



PEARL GULL IRON

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Corporate Directory

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Review of Operations

Pearl Gull Iron Limited (**Pearl Gull** or **the Company**) is a focussed iron ore exploration and development company with mining title over a significant portion of Cockatoo Island. Cockatoo Island is situated off the coast of Northwest Australia and has a rich history of high-grade iron ore mining since the 1950's. Pearl Gull holds a significant tenure position as well as critical infrastructure on Cockatoo Island. Pearl Gull's experienced Board and Management has the skills and track record to have the Company move forward with a number of commercial opportunities that exist at this world class iron ore project location.

Highlights

- Maiden Inferred Mineral Resource estimate of 24.5Mt at 34.3 Fe% at Magazine Deposit.
- Completion of barge loading and transshipping engineering design and capital cost estimate confirming the viability of accessing international markets via a low capital barge loading facility.
- Seawall Haematite and High-Wall Haematite Exploration Target announced for Switch Pit.
- Completion of a fully underwritten Placement and Entitlement Offer which raised \$2 million (before costs).



Mineral Resource – Magazine Deposit

During the financial year ended 30 June 2023, CSA Global Pty Ltd (**CSA Global**), an ERM Group company, reported a maiden Inferred Mineral Resource estimate (**MRE**) on the Magazine Deposit, located on Cockatoo Island. The Magazine deposit is located wholly within Mining Lease M04/235-I, held by the Company. The MRE has been reported in accordance with the guidelines of the JORC Code (2012).

The MRE is presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Magazine Mineral Resource by classification reported above a 25% Fe cut-off (1 March 2023)

Deposit	Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Fe %	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	P %	S %	Mn %	CaO %	MgO %	Na ₂ O %	LOI %
Magazine	Inferred	24.5	34.3	46.3	2.7	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.42	0.01	1.04
	Total	24.5	34.3	46.3	2.7	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.42	0.01	1.04

Notes:

- Mineral Resources are reported in accordance with the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, and Ore Reserves (The Joint Ore Reserves Committee Code – JORC 2012 Edition).
- Data is reported to significant figures and differences may occur due to rounding.

The Mineral Resource incorporates all historical and recent drilling data completed from 2008 through 2021. A total of 31 drillholes, including 27 reverse circulation percussion holes and four diamond core holes for a total of 3,483.3m was used to inform the MRE. Further information in relation to the MRE are provided in the ASX announcement dated 28 March 2023.

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Transhipping Study

A key achievement for the Company during the financial year was the completion of a Transhipping study which confirmed the viability of accessing international markets via a low capital barge loading facility. The ability of Pearl Gull to access international markets rapidly and cost effectively has been a key work plan which has run in parallel with the ongoing resource development activities on Cockatoo Island.

During March 2023, Transhipment Services Australia (TSA) finalised its engineering design and capital estimate of A\$13.5 million, confirming low-cost barge loading and transhipment as a viable, capital effective approach.

The proposed Barge Loading Facility (BLF) is located within the existing port security limits of Cockatoo Island (see Figure 1). The BLF location has been selected due to its proximity to the Ocean Going Vessel (OGV) anchorage location, the Project's existing resource deposits, haul road access and favourable depth near shore for construction of a marine facility.

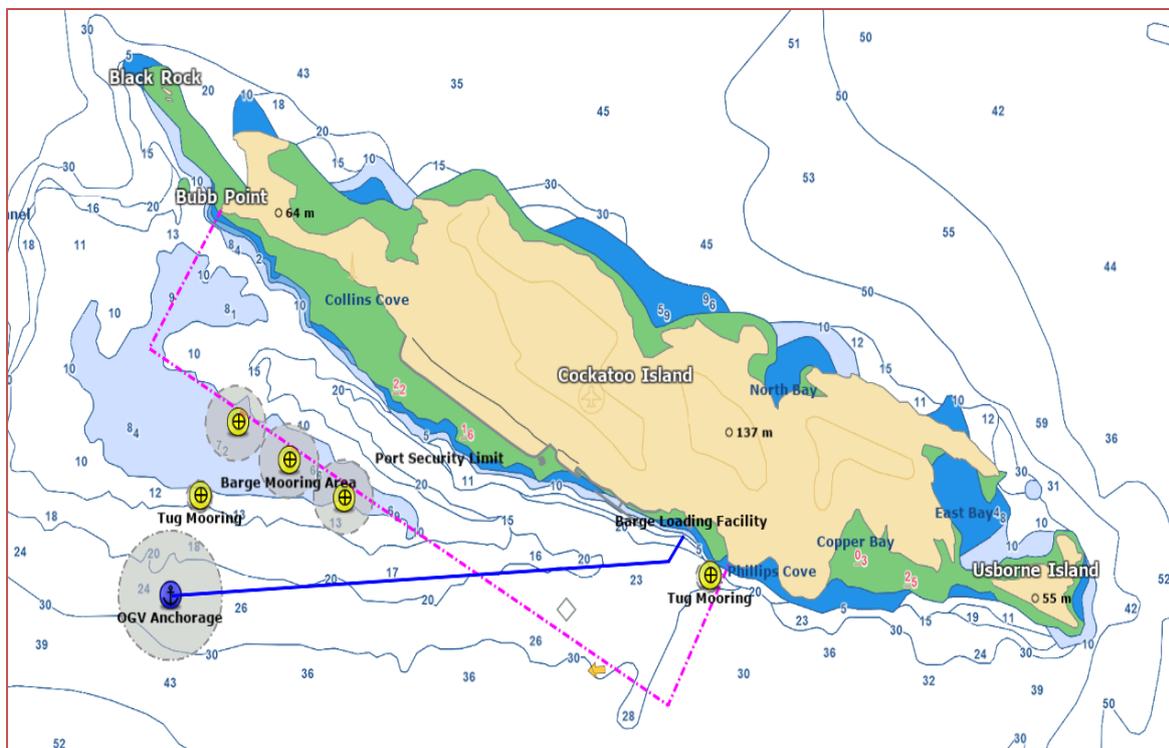


Figure 1: Location Map including the Ocean Going Vessel (OGV) Anchorage

The scope of work undertaken by TSA was extensive and included loading and cycle time analysis, loading and transhipping method statements along with metocean analysis, aids to navigation, mooring and marine transhipment fleet selection. The transhipment scope of works provides the basis for design layout and costing for Pearl Gull.

TSA has prepared indicative estimates from various 3rd party contractors and suppliers for the various major components of the construction. The capital cost estimate (+/- 30%) is A\$13.5 million.

Exploration Target – Switch Pit

Based on 2021 Pearl Gull diamond drilling core and field mapping observations, mining consultant CSA Global has estimated an iron Exploration Target for Switch Pit, comprising the Seawall haematite and the High-Wall haematite lens, summarised in Table 2 below.

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Table 2: Switch Pit Exploration Target

Deposit	Fe %	Minimum Case (Mt)	Medium Case (Mt)	Maximum Case (Mt)
Seawall Haematite	66	0.38	1.7	6.6
High-Wall Haematite	55 to 65	0.1	0.5	1.9
Total		0.48	2.2	8.5

Notes:

- The grades are average estimates based on visual examination of the drill assays.
- The High-Wall haematite comprises interpreted eight lenses of approximately 1–2 m thicknesses.

The potential quantity and grade of the Switch Pit iron mineralisation is conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if future exploration will result in an estimation of a Mineral Resource.

Further information in relation to the Exploration Target is provided in the ASX announcement dated 28 March 2023.

Care and Maintenance Activities

During the financial year, the Company continued to review and undertake ongoing care and maintenance activities. Specific works were undertaken to secure and make safe the existing structures and to undertake environmental clean-up from previous operations in Cockatoo Island.

Capital Raising Activities

During the financial year ended 30 June 2023, the Company completed a fully underwritten placement (**Placement**) and a non-renounceable entitlement offer (**Entitlement Offer**) which together raised approximately \$2 million (before costs).

The Placement was completed in two tranches, tranche one consisted of 15,450,000 ordinary shares issued at a price of \$0.02 each to raise \$309,000 and tranche 2 consisted of 34,550,000 ordinary shares issued at a price of \$0.02 each to raise \$691,000, following shareholder approval received in February 2023. All ordinary shares issued under the Placement were to sophisticated and professional investors.

The Entitlement Offer was completed on the basis of one new share for every two existing shares held on the record date at an offer price of \$0.02 each. A total of 16,641,177 new shares were applied for under the Entitlement Offer with the remaining 34,872,753 new shares being taken up by the underwriter. A total of 51,513,930 shares were issued under the Entitlement Offer (and Shortfall Offer).

Funds raised under the Placement and the Entitlement Offer are being used by the Company to progress its existing assets, assess new opportunities and for general working capital requirements.

Management Changes

On 31 March 2023, the Company advised that Mr Jonathan Fisher had resigned as a Non-Executive Director due to increased workload from other executive positions. He was replaced by Mr Mathew O'Hara who is a Chartered Accountant with extensive professional experience in capital markets, corporate finance, financial reporting and governance.

During April 2023, Mr Chris Hunt resigned as Company Secretary of Pearl Gull and was replaced by Mr Mathew O'Hara, who is a Non-Executive Director.

The Company also advised that it had changed its principal place of business and registered office to:

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Review of Operations

Competent Person Statements

Mineral Resource Statement

The Statement of Estimates of Mineral Resources for the Magazine Deposit was reported by the Company in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.8 in the announcement released to the ASX on 28th March 2023. The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the previous announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Exploration Target

The Exploration Target for Switch Pit was reported by the Company in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.7 in the announcement released to the ASX on 28th March 2023. The Company confirms it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the previous announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The potential quantity and grade reported are conceptual only in nature. Insufficient exploration has been conducted to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain whether future exploration will lead to the estimation of a Mineral Resource in the defined areas.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document may include forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning Pearl Gull Iron Limited's planned exploration program(s) and other statements that are not historical facts. When used in this document, the words such as "could," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may", "potential," "should," and similar expressions are forward looking statements.

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report on Pearl Gull Iron Limited (**Pearl Gull or the Company**) for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 (the **financial year**).

Directors

The names and details of the Directors of the Company in office during the financial year and until the date of this report are as follows. Directors were in office for this entire period unless otherwise stated.

Mr Russell Clark	Non-Executive Chairman (<i>appointed on 1 July 2021</i>)
Mr Alexander Passmore	Director (<i>appointed on 15 August 2017</i>)
Mr Mathew O'Hara	Non-Executive Director (<i>appointed on 31 March 2023</i>)
Mr Jonathan Fisher	Director (<i>appointed on 1 February 2021, resigned on 31 March 2023</i>)

Names, Qualifications, Experience and Special Responsibilities

Mr Russell Clark (*Non-Executive Chairman, appointed 1 July 2021*) – B.Science, GradDipFinInv, Fellow of AICD

Mr Clark is an internationally experienced executive mining professional with over 40 years' experience in board, senior corporate, operational and project development roles. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Mineral Resources Engineering from the Royal School of Mines and a Graduate Diploma in Finance and Investment Analysis from the Securities Institute of Australia. Mr Clark is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Mr Clark has held Board and management roles and has been Chief Executive Officer and Chief Executive Officer at various ASX listed mining companies. Mr Clark is currently Non-Executive Chairman of Red 5 Limited and CZR Resources Limited and a Non-Executive Director of Tungsten Mining Limited

Mr Alex Passmore (*Non-Executive Director, appointed 15 August 2017*) – B.Sc (Hons), GradDipAppFin, GAICD

Mr Passmore is a qualified geologist with extensive corporate experience. Mr Passmore holds a Bachelor of Science degree with First Class Honours in Geology from the University of Western Australia and a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance from the Securities Institute of Australia.

Mr Passmore is an experienced corporate executive and company director with appointments including Chief Executive Officer of Cockatoo Iron NL, Non-Executive Director of Aspire Mining Ltd, Non-Executive (and Executive) Director of Equator Resources Ltd/Cobalt One Ltd (which merged with TSX-listed First Cobalt Corp), and CEO of Draig Resources Ltd (now Bellevue Gold Ltd).

Mr Passmore has also spent a considerable time in the finance sector, where he became well known over ten years at Patersons Securities Ltd in roles such as Director – Corporate Finance, Head of Research, Resources Analyst, and Institutional dealer. He was also Executive Director – Natural Resources & Institutional Banking for Commonwealth Bank of Australia for two years.

Mr Passmore is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Ora Gold Limited and a Non-executive Director of Blencowe Resources Limited (London listed). In the last three years Mr Passmore was a Non-executive Director of Rox Resources Limited and Cannon Resources Limited.

Mr Mathew O'Hara (*Non-Executive Director & Company Secretary, appointed 31 March 2023 and 28 April 2023 respectively*) – B.Com, CAANZ, MAICD

Mr O'Hara is a Chartered Accountant with extensive professional experience in capital markets, corporate financing, financial reporting and governance and has been employed by, and acted as Director, Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of several ASX-listed companies, predominantly in the resources sector. Prior to these roles, he spent more than a decade working as an associate director at an international accounting firm in both the Corporate Finance/Advisory and Audit divisions, gaining significant experience with publicly listed clients across a diverse range of industries, including mining and metals, oil and gas, technology and infrastructure. He had a particular focus in M&A, valuations, financial modelling, due diligence and financial reporting.

Mr O'Hara is currently a Non-executive Director of African Gold Limited, Peak Minerals Ltd and Benz Mining Corp. In the last three years Mr O'Hara was a Non-executive Director of Carbine Resources Limited.

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Mr Jonathan Fisher (Non-Executive Director, appointed 1 February 2021, resigned 31 March 2023) – B.Com, B.Law, GradDipAppFin, MAppFin, GAICD, F.Fin

Mr Fisher is an experienced corporate finance and mining executive. He was formerly Chief Financial Officer of Tellus Holdings Ltd, where he was extensively involved in that Company's accounting, reporting, corporate finance transactions and relations, as well as Government approval functions. Prior to this he was general manager corporate finance at Atlas Iron Limited and was responsible amongst other things for banking, investment banking treasury, investment analysis as well as funding strategies for that company. Mr Fisher is currently the Chief Financial Officer of ASX listed TNG Ltd. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Australia and a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance from the Securities Institute of Australia and a Master of Applied Finance from Macquarie University. He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a fellow of Finsia.

In the last three years Mr Fisher was a Non-executive Director of M8 Sustainable Ltd.

Mr Chris Hunt (Company Secretary, appointed 30 March 2022, resigned 28 April 2023) – B.Bus, FCPA, GAICD

Mr Hunt is an experienced finance executive with over 25 years' experience predominately in the resources and construction industries. He has held senior finance roles for close to 15 years and has strong experience in feasibility studies, corporate financing, and mining operations. Mr Hunt's most recent resources' experiences were as the Chief Financial Officer for BC Iron Limited, Crossland Resources Limited, FerrAus Limited and Cliffs Natural Resources.

Mr Hunt holds a Bachelor of Business, is a Fellow CPA, a graduate from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has completed a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance from the Securities Institute of Australia.

Mr Hunt has not been a Director of any other listed company in the last three years

Interest in the Share and Options of the Company

As at the date of this report, the interest of the Directors in the shares and options of Pearl Gull Iron Limited were as follows:

Shareholder	Ordinary Shares	Unlisted Options
Russell Clark	475,000	633,333
Alex Passmore	1,877,041	2,358,027
Mathew O'Hara	-	-

(Loss)/Profit Per Share

Basic and diluted (loss)/profit per share for the year was (0.78) cents, 2022: (5.04) cents.

Dividends

No amounts have been paid or declared by way of dividend of the Company since the date of incorporation and the Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend.

Rounding of Amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financials/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the Directors' Report. Amounts in the Directors' Report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

Directors' Report

Operating and Financial Review

Pearl Gull Iron Limited is a public company limited by shares which is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Nature of Operations and Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Company during the financial year was mineral exploration.

Results from Operations and Financial Position

The Company incurred a net loss after tax for the year ended 30 June 2023 of \$1.1 million (2022: \$5.0 million loss). The loss includes exploration expenditure charged directly to the statement of comprehensive income of \$0.31 million (2022: \$2.9 million). Net cash outflows from operating activities were \$0.99 million (2022: \$4.6 million).

At 30 June 2023, the Company had cash on hand of \$1.8 million (2022: \$0.9 million). The Directors believe the Company maintains a prudent capital structure and is in a robust position to continue progressing its projects.

Review of Operations

During the financial year, the Company was principally focussed on exploration at Cockatoo Island.

For further information on these projects please refer to the Review of Operations within this Annual Report.

Risk Management

The Company takes a proactive approach to risk management. The Board is responsible for ensuring that risks, including emerging risks, and also opportunities, are identified on a timely basis and the Company's objectives and activities are aligned with the risks and opportunities identified by the Board.

The Board has a number of mechanisms in place to ensure that management's objectives and activities are aligned with the risks identified by the Board. These include the following:

- Board approval of a strategic plan designed to meet stakeholders needs and manage business risk; and
- Implementation of Board approved budgets and Board monitoring of progress against those budgets.

Directors' Meetings

The number of meetings of Directors (including meetings of committees of Directors) held during the financial year and the numbers of meetings attended by each Director were as follows:

	Directors' Normal Meetings		Directors' Remuneration and Nomination Meetings		Directors' Audit and Risk Management Meetings	
	No. Eligible	No. Attended	No. Eligible	No. Attended	No. Eligible	No. Attended
	Russell Clark	8	8	-	-	2
Alex Passmore	8	7	-	-	2	2
Mathew O'Hara ¹	1	1	-	-	-	-
Jonathan Fisher ¹	7	7	-	-	2	2

Notes:

1. On 31 March 2023, Mr Fisher resigned as a Non-executive Director and Mr Mathew O'Hara was appointed as a Non-Executive Director.
2. There were no meetings held for the Remuneration and Nomination Committee during FY23 as the full Board met to discuss matters pertaining to these Committees.

Committee Membership

As at the date of this report, the Company does have separately constituted Audit and Risk, Remuneration and Nomination Committees, with the full Board residing on those Committees under specific charters.

Directors' Report

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

During the financial year, the following significant changes in state of affairs occurred:

- The Company completed a fully underwritten placement and entitlement issue to raise approximately \$2.0 million (before costs);
- The Company announced its maiden Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate at the Magazine Deposit and an Exploration Target for Switch Pit on Cockatoo Island; and
- Mr Mathew O'Hara was appointed as a Non-executive Director and Company Secretary replacing Mr Jonathan Fisher and Mr Chris Hunt respectively.

There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the year.

Matters Subsequent to the End of the Financial Year

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial periods.

Environmental Issues

The Company carries out mineral exploration at its various projects which are subject to environmental regulations under both Commonwealth and State legislation. During the financial year, there has been no breach of these regulations.

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

The Company will continue to explore its mineral tenements, with particular focus on the Cockatoo Island Project.

Indemnification and Insurance of Directors and Officers

During the financial year, the Company paid an insurance premium to insure certain officers of the Company.

The Director and Officers Liability insurance provides cover against all costs and expenses that may be incurred in defending civil or criminal proceedings that fall within the scope of the indemnity and that may be brought against the Directors and Officers in their capacity as officers of the Company. The total amount of insurance premium paid is confidential under the terms of the insurance policy.

Indemnification of Auditors

The Company has not indemnified its auditors, KPMG, as part of the terms of its audit engagement agreement against claims by third parties arising from the audit (for an unspecified amount). No payment has been made to indemnify KPMG during or since the financial year.

Directors' Report

Share Options

At the date of the Directors' Report, the following unlisted options are on issue:

Options (Number)	Exercise Price (\$)	Expiry Date
6,469,998 ¹	Nil	1 June 2026
32,352,307	\$0.30	13 September 2024
20,000,000	\$0.30	13 September 2024
4,425,550 ²	\$0.30	13 September 2024
20,000,000	\$0.05	6 February 2026
83,247,855		

Notes:

1. Subject to various vesting conditions and subject to ASX escrow until 20 September 2023.
2. Subject to ASX escrow to 20 September 2023.

During the year, the following options were issued:

Options (Number)	Exercise Price (\$)	Expiry Date
20,000,000	\$0.05	6 February 2026
20,000,000		

During the year the following options were exercised:

Options (Number)	Exercise Price (\$)	Expiry Date
3,000,002 ¹	Nil	13 September 2024
3,000,002		

Notes:

1. The Company completed a drilling program of 2,500m of diamond drilling at M04/235 by the Performance hurdle vesting date of 30 September 2022. The Shares issued on exercise of the options are subject to ASX escrow until 20 September 2023.

Since the end of the financial year no options have been exercised and converted to ordinary shares.

Option holders do not have any right, by virtue of the option, to participate in any share issue of the Company or any related body corporate or in the interest issue of any other registered scheme.

Auditor Independence and Non-Audit Services

Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* requires the Company's Auditors to provide the Directors of Pearl Gull Iron Limited with an Independence Declaration in relation to the audit of the full-year financial report. This report has been received and is attached to the Directors' Report at page 21.

Non-Audit Services

During the financial year the entity's auditor, KPMG, provided nil non-audit services.

Directors' Report

Remuneration Report (Audited)

This Remuneration Report outlines the Director and Executive remuneration arrangements of the Company in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and its Regulations. For the purposes of this report, Key Management Personnel (**KMP**) are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including all Directors of the Company.

Details of Key Management Personnel

Russell Clark	Non-executive Chairman (<i>appointed 1 July 2021</i>)
Alex Passmore	Non- executive Director (<i>appointed 15 August 2017</i>)
Mathew O'Hara	Non- executive Director (<i>appointed 31 March 2023</i>) Company Secretary (<i>appointed 28 April 2023</i>)
Jonathan Fisher	Non-executive Director (<i>appointed 1 February 2021, resigned 31 March 2023</i>)
Chris Hunt	Company Secretary (<i>appointed 30 March 2022, resigned 28 April 2023</i>)
Evan Spencer	Interim Chief Executive Officer (<i>appointed 1 April 2022</i>)

There were no changes of KMP after the reporting date and before the date the financial report was authorised for issue.

Remuneration and Nomination Committee

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee comprises Mr Russell Clark, Alex Passmore and Mathew O'Hara. Mr Russell Clark is the Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee. The remuneration of any Non-Executive Director will be decided by the Board following the recommendation of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee, without the affected Non-Executive Director participating in that decision-making process.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee reviews and approves the Company's remuneration policy in order to ensure that the Company is able to attract and retain executives and Directors who will create value for Shareholders, having regard to the amount considered to be commensurate for an entity of the Company's size and level of activity as well as the relevant Directors' time, commitment and responsibility.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee is also responsible for reviewing any employee incentive and equity-based plans including the appropriateness of performance hurdles and total payments proposed.

For the financial year ending 30 June 2023 decisions regarding remuneration were first established by the full Board upon listing of the Company.

Remuneration Philosophy

The performance of the Company depends upon the quality of its Directors and Executives. To prosper, the Company must attract, motivate and retain highly skilled Directors and Executives.

To this end, the Company embodies the following principles in its remuneration framework:

- Provide competitive rewards to attract high calibre Executives;
- Establish appropriate hurdles for variable executive remuneration; and
- Encouragement for Directors to sacrifice a portion of their fees to acquire shares in the Company at market price.

Remuneration Structure

In accordance with best practice corporate governance, the structure of Non-Executive Director and Executive Remuneration is separate and distinct.

Directors' Report

Remuneration Report (Audited) (Continued)

Non-Executive Director Remuneration

Objective

The Board seeks to set aggregate remuneration at a level which provides the Company with the ability to attract and retain Directors of the highest calibre, whilst keeping costs acceptable to shareholders.

Structure

The Constitution and the ASX Listing Rules specify that the aggregate remuneration of Non-Executive Directors shall be determined from time to time by a general meeting.

The amount of aggregate remuneration sought to be approved by shareholders and the manner in which it is apportioned amongst Directors is reviewed annually. The Board considers the fees paid to Non-Executive Directors of comparable companies when undertaking the annual review process.

Each Non-Executive Director receives a fee for serving as a Director of the Company. The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors for the years ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022 is detailed later in this report.

Non-Executive Directors have long been encouraged by the Board to hold shares in the Company (purchased by the Director on market). In addition, long term incentives in the form of options may be awarded to Non-Executive Directors, subject to shareholder approval, in a manner which aligns this element of remuneration with the creation of shareholder wealth.

Executive Remuneration

Objective

The Company aims to reward Executives with a level and mix of remuneration commensurate with their position and responsibilities within the Company and so as to:

- Reward Executives for Company and individual performance against targets set by reference to appropriate benchmarks;
- Align interests of Executives with those of shareholders;
- Link reward with strategic goals; and
- Ensure total remuneration is competitive by market standards.

Structure

In determining the level and make-up of Executive remuneration the Board considers market conditions and remuneration paid to Senior Executives of companies similar in nature to Pearl Gull Iron Limited. Remuneration consists of the following key elements:

- Fixed Remuneration
- Variable Remuneration:
 - long term incentive ("LTI")

Directors' Report

Remuneration Report (Audited) (Continued)

Fixed Remuneration

Objective

The level of fixed remuneration is set so as to provide a base level of remuneration which is both appropriate to the position and is competitive in the market.

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

Structure

Executives are given the opportunity to receive their fixed (primary) remuneration in a variety of forms. It is intended that the manner of payment chosen will be optimal for the recipient without creating undue cost for the Company.

The fixed remuneration component of the Directors is detailed later in this report.

Variable Remuneration - LTI

Objective

The objective of the LTI plan is to reward Executives in a manner which aligns this element of remuneration with the creation of shareholder wealth. As such LTI grants are only made to Executives who are able to influence the generation of shareholder wealth. The Company considers that shareholder wealth is measured by changes to the Company's share price.

Structure

LTI grants to Executives are delivered in the form of options. The options, when issued to Executives, will not be exercisable for a price less than the then current market price of the Company's shares. The grant of LTI's is reviewed annually, although LTI's may not be granted each year. Exercise price and performance hurdles, if any, are determined at the time the LTIs are granted.

To date no performance hurdles have been set on options issued to Executives. The Company may, and at times has, imposed time-based service conditions. The Company believes that as options are issued at not less than the current market price of the Company's shares there is an inherent performance hurdle on those options as the share price of the Company's shares must increase significantly before there is any benefit to the Executive.

Employment Contracts

The Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr Evan Spencer is employed under contract. The material terms of Mr Evan Spencer's consultancy agreement are as follows:

- Commencement date: 1st April 2022
- Term: No fixed term Remuneration:
- \$250 per hour (including GST)
- Termination: 1 month notice by either Mr Spencer or the Company

Mr Spencer will be engaged by the Company through his consultancy company, CS Investments.

Directors' Report

Remuneration Report (Audited) (Continued)

Services Agreements – Non-Executive Directors

On appointment to the Board, all Non-Executive Directors enter into a service agreement with the Company in the form of a letter of appointment. The letter summarises the Board's policies and terms, including compensation, relevant to the director, and among other things:

- the terms of the Directors appointment, including governance, compliance with the Company's Constitution, committee appointments, and re-election;
- the Directors' duties, including disclosure obligations, exercising powers, use of office, attendance at meetings and commitment levels;
- the fees payable, in line with shareholder approval, any other terms, timing of payments and entitlements to reimbursements;
- insurance and indemnity;
- disclosure obligations; and
- confidentiality

Name	Base Salary (inc-superannuation)
Russell Clark	\$70,000
Alex Passmore	\$50,000
Mathew O'Hara ¹	\$50,000
Jonathan Fisher ¹	\$50,000

Notes:

1. On 31 March 2023, Mr Fisher resigned as a Non-executive Director and Mr Mathew O'Hara was appointed as a Non-Executive Director.

Directors' Report

Remuneration Report (Audited) (Continued)

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The remuneration tables below set out the remuneration information for the Directors and Executives, which includes the Chief Executive Officer, who are considered to be KMP of the Company.

2023	Salary & fees \$	STI bonus \$	Short-term		Long-term		Post-employment	Total	Performance related
			SBP Options \$	Other \$	Other \$	Superannuation \$	\$	%	
Directors									
Russell Clark	66,630	-	-	-	-	-	6,970	73,600	-
Jonathan Fisher ¹	33,750	-	-	-	-	-	3,525	37,275	-
Mathew O'Hara ²	17,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,500	-
Alex Passmore	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	4,706	49,706	-
Total Directors	162,880	-	-	-	-	-	15,201	178,081	-
Executives									
Evan Spencer	34,801	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,801	-
Chris Hunt ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Executives	34,801	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,801	-
Total KMP	197,681	-	-	-	-	-	15,201	212,882	-

Notes:

1. Mr Fisher resigned on 31 March 2023.
2. Mr O'Hara was appointed as a Non-executive Director on 31 March 2023 and as Company Secretary on 28 April 2023.
3. Mr Hunt resigned as Company Secretary on 28 April 2023. Mr Hunt provided services through Rox Resources Limited. Mr Hunt has agreed under his contract with Rox Resources Limited to not receive remuneration for his role.

2022	Salary & fees \$	STI bonus \$	Short-term		Long-term		Post-employment	Total	Performance related
			SBP Options \$	Other \$	Other \$	Superannuation \$	\$	%	
Directors									
Russell Clark ¹	66,589	-	-	-	63,333	-	6,659	136,581	-
Jonathan Fisher ²	83,250	-	-	-	221,333	-	8,325	312,908	-
Catherine Moises ³	34,649	-	-	-	31,333	-	3,464	69,446	-
Alex Passmore ²	87,210	-	-	-	221,333	-	8,721	317,264	-
Total Directors	271,698	-	-	-	537,332	-	27,169	836,199	-
Executives									
Evan Spencer ⁴	19,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,330	-
Chris Hunt ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Executives	19,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,330	-
Total KMP	291,028	-	-	-	537,332	-	27,169	855,529	-

Notes:

1. Mr Clark performed additional services throughout the financial year in an Executive capacity.
2. Mr Fisher and Mr Passmore were Executive Directors until 30 March 2022, then transferred to a Non-Executive Director capacity.
3. Ms Moises resigned 5 April 2022.
4. Mr Spencer commenced 1 April 2022 and is paid through CS Investments.
5. Mr Hunt commenced providing services, through Rox Resources Limited, on 30 March 2022. Mr Hunt has agreed under his contract with Rox Resources Limited to not receive remuneration for his role.

Directors' Report

Remuneration Report (Audited) (Continued)

Incentive Options: Granted and Vested during the year

During the financial year no incentive options were issued to the KMP of the Company (2022: 8,060,000 incentive options were issued).

Other Transactions with Key Management Personnel

During the financial year, the Company had the following transactions with KMP related parties:

- The Company had two agreements with Rox Resources Limited (**Rox**) that were ongoing from 2022. Under these agreements, Rox provided Company Secretarial and Finance Services for \$10,000 per month (amended as mutually agreed) and sub-let office space to the Company at \$2,000 per month. The amount paid by the Company for the financial year 30 June 2023 was \$105,000 for Company Secretarial and Finance Services and \$20,776 for use of office space. Mr Alex Passmore was the Chief Executive Officer of Rox until 24 October 2022. Mr Chris Hunt is the Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Rox. Mr Hunt did not receive any remuneration from Pearl Gull. During the year, the Company also sold a motor vehicle to Rox for \$15,833, which was both the arm's length value and the book value of the motor vehicle at the date of disposal. No balance was outstanding to Rox as at 30 June 2023.

Company Performance

The table below sets out information about the Company's earnings and movements in shareholder value since listing on 16 September 2021 up to 30 June 2023.

	2023	2022	2021
Net (loss)/profit after tax (\$m)	(1.1)	(5.0)	(2.4)
Basic (loss)/profit per share (cents)	(0.78)	(5.04)	(0.07)
Share Price at year end (cents)	2.70	4.00	n/a
Total dividends (cents per share)	-	-	-

Directors' Report

Remuneration Report (Audited) (Continued)

Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel

The interests of KMP of the Company in shares at the end of the financial year 2023 is as follows:

2023	Balance as at 1 July 2022	Granted as Remuneration	Purchased ¹	Net Change/ Other	Shares Issued on Exercise of Options ²	Balance as at 30 June 2023
Russell Clark	-	-	158,333	-	316,667	475,000
Alex Passmore	144,694	-	625,680	-	1,106,667	1,877,041
Mathew O'Hara ³	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jonathan Fisher ⁴	-	-	-	-	1,106,667	1,106,667
Chris Hunt ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evan Spencer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	144,694	-	784,013	-	2,530,001	3,458,708

Notes:

- Shares purchased under the Company's entitlement offer undertaken in December 2022.
- The Company completing a drilling program of 2,500m of diamond drilling at M04/235 prior to the Performance hurdle expiry date of 30 September 2022.
- Mr O'Hara was appointed on 31 March 2023.
- Mr Fisher resigned on 31 March 2023.
- Mr Hunt resigned on 28 April 2023.

Option holdings of Key Management Personnel

The options held by the KMP of the Company at the end of the financial year 2023 is as follows:

2023	Balance at 1 July 2022	Granted as Remuneration	Options Exercised ¹	Net Change / Other	Balance as at 30 June 2023	Options Vested Not Yet Exercised ¹
Russell Clark	950,000	-	(316,667)	-	633,333	-
Alex Passmore	3,464,694	-	(1,106,667)	-	2,358,027	-
Mathew O'Hara ²	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jonathan Fisher ³	3,320,000	-	(1,106,666)	-	2,213,333	-
Chris Hunt ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evan Spencer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7,734,694	-	(2,530,001)	-	5,204,693	-

Notes:

- The Company completed a drilling program of 2,500m of diamond drilling at M04/235 by the Performance hurdle expiry date of 30 September 2022.
- Mr O'Hara was appointed on 31 March 2023.
- Mr Fisher resigned on 31 March 2023.
- Mr Hunt resigned on 28 April 2023.

End of Remuneration Report

Directors' Report-

Other Related Party Transactions

During the year the Company had the following transactions with KMP:

Refer to Note 23 for further detail on Related Party transactions.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Russell Clark

Non-Executive Chairman

Perth, 20 September 2023



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

To the Directors of Pearl Gull Iron Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Pearl Gull Iron Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 there have been:

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

KPMG

Matthew Hingeley

Partner

Perth

20 September 2023

Corporate Governance

Corporate Governance Statement

Pearl Gull Iron Limited has established a corporate governance framework, the key features of which are set out in this statement. In establishing its corporate governance framework, the Company has referred to the recommendations set out in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations 4th edition. The Company has followed each recommendation where the Board has considered the recommendation to be an appropriate benchmark for its corporate governance practices. Where the Company's corporate governance practices follow a recommendation, the Board has made appropriate statements reporting on the adoption of the recommendation. In compliance with the "if not, why not" reporting regime, where, after due consideration, the Company's corporate governance practices do not follow a recommendation, the Board has explained the reasons for not following the recommendation and disclosed what, if any, alternative practices the Company has adopted instead of those in the recommendation.

The following governance-related documents can be found on the Company's website at <https://www.pearlgulliron.com.au/corporate/corporate-governance/>

Charters

- Board
- Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Remuneration and Nomination Committee

Policies and Procedures

- Policy for Trading in Company Securities
- Shareholder Communication Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Disclosure Policy
- Whistleblower Protection Policy
- Diversity Policy
- Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy
- Vision and Values Statement
- Board skills Matrix

The Company reports below on whether it has followed each of the recommendations during financial year 2023. The information in this statement is current at 20 September 2023. This statement was approved by a resolution of the Board on 20 September 2023.

Corporate Governance

Principle 1 - Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

Recommendation 1.1

The Company has established the respective roles and responsibilities of its Board and management, and those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management and have documented this in its Board Charter, which is disclosed on the Company's website at:

<https://www.pearlgulliron.com.au/corporate/corporate-governance/>

Recommendation 1.2

The Company undertakes appropriate checks before appointing a person or recommending to shareholders a candidate for election as a Director and provides shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether to elect or re-elect a Director.

The Company provided shareholders with all material information in relation to the re-election of all Directors at its 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Recommendation 1.3

The Company has a written agreement with each Director and Senior Executive/Consultant setting out the terms of their appointment. The material terms of any employment, service or consultancy agreement the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, has entered into with its Chief Executive Officer, any of its Directors, and any other person or entity who is a related party of the Chief Executive Officer or any of its Directors has been disclosed in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.16.4 (taking into consideration the exclusions from disclosure outlined in that rule).

Recommendation 1.4

The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board as outlined in the Company's Board Charter.

Recommendation 1.5

The Company has a Diversity Policy. However, the Diversity Policy does not include requirements for the Board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the Company's progress in achieving them. Nor has the Board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. Given the Company's stage of development as an exploration company and the number of employees, the Board considers that it is not practical to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity at this time.

The respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in Senior Executive positions and across the whole organisation as at the date of this statement are set out in the following table. "Senior Executive" for these purposes means a person who makes, or participates in the making of, decisions that affect the whole or a substantial part of the business or has the capacity to affect significantly the Company's financial standing. For the financial year, this included the Chief Executive Officer:

	Proportion of women
Whole organisation (including the Board)	0 out of 5 (0%)
Senior Executive positions	0 out of 1 (0%)
Board	0 out of 3 (0%)

Recommendation 1.6

The Chair is responsible for evaluating the Board and, when deemed appropriate, Board committees and individual Directors. During the financial year an evaluation of the Board, its committees, and individual Directors took place.

Recommendation 1.7

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for evaluating the performance of Senior Executives. The Chair is responsible for evaluating the Chief Executive Officer, which was undertaken during the financial year.

Corporate Governance

Principle 2 - Structure the Board to be effective and add value

Recommendation 2.1

The Board has established a separate Remuneration and Nomination Committee, with the full Board being members of the Committee.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee has adopted a Nomination Committee Charter, which describes the role, composition and responsibilities of the Committee.

Details of Director attendance at the Remuneration and Nomination Committee, during the financial year, are set out in a table in the Directors' Report on page 10. There were no meetings held for the Remuneration and Nomination Committee during financial year ended 30 June 2023 as the full Board met to discuss matters pertaining to this Committee.

Recommendation 2.2

The mix of skills and diversity for which the Board is looking to achieve in its membership is represented by the Board's current composition. Whilst the Company is at exploration stage, it does not wish to significantly increase the size of the Board and considers that the Board, which includes Directors with geological qualifications, exploration and mining industry experience, experience in the development and operation of mining projects in Australia and accounting and finance qualifications, is an appropriate mix of skills and expertise relevant to the Company. Notwithstanding the Board's current view that the composition of the Board is appropriate, as project acquisitions and development opportunities occur a review of the Board size and composition will be undertaken.

Recommendation 2.3

The Board considers the independence of Directors having regard to the relationships listed in Box 2.3 of the Principles & Recommendations and its Policy on Assessing the Independence of Directors. The independent Directors of the Company are Mr Russell Clark, Chairman of the Company, Mr Mathew O'Hara, a Non-Executive Director and Mr Alex Passmore, Non-Executive Director. None of the independent Directors of the Company have an interest, position or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3

The length of service of each Director is set out in the Directors' Report on page 8.

Recommendation 2.4

During the financial year, the Board had a majority of Directors who are independent. The Board considered that its composition was adequate for the Company's size and operations and included an appropriate mix of skills and expertise relevant to the Company's business.

As noted above, a review of the Board's size and composition, including the balance of independence on the Board may be undertaken in accordance with the Nomination Committee Charter.

Recommendation 2.5

The independent Chair of the Board is Mr Russell Clark, who is not also the Chief Executive Officer.

Recommendation 2.6

The Company has an induction program that it uses when new Directors join the Board and when new Senior Executives are appointed. The goal of the program is to assist new Directors to participate fully and actively in Board decision-making at the earliest opportunity and to assist Senior Executives to participate fully and actively in management decision-making at the earliest opportunity. The Company's induction program is disclosed on the Company's website.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee regularly reviews whether the Directors of the Company have the skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company and its operating environment required to fulfil their role on the Board and the Board committees effectively using a Board skills matrix. Where any gaps are identified, the Board considers the training or development that should be undertaken to fill those gaps. In particular, the Board ensures that any Director who does not have specialist accounting skills or knowledge has a sufficient understanding of accounting matters to fulfil his or her responsibilities in relation to the Company's financial statements. Directors also receive ongoing education on developments in accounting standards.

Corporate Governance

Principle 3 - Install a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly

Recommendation 3.1

The Company has articulated its values and disclosed them throughout its governance material, including its Code of Conduct which can be found on the Company website. The Company expects that its Board and Senior Executives will conduct themselves with integrity and honesty in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Directors, Executives and employees shall deal with the Company's customers, suppliers, competitors, shareholders and each other with honesty, fairness and integrity and observe the rule and spirit of the legal and regulatory environment in which the Company operates.

The Company aims to increase shareholder value within an appropriate framework which safeguards the rights and interests of the Company's shareholders and the financial community and to comply with systems of control and accountability which the Company has in place as part of its corporate governance with openness and integrity.

The Company complies with all legislative and common law requirements which affect its business wherever it operates. Currently the Company only operates in Australia. Should it in the future have operations overseas, it shall comply with the relevant local laws as well as any applicable Australian laws. Any transgression from the applicable legal rules is to be reported to the Chief Executive Officer as soon as a person becomes aware of such a transgression.

Recommendation 3.2

The Company has established a Code of Conduct for its Directors, Senior Executives and employees, which is disclosed on the Company's website. Any breach of that code is reported to the Board at the next meeting of Directors.

Recommendation 3.3

The Company has adopted a Whistleblower Policy to encourage the raising of any concerns or reporting of instances of any violations (or suspected violations) of the Code of Conduct (or any potential breach of law or any other legal or ethical concern) without the fear of intimidation or reprisal. Any material incidents may be reported to the Supervisors or Senior Managers, the Director, Company Secretary, the Whistleblower Protection Officer appointed by the Company as well as the other person and bodies outlined in the Company's Whistleblower Policy.

Recommendation 3.4

The Company has established an anti-bribery and corruption policy which is disclosed on the Company's website. Any material breach of that policy is immediately reported to the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Principle 4 - Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports

Recommendation 4.1

The Board has established a separate Audit & Risk Management Committee.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee has adopted an Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

The Board is responsible for the initial appointment of the external auditor and the appointment of a new external auditor when any vacancy arises. Candidates for the position of external auditor must demonstrate complete independence from the Company through the engagement period. The Board may otherwise select an external auditor based on criteria relevant to the Company's business and circumstances. KPMG, the Company's auditor, was appointed at the 2021 AGM. The performance of the external auditor is reviewed on an annual basis by the Board.

Details of Director attendance at the Audit and Risk Management Committee, held during the financial year, are set out in a table in the Directors' Report on page 10.

Corporate Governance

Principle 4 - Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports (continued)

Recommendation 4.2

Before the Board approved the Company financial statements for the half year ended 31 December 2022 and the full-year ended 30 June 2023, it received from the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the Company for the relevant financial period have been properly maintained and that the Financial Statements for the relevant financial period comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company and the consolidated entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively (the **Declaration**).

The Board did not receive a Declaration for each of the quarters ending 30 September 2022, 31 December 2022, 31 March 2023 and 30 June 2023 because in the Board's view its quarterly reports are not financial statements to which the Declaration can be appropriately given.

Recommendation 4.3

Processes are in place to verify the integrity of the Company's periodic corporate reports released to the market that are not audited or reviewed by the external auditor. Examples of periodic corporate reports released by the Company include quarterly cash flow reports. The process to verify is includes circulation to Senior Executives and the Board for review prior to finalising and releasing to the market. The Company has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy which sets out how market announcements are prepared and released and has appointed the Company Secretary as the Continuous Disclosure officer who oversees the drafting of and approves the final release of announcements. The Company Secretary is responsible for satisfying themselves that the content of any announcement is accurate and not misleading and is supported by appropriate verification.

Principle 5 - Make timely and balanced disclosure

Recommendation 5.1

The Company has established written policies and procedures for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules, in particular Listing Rule 3.1. A summary of the Company's Policy on Continuous Disclosure and Compliance Procedures are disclosed on the Company's website.

Recommendation 5.2

The Company Secretary circulates all material market announcements to the Board prior to release to the ASX.

Recommendation 5.3

All new and substantive investor or analyst presentations are released to the ASX ahead of any presentation to investors.

Principle 6 - Respect the rights of security holders

Recommendation 6.1

The Company provides information about itself and its governance to investors via its website at <https://www.pearlgulliron.com.au/> as set out in its Shareholder Communications Policy.

Recommendation 6.2

The Company has designed and implemented an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. The program is set out in the Company's Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy.

Recommendation 6.3

The Company has in place, a Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy, which outlines the policies and processes that it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of shareholders. The Company encourages shareholder attendance and participation at its meetings. The Chair of the meeting allows a reasonable opportunity for members to ask questions or make comments on the management of the Company.

Corporate Governance

Principle 6 - Respect the rights of security holders (continued)

Recommendation 6.4

All resolutions put to meetings of shareholders are decided by way of a poll.

Recommendation 6.5

Shareholders are given the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company and its share registry electronically. The Company engages its share registry to manage the majority of communications with shareholders. Shareholders are encouraged to receive correspondence from the Company electronically, thereby facilitating a more effective, efficient and environmentally friendly communication mechanism with shareholders. Shareholders not already receiving information electronically can elect to do so through the share registry, Automic Group, at www.automic.com.au.

Principle 7 - Recognise and manage risk

Recommendation 7.1

The Board has established a separate Audit and Risk Management Committee which considers risks, with the full Board being members. There were 2 meetings held for the Audit and Risk Management Committee during financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Recommendation 7.2

The Audit and Risk Management Committee reviews the Company's risk management framework annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound, to determine whether there have been any changes in the material business risks that the Company faces and to ensure that the Company is operating within the risk appetite set by the Board. The full Board met to discuss the Company's risk management framework for financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Recommendation 7.3

The Company does not have an internal audit function. To evaluate and continually improve the effectiveness of the Company's governance risk management and internal control processes, the Board relies on ongoing reporting and discussion of the management of material business risks. The Board also reviews the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes in accordance with its Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter and Board Charter.

Recommendation 7.4

As with most exploration projects and mining operations, the Company's operations and activities are expected to have an impact on the environment. This impact will likely increase once the Company is in production. The Company takes care to ensure that its operations comply with any environmental laws applicable to it, including the conditions attaching to any of its tenements.

Except as identified above the Company has not identified any significant exposure to any environmental and/or social sustainability risks in this financial year.

However, the Company does have a material exposure to the following economic risks:

- Market risk - movements in commodity prices. The Company manages its exposure to market risk by monitoring market conditions and making decisions based on industry experience.
- Future capital risk - cost and availability of funds to meet the Company's business requirements. The Company manages this risk by maintaining adequate reserves by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows.

Corporate Governance

Principle 7 - Recognise and manage risk (continued)

Recommendation 7.4 (continued)

The Board has adopted a Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Procedures. Under the Risk Management Policy, the Board oversees the processes by which risks are managed. This includes defining the Company's risk appetite, monitoring of risk performance and the risks that may have a material impact on the business. Management is responsible for the implementation of the risk management and internal control system to manage the Company's risk and to report to the Board whether those risks are being effectively managed.

The Company's system to manage its material business risks includes the preparation of a risk register by management to identify the Company's material business risks, analyse, evaluate, and treat those risks (including assigning a risk owner to each risk). Risks and their management are to be monitored and reviewed at least annually by senior management. The risk register is to be updated and a report submitted to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is to provide a risk report at least annually to the Board.

Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly

Recommendation 8.1

The Board has established a separate Remuneration and Nomination Committee. The Committee considers the level and composition of remuneration for Directors and Senior Executives and ensures that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive, in accordance with the Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter.

Details of Director attendance at meetings of the full Board, in its capacity as the Remuneration Committee, during the financial year, are set out in a table in the Directors' Report on page 10. There were no meetings held for the Remuneration and Nomination Committee during financial year ended 30 June 2023 as the full Board met to discuss matters pertaining to this Committee.

Recommendation 8.2

Details of remuneration, including details of the Company's Non-Executive remuneration and Executive remuneration practices and the Company's policy on "clawback policy" regarding the lapsing of performance-based remuneration in the event of fraud or serious misconduct and the clawback of the performance-based remuneration in the event of a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements, are contained in the "Remuneration Report" which forms part of the Directors' Report and commences at page 13 of the Company's Annual Report for year ended 30 June 2023.

Recommendation 8.3

The Company's Securities Trading Policy includes a statement of the Company's policy that participants in the Company's equity-based remuneration schemes are prohibited from entering into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme.



PEARL GULL IRON

Financial Statements

2023

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 (\$'000's)	2022 (\$'000's)
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	1,827	911
Trade and other receivables	11	-	22
Other current assets		30	-
Total current assets		1,857	933
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	17	45
Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure	13	9,311	9,183
Total non-current assets		9,328	9,228
Total assets		11,185	10,161
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	74	164
Provision	15	698	698
Total current liabilities		772	862
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	15	6,652	6,286
Deferred tax liabilities	6	-	-
Total non-current liabilities		6,652	6,286
Total liabilities		7,424	7,148
Net assets/(liabilities)		3,761	3,013
Equity			
Issued capital	16a	14,353	13,243
Other contributed equity	18	(2,005)	(2,005)
Reserves	16b	1,413	631
Accumulated losses	19	(10,000)	(8,856)
Total equity attributable to shareholders		3,761	3,013

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

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 (\$'000's)	2022 (\$'000's)
Income			
Interest revenue		13	-
Expenses			
Corporate expenses		(386)	(997)
Salaries, wages and superannuation		(208)	(327)
Exploration expenditure		(313)	(2,912)
Share based payments		-	(631)
Finance expense		(238)	(1,026)
Depreciation and amortisation		(12)	(19)
Loss before income tax		(1,144)	(5,912)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	6	-	891
Net loss after income tax		(1,144)	(5,021)
Other comprehensive income			
Other comprehensive income net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(1,144)	(5,021)
Loss per share for the year attributable to shareholders			
		cents	cents
Basic loss per share	7	(0.78)	(5.04)
Diluted loss per share	7	(0.78)	(5.04)

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		13	-
Payments to suppliers and employees		(650)	(1,283)
Expenditure on mineral interests		(355)	(3,291)
Net cash used in operating activities	10	(992)	(4,574)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		16	-
Net cash provided by investing activities		16	-
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of ordinary shares		2,030	4,000
Proceeds from issue of share options		2	-
Share issue costs		(140)	(350)
Proceeds from issue of convertible notes		-	25
Interest paid on convertible notes		-	(349)
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,892	3,326
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		916	(1,248)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		911	2,159
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,827	911

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

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Issued Capital (\$'000's)	Contributed equity (\$'000's)	Reserves (\$'000's)	Accumulated losses (\$'000's)	Total (\$'000's)
Balance as at 1 July 2021	2,058	(1,463)	-	(3,835)	(3,240)
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(5,021)	(5,021)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	(5,021)	(5,021)
Transactions with shareholders					
Issue of share capital	11,535	-	-	-	11,535
Share issue costs	(350)	105	-	-	(245)
Derecognition of current tax assets ¹	-	(647)	-	-	(647)
Share-based payments	-	-	631	-	631
Balance as at 30 June 2022	13,243	(2,005)	631	(8,856)	3,013
Balance as at 1 July 2022	13,243	(2,005)	631	(8,856)	3,013
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(1,144)	(1,144)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year				(1,144)	(1,144)
Transactions with shareholders					
Issue of share capital	2,030	-	-	-	2,030
Issue of share options	2	-	-	-	2
Share issue costs	(922)	-	782	-	(140)
Share-based payments	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2023	14,353	(2,005)	1,413	(10,000)	3,761

Notes:

1. Tax assets assumed by the parent entity.

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

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Note 1 – Corporate Information

Pearl Gull Iron Limited is a for profit company incorporated in Australia whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Stock Exchange (**ASX**). The financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 20 September 2023.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Company are described in the Directors Report.

Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial report is a general-purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for certain financial investments that have been measured at fair value. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

As a result of the uncertainties inherent in business and other activities, certain items in a financial report cannot be measured with precision but can only be estimated. The estimation process involves best estimates based on the latest information available, which are set out in Note 4.

Comparatives

Certain prior financial year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current financial year presentation.

Rounding of Amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financials/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the Directors' Report. Amounts in the Directors' Report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

Going concern

This 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 Company has incurred a net loss after tax for the year ended 30 June 2023 of \$1.1m (2022: \$5.0m) and experienced net cash outflows from operating activities of \$0.99m (2022: \$4.6m). As at 30 June 2023, the Company had net current assets of \$1.1m (30 June 2022: net current assets of \$0.1m).

On completion of the \$1.0 million Placement and \$1.0 million Entitlement issue on 7 February 2023, the Directors believe that there are sufficient funds to meet the Company's committed minimum expenditure requirements and as at the date of this report the Directors believe they can meet all liabilities as and when they fall due.

The Directors have reviewed the business outlook and the assets and liabilities of the Company and are of the opinion that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.

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Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(a) Compliance statement

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

(b) Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. Only the following are considered potentially relevant to the Company.

AASB 2021-5: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction narrows the initial recognition exemption for deferred tax balances and clarifies that the exemption does not apply to leases or decommissioning obligations. This standard is mandatorily effective for the year ending 30 June 2024 but will have no effect on reported balances unless the Company recognises deferred tax assets or liabilities.

AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current amends *AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements* to clarify when liabilities with uncertain settlement dates are current. This amendment has no effect on the Company for the current or prior year, but may affect treatment of future convertible notes. *AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Deferral of Effective Date* deferred the relevant mandatory effective date for the Company until the year ending 30 June 2024.

AASB 2021-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates amends various accounting standards to remove requirements for disclosure of immaterial accounting policies and clarify treatment of accounting estimates. This will have no effect on reported balances but will remove immaterial accounting policy disclosures and change disclosures of material estimates. This standard is mandatorily effective for the year ending 30 June 2024.

AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture clarified the treatment of transactions with associates or joint venture partner, with the full gain or loss to be recognised on disposal of a business combination to an associate or joint venture. *AASB 2021-7(a-c) Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections* deferred the mandatory effective date of relevant amendments to 1 January 2025.

(c) New Accounting standards applicable to 30 June 2023 year end

None of the new standards and amendments to standards that are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2022 affected any of the amounts recognised in the current period or the comparative period.

AASB 2020-3: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments amended several standards from 1 January 2022, including *AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment*. The amendments to *AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment* require an entity to recognise the sales proceeds from selling items produced while preparing property, plant and equipment for its intended use and the related costs in profit or loss, instead of deducting amounts received from the cost of the asset. This amendment has no effect on the Company for the current or prior year, but will affect treatment of sales revenue, related costs, and property, plant and equipment while any future mine is developed.

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Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Summary of significant accounting policies

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash at bank and in hand and deposits that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(ii) Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure

Exploration and evaluation costs are expensed in the year they are incurred apart from acquisition costs which are carried forward where right of tenure of the area of interest is current and they are expected to be recouped through sale or successful development and exploitation of the area of interest, or where exploration and evaluation activities in the area of interest have not reached a stage that permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

Where an area of interest is abandoned or the Directors decide that it is not commercial, any accumulated acquisition costs in respect of that area are written off in the financial period the decision is made. Each area of interest is also reviewed at the end of each accounting period and accumulated costs written off to the extent that they will not be recoverable in the future.

Amortisation is not charged on costs carried forward in respect of areas of interest in the development phase until production commences.

(iii) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value and are subsequently carried at amortised costs. Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Company becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services.

(iv) Issued capital

Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction, net of tax, of the share proceeds received.

(v) Income tax

The income tax expense (benefit) for the period comprises current income tax expense (benefit) and deferred tax expense (benefit).

Current income tax expense charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income is the tax payable on taxable income calculated using applicable income tax rates enacted, or substantially enacted, as at reporting date. Current tax liabilities (assets) are therefore measured at the amounts expected to be paid to (recovered from) the relevant taxation authority.

Deferred income tax expenses reflect movements in deferred tax assets and deferred tax liability balances during the period as well as unused tax losses.

Current and deferred income tax expense (benefit) charged is credited directly to equity instead of the profit or loss when the tax relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at reporting date. Their measurement also reflects the manner in which management expects to recover or settle the carrying amount of the related asset or liability.

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Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(v) Income tax (continued)

Deferred tax assets relating to temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the benefits of the deferred tax asset can be utilised.

When temporary differences exist in relation to investments in subsidiaries, branches, associates, and joint ventures, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised where the timing of reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is not probable that the reversal will occur in the foreseeable future. Current tax assets and liabilities are offset where a legally enforceable right of set-off exists and it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where a legally enforceable right of set-off exists, the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur in future periods in which significant amounts of deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be recovered or settled.

(vi) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost less an allowance for impairment. Refer also to Note 2 (d)(xiv) Financial instruments.

(vii) Property, plant and equipment

All classes of equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the specific asset as follows:

Asset	2023	2022
Equipment	3-10 years	3-10 years

Depreciation is not charged on plant until production commences.

Impairment

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment at each balance date, with recoverable amount being estimated when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs, unless the asset's value in use can be estimated to be close to its fair value.

An impairment exists when the carrying values of an asset or cash generating unit exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The asset or cash-generating unit is then written down to its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount of equipment is the greater of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. 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.

Derecognition

Property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset.

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Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(vii) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item) is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period the item is derecognised.

(viii) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the employee benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave, sick leave and long service leave.

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and other employee benefits expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. All other employee benefit liabilities are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. In determining the present value of future cash outflows, the market yield as at the reporting date on national corporate bonds, which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability, are used.

(ix) Revenue recognition

Interest revenue

Interest income is recognised as the interest accrues (using the effective interest method, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument) to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attached conditions complied with. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised as income on a systematic basis over the periods that the related costs, for which it is intended to compensate, are expensed.

Sale of Assets

Revenue from the sale of assets is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the assets have passed to the buyer, usually on delivery of the asset.

(x) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable
- receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included

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

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a net basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

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Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(xi) Earnings/loss per share

Basic earnings/loss per share is calculated by dividing the profit/loss from ordinary activities after related income tax expense by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

Diluted earnings/loss per share is calculated as net profit/loss attributable to members, adjusted for:

- costs of servicing equity (other than dividends)
- the after-tax effect of dividends and interest associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares that have been recognised as expenses
- other discretionary changes in revenues or expenses during the period that would result from the dilution of potential ordinary shares
- divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares adjusted for any bonus element

(xii) Share based payment transactions

The Company provides benefits to employees (including Directors) of the Company in the form of share-based payments, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares ('equity-settled transactions').

The cost of these equity-settled transactions with employees is measured by reference to the fair value of the shares at the grant date.

In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any performance conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares of Pearl Gull Iron Limited ('market conditions').

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance conditions are fulfilled, ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award ('vesting date').

The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the number of awards that, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, will ultimately vest. This opinion is formed based on the best available information at balance sheet date. No adjustment is made for the likelihood of market performance conditions being met as the effect of these conditions is included in the determination of fair value at grant date.

No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest because non-market performance and/or service conditions have not been met. Where awards include a market or non-vesting condition, the transactions are treated as vested irrespective of whether the market or non-vesting condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance and/or service conditions are satisfied.

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Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(xii) Share based payment transactions (continued)

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. In addition, an expense is recognised for any increase in the value of the transactions a result of the modification, as measured at the date of modification.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new award are treated as if they were modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect, if any, of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of earnings per share, unless the Company is loss making, then it is anti-dilutive as the inclusion of these options would reduce the loss per share.

(xiii) Provisions

Rehabilitation provision

The Company makes full provision for the future cost of rehabilitating mine sites and related production facilities on a discounted basis at the time of acquiring, or developing, the mines and installing and using those facilities.

The rehabilitation provision represents the estimated present value of rehabilitation costs relating to the Company's mine properties as at balance date. Assumptions are based on the current economic environment at each balance date, which management believe provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the future liability. These estimates are reviewed regularly to consider and material changes to the assumptions.

Actual rehabilitation costs will ultimately depend upon future market prices for the necessary rehabilitation works required that will reflect market conditions at the relevant time.

A rehabilitation asset has been recognised in relation to rehabilitation provision which was recognised upon acquisition of tenements and any subsequent changes to the rehabilitation provision relating to initial disturbance are recognised as part of the cost of the rehabilitation asset. Any rehabilitation provision relating to incremental disturbance would be recognised in profit or loss consistent with the treatment of exploration expense.

A change in the estimate of the rehabilitation provision that relates to the periodic unwinding of the discount is always recognised in profit or loss as a finance cost as it occurs.

Furthermore, the timing of rehabilitation is likely to depend on when the mine commences and ultimately (if a decision to mine is made) ceases to produce at economically viable rates. This, in turn, will depend upon commodity prices, which are inherently uncertain.

(xiv) Financial instruments

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

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Note 3 – Financial Risk Management and Policies

Overview

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the below risks, its objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. Management monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Company through regular reviews of the risks.

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risk
- interest rate risk

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's credit risk exposure arises principally from the Company's other financial assets, receivables, including receivables from related parties, security deposits and cash and cash equivalents.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company's cash and cash equivalents are maintained in banks with credit ratings of AA as per Standard & Poor's as at year-end.

Trade and other receivables

As the Company operates in the mining exploration sector its receivables generally relate to GST receivable from the Australian Taxation Authority and the credit risk is assessed similar to other financial instruments under AASB 9 and the credit risk is low.

Presently, the Company undertakes exploration and evaluation activities in Australia. At the balance sheet date there were no significant concentrations of credit risk and none of the Company's receivables are past due or impaired (2022: Nil).

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of the Company's financial assets represents the Company's maximum credit exposure. None of the Company's trade and other receivables are past due (2022: nil). As at 30 June 2023, the Company does not have any collective impairment on its other receivables (2022: nil).

Guarantees

At the date of this report there are no outstanding guarantees (2022: nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements

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Note 3 – Financial Risk Management and Policies (continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation.

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows.

The Company's liquidity risk arises from other financial liabilities and trade and other payables, together comprising the Company's financial liabilities.

Financial liabilities maturing profiles as follows:

Maturity profiles	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Less than 6 months	74	164
6 months to 1 year	-	-
1 year to 5 years	-	-
Greater than 5 years	-	-
Total	74	164

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

Equity risk

The Company considers its exposure to equity risk minimal and has not developed any policies or procedures to manage such risk.

Currency risk

The Company considers that its exposure to currency risk is minimal and has not developed any policies or procedures to manage such risk.

The Company has not entered into any derivative financial instruments to hedge such transactions and anticipated future receipts or payments that are denominated in a foreign currency.

Exposure to currency risk

The Company's exposure to foreign currency risk at reporting date was nil (2022: nil).

Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk. The Company considers that its exposure to interest risk is minimal, however it has a policy of monitoring interest rates offered by competing financial institutions to ensure it is aware of market trends and it receives competitive interest rates. Although changes in interest rates affect the valuations of the non-current rehabilitation provision disclosed in note 15, which in turn affect the values of Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure disclosed in note 13, these are not financial instruments and these changes have nil net effect on comprehensive income or net assets.

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Note 3 – Financial Risk Management and Policies (continued)

Profile

At the reporting date the Company's only exposure to interest rate risk is related to the balance of its cash and cash equivalents. The following table represents the Company's exposure to interest rate risk:

Variable rate instruments	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Cash and cash equivalents	1,827	911

A change of 1% in variable interest rates would have increased or decreased the Company's equity and profit by \$18k (2022: \$9k) and would have had the same effect on cash. The 1% sensitivity is based on reasonable possible movements over a financial year, after observation of a range of actual historical rate movement over the past five years.

Fair values

Fair values versus carrying amounts

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities, together with the carrying amounts shown in the Statement of Financial Position, are as follows:

Financial assets and liabilities	Note	2023		2022	
		Carrying amount (\$000's)	Fair value (\$000's)	Carrying amount (\$000's)	Fair value (\$000's)
Cash and cash equivalents	10	1,827	1,827	911	911
Trade and other receivables	11	-	-	22	22
Trade and other payables	14	(74)	(74)	(164)	(164)
Total		1,753	1,753	769	769

The Directors consider the carrying amount of the financial instruments to be a reasonable approximation of their fair value on account of their short to medium-term maturity cycle.

Capital management

When managing capital, management's objective is to ensure that the Company continues as a going concern as well as to maintain optimal returns to shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. Management also aims to maintain a capital structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital available to the Company.

The Company will raise equity through the issue of shares from time to time as the board sees fit to ensure it meets its objective of continuing as a going concern. The Company does not have any borrowings and has no current plans to obtain any debt facilities; as a result, the Company's total capital is defined as shareholders' equity, and at 30 June stood at:

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Equity	3,761	3,013

The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

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Note 4 – Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements and estimates on historical experience and on various factors it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

Management has identified the following critical accounting policies for which significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are made. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods.

Further details of the nature of these assumptions and conditions may be found in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

Exploration and evaluation

The Company's accounting policy for exploration and evaluation is set out in Note 2(d)(ii) to the accounts. The application of this policy necessarily requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions as to future events and circumstances, in particular, the assessment of whether economic quantities of reserves have been found. Any such estimates and assumptions may change as new information becomes available. If, after having capitalised expenditure under our policy, management conclude that they are unlikely to recover the expenditure by future exploitation or sale, then the relevant capitalised amount will be written off to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Share options

The Company 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 required to be measured. Fair values are determined using the Black-Scholes formula. For options issued in this financial year, the assumptions detailed in Note 17 were used.

Rehabilitation

The Company made a full provision for its share of the future cost of rehabilitating the Cockatoo Island Project and related production facilities on a discounted basis, recognised initially on acquisition of its interest in mine and related facilities.

The rehabilitation provision represents the estimated present value of rehabilitation costs relating to the Company's mine properties as at balance date. Assumptions are based on the current economic environment at each balance date, which management believe provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the future liability. These estimates are reviewed regularly to consider and material changes to the assumptions.

Actual rehabilitation costs will ultimately depend upon future market prices for the necessary rehabilitation works required that will reflect market conditions at the relevant time.

Furthermore, the timing of rehabilitation is likely to depend on when the mine commences and ultimately (if a decision to mine is made) ceases to produce at economically viable rates. This, in turn, will depend upon commodity prices, which are inherently uncertain.

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Note 5 – Segment information

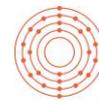
Identification of Reportable Segments

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

The Company operates within the mineral exploration industry within Australia.

The Company determines its operating segments by reference to internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors (the chief operating decision maker) in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. The Board of Directors currently receive Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Income information that is prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

The Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Income information received by the Board of Directors does not include any information by segment. The executive team manages each exploration activity of each exploration concession through review and approval of statutory expenditure requirements and other operational information. Based on this criterion, the Company has only one operating segment, being exploration, and the segment operations and results are the same as the Company results.



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Note 6 – Income tax expense

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
(a) Income tax expense/(benefit)		
<i>Current tax</i>		
Current tax on profit/(loss) for the year	(712)	(1,312)
(Over)/under provision in respect to prior year	-	(9)
Total current tax expense/(benefit)	(712)	(1,321)
<i>Deferred tax</i>		
Change in tax rate	-	56
Adjustment for temporary differences of prior periods	-	14
Total deferred tax expense/(benefit)	-	70
Income tax expense/(benefit)	(712)	(1,251)
Income tax expense/(benefit) not brought to account	712	360
Income tax expense/(benefit)	-	(891)
(b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense/(benefit) to prima facie tax		
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations before tax	(1,144)	(5,912)
Tax at the Australian rate of 30% (2022: 30%)	(343)	(1,773)
Tax effect of amount which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Finance cost	-	272
Share based payments	-	189
(Over)/under provision in respect to prior year	-	5
Change in tax rate	-	56
Other temporary and permanent differences	(13)	-
Tax losses not recognised/(recognised)	356	421
Net movement in temporary differences from prior year not recognised	-	(61)
Total tax expense/(benefit)	-	(891)
(c) Amounts recognised directly in equity		
Aggregate current and deferred tax arising in the financial year and not recognised in the net profit or loss but directly credited/(debited) to equity as follows:		
Capital raising costs	-	(105)

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Note 6 – Income tax expense (continued)

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
(d) Deferred taxes		
Deferred tax assets		
Rehabilitation provisions - current	209	209
Rehabilitation provisions – non current	1,996	1,968
Convertible notes – business related costs	-	63
Other provisions and accruals	13	8
Tax only assets – business related costs	273	218
Tax losses used	246	315
Total deferred tax assets	<u>2,737</u>	<u>2,781</u>
Deferred tax liabilities		
Explorations assets	(735)	(735)
Rehabilitation asset	(2,002)	(2,046)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(2,737)</u>	<u>(2,781)</u>
Net deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Not brought to account because unlikely use of losses	<u>(994)</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes

The Company has carried forward tax losses arising in Australia of \$4,131,739 (2022: \$2,480,427 per tax return) available for offset against future assessable income. The deferred tax asset in respect of these losses has been recognised only to offset a deferred tax liability. No current or deferred tax expense or benefit is recognised for 2023 because there is no expected payment or refund of tax for this period.

Tax losses carried forward have no expiry date.

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Note 7 – Earnings per share

	2023	2022
The following reflects the income and share data used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share:		
Net loss	(\$1,144,078)	(\$5,021,418)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share, before adjustment for effects of rights issue in 2023	144,133,551	95,863,474
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	146,485,624	99,673,170
Effect of dilutive securities: Share options ¹	-	-
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	146,485,624	99,673,170
Basic and diluted profit/(loss) cents per share	(0.78)	(5.04)

¹Share options are not dilutive as their inclusion would give rise to a reduced loss per share.

There was a total of 83,247,855 share options that were potentially dilutive to shares on issue at 30 June 2023 (2022: 66,247,857).

The above weighted average number of shares incorporates an adjustment that reflects the bonus element of the 16,641,177 shares issued for the rights issue in 2023. Before this adjustment, the 2022 losses per shares were 5.24 cents, based on the original weighted numbers of ordinary shares for 2022 of 95,863,474.

Conversion, calls, subscriptions or issues after 30 June 2023

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

Note 8 – Director and Executive disclosures

(a) Details of Key Management Personnel

Russell Clark	Non-executive Chairman (<i>appointed 1 July 2021</i>)
Alex Passmore	Non- executive Director (<i>appointed on 15 August 2017</i>)
Mathew O'Hara	Non- executive Director (<i>appointed director 31 March 2023, appointed company secretary 28 April 2023</i>)
Jonathan Fisher	Non-executive Director (<i>appointed 1 February 2021, resigned 31 March 2023</i>)
Chris Hunt	Company Secretary (<i>appointed 30 March 2022, resigned 28 April 2023</i>)
Evan Spencer	Interim Chief Executive Officer (<i>appointed 1 April 2022</i>)

There were no changes of Key Management Personnel after the reporting date and before the date that the financial report was authorised for issue.

(b) Compensation of Key Management Personnel by category

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Incentive plan		
Short-term	197,681	291,028
Share based payments	-	537,332
Post-employment	15,201	27,169
Total	212,882	855,529

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Note 9 – Auditor’s remuneration

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Remuneration of the current auditor of the Company, KPMG, for:		
Prior year audit fee not accrued	950	25,720
Audit and review of the financial report	43,497	40,812
Total	44,447	66,532

Note 10 – Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 (\$000’s)	2022 (\$000’s)
Cash and cash equivalents	1,827	911
Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on daily deposit rates		
Reconciliation of net loss after income tax to net cash flow from operations		
Net loss after income tax	(1,144)	(5,021)
Adjustments to reconcile profit before tax to net operating cash flows		
Depreciation and amortisation	12	19
Share based payments	-	631
Finance expense	238	1,026
Increase/(decrease) in income tax benefit	-	(891)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	22	197
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables/accruals	(90)	(535)
Increase/(decrease) in other current assets	(30)	-
Cash out-flow from operations	(992)	(4,574)

The Company does not have any credit standby arrangements, used or unused loan facilities.

Note 11 – Trade and other receivables

	2023 (\$000’s)	2022 (\$000’s)
Current		
Other receivables (i)	-	22
Total	-	22

(i) Receivables generally have 30-day terms and are unsecured.

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Note 12 – Property, plant and equipment

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Plant and equipment at cost	39	66
Accumulated depreciation	(22)	(21)
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>17</u>	<u>45</u>

Movement in property plant and equipment

Balance as at 1 July, net of accumulated depreciation	45	64
Plant and equipment additions – at cost	-	-
Disposal of plant and equipment	(16)	-
Depreciation	(12)	(19)
Balance as at 30 June, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>17</u>	<u>45</u>

Note 13 – Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Areas of interest in exploration and evaluation phases:		
Balance at the beginning of the year	9,183	10,544
Movement in rehabilitation asset (see Note 15)	128	(1,361)
Total	<u>9,311</u>	<u>9,183</u>

Ultimate recoupment of exploration and evaluation expenditure carried forward is dependent on successful development and commercial exploitation or, alternatively, sale of the respective areas.

Note 14 – Trade and other payables

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Trade payables (i)	29	137
Accruals	42	27
Payroll liabilities and superannuation	3	-
Total	<u>74</u>	<u>164</u>

(i) Creditors, are non-interest bearing and generally on 30-day terms

Note 15 – Provisions

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Current		
Rehabilitation provision	698	698
Total	698	698
Non-current		
Rehabilitation provision		
Carrying amount at the beginning of the year	6,286	7,528
Unwind of discount	238	119
Changes in rehabilitation estimate	128	(1,361)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	6,652	6,286

The rehabilitation provision represents a provision for site rehabilitation of the area previously disturbed.

Note 16 – Contributed equity and reserves

(a) Contributed Equity		2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)		
(i) Issued and paid-up capital					
Ordinary shares fully paid		14,353	13,243		
(ii) Movement in issued capital					
	Date	2023 (Number)	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (Number)	2022 (\$000's)
Ordinary shares					
Balance at beginning of year		100,027,858	13,243	43,250,001	2,058
Initial public offering (net of costs)		14 Sep 2021	-	20,000,000	3,650
Conversion of notes (net of costs) ¹		14 Sep 2021	-	36,777,857	7,535
Conversion of Incentive Options		28 Sept 2022	3,000,002	-	-
Placement (Tranche 1)		3 Jan 2023	15,450,000	309	-
Entitlement Offer		25 Jan 2023	16,641,177	333	-
Placement (Tranche 2)		7 Feb 2023	34,550,000	691	-
Entitlement Offer Shortfall		7 Feb 2023	34,872,753	697	-
Funds received for issue of share options (see note 17(ii))		7 Feb 2023	-	2	-
Capital raising costs with share-based payment			-	(782)	-
Other capital raising costs			-	(140)	-
Balance at end of year			204,541,790	14,353	100,027,858

¹ The Company had convertible notes with a value of \$6,976,000 outstanding at 30 June 2021, before the capitalisation of \$908,000 of interest in 2022, the payment of \$349,000 in interest and conversion of \$7,535,000 worth of convertible notes into ordinary shares, leaving no convertible notes outstanding after the initial public offering (IPO).

(iii) Terms and conditions of contributed equity

Ordinary shares have the right to receive dividends as declared and, in the event of winding up the Company, to participate in the proceeds from the sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the number of and amounts paid up on shares held.

Ordinary shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting on the Company.

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Note 16 – Contributed equity and reserves (continued)

(b) Reserves	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
(i) Share based payments reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	631	-
Options issued to Directors and consultants (Note 17(i))	-	631
Options issued for capital raising costs (Note 17(ii))	782	-
Balance at the end of the year	1,413	631

This reserve is used to record the value of equity benefits provided to employees and unrelated parties for services and the acquisition of mineral exploration projects.

(c) Share Options

On listing in September 2021, 1:1 bonus options were issued to all participants of the initial public offering and to convertible note holders. The number of options issued were 52.4m at an exercise price of \$0.30. No options were exercised or cancelled in the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

In the financial year ended 30 June 2023, 3,000,002 incentive options were converted (note 17(a)(ii)), and \$2,000 was received for 20,000,000 share options issued as a share-based payment (note 17(a)(ii)), but no options were cancelled, leaving 83,247,855 share options on issue at 30 June 2023.

Note 17 – Share based payments

(i) Employee share incentive scheme – Pearl Gull Iron Limited

An Employee Share Scheme (ESS) has been established where Pearl Gull Iron Limited may, at the discretion of Directors, grant options over the ordinary shares of Pearl Gull Iron Limited to Directors, Executives and employees of the Company. The plan is designed to provide long-term incentives for employees and to deliver long term shareholder returns. Participation in the plan is at the Board's discretion and no individual has a contractual right to participate in the plan or to receive guaranteed benefits. In addition, under the Plan, the Board determines the terms of the options including exercise price, expiry date and vesting conditions, if any.

Options granted under the plan are unlisted and carry no dividend or voting rights. When exercised, each option is convertible into an ordinary share of the Company with full dividend and voting rights.

During 2023, no options were issued pursuant to the ESS (2022: 9,470,000) and there are no other options on issue that have been issued under the plan. No expense has been recognised for options issued pursuant to the ESS in 2023 (2022: \$631,333) because Tranche 1 of the options granted in 2022 vested in 2022, while the performance condition for Tranche 2 was not met before the performance hurdle expiry date for Tranche 2, and the performance condition for Tranche 3 is not expected to be met.

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Note 17 – Share based payments (continued)

This table summarises the performance conditions of options issued as share-based payments in 2022. These options had nil exercise prices.

Tranche	Number	Grant Date	Exercise Price	Performance condition	Expiry Date	Performance Hurdle Expiry Date
1	3,156,666	16 Sep 21	Nil	The Company completes a drilling program of a minimum of 2,500m of diamond drilling at M04/235.	1 Jun 26	30 Sep 22
2	3,156,666	16 Sep 21	Nil	The Company announcing the delineation of a JORC compliant Indicated Mineral Resource of at least 500Kt of iron ore (as those terms are defined in the JORC Code 2012) on M04/235 at a minimum average grade of 60% Fe.	1 Jun 26	1 Jun 23
3	3,156,667	16 Sep 21	Nil	The Company announcing the delineation of a JORC compliant Indicated Mineral Resource of at least 5Mt of iron ore (as those terms are defined in the JORC Code 2012) on M04/235 at a minimum average grade of 60% Fe.	1 Jun 26	1 Jun 24
	<u>9,470,000</u>					

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Note 17 – Share based payments (continued)

(ii) Options issued for capital raising services

On 7 February 2023 the Company issued 20,000,000 (2,000,000 for lead manager and 18,000,000 for underwriting) 5c options expiring 6 February 2026 to the lead manager and underwriter of capital raisings during the year. As these options were issued in addition to capital raising and management fees, the fair value of the additional services provided by these options cannot be estimated reliably, so the Company is required to measure the value as the value of the equity instruments granted. \$2,000 received for these options is less than fair value of these options, so this \$2,000 is deducted from the amount recognised as a share-based payment. Of the \$783,800 total value of these options, \$2,000 is recognised in issued capital as disclosed in note 16(a)(ii), and the remaining \$781,800 is recognised as a capital raising costs as disclosed in note 16(a)(ii).

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Measurement / grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price (cents)	Value per option at measurement date (cents)	Balance of options at the start of the year (000's)	Options issued during the year (000's)	Options exercised during the year (000's)	Options lapsed during the year (000's)	Balance of options at the end of the year (000's)	Options exercisable at the end of the year (000's)
16 Sep 21	1 Jun 26	Nil	20.0	9,470,000	-	3,000,002	-	6,469,998	156,667
7 Feb 2023	6 Feb 2026	5	3.919	-	20,000,000	-	-	20,000,000	20,000,000
				9,470,000	20,000,000	3,000,002	-	26,469,998	20,156,667
Weighted average exercise price (cents)				nil	5	nil	-	3.78	4.96

The weighted average remaining contractual life of share options outstanding at the end of the year was 2.69 years (2022: 4.0 years).

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price (cents)	Value per option at grant date (cents)	Balance of options at the start of the year (000's)	Options granted during the year (000's)	Options exercised during the year (000's)	Options lapsed during the year (000's)	Balance of options at the end of the year (000's)	Options exercisable at the end of the year (000's)
16 Sep 21	1 Jun 26	Nil	20.0	-	9,470,000	-	-	9,470,000	3,156,667
				-	9,470,000	-	-	9,470,000	3,156,667
Weighted average exercise price (cents)				-	nil	-	-	nil	nil

Fair values of options issued as share-based payments are calculated using the Black-Scholes model and the following parameters.

	ESS options	Broker options
Measurement date	16 Sep 21	7 Feb 23
Spot rate	\$0.20	\$0.052
Exercise price	Nil	\$0.05
Expected share price volatility	95%	129%
Dividend yield	Nil	Nil
Number of options issued	9,470,000	20,000,000
Fair value per option (cents)	20.0	3.919

Historical volatility has been the basis for determining expected share price volatility as it is assumed that this is indicative of future trends, which may not eventuate.

The life of the options is based on historical exercise patterns, which may not eventuate in the future.

No other features of options granted were incorporated into the measurement of fair value.

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Note 18 – Other contributed equity

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Balance at the beginning of the year	(2,005)	(1,463)
Current tax losses derecognised	-	(647)
Capital raising costs – tax effect	-	105
Balance at the end of the year	(2,005)	(2,005)

The Company did not have a tax funding arrangement in place with Cockatoo Iron during the year ended 30 June 2022. In 2022, the Company transferred tax losses of \$647,162 @30% to Cockatoo Iron NL, its previous parent entity, under tax consolidation. This was recorded in equity because there was no compensation from Cockatoo Iron NL for these tax losses. The Company deconsolidated from Cockatoo Iron NL on 16 September 2021, when the Company was listed on the ASX.

Note 19 – Accumulated losses

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
Balance at the beginning of the year	8,856	3,835
Net loss attributable to members of Pearl Gull Iron Limited	1,144	5,021
Balance at the end of the year	10,000	8,856

No dividends were paid during or since the financial year (2022: nil). There are no franking credits available (2022: nil).

Note 20 – Expenditure commitments

(a) Exploration commitments

The Company has entered into certain obligations to perform minimum work on mineral tenements held. The Company is required to meet tenement minimum expenditure requirement which are set out below. These may be varied or deferred on application and are expenditures expected to be met in the normal course of business.

	2023 (\$000's)	2022 (\$000's)
No later than one year	16	16
Later than one year and not later than five years	-	-
Later than five years	-	-
Total	16	16

Note 21 – Contingent liabilities

At the financial reporting date there are no contingent liabilities.

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Note 22 – Events subsequent to the reporting date

No matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year, other than mentioned above, which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial periods.

Note 23 – Related party transactions

The Company had two agreements with Rox Resources Limited (**Rox**) that were ongoing from 2022. Under these agreements, Rox provided Company Secretarial and Finance Services for \$10,000 per month (amended as mutually agreed) and sub-let office space to the Company at \$2,000 per month. The amount paid by the Company for the financial year 30 June 2023 was \$105,000 for Company Secretarial and Finance Services and \$20,776 for use of office space. Mr Alex Passmore was the Chief Executive Officer of Rox until 24 October 2022. Mr Chris Hunt is the Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Rox. Mr Hunt did not receive any remuneration from Pearl Gull. During the year, the Company also sold a motor vehicle to Rox for \$15,833, which was both the arm's length value and the book value of the motor vehicle at the date of disposal. No balance was outstanding to Rox as at 30 June 2023.

Directors' Declaration

For the year ended 30 June 2023

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Pearl Gull Iron Limited, I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors':

- (a) The financial statements and notes of the Company are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- (b) The financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 2(a); and
- (c) Subject to the matters set out in Note 2, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (d) This declaration is made after receiving the declarations required to be made to the Directors in accordance with section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

On behalf of the Board



Russell Clark

Non-Executive Chairman

Perth, 20 September 2023



Independent Auditor's Report

To the shareholders of Pearl Gull Iron Limited

Report on the audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the **Financial Report** of Pearl Gull Iron Limited (the Company).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies; and
- Directors' Declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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 Company in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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.

We have determined the matters described below to be the Key Audit Matters.

Exploration and evaluation assets (\$9.311 million)	
Refer Note 13 in the Financial Report	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
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<p>Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised (E&E) relating to the Cockatoo Island project is a key audit matter due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the significance of the balance (being 83% of total assets); and • the greater level of audit effort to evaluate the Company's application of the requirements of the accounting standard AASB 6 <i>Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources</i>. This includes the analysis of the conditions allowing capitalisation of relevant expenditure and in particular the assessment of the presence of impairment indicators. The presence of impairment indicators would necessitate a detailed analysis by the Company of the value of E&E. Given the criticality of this to the scope and depth of our work, we involved senior team members to challenge the Company's determination of non-existence of such indicators. • In assessing the conditions allowing capitalisation of relevant expenditure, we focused on documentation available regarding rights to tenure, via licensing, and compliance with relevant conditions, to maintain current rights to an area of interest. We also focused on the Company's intention and capacity to continue the relevant exploration and evaluation activities. <p>In assessing the presence of impairment indicators, we focused on those which may draw into question the commercial continuation of exploration and evaluation activities for the Cockatoo Island project. In addition to the assessments above and given the financial position of the Company, we paid particular attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Company's determination of the expectation of E&E to be recovered in full through successful development of the area of interest, or alternatively, by its sale; and • the ability of the Company to fund the continuation of activities. 	<p>Our procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluating the Company's accounting policy to recognise exploration and evaluation assets against the criteria of the accounting standard; • assessing the Company's current rights to tenure for the Cockatoo Island project, by checking the ownership of the relevant licenses to government registries. We also tested for compliance with conditions, such as minimum expenditure requirements, on a sample of licenses; • testing the movements to E&E for the year by evaluating consistency to underlying records. We also checked the movements against the Company's accounting policy and the requirements of the accounting standard; • evaluating documents, such as minutes of Board meetings and ASX announcements for consistency with the Company's stated intentions for continuing exploration and evaluation activities. We challenged this through interviews with key operational and finance personnel; • analysing the Company's determination of recoupment through successful development and exploitation of the Cockatoo Island project by evaluating the Company's documentation of planned future/continuing activities including work programmes and corporate budgets; and • assessing the Company's cash flow budget for evidence of the ability to fund continued activities and capacity of the Company to secure such funding.
Rehabilitation Provision (\$7.350 million)	
Refer note 15 in the Financial Report	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit

<p>The rehabilitation provision is considered to be a key audit matter. This is due to the additional audit effort from the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inherent complexity in estimating future environmental restoration and rehabilitation costs, and • significant judgement applied by the Company, particularly for those costs to be incurred several years in the future. <p>The estimate of the rehabilitation provision is influenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complexity in current environmental and regulatory requirements, and the impact to completeness of the rehabilitation provision; • The expected environmental management strategy of the Company and the nature of the costs incorporated into the rehabilitation provision; and • The expected timing of expenditure which is planned to occur several years into the future, and the associated inflation and discounting of costs in the present value calculation of the rehabilitation provision. <p>The Company uses third party and internal experts when assessing their obligations for restoration and rehabilitation activities and associated estimates of future costs.</p>	<p>Our procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing the basis for recognition and measurement of the rehabilitation provision for consistency with environmental and regulatory requirements and criteria in the accounting standards; • Obtaining the Company's rehabilitation provision estimation, and critically evaluated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Comparing the nature and quantum of costs contained in the Company's rehabilitation provision to the Company's third party expert report and internal and external underlying documentation. We checked the inputs of the Company's rehabilitation provision estimation to the Company's third party expert report; – Assessing the planned timing of restoration and rehabilitation activities through comparison to the Company's strategy and plans for commencement and completion of restoration and rehabilitation activities; – Assessing the competence, scope and objectivity of the Company's internal and third party experts used in the determination of the rehabilitation provision estimate; and – Comparing inflation rate and discount rate assumptions in the Company's rehabilitation provision determination to external market data for Australian bond rates and Australian inflation targets. • Evaluating the completeness of the rehabilitation provision against the Company's analysis of where disturbance requires rehabilitation or restoration, and comparing to our understanding of the Company's operations. • Assessing the disclosures in the financial report using our understanding obtained from our testing against the requirements of the accounting standard. This included evaluating the current and non-current rehabilitation provision disclosure for consistency to the planned timing of the rehabilitation expenditure.
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Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Pearl Gull Iron Limited's annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we 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.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Act 2001*
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- 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 *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They 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 the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2_2020.pdf This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

Report on the Remuneration Report

Opinion

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Pearl Gull Iron Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023, complies with *Section 300A* of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Directors' responsibilities

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with *Section 300A* of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Our responsibilities

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 13 to 19 in the Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the



Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Hingeley'.

Matthew Hingeley
Partner

Perth

20 September 2023

Schedule of Mining Tenements

as at 30 June 2023

Tenement Number	Location	Nature of Interest	Interest held (%)
M04/235-I	WA	Granted	100
L04/102	WA	Granted	100
L04/103	WA	Granted	100
P04/299	WA	Application	-
L04/120	WA	Application	-
L04/122	WA	Application	-

Other Information

as at 13 September 2023

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 4.10, the following information is provided.

Top 20 shareholders – Ordinary Shares

No.	Shareholder	Shares held	% of issued capital
1	COCKATOO IRON NL	43,250,001	21.14%
2	MR MARK JOHN BAHEN & MRS MARGARET PATRICIA BAHEN <MJ BAHEN SUPER FUND A/C>	20,225,000	9.89%
3	KINGSLANE PTY LTD <CRANSTON SUPER PENSION A/C>	20,225,000	9.89%
4	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	6,980,500	3.41%
5	AYERS CAPITAL PTY LTD	6,436,911	3.15%
6	JASPER HILL RESOURCES PTY LTD <SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT>	6,147,183	3.01%
7	ZERO NOMINEES PTY LTD	5,139,607	2.51%
8	MR JODY DAHROUGE	5,000,000	2.44%
9	YELVERTON FOUNDATION PTY LTD <YELVERTON FOUNDATION A/C>	3,623,196	1.77%
10	MR LUDGER DAVID KOHMASCHER	3,117,126	1.52%
11	BONEYARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	2,792,200	1.37%
12	ALDERHAUS PTY LTD	2,700,000	1.32%
13	TT NICHOLLS PTY LTD <SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT>	2,662,500	1.30%
14	GEORDIE BAY HOLDINGS PTY LTD	2,100,000	1.03%
15	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD ACF CLEARSTREAM	2,000,000	0.98%
16	MR ALEXANDER ROSS PASSMORE	1,660,000	0.81%
17	AUKERA CAPITAL PTY LTD <AUKERA DISCRETIONARY A/C>	1,550,000	0.76%
18	FUTURE SUPER PTY LTD <JWS SUPER FUND A/C>	1,420,000	0.69%
19	MR MATTHEW REGOS & MRS SILVIA LISA REGOS <REGOS FAMILY SUPER FUND A/C>	1,389,500	0.68%
20	LOKTOR HOLDINGS PTY LTD <TAYBIRD A/C>	1,382,167	0.68%
	Total	139,800,891	68.35%

Substantial Shareholders

The names of substantial shareholders who have notified the Company in accordance with section 671B of the Corporations Act 2011 are:

Shareholder	Shares held	% of issued capital
Cockatoo Iron NL	43,250,001	21.14

Distribution of Shareholders Number

Size of shareholding	Number of holders	Number of shares	% of issued capital
1 – 1,000	8	1,154	0.00%
1,001 – 5,000	17	57,553	0.03%
5,001 – 10,000	71	624,168	0.31%
10,001 – 100,000	224	8,976,005	4.39%
100,001 Over	143	194,882,910	95.28%
Total	463	204,541,790	100.00%

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Distribution of Shareholders Number (continued)

There is a total of 204,541,790 fully paid ordinary shares on issue, all of which are listed on the ASX. At shareholder meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands. Options do not carry any voting rights.

There is no current on-market buy back taking place.

Unmarketable Parcels

There were 162 shareholders holding 1,629,825 shares, which is less than a marketable parcel of shares in the Company at \$0.025 per share.

Unquoted Securities

ASX Code	Type of Security	No. of Holders	No. of securities
PLGAC	Unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30, expiring on or before 13 September 2024.	152	32,352,307
PLGAD	Unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30, expiring on or before 13 September 2024, escrow until 20 September 2023, being 24 months from the date of commencement of Official Quotation.	9	4,425,550
PLGAE	Unlisted incentive options, nil exercise price, expiring on or before 1 June 2026, escrow until 20 September 2023, being 24 months from the date of commencement of Official Quotation.	7	6,469,998
PLGAF	Unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30, expiring on or before 13 September 2024.	304	20,000,000
PLGAG	Unlisted options exercisable at \$0.05, expiring on or before 13 September 2024.	2	20,000,000

Restricted Securities

ASX Code	Type of Security	No. of Holders	No. of securities
PLGAB	Fully paid ordinary shares, escrow until 20 September 2023, being 24 months from the date of commencement of Official Quotation.	16	48,125,550
PLGAD	Unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30, expiring on or before 13 September 2024, escrow until 20 September 2023, being 24 months from the date of commencement of Official Quotation.	9	4,425,550
PLGAE	Unlisted incentive options, nil exercise price, expiring on or before 1 June 2026, escrow until 20 September 2023, being 24 months from the date of commencement of Official Quotation.	7	6,469,998

There are no other restricted securities.

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ASX Listing Rule 4.10.19

In accordance with Listing Rule 4.10.19, the Company states that it has used the cash and assets in a form readily convertible to cash that it had at the time of admission in a way consistent with its business objectives. The business objective is primarily mineral exploration.

Mineral Resource Statement

The following information is provided in accordance with Listing Rule 5.21.

Mineral Resource Estimation Governance Statement

Pearl Gull ensures that any Mineral Resource Estimate is subject to appropriate levels of governance and internal controls. The Mineral Resource Estimate has been prepared by independent consultants to the Company, CSA Global Pty Ltd, who are experienced in best practices in modelling and estimation methods and have undertaken reviews of the quality and suitability of the underlying information used to generate the resource estimations. The Mineral Resource Estimate follows standard industry methodology using geological interpretation and assay results from samples acquired through historical and recent drilling data completed from 2008 through 2021. A total of 31 drillholes, including 27 reverse circulation percussion holes and four diamond core holes for a total of 3,483.3m was used to inform the Mineral Resource Estimate.

Pearl Gull reports its Mineral Resources in accordance with the *Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves 2012 Edition (JORC Code 2012)*. Competent Persons named by the Company qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the JORC Code 2012.

Pearl Gull reported its maiden Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate for the Magazine Deposit on 28 March 2023 above a 25% Fe cut-off, shown in the table below. Prior to this date the Company had not reported a Mineral Resource Estimate.

Deposit	Classification	Tonnes (Mt)	Fe %	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	P %	S %	Mn %	CaO %	MgO %	Na ₂ O %	LOI %
Magazine	Inferred	24.5	34.3	46.3	2.7	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.42	0.01	1.04
	Total	24.5	34.3	46.3	2.7	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.42	0.01	1.04

Notes:

- Mineral Resources are reported in accordance with the *Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, and Ore Reserves (The Joint Ore Reserves Committee Code – JORC 2012 Edition)*.
- Data is reported to significant figures and differences may occur due to rounding.