD are recognised directly in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the foreign currency translation reserve. Gains and losses on hedging instruments that are designated as hedges of net investments in foreign operations are included in the foreign currency translation reserve. Exchange differences previously accumulated in the foreign currency translation reserve (in respect of translating both the net assets of foreign operations and hedges of foreign operations) are reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal or partial disposal of the foreign operation.

<b>Movement in foreign currency translation</b>	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Opening balance	2,560,563	2,756,781
Translation of foreign currency financial statements into the functional currency	-	(196,218)
Closing balance	2,560,563	2,560,563

## NOTE 19: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a Group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

### (a) Financial Assets

On initial recognition, financial assets are classified as measured at:

- Amortized cost;
- Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income ("FVOCI") – debt investment;
- FVOCI – equity investment; or
- Fair Value through Profit or Loss ("FVTPL")

The classification of financial assets is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component that is initially measured at the transaction price) is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition. For financial assets measured at amortized cost, these assets are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The amortized cost is reduced by impairment losses.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognized in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognized in profit or loss.

As of 31 March 2023, the Group's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables.

Cash and cash equivalents and other receivables are classified as amortised cost under AASB 9. The trade and other payables are designated as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortised cost.

The cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, and trade and other payables approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature.

The Group classified the fair value of the financial instruments according to the following fair value hierarchy based on the amount of observable inputs used to value the instruments:

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1 – Values based on unadjusted quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date.
- Level 2 – Values based on inputs, including quoted prices, time value and volatility factors, which can be substantially observed or corroborated in the marketplace. Prices in Level 2 are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date.
- Level 3 – Values based on prices or valuation techniques that are not based on observable market data.

### Impairment of financial assets

The Group assesses the recoverability of financial assets using an 'expected credit loss' ("ECL") model. This impairment model is applied to financial assets measured at amortized cost, contract assets and debt investments at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income ("FVOCI"), but not to investments in equity instruments.

In accordance with AASB 9, loss allowances are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are ECLs that result from possible default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and
- Lifetime ECL: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

ECLs are probability-weighted estimates of credit losses. Credit losses are measured at the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

<b>Categories of financial instruments</b>	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and bank balances	2,704,166	6,366,832
Trade and other receivables	50,846	90,327
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	693,857	171,188

## Financial Risk Management objectives and policies

The Group's risk oversight and management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects and ensure that net cash flows are sufficient to support the delivery of the Group's financial targets whilst protecting future financial security. The Group continually monitors and tests its forecast financial position against these objectives and may undertake forward-rate agreements when necessary to ensure the objectives are achieved.

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks; market, credit and liquidity. These risks are managed by senior management in line with policies set by the Board. The Group's principal financial instruments comprise cash and short-term deposits. Other financial instruments include trade receivables and trade payables, which arise directly from operations.

It is, and has been throughout the period under audit, Group policy that no speculative trading in financial instruments be undertaken.

### Market risk

#### (a) Interest Rate Risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. The Group manages this risk by maintaining an appropriate mix between fixed and floating rate instruments.

The effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities are as follows:

31 March 2023	Weighted Ave					Total \$
	Effective Int Rate %	Less than 1 month \$	1 month - 1 year \$	1 - 5 years \$	5+ years \$	
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Non-interest bearing	-	50,846	-	-	-	50,846
Fixed interest rate instruments	0.15	21,551	-	-	-	21,551
Variable interest rate instruments	0.70	2,682,615	-	-	-	2,682,615
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	0.68	2,755,012	-	-	-	2,755,012
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Non-interest bearing	-	693,857	-	-	-	693,857
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	-	693,857	-	-	-	693,857

Financial assets are classified based upon their expected maturity whilst financial liabilities are classified based upon their contractual maturity.

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	<b>Weighted Ave Effective Int Rate %</b>	<b>Less than 1 month \$</b>	<b>1 month - 1 year \$</b>	<b>1 - 5 years \$</b>	<b>5+ years \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Non-interest bearing	-	90,327	-	-	-	90,327
Fixed interest rate instruments	0.15	21,503	-	-	-	21,503
Variable interest rate instruments	0.51	6,345,329	-	-	-	6,345,329
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>6,457,159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,457,159</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Non-interest bearing	-	171,188	-	-	-	171,188
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,188</b>

**(b) Currency risk**

The Group has subsidiaries only operating in Australia, whose businesses are conducted predominantly Australian Dollars, exposing the Group to minimal exchange rate fluctuations.

**(c) Credit risk**

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Group. Due to the current nature of the Group's operations there is no significant concentration of credit risk. The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, represents the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral or other security obtained.

**(d) Capital Risk Management**

The Group manages capital to ensure that companies in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt to equity balance. The Group's focus has been to raise sufficient funds through equity to fund exploration activity. Management also aims to maintain a capital structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital available to the entity. The Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio and the external borrowings currently in place however this is not required since the facility was extinguished in the prior period.

**(e) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk refers to the risk that the Group will have insufficient funds to meet its operational requirements. The Group manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows and ensuring that adequate liquidity levels are maintained. The undiscounted contractual or expected maturities of the financial assets and liabilities are reported in the tables under "Interest rate risk".

## (f) Fair Values

Monetary financial assets and liabilities not readily traded in an organised financial market have been valued at cost, which approximates fair value.

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximate net fair value.

The carrying amounts and net fair values of financial assets and liabilities as at the reporting date are as follows:

	<b>FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY</b>	<b>31 MAR 2023 \$</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022 \$</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	Level 2	50,846	90,327
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	Level 2	693,857	171,188

## NOTE 20: COMMITMENTS

The Group has committed to the following minimum expenditure in relation to its tenements.

	<b>31 MAR 2023 \$</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022 \$</b>
Not later than 1 year	858,000	313,000
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,664,145	1,261,666
Later than 5 years	-	78,509
	<b>2,522,145</b>	<b>1,653,175</b>

## NOTE 21: CONTINGENCIES

### TM Resources Acquisition

On 16 September 2016, the Company, and the shareholders of TM Resources Pty Ltd (TM) entered into a Share Sale Agreement which resulted in the Company acquiring all the shares on issue in TM. The Company paid AUS\$10,000 on execution of the Share Sale Agreement.

The Company also agreed to pay the following contingent consideration:

- Trek Metals Limited (TML) shares to the value of A\$50,000 within 7 days of the grant of the tenements that TM has applied for.
- A\$1,000,000 upon the public release by TML of Mineral Resource Estimate in respect of the Lawn Hill Project of between 550Kt Zn eq - 1.1Mt Zn eq; and
- A\$3,000,000 upon the public release by TML of a Mineral Resource Estimate in respect of the Lawn Hill Project of greater than 1.1Mt Zn eq.

## NOTE 22: RELATED PARTIES

### (a) Subsidiaries

The subsidiaries and associates of the Group are identified in Note 12. Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Details of transactions between the Group and other related parties are disclosed below.

### (b) Directors

The Directors of the Company during the year, and up to the date of this report, were as follows:

- Tony Leibowitz
- Neil Biddle
- John Young
- Valerie Hodgins

### (c) Related party transactions (other than director fees)

Following the acquisition of Edge Minerals Limited, Trek Metals repaid prior Edge Minerals Limited borrowings and accrued interest for the following Directors:

Kalonda Pty Ltd (a related party of Mr Tony Leibowitz) - \$300,000 principal and \$1,676 in accrued interest.

Biddle Partners Pty Ltd (a related party of Mr Neil Biddle) - \$300,000 principal and \$1,676 in accrued interest.

Mr John Young provided normal Director consulting services to the Company during the year totalling \$107,156 (2022: \$180,000). Of this amount, \$6,906 (2022: \$15,000) was included in payables and accruals at the end of the reporting period.

### (d) Compensation of Key Management Personnel

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the year was as follows:	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
	\$	\$
Short term benefits	656,384	504,297
Share based payments	445,264	562,458
	<b>1,101,648</b>	<b>1,066,755</b>

The remuneration of directors and key management is determined by the board having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends. At the end of the reporting period the following amounts were payable to KMPs:

- \$6,906 (2022: \$15,000) was payable to Mr Young

There were no other balances outstanding from/to related parties.

## NOTE 23: SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

Equity-settled share-based payments to directors, employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instrument at the grant date.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of shares that will eventually vest. At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimate 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 Share Based Payments Reserve.

The Trek Metals Ltd Employee Incentive Performance Rights and Options Plan ("Plan") was approved at the General Meeting of shareholders on 4 March 2021, and subsequently renewed at the Annual General Meeting held on 20 October 2022.

### (a) Options issued

There were no options issued during the year ended 31 March 2023.

### (b) Performance Rights issued

The Company has the following Performance Rights issued to Directors, employees and consultants in existence during the current and previous reporting periods.

Performance Rights 2023								
Class	Grant date	Expiry Date	Opening Balance 1 April 2022	Granted during the year	Expired/ Exercised during the year	Vested during the year	Rights Vested at 31 March 2023	Rights Unvested at 31 March 2023
A	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	4,375,000	-	-	-	-	4,375,000
B	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	4,000,000	-	-	-	-	4,000,000
C	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	4,000,000	-	-	-	-	4,000,000
D	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	900,000	-	(150,000)	-	750,000	-
E	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	900,000	-	-	900,000	900,000	-
F	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	900,000	-	-	900,000	900,000	-
G	1/09/2021	1/09/2025	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,000,000
H	1/09/2021	1/09/2025	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,000,000
I	1/09/2021	1/09/2025	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,000,000
J	21/01/2022	28/01/2026	800,000	-	-	-	-	800,000
K	21/01/2022	28/01/2026	800,000	-	-	-	-	800,000
L	29/11/2022	29/11/2025	-	4,600,000	-	-	-	4,600,000
M	29/11/2022	29/11/2026	-	4,450,000	-	-	-	4,450,000

### Performance Rights 2022

Class	Grant date	Expiry Date	Opening Balance 1 April 2021	Granted during the year	Expired/ Exercised during the year	Vested during the year	Rights Vested at 31 March 2022	Rights Unvested at 31 March 2022
A	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	4,375,000	-	-	-	-	4,375,000
B	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	4,375,000	-	(375,000)	-	-	4,000,000
C	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	4,375,000	-	(375,000)	-	-	4,000,000
D	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	900,000	-	-	900,000	900,000	-
E	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	900,000	-	-	-	-	900,000
F	5/03/2021	5/03/2025	900,000	-	-	-	-	900,000
G	1/09/2021	1/09/2025	-	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
H	1/09/2021	1/09/2025	-	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
I	1/09/2021	1/09/2025	-	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
J	21/01/2022	28/01/2026	-	800,000	-	-	-	800,000
K	21/01/2022	28/01/2026	-	800,000	-	-	-	800,000

Valuation of the performance rights was undertaken with the following factors and assumptions being used in determining the fair value of each right on the grant date.

### Performance Rights

Class	Grant Date	Period (years)	Valuation per right \$	Probability	Vesting Conditions
A	5/03/2021	4	\$0.0492	100%	10-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.15 per share. The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 12 months.
B	5/03/2021	4	\$0.0452	100%	10-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.20 per share. The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 18 months.
C	5/03/2021	4	\$0.0420	100%	10-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.25 per share. The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 24 months.
D	5/03/2021	4	\$0.0663	100%	The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 12 months.
E	5/03/2021	4	\$0.0663	100%	The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 18 months.
F	5/03/2021	4	\$0.0663	100%	The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 24 months.

Performance Rights (cont.)					
Class	Grant Date	Period (years)	Valuation per right \$	Probability	Vesting Conditions
G	1/09/2021	4	\$0.0725	100%	10-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.15 per share. The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 12 months.
H	1/09/2021	4	\$0.0686	100%	10-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.20 per share. The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 18 months.
I	1/09/2021	4	\$0.0664	100%	10-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.25 per share. The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 24 months.
J	21/01/2022	4	\$0.0909	100%	10-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.20 per share. The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 12 months.
K	21/01/2022	4	\$0.0888	100%	10-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.25 per share. The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 24 months.
L	29/11/2022	3	\$0.0869	95%	20-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.10 per share (40%) The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 12 months (40%) Board discretion after 12 months based on KPIs (20%)
M	29/11/2022	4	\$0.0825	95%	60-day VWAP of shares being greater than A\$0.20 per share(40%) The holder remains employed or engaged with the Company for 24 months (40%). Board discretion after 24 months based on KPIs (20%)

Performance Rights				
Grant Date	Expiry Date	Class	Total Valuation	Expense recorded to 31 March 2023
			\$	\$
5 March 2021	5 March 2025	Class A	\$215,250	\$215,250
5 March 2021	5 March 2025	Class B	\$180,800	\$180,800
5 March 2021	5 March 2025	Class C	\$168,000	\$168,000
5 March 2021	5 March 2025	Class D	\$59,670	\$59,670
5 March 2021	5 March 2025	Class E	\$59,670	\$59,670
5 March 2021	5 March 2025	Class F	\$59,670	\$59,670
1 Sept 2021	1 Sept 2025	Class G	\$145,000	\$145,000
1 Sept 2021	1 Sept 2025	Class H	\$137,200	\$137,200
1 Sept 2021	1 Sept 2025	Class I	\$132,800	\$104,785
21 Jan 2022	28 Jan 2026	Class J	\$72,720	\$72,720
21 Jan 2022	28 Jan 2026	Class K	\$71,040	\$41,554
29 Nov 2022	29 Nov 2025	Class L	\$383,563	\$128,205
29 Nov 2022	29 Nov 2026	Class M	\$363,224	\$60,620

#### Expenses arising from share-based payment transactions:

Total expenses arising from share-based payment transactions recognised during the period as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Expensed to Equity</b>		
Options issued to directors and brokers	-	260,000
	-	<b>260,000</b>
<b>Expensed to Statement of Profit or Loss</b>		
Options issued to staff and consultants	5,625	15,000
Performance Rights issued to key management personnel	445,263	562,458
Performance Rights issued to staff and consultants	225,707	159,372
	<b>676,595</b>	<b>736,830</b>
<b>Total Share based payments expense</b>	<b>676,595</b>	<b>996,830</b>

## NOTE 24: POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 2 May 2023, the Company issued 2,000,000 Performance Rights in accordance with the Incentive Right & Option Plan approved by shareholders.

On 12 May 2023, the Company signed a binding term sheet with Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited ("RTX"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the global mining group Rio Tinto, for an option to farm-in over its Jimblebar Nickel-Copper Project in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

On 25 May 2023, the Company announced a strongly supported two-tranche capital raising of up to A\$7.5 million (before costs) to accelerate exploration across its lithium and manganese projects in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. On 5<sup>th</sup> June the company issued 75 million shares in the capital of the Company (Shares) at an issue price of \$0.06 per Share to raise a total of \$4.5 million (Tranche One).

In addition, the Company has elected to accept oversubscriptions of an additional A\$3.0 million in Shares from directors of the Company and other investors introduced by the Board in a second tranche which will be subject to shareholder approval (Tranche Two). The Placement includes a 1:3 free attaching option exercisable at \$0.085 per option expiring 2 years from the date of issue (Attaching Option). Tranche two and all Attaching Options will be issued subject to shareholder approval at the Company's Annual General Meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The Company intends to list the Attaching Options, subject to satisfying ASX Listing Rule requirements.

## NOTE 25: REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

	<b>31 MAR 2023</b>	<b>31 MAR 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Audit or review of the financial report	32,303	33,000
Other Non-audit services	-	-
	<b>32,303</b>	<b>33,000</b>

The auditor of Trek Metals Limited is Hall Chadwick WA Audit Pty Ltd. The auditor provided no non-audit services during the year.

# DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Directors declare that:

- a) in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- b) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as stated in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- c) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity; and
- d) this declaration has been made after receiving a declaration to the directors by the Chairman and Company Secretary.

On behalf of the Board



**John Young**

Non-executive Director

22 June 2023

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TREK METALS LIMITED

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Trek Metals Limited (“the Company”) and its subsidiaries (“the Consolidated Entity”), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors’ declaration.

In our opinion:

- a. the financial report of Trek Metals Limited presents fairly, in all material respects the consolidated entity’s financial position as at 31 March 2023 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards; and
- b. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1a.

#### Basis for Opinion

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 about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Consolidated Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board’s *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

## Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p><b>Acquisition of Edge Minerals Limited</b></p> <p>During the year, the Group completed its acquisition of Edge Minerals Limited via the issue of shares. This transaction was accounted for as an asset acquisition with the fair value of consideration of \$3,382,232.</p> <p>This was a key audit matter due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The size of the transaction having a pervasive impact on the financial statements; and</li> <li>• The complexity in identifying the elements of consideration and the judgement applied in determining its fair value.</li> </ul>	<p>Procedures performed as part of our assessment of the transaction and the appropriateness of the accounting treatment applied, included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of management's assessment of the combining entities to determine who obtained control as a result of the transaction;</li> <li>• Review of contractual agreements relating to the acquisition and understanding the key terms and conditions of the transaction;</li> <li>• Assessment of the calculation of the consideration;</li> <li>• Verification of the acquisition date balance sheet of the acquiree to underlying supporting documentation;</li> <li>• Assessment of management's determination of the fair value of assets and liabilities acquired; and</li> <li>• Assessment of the adequacy of the disclosures in Note 11 of the financial statements.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Capitalised Exploration and Evaluation Costs</b></p> <p>As disclosed in note 11 to the financial statements, the Group has incurred significant exploration and evaluation expenditures which have been capitalised in accordance with the requirement of Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources (AASB 6). As at 31 March 2023, the Group's capitalised exploration and evaluation costs are carried at \$8,125,997.</p> <p>The recognition and recoverability of the capitalised exploration and evaluation costs was considered a key audit matter due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The carrying value of capitalised exploration and evaluation costs represents a significant asset of the Group, we considered it</li> </ul>	<p>Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessing management's determination of its areas of interest for consistency with the definition in AASB 6 <i>Exploration and Evaluation of Mineral Resources</i> ("AASB 6");</li> <li>• Confirming rights to tenure for a sample of tenements held and confirming rights to tenure on tenements nearing expiry will be renewed;</li> <li>• Testing the Group's additions to capitalised exploration costs for the year by evaluating a sample of recorded expenditure for consistency to underlying records, the capitalisation requirements of the Group's accounting policy and the requirements of AASB 6;</li> <li>• By testing the status of the Group's tenure and</li> </ul>

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p>necessary to assess whether facts and circumstances existed to suggest the carrying amount of this asset may exceed the recoverable amount; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determining whether impairment indicators exist involves significant judgement by management.</li> </ul>	<p>planned future activities, reading board minutes and discussions with management we assessed each area of interest for one or more of the following circumstances that may indicate impairment of the capitalised exploration costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licenses for the rights to explore expiring in the near future or are not expected to be renewed;</li> <li>Substantive expenditure for further exploration in the area of interest is not budgeted or planned;</li> <li>Decision or intent by the Group to discontinue activities in the specific area of interest due to lack of commercially viable quantities of resources; and</li> <li>Data indicating that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration asset is unlikely to be recorded in full from successful development or sale; and</li> <li>Assessing the appropriateness of the related disclosures in the financial statements.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Share based payments – AUD \$676,595</b></p> <p>The share based payment expense has been deemed a key audit matter as a result of the judgement involved in determining the inputs to the valuation model.</p> <p>As disclosed in Note 23, during the period the entity granted options to suppliers as part of the consideration for work performed and also to employees and directors under the Employee Share Option Plan.</p> <p>These options are subject to the measurement and recognition criteria of AASB 2 “<i>Share-based Payments</i>”.</p> <p>There are various inputs applied to the model used to calculate the value of the options.</p>	<p>Our procedures included, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtaining a reconciliation of the share based payments in existence during the period.</li> <li>Enquiring with management whether there have been any new options issued during the period.</li> <li>Obtaining management’s calculation of the fair value of options issued during the period and assessing the inputs.</li> <li>Assessing the amount recognised during the period against the vesting conditions of the options.</li> <li>Enquiring with management about the vesting of options issued in prior periods.</li> <li>Ensuring the relevant disclosure is complete and accurate.</li> </ul>

## Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Consolidated Entity's annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of the Directors 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 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 1a, the directors also state, that the financial report complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Consolidated Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Consolidated Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional

- omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Consolidated Entity's internal control.
  - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
  - Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Consolidated Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Consolidated Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
  - Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
  - Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Consolidated Entity to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Consolidated Entity audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

*Hall Chadwick*

**HALL CHADWICK WA AUDIT PTY LTD**



**CHRIS NICOLOFF CA**  
**Director**

Dated in Perth, Western Australia this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2023

# ADDITIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE INFORMATION AS AT 9 JUNE 2023

## STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING

Trek Metals Limited is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The Company's ASX code is TKM.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS (HOLDING NOT LESS THAN 5%)

The Company is incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company and is subject to Bermudan Law. It is not subject to Chapters 6, 6A, 6B and 6C of the Australian Corporations Act 2001 dealing with the acquisition of shares (including substantial shareholdings and takeovers). There were no holders with a greater than 5% interest.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Company's Corporate Governance Statement is set out at

<https://trekmetals.com.au/corporate/corporate-governance/>

## CLASS OF SHARES AND VOTING RIGHTS

There are 3,026 holders of 438,945,083 ordinary fully paid shares of the Company. The voting rights attaching to the ordinary shares are in accordance with the Company's Bye-Laws being that:

- a) each Shareholder entitled to vote may vote in person or by proxy, attorney or Representative;
- b) on a show of hands, every person present who is a Shareholder or a proxy, attorney or Representative of a shareholder has one vote; and
- c) on a poll, every person present who is a shareholder or a proxy, attorney or Representative of a shareholder shall, in respect of each fully paid Share held by him, or in respect of which he is appointed a proxy, attorney or Representative, have one vote for the Share, but in respect of partly paid Shares, shall, have such number of votes as bears the proportion which the paid amount (not credited) is of the total amounts paid and payable (excluding amounts credited).

There are no voting rights attached to the options or rights in the Company. Voting rights are only applicable to the unissued ordinary shares when options or rights have been exercised. There is no current on-market buy-back.

## SECURITIES SUBJECT TO VOLUNTARY ESCROW

There are no securities subject to voluntary escrow.

## DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITY HOLDERS – SHARES

Number of Shares Held	Number of Shareholders	%
1 – 1,000	621	0.03
1,001 – 5,000	206	0.14
5,001 – 10,000	348	0.65
10,001 – 100,000	1,253	11.08
100,001 and over	598	88.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>100.00</b>

The number of shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel is 951 based on the closing price of the Company's shares of \$0.065.

## LISTING OF 20 LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

	Name of Ordinary Shareholder	Number of shares held	% Shares Held
1	MR ALEX JORDAN <THE JORDAN A/C>	18,066,500	4.12
2	KALONDA PTY LTD <LEIBOWITZ SUPER FUND A/C>	14,475,185	3.30
3	BIDDLE PARTNERS PTY LTD <BIDDLE SUPER FUND A/C>	10,313,726	2.35
4	MR SCOTT DOUGLAS AMOS + MRS KAREN ELIZABETH AMOS <THE SDA SUPER FUND A/C>	9,739,006	2.22
5	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD HUB24 CUSTODIAL SERV LTD <DRP A/C>	8,385,098	1.91
6	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	8,324,709	1.90
7	TIFORP PTY LTD <TIFORP A/C>	5,000,000	1.14
8	PILBARA MINERALS LIMITED	4,792,332	1.09
9	MR JOHN ALEXANDER YOUNG + MRS CHERYL KAYE YOUNG <THE FOREVER YOUNG S/F A/C>	4,760,869	1.08
10	FREIGHT SHOW PTY LTD <THE GRACHA A/C>	4,500,000	1.03
10	MS DANIELLE SHARON TUDEHOPE	4,500,000	1.03
12	MS AMELIA JANE KAZAKOFF	4,000,000	0.91
13	STARCHASER NOMINEES PTY LTD AH & AMB SUPER FUND A/C>	3,900,000	0.89
14	CHURCH STREET TRUSTEES LIMITED <THE MATLAS A/C>	3,333,333	0.76
15	MR KEVIN JOHN DAVIS	3,040,518	0.69
16	MUSEUM INVESTMENTS LIMITED	2,869,564	0.65
17	MR STEPHEN HENRY MICKENBECKER MRS SANDRA MARGARET MICKENBECKER <MICKENBECKER S/F A/C>	2,707,702	0.62
18	CAMPBELL KITCHENER HUME & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD <C K H SUPERFUND A/C>	2,671,490	0.61
19	FIRST CAR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	2,500,000	0.57
19	FONT SF PTY LTD <FONTANALICE PTY LTD A/C>	2,500,000	0.57
19	KINGSLANE PTY LTD <CRANSTON SUPER PENSION A/C>	2,500,000	0.57
		<b>122,880,032</b>	<b>28.01</b>

## DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITY HOLDERS – UNQUOTED SECURITIES

### a.) Unlisted Options expiring 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ \$0.056

Number of Options Held	Number of holders	%
1 – 1,000	-	-
1,001 – 5,000	-	-
5,001 – 10,000	-	-
10,001 – 100,000	-	-
100,001 and over	7	100
<b>Total – 10,425,000</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>

Holders greater than 20% - Nil

### b.) Unlisted Options expiring 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 @ \$0.20

Number of Options Held	Number of holders	%
1 – 1,000	-	-
1,001 – 5,000	-	-
5,001 – 10,000	-	-
10,001 – 100,000	-	-
100,001 and over	1	100
<b>Total – 5,000,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>

Holders greater than 20%

Name of Holder	Number of holders	%
Atlantic Capital Holdings Pty Ltd	5,000,000	100%

### c.) Unlisted Options expiring 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ \$0.056

Number of Options Held	Number of holders	%
1 – 1,000	-	-
1,001 – 5,000	-	-
5,001 – 10,000	-	-
10,001 – 100,000	-	-
100,001 and over	2	100
<b>Total – 1,500,000</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>

Holders greater than 20% - Not applicable – Issued under Employee Incentive Scheme.

## DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITY HOLDERS – UNQUOTED SECURITIES (CONT.)

### d.) Performance Rights

Class	Number of Rights	Number of holders	Expiry Date
A	4,375,000	4	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
B	4,000,000	3	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
C	4,000,000	3	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
D	750,000	2	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
E	900,000	2	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
F	900,000	2	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
G	2,000,000	1	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
H	2,000,000	1	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
I	2,000,000	1	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
J	800,000	2	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
K	800,000	2	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
L	4,600,000	4	29 November 2025
M	4,450,000	4	29 November 2026
N	1,000,000	1	1 May 2026
O	1,000,000	1	1 May 2027
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,575,000</b>		

**Holders greater than 20%** - Not applicable – Issued under Employee Incentive Scheme

### COMPANY SECRETARY

#### Bermuda

Apex Corporate Services Ltd  
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Hamilton HM 11

#### Australia

Russell Hardwick

### PRINCIPAL REGISTERED OFFICE – AUSTRALIA

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### REGISTER OF SECURITIES

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PERTH WA 6000  
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## SCHEDULE OF TENEMENTS

Tenement	Holder	Interest
E45/4909 (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E45/4917 (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E45/6240 (application) (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E45/5484 (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E45/5839 (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E52/3605 (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E52/3672 (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E52/3983 (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E52/4051 (Western Australia)	ACME Pilbara Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E70/6000 (Western Australia)	ANAHEIM Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E70/6004 (Western Australia)	ANAHEIM Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E70/6072 (Western Australia)	ANAHEIM Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E70/6001 (Western Australia)	ANAHEIM Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E80/5808 (appl) (Western Australia)	ELM Resources Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E80/5823 (appl) (Western Australia)	ELM Resources Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E80/5824 (appl) (Western Australia)	ELM Resources Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
EL31260 (appl.) (Northern Territory)	TM Resources Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
EL31261 (appl.) (Northern Territory)	TM Resources Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
EL31751 (appl.) (Northern Territory)	TM Resources Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
EL31752 (appl.) (Northern Territory)	TM Resources Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E46/616 (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	80%
E46/787 (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%

## SCHEDULE OF TENEMENTS (CONT.)

Tenement	Holder	Interest
E46/835 (Western Australia)	Bellpiper Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E46/1159 (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E46/1160 (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E46/1282 (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E46/1304 (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
E46/1387 (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%
R46/002 (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	80%
E46/1460 (Application) (Western Australia)	Edge Minerals Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary)	100%