

### **Quarterly Report**

For the quarter ended 31 December 2023



# **Highlights**

- \$28.8 million net positive operating cash flow generated from the Burton complex with first coking coal product sold from the Ellensfield South pit.
- December quarter run-of-mine (ROM) production of 785Kt was 22.6% higher than the September quarter.
- Group strip ratio reduced by 34% from 16.7:1 to 11.0:1 including boxcut development volumes at Ellensfield South.
- 47% increase in average realised coking coal price.
- Mining activities at Bluff have completed while ROM coal continues to be processed in the March 24 quarter, and the mine transitions into care and maintenance.
- Coal sales from Bluff were 92% higher than forecast.
- Coal Reserve estimate for Lenton Deposit upgraded by 32%.

## Safety

The total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) at the end of December was 2.9 on a 12-month rolling basis for employees and contractors. This result was a 50% improvement on the previous quarter.

## **CEO Statement**

"During the quarter, ROM production continued to increase across our Broadmeadow East and Ellensfield South mines, despite the impact of weather delays across November and December 2023.

Strong ongoing demand for premium coking coal amid tight supply conditions saw average realised prices increase while the Company was also supported by higher average prices for thermal coal.

A decrease in saleable coal production resulted from low inventories and wet weather reducing utilisation of the Burton CHPP, and an extended planned shutdown of a third-party facility which processes the Bluff Mine product.

Despite significant logistical delays in December 2023, our shipping tempo was maintained at 10 vessels, aligning with the performance achieved in the September quarter. This resilience reflects our commitment to delivering on schedule.

As we enter the traditional wet season, the emergence of two cyclones off the Queensland coast posed potential risks. Our primary focus is on executing our plan at the Burton Complex while proactively taking steps to de-risk operations throughout the remainder of the wet season."

### **Executive Summary**

Improved mining performance continued across the Company's operating mines, limited however by increased rain events throughout November and December (refer Operational Review).

ROM coal produced in the quarter saw a 22.6% increase over the previous quarter. Average coking coal realised prices increased by 47% owing to higher index prices and higher relativities to index owing to the better quality Ellensfield South coking coal. Sales volumes were slightly lower (refer Coal Sales and Realised Pricing) with a reduction in saleable coal produced at the Burton Complex as a consequence of low ROM inventories coupled with wet weather. Coal sales were further adversely impacted by logistic chain congestion and an inability to secure full rail capacity in December with weather, manning and Christmas closures affecting both rail and port, and rail operators having limited opportunity to provide make-up services after cancellations or schedule alterations.

Bowen's infrastructure however continued to deliver reliable performance at name-plate capacity, and excellent availability, and the shipping tempo was maintained at ten vessels per quarter despite the logistical challenges. Saleable coal stocks at the end of the quarter were 16.5% lower than the previous quarter but remain robust at 158Kt.

During the quarter, mining operations were successfully concluded at Bluff with no major incidents, and demobilisation activities commenced, to be concluded in the March 2024 quarter. As planned, the contractor, BUMA, mobilised and commissioned a high capacity 600t excavator to Ellensfield South in November 2023 to replace a 350t dig unit. This will be a critical piece of equipment to allow the continued ROM coal ramp up of the Ellensfield South pit. The Broadmeadow East pit continues to advance towards a high voltage power line easement with a decision imminent on pausing mining at BME as the Ellensfield South pit ramps-up.

Product mix across the group remained stable for metallurgical coal sales at 53% for the December quarter down only 1% from the previous quarter, aided by an increase in sales from Bluff. As Ellensfield South is brought up to steady-state production, metallurgical coal sales are expected to remain higher than the thermal coal secondary product.

Cash costs were higher than guidance for the Burton Complex with reduced coal sales resulting from vessels being delayed out of December due to logistical constraints (refer Logistics Update) lowering sale tonnes, however there was an improvement at Bluff on the previous quarter.

Bowen is continuing to implement near term cost reduction initiatives at the Burton Complex with completion of haul road works to enable direct coal haulage to the ROM, and the delivery of associated fixed infrastructure to pump tailings expected early in the March quarter, after which cash savings can be realised. Bowen also continues to keep a tight rein on any capital expenditure.

### **Operational Review**

#### **Managed Production** Quarter Quarter Change Year to Date Year to Date (unaudited) Dec-23 Sep-23 % Dec-23 Dec-22 **ROM Coal Produced** Kt 785.2 640.3 22.6% 1,425.6 593.8 34.0% ROM Strip Ratio (including Burton ES) Prime 11.0 16.7 13.5 16.2 (12.2%) Saleable Coal Produced 478.7 1,023.8 Kt 545.1 258.2 Sales of Produced Coal 554.8 (9.0%) Kt 505.0 1,059.8 81.8 Sales of Third Party Purchased Coal 213.5% Kt 23.9 7.6 31.6 0.0 (6.0%)**Total Coal Sales** Kt 528.9 562.4 1,091.3 81.8 (16.5%)Saleable Coal Stocks at period end Kt 158.0 189.3 158.0 182.4

#### **Bowen Coking Coal Production, Sales and Stock Volumes**

In the December 2023 quarter, ROM production was up 22.6% on the previous quarter as mining operations continued to ramp-up at the Ellensfield South Mine, however, intermittent and inclement weather disruptions in November and December 2023 limited further upside. The Burton Complex (Ellensfield South and Broadmeadow East Mines combined) lifted ROM production by 21.4% from the previous quarter, with the introduction of increased excavator capacity (replacing a 350t dig unit with a 600t machine) in November 2023. Despite Bluff only mining for two months prior to being transitioned into care and maintenance, ROM production of 193Kt was 26.6% higher than the previous quarter. Group strip ratios improved by 34.0% from the prior comparative period reducing to 11.0:1, well supported by increased ROM tonnage at Bluff, against guidance of 11.9:1.

Saleable coal production for the Group was lower by 12.2% with reduced coal inventories and weather events impacting CHPP utilisation at Burton, and an extended Christmas shutdown at the third party CHPP provider reducing coal processed for the Bluff operation despite significant ROM being available. The Burton CHPP continues to achieve excellent mechanical availability ~95%.

Total quarterly coal sales were slightly lower (6.0%) than the September 2023 quarter due to logistical delays prolonging vessel loading times, however the shipping tempo remained consistent with ten vessels for the quarter. Metallurgical coal accounted for 53% of overall coal sales volumes in the December 2023 quarter, remaining essentially unchanged from the previous quarter.

#### **Burton Complex**

Managed Production (unaudited)		Quarter Dec-23	Quarter Sep-23	Change %	Year to Date Dec-23	Year to Date Dec-22
ROM Coal Produced	Kt	592.2	487.8	21.4%	1,080.0	396.2
ROM Strip Ratio	Prime	12.1	15.1	20.3%	13.5	11.5
Saleable Coal Produced	Kt	364.6	420.1	(13.2%)	784.7	170.8
Sales of Produced Coal	Kt	336.9	436.4	(22.8%)	773.4	41.5
Sales of Third Party Purchased Coal	Kt	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Total Coal Sales	Kt	336.9	436.4	(22.8%)	773.4	41.5
Saleable Coal Stocks at period end	Kt	142.5	120.2	18.5%	142.5	123.6

Burton ROM coal production of 592Kt for the December 2023 quarter was up 21.4% on the September 2023 quarter, with increased digger capacity implemented at Ellensfield South. While the overall fleet number did not change, a 350t excavator was replaced by a 600t unit in late November 2023, providing increased capacity and a lower unit cost. Higher than expected weather delays in November and December 2023 impacted what could have been an even higher uplift in ROM production. Strip ratios improved over 20% with both mines producing around 12:1, as we look to continue to drive costs down with further reducing strip ratios to our longer-term target of approximately 7:1, particularly at Ellensfield South.

Saleable coal production of 365Kt for the quarter was down 13.2% as coal inventories reduced throughout the term as Ellensfield South continued to be in a ramp-up phase and not at steady-state coal mining. These low coal inventories meant that with increased weather delays, ROM coal could not be provided with sufficient volume from the pits to the CHPP ROM to allow continuous operation of the Burton CHPP when available. Bowen is working with the mining contractor on recovery plans across both sites to build higher levels of ROM stock for the remainder of the wet season.

December 2023 quarter sales volumes of 337Kt were 22.8% lower than the September 2023 quarter, with a return of logistics constraints both at port and with rail, particularly through middle to late December.

Coal product stocks at the end of the December 2023 quarter were 142.5Kt, an increase of 18.5% on the September 2023 quarter.

#### **Burton Complex Infrastructure**

The Burton CHPP washed 585Kt in the December 2023 quarter (94% of the September 2023 quarter result), with a slight reduction in availability to 95%, with low stocks and higher than planned weather delays for mining and ROM coal haulage fleets. Average throughput rate of 395t per operating hour (remains around nameplate of 400t per operating hour).

The minor trailing electrical work on the motor control centre in Module 2 of the CHPP was completed as planned in November 2023.

#### Bluff Mine

Managed Production		Quarter	Quarter	Change	Year to Date	Year to Date
(unaudited)		Dec-23	Sep-23	%	Dec-23	Dec-22
ROM Coal Produced	Kt	193.1	152.5	26.6%	345.6	197.6
ROM Strip Ratio	Prime	7.7	21.5	64.1%	13.8	25.8
Saleable Coal Produced	Kt	114.1	125.0	(8.7%)	239.1	87.4
Sales of Produced Coal	Kt	168.0	118.4	42.0%	286.4	40.3
Sales of Third Party Purchased Coal	Kt	23.9	7.6	213.5%	31.6	0.0
Total Coal Sales	Kt	192.0	126.0	52.4%	318.0	40.3
Saleable Coal Stocks at period end	Kt	15.5	69.0	(77.6%)	15.5	58.8

Bluff ROM coal production of 193.1Kt for the December 2023 quarter was up 26.6% on the September 2023 quarter with productive mining occurring across the various terraces that had been established over the proceeding months, including in Stages 2 / 3 and 4. This ROM production was achieved in two months with mining operations ceasing on 30 November 2023, to enable the mine to transition in to care and maintenance. The effective strip ratio decreased sharply as expected as additional overburden movement

in prior quarters needed to establish the tiered mining horizon allowed access to multiple coal reserves for completion activities.

Saleable coal production of 114Kt for the quarter was down 8.7% on the September 2023 quarter with the variance attributable to the CHPP having its Christmas shutdown from 22 December 2023 to the end of the month.

December 2023 quarter sales volumes of 192Kt were 52.4% higher than the September 2023 quarter, which also saw a decrease in saleable coal stocks of a similar proportion at the end of the period with vessels able to sail before quarter end.

## **Coal Sales and Realised Pricing**

For December 2023 quarter, Bowen achieved an average realised coal sales price of US\$158.2/t (A\$244.0/t) across its operations, up 19.2% on prior quarter. The improvement was driven by stronger metallurgical prices along with favourable product mix with introduction of Ellensfield South coking coal product sales in the quarter, achieving a higher realised price. Coupled with Bluff's PCI sales, Bowen sold a total of 266Kt of metallurgical product, which is 11% lower than the prior quarter due to logistical delays pushing Burton vessels from December into January 2024.

Managed Sales of Produced Coal		Quarter	Quarter	Change	Year to Date	Year to Date
(unaudited)		Dec-23	Sep-23	%	Dec-23	Dec-22
Coking Coal Sales	Kt	98.6	153.9	(35.9%)	252.5	-
PCI Coal Sales	Kt	168.0	146.8	14.4%	314.9	40.3
Thermal Coal Sales	Kt	238.4	254.1	(6.2%)	492.4	41.5
Total Managed Produced Coal Sales	Kt	505.0	554.8	(9.0%)	1,059.8	81.8
Volume Mix of Coking Sales	%	19.5%	27.7%	(29.6%)	23.8%	0.0%
Volume Mix of PCI Sales	%	33.3%	26.5%	25.7%	29.7%	49.2%
Volume Mix of Thermal Sales	%	47.2%	45.8%	3.1%	46.5%	50.8%
*Average Realised Sales Price						
Coking Coal Sales	US\$/t	\$255.18	\$173.07	47.4%	\$205.13	\$0.00
PCI Coal Sales	US\$/t	\$183.60	\$174.24	5.4%	\$179.24	\$239.27
Thermal Coal Sales	US\$/t	\$100.25	\$84.22	19.0%	\$91.98	\$220.00
Total Managed Produced Coal Sales	US\$/t	\$158.23	\$132.69	19.2%	\$144.86	\$229.49
Number of vessels		10	10	-	20	3

Quarterly sales performance is reflected below:

\*Average Realised Sales price in the table above refers to sales of produced coal for which revenue has been recognised in the period by Bowen Coking Coal Ltd and excludes all revenue form third party coal sales.

Average realised coal prices achieved for the December quarter in AUD were A\$393.5/t for coking coal, A\$283.1/t for PCI coal, and A\$154.6/t for thermal coal (at average AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.649).

Metallurgical coal pricing remained strong through the December quarter as tight supply conditions continued for premium coking coal. Bowen has provided samples and several trial cargoes of its Burton Hard Coking Coal to tier one steelmaking customers and is well positioned to secure a strong committed term sales contract book for 2024 (commencing 1 April annually as is the case for metallurgical coal contracts).

Metallurgical coal demand was stable throughout the quarter for the ex-China market. Marginal increase in demand in China occurred through the period including some seasonal winter restocking, high production rates of steel mills, and shutdowns of some domestic metallurgical coal mines due to safety inspections. Australian supply remained relatively constrained for the quarter, with pricing at the outset of quarter at US\$333 per tonne for premium hard coking coal, closing at US\$324 per tonne. Availability of non-Australian material of the lower grade metallurgical coal grades continued to impact pricing relativity of those grades. Steel market conditions remain generally flat though several large metallurgical coal purchasing regions have deferred purchasing from the December quarter and are expected to return to market and restock through the first quarter of 2024. China's steelmakers may also enter the market at the same time to restock before and following Chinese New Year holidays.

Thermal coal markets showed differing characteristics between Australian high and mid energy coals. CV 5500 Nar coals began the September quarter with a strong price increase from around US\$90 up to U\$105 by the end of October 2023 before settling down to around U\$95 through the remainder of the year. High CV 6000 Nar coal, which is typically targeted at different markets to 5500 Nar coals, followed an opposite trajectory starting the quarter around U\$\$160 and dipping to U\$120 midway, before seeing a strong run up in price in the second half of December 2023 to around U\$150 as Newcastle began to suffer wet weather interruptions. Overall, strong pricing was maintained through 2023, and China's re-emergence as a major importer has provided good support to prices, importing a record 474 million tonnes of all coal in 2023, as the country's domestic mines were hampered by many safety shutdowns and the government requiring energy security.

As the second half of the financial year approaches, Bowen is actively in discussions with all major customers for 2024 term sales. The Company expresses confidence in securing positive commitments within the next quarter, reflecting optimism about the market conditions and the ongoing support from major customers.

### **Logistics Update**

Bowen rails coal from the Bluff Mine to the RG Tanna Coal Terminal (RGTCT) at Gladstone while Broadmeadow East Mine (BME) and Burton coal is railed to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (DBCT) in Mackay via both Pacific National and Aurizon rail providers.

Rail corridor performance was sustained on the RGTCT line, and while train cancellation rates improved on the DBCT line compared to the prior quarter, an inability to secure full rail capacity in December with weather, manning and Christmas closures affecting both rail and port significantly pushed out cargo loading times, particularly at the end of the quarter. Rail operators had limited opportunity to provide makeup services after cancellations or schedule alterations late in the second half of December.

Port delays are expected to continue in the near term, exacerbated by recent weather events, including Tropical Cyclone (TC) Kirrily, which resulted in the closing of the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal on 23

January 2024. This directly impacted on two vessels to be loaded with Bowen coal and has the potential to impact other Bowen vessels. The Company has issued two customers force majeure (FM) notices relating to delayed ship loading, because shipment obligations are likely to be compromised by the port closure and the speed of operational recovery of rail and port. One of the affected vessels sailed on Sunday 28 January 2024. Bowen will continue to work closely with customers and logistics operators, and take all measures under its control to mitigate the impact to cargoes, and will update the market with any material changes.

The Company continues to hold discussions to add additional rail and port term capacity to its existing capacity.

The December 2023 quarter closed with the vessel queue approximately the same at DBCT (29 vs 32) and increased at RGTCT (40 vs 21) compared to the end of the September 2023 quarter.

### Corporate

#### **November 2023 Capital Raise**

Bowen received strong support from existing and new shareholders during the quarter through completion of a successful capital raising, raising a total of \$56.8 million (before transaction costs) as reflected in item 3.1 ("Proceeds of the issue of shares") of the Appendix 5B.

\$16.8 million was raised through a fully underwritten placement of 186,680,723 new fully paid ordinary shares on 13 November 2023 and a further \$33.2 million raised through a fully underwritten 1 for 6 pro rata accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer of 368,874,832 shares at \$0.09 per share, completed by 27 November 2023. In addition, a further \$6.7 million was raised through a retail underwriting top up of 75,028,667 shares on 4 December 2023.

Use of funds was primarily to provide Bowen with balance sheet flexibility to fund the ramp-up of mining (completion of boxcut activities) at Ellensfield South Pit until it achieves steady-state production in the second half of FY 2024, plus pre-payments, guarantees and general working capital requirements.

#### Taurus and New Hope debt facility

As outlined in the previous quarterly activities report, both the Taurus and New Hope facilities were amended on 29 September 2023, providing the Company with headroom for the business debt repayment profile while steady-state production is achieved at the Burton Ellensfield South pit.

The Taurus debt facility balance at December 2024 quarter end was unchanged at US\$51.0 million (A\$74.6 million converted at USD:AUD exchange rate of 0.648).

100 million warrants were issued to New Hope Corporation in accordance with the revised debt agreements, which, if exercised, will be used to settle quarterly interest repayments through to 30 September 2024. The facility principal balance at December 2023 quarter end was unchanged at \$47.0 million plus accrued interest of \$1.7 million and redemption premium interest of \$1.9 million.

#### **Convertible notes**

40,000,000 Convertible Notes with a conversion price of \$0.2587 remained on issue during the quarter.

#### Sale of 10% of Broadmeadow East

As announced to the ASX on 11 July 2023, MPC Lenton Pty Ltd (who currently holds a 10% interest in the Lenton Joint Venture, which owns the Burton mining complex), has agreed to acquire 10% of the Broadmeadow East mine for \$13 million cash consideration plus a royalty, with an economic effective date of 1 May 2023. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals including Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB), which is still underway.

#### **Operational cash flow analysis**

A breakdown of the operating cashflows from the Appendix 5B has been split out the Operations and Corporate segments for the December 2023 quarter as reflected below.

The operations segment includes Bluff, Broadmeadow East and Burton mines including Bowen's share of Lenton Joint Venture's operational costs associated with running the Burton Complex (which supports Broadmeadow East and Ellensfield South mining activities).

Bowen completed the quarter with closing cash balance of \$69.9 million and positive cash flow from mining operations of \$21.6 million, driven by Burton complex contributing positive \$28.8 million, and Bluff result of \$7.1 million of cash outflow.

The \$28.8 million net positive operating cash flow from the Burton complex was attributable to strong cash receipts for the quarter, higher coal prices, favourable revenue mix, and higher pricing relativities due to the introduction of Ellensfield South coking coal and deferment of State royalties. State royalties of \$15.3m for the Burton Complex and \$2.0m for the Bluff mine that were due to be paid in the December 2023 quarter, have been deferred.

#### For quarter ended December 2023

Cash flows related to operating activities (unaudited)	Burton Complex*	Bluff	Corporate	Total
1.1 Receipts from customers	104,271,867	41,684,981	-	145,956,847
1.2 Payments for:	-	-	-	
(a) exploration and evaluation	-	-	-	-
(b) development	-	-	-	-
(c) production	(82,927,384)	(52,574,724)	0	(135,502,108)
(d) staff costs	(881,051)	(173,256)	(1,845,115)	(2,899,422)
(e) administration and corporate costs	(15,441)	(24,388)	(1,475,113)	(1,514,942)
1.3 Dividends received	-	-	-	-
1.4 Interest received	-	-	78,525	78,525
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	(245,726)	(166,495)	(4,914,675)	(5,326,896)
1.8 Other GST/withholding tax received/(paid)	8,568,999	4,200,319	336,298	13,105,617
1.9 Net operating cash inflows/(outflows)	28,771,264	(7,053,564)	(7,820,080)	13,897,620

\*Cash flows in table above reflect Bowen's ownership.

A breakdown of December 2023 quarter for item 1.2 (c) ("Payments for production") for the Burton Complex and Bluff operations is provided in the tables below, after allocation of GST refunds.

	December 2023 quarter					
Total Cash Cost / tonne sold	Burte	on Complex		Bluff Mine	Tota	I Operations
Mining costs	\$	95.94	\$	176.86	\$	123.70
Haulage costs	\$	32.78	\$	17.03	\$	27.38
CHPP related costs	\$	30.93	\$	37.20	\$	33.08
Rail, port and demurrage	\$	28.14	\$	25.85	\$	27.36
Marketing fees	\$	5.24	\$	3.90	\$	4.78
Acquisition Royalties	\$	0.80	\$	4.50	\$	2.07
QLD State Royalties	\$	12.04	\$	15.40	\$	13.19
Other costs	\$	33.05	\$	7.14	\$	24.16
Total Cash Cost / tonne sold	\$	238.93	\$	287.88	\$	255.72
Sales Tonnes (Kt) (Bowen share)		321.8		168.0		489.8
	Burton Complex			Bluff Mine	Tota	I Operations
Free on Rail (FOR) cost / tonne sold ^	\$	192.70	\$	238.23	\$	208.32
Free on Board (FOB) cost / tonne sold ^	\$	226.88	\$	272.48	\$	242.53

^ Excluding State royalties.

Amounts above exclude GST as appropriate and are on a cash basis to align with the Appendix 5B report (not on accounting accruals basis). Sales tonnes are Bowen produced coal tonnes. For Burton Complex, tonnes and cash costs are adjusted to reflect Bowen's 90% interest in Lenton Joint Venture.

Burton Complex December 2023 quarter cost per tonne was unfavourably impacted by sales timing, with two vessels which were expected to depart in December 2023, not sailing until January 2024. Total sales from the Burton complex were 114Kt lower than the September quarter (-36%). Bluff's cost per tonne benefited from selling down inventory post final coal mined in November 2023 (sales up 50Kt quarter on quarter).

Mining costs comprise payments to mining services contractors, exclusive of the Ellensfield South box cut development at Burton which is reported under capital in 2.1 (c) ("Payments for plant and equipment"). Burton Complex unit costs have been impacted by a higher strip ratio at Broadmeadow East in the December 2023 quarter, as a result of delayed run of mine (ROM) coal extraction due to inclement weather at the end of the quarter.

CHPP costs include contracted train loading services as well as Sedgman's contractor costs, along with generator hire and diesel used for power generation. Permanent power cost saving initiatives are continuing to be pursued.

In the previous quarter Bowen sought deferral of QLD state royalty payments relating to Bluff and Broadmeadow East's June 2023 and September 2023 royalty obligations. The June 2023 royalty obligations totalled \$23.0 million (including interest), of which \$3.8 million has been paid in the December 2023 quarter with the remaining \$19.2 million forecast to be repaid in equal instalments through to October 2024. The September 2023 quarterly royalty obligations totalled \$12.9 million (including interest), of which \$3.0 million was paid in the December 2023 quarter and the remaining \$9.9 million is due to be fully settled in equal payments by the end of March 2024.

December 2023 quarterly accrued royalty obligations total \$15.2 million, \$11.4 million is due to be fully settled in the March 2024 quarter. \$3.8 million in royalties relating to Ellensfield South coal sales, which is

currently on an annual royalty return basis, is only due to be settled in September 2024. No further royalty deferment arrangements are anticipated to be requested for the March 2024 quarter and beyond.

Other Costs comprise mainly mine site water and road infrastructure maintenance, environmental compliance and tenement licensing costs, as well as insurance and other overheads.

GST refunds of \$13.1 million in item 1.8 ("Other GST/withholding tax received/(paid)") have been applied pro rata to Burton Complex and Bluff cash costs tables where GST is applicable. A portion of the GST refund also relates to GST on spend item 2.1 (c) ("Payments for plant and equipment").

#### **ASX Listing Rule Disclosure**

Receipts from Customers of \$145.9 million reported in item 1.1 of the Appendix 5B is \$24.1 million higher than prior quarter, driven by increased coking coal revenue at Burton complex and higher price relativities, along with \$13.8 million prepayment relating to January 2024 sales.

Item 1.2 (c) ("Production costs") of \$125.3 million relates to operational and selling-related cash costs for the Bluff mine and the Burton Complex, which have been analysed in detail above in the Operating Cash Flow Analysis section.

Item 1.5 ("Interest and other costs of finance paid") relates primarily to September and December 2023 quarterly interest payments on the Taurus USD loan facility as well as 6 monthly interest on the convertible notes.

Item 2.1 (a) ("Payments for purchase of entities") is a deferred purchase consideration payment related to the 1 July 2022 acquisition of New Lenton Coal Pty Ltd (which holds a 90% interest in the Lenton Joint Venture), due to a milestone being met.

Item 2.1 (c) ("Payments for Property Plant and Equipment") of \$29.4 million the majority relates to mining costs associated with the development of Burton's Ellensfield South box cut, as well as minor sustaining capital works at the Burton complex.

Item 2.1 (f) ("Payments for other non-current assets") is mainly security top up for rail contract and compensation payments for landholder access.

Item 2.5 (a) ("Exploration & Evaluation on farm-in project) relates to expenditure on the Hillalong South exploration program, as outlined below under Development Projects.

Item 2.5 (b) ("Cash received from JV partner") of \$11.2 million for six months ending 31 December 2023 relates to \$2.0 million received for Hillalong project exploration funding and remaining \$9.2 million represents the amount of excess cash contribution from MPC Lenton Pty Ltd to the Lenton Joint Venture in relation to their 10% interest, as a result of the \$20.0 million received in the September 2023 quarter.

#### Cash flows related to financing activities

Details of item 3.1 ("Proceeds from issue of shares") is covered above in the November 2023 Capital Raise section. Transaction costs reported in item 3.4 of \$3.9 million relate to underwriting fees as well as corporate finance and legal advisory costs associated with the equity raise.

\$1.3 million reported in item 3.7 ("Transaction cost related to loans and borrowings) relate to final payments for corporate finance and legal advisory services for the amended loan facilities executed on 29 September 2023.

Item 6.1 ("Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates") relates to \$190k paid for directors' fees and associated superannuation.

#### Tracking against FY 2024 Guidance

ROM coal production at the Burton Complex has been hindered by double the planned weather impact in November and December, and with wet weather and a second cyclone continuing into January, the site's ability to recover the shortfall could be limited, resulting in the Company lowering full year ROM coal guidance slightly. Similarly logistical delays throughout December and particularly through the festive season, coupled now with actual and forecast disruptions to rail and shipping in the early March 2024 quarter from the forming Cyclone Kirrily off the Queensland Coast, means shipping shortfalls from the December quarter, and more accurately the delayed December vessels, are unlikely to be recovered prior to the end of the FY, leading the Company to revise guidance ranges for its Managed Coal Sales which has a flow on effect to unit cash costs (FOB).

Guidance from Ongoing Operations^	Unit	FY 2024	1H FY 2024 Actuals	Revised Guidance
Managed ROM Coal production	Mt	2.5 - 2.8	1.1	2.3 - 2.6
Managed Coal Sales	Mt	1.7 - 2.0	0.8	1.5 - 1.8
Unit Cash Costs (FOB) excluding state royalty	A\$/t	155 - 175	184	175 - 195
Capital Expenditure	\$m	70 - 80	62	unchanged

<sup>^</sup> Guidance metrics exclude Bluff mine due to the transition of the asset into care and maintenance. ROM production, Coal Sales and Capital Expenditure are on 100% Managed Basis.

## **Development Projects**

### **Isaac River**

Bowen has applied for a Mining Lease with the Queensland Government with approval imminent. Prior to mining commencing, Bowen plans to install ground water monitoring bores to establish baseline data, and to continue to work with the Isaac Regional Council on various Project start up requirements.

The Isaac River Project, once operational, will produce high quality, high yielding metallurgical coal of up to 500,000 tonnes per year for approximately five years<sup>1</sup>. The Company continues to explore the merits of a potential sale of Isaac River as it focusses on its low cost, longer life Burton complex assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer ASX release dated 28 July 2021: "Production Targets for Broadmeadow East and Isaac River". In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.19, the Company confirms that all the material assumptions underpinning the production target in the cited ASX release continue to apply and have not materially changed.

### Hillalong

The Hillalong Coal Project (EPC1824 and EPC2141) ownership structure is 85% Bowen and 15% Sumitomo, with Sumitomo's holding in the project increasing a further 5% once fully funding the Phase 2b Work Program.

The current exploration program is focusing on the Hillalong South area to further define the 64Mt resource announced 9 August 2023<sup>2</sup> (35Mt indicated and 28Mt inferred category) through a series of infill drill holes and extensions to the north and west. Feasibility and long-term environmental studies will be undertaken as part of the program with exploration drilling currently underway.

Hillalong is planned to operate as a satellite pit within the Burton complex with coal processed through the Burton CHPP.

#### **Lenton Deposit**

In November the Company announced a Coal Reserve upgrade for its Lenton Deposit. Lenton is a greenfield open cut deposit in the north-west area of the greater Burton Complex. It is part of the New Lenton Joint Venture of which Bowen's wholly owned subsidiary, New Lenton Coal Pty Ltd, owns 90%. The proposed pits will produce both metallurgical and thermal coal which will be processed through the Burton infrastructure. (Ref ASX announcement 1 November 2023).

Total ROM Coal reserves now stand at 19 Mt<sup>3</sup> (13 Mt Proved and 5.8 Mt Probable) at 6% total moisture which is a 32% increase on previous. Total Marketable Coking Coal Reserves are now 6.6 Mt (4.4 Mt proved and 2.0 Mt probable) at 10% total moisture and 8.7% ash, with the total Marketable Thermal Coal Reserves at 6.1Mt (4.1 Mt Proved and 2.0 Mt Probable) at 9.3% total moisture and 17% ash, representing an upgrade of 18%. The average strip ratio for the deposit is planned at 7.5:1 over a mine life of 13 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refer ASX release dated 9 August 2023: "Shipping Update and Hillalong South Resource Upgrade". In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.23, the Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects information included in the cited ASX release and that in respect of the Mineral Resources referenced in that release, all material assumptions and technical parameters continue to apply and have not materially changed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refer ASX release dated 1 November 2023: "Lenton Deposit Coal Reserve Update". In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.23, the Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects information included in the cited ASX release and that in respect of the Mineral Reserves or Reserves referenced in that release, all material assumptions and technical parameters continue to apply and have not materially changed.

## **Tenement Information**

As at 31 December 2023, the company had interests in the following tenements (as required by Listing Rule 5.3.3). There were no changes in the Company's interests in tenements during the quarter.

	Project	Tenement	Location	Country	Current Interest	Change in holding
1	Cooroorah	MDL 453	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
2	Broadmeadow East	ML 70257	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
3	Hillalong	EPC 1824	Queensland	Australia	85%	-
4	Hillalong	EPC 2141	Queensland	Australia	85%	-
5	Carborough	EPC 1860	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
6	Lilyvale	EPC 1687	Queensland	Australia	15%	-
7	Lilyvale	EPC 2157	Queensland	Australia	15%	-
8	MacKenzie	EPC 2081	Queensland	Australia	5%	-
9	Comet Ridge	EPC 1230	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
10	Isaac River	MDL 444	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
11	Isaac River	MDL 830	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
12	Isaac River	MLA 700062	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
13	Isaac River	MLA 700063	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
14	Bluff	EPC 1175	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
15	Bluff	EPC 1999	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
16	Bluff	ML 80194	Queensland	Australia	100%	-
17	Lenton	EPC 766	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
18	Lenton North	EPC 865	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
19	Lenton West	EPC 1675	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
20	New Lenton	ML 70337	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
21	New Lenton	ML 700053	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
22	New Lenton	ML 700054	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
23	Burton	EPC 857	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
24	Burton	MDL 315	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
25	Burton	MDL 349	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
26	Burton	ML 70109	Queensland	Australia	90%	-
27	Burton	ML 70260	Queensland	Australia	90%	-

#### The Board of the Company has authorised the release of this announcement to the market.

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#### Listing Rule 5.23 Statement

All exploration results and Mineral Resources referred to in this quarterly report have previously been announced to the market by the Company in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 5 of the ASX Listing Rules and the JORC Code 2012, including as to the requirements for a statement from a Competent Person; and the relevant announcements have been referred to in the body of the quarterly report. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects that information. In respect of the Mineral Resources, all material assumptions and technical parameters continue to apply and have not materially changed.

#### About Bowen Coking Coal

Bowen Coking Coal Ltd is a Queensland based coking coal exploration Company with advanced exploration and development assets. The Company owns Broadmeadow East (100%), Bluff (100%), Isaac River (100%), Cooroorah (100%), Hillalong (85%) and Comet Ridge (100%) coking coal projects in the world-renowned Bowen Basin in Queensland, Australia. The Company also holds 90% of the Lenton Joint Venture which owns the Lenton Project and the Burton Mine in the northern Bowen Basin. Bowen is also a joint venture partner with Stanmore Resources Limited in the Lilyvale (15% interest) and Mackenzie (5% interest) coking coal projects. The highly experienced Board and management aim to grow the value of the Company's coking coal projects to benefit shareholders by leveraging innovation and maximising the assets and network of the team. A low-cost, cash flow positive Burton mining complex underpins the business strategy.

### Appendix A: Managed Coal Production

Summary Information		Quarter	Quarter	Change	Year to Date	Year to Date
(unaudited)		Dec-23	Sep-23	%	Dec-23	Dec-22
ROM Coal production						
Bluff	Kt	193.1	152.5	26.6%	345.6	197.6
BME	Kt	241.4	397.5	(39.3%)	638.9	396.2
Burton	Kt	350.8	90.3	288.2%	441.1	0.0
Total	Kt	785.2	640.3	22.6%	1,425.6	593.8
Strip Ratio						
Bluff	Prime	7.7	21.5	64.1%	13.8	25.8
BME	Prime	12.4	9.3	(32.3%)	10.5	11.5
Burton	Prime	11.9	40.7	70.8%	17.8	0.0
Total incl. Ellensfield South box cut	Prime	11.0	<b>16.7</b>	34.0%	13.5	16.2
Saleable Coal production						
Bluff	Kt	114.1	125.0	(8.7%)	239.1	87.4
BME	Kt	153.6	400.4	(61.6%)	554.0	170.8
Burton	Kt	211.0	19.7	970.9%	230.7	0.0
Total	Kt	478.7	545.1	(12.2%)	1,023.8	258.2
Sales of Produced Coal						
Bluff	Kt	168.0	118.4	42.0%	286.4	40.3
BME	Kt	185.3	436.4	(57.5%)	621.7	41.5
Burton	Kt	151.7	0.0	0.0%	151.7	0.0
Total	Kt	<b>505.0</b>	<b>554.8</b>	(9.0%)	1,059.8	81.8
Total	- AL	505.0	JJ4.0	(0.070)	1,059.0	01.0
Sales of Third Party Purchased Coal						
Bluff	Kt	23.9	7.6	213.5%	31.6	0.0
BME	Kt	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Burton	Kt	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0
Total	Kt	23.9	7.6	213.5%	31.6	0.0
Total Coal Sales						
Bluff	K/+	192.0	126.0	52.4%	318.0	40.3
BME	Kt Kt	192.0 185.3	436.4	52.4 <i>%</i> (57.5%)	621.7	40.3 41.5
Burton	Kt	165.5	430.4 0.0	0.0%	151.7	41.5 0.0
Total	Kt		<b>562.4</b>	(6.0%)		81.8
Total	۲۸ĭ	528.9	502.4	(0.070)	1,091.3	01.0
Product Coal Stockpile						
Bluff	Kt	15.5	69.0	(77.6%)	15.5	58.8
BME	Kt	67.0	114.4	(41.5%)	67.0	123.6
Burton	Kt	75.5	5.8	1,195.6%	75.5	0.0
Total	Kt	158.0	189.3	(16.5%)	158.0	182.4

### Appendix 5B

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

Name of entity	
BOWEN COKING COAL LIMITED	
ABN	Quarter ended ("current quarter")
72 064 874 620	31 December 2023

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	145,957	266,414
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	(135,502)	(256,651)
	(d) staff costs	(2,899)	(5,578)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(1,515)	(3,018)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	78	86
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(5,327)	(5,344)
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other GST/withholding tax received/(paid)	13,106	24,464
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	13,898	20,372

2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities	(2,500)	(2,500)
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	(29,611)	(61,722)
	(d) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	(1,676)	(1,676)

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	(a) Exploration & evaluation on farmin project	(366)	(366)
	(b) Cash (paid on behalf of)/received from JV partner	(5,844)	11,187
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(39,997)	(55,077)

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	56,753	61,086
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	(3,864)	(4,074)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	(1,351)	(1,370)
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	51,538	55,642

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	44,371	48,945
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	13,898	20,372
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(39,997)	(55,077)

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000	
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	51,538	55,642	
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	41	(31)	
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	69,851	69,851	

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	69,851	44,371
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other – Bank Guarantee	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	69,851	44,371

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	190
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-
Note: *	comprises directors' fees & associated superannuation totalling \$190k	L

	<b>Financing facilities</b> Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000		
7.1	Loan facilities	121,597	121,597		
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-		
7.3	Other (Convertible Notes)	40,000	40,000		
7.4	Total financing facilities	161,597	161,597		
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at qu	uarter end	NIL		
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.				
	Report and ASX announcement on 29 September 2023. <i>Taurus Senior Secured Debt Facility</i> The Taurus senior debt facility had a drawn balance of US\$51.0 million at December 2023 quarter end (unchanged from September 2023 quarter end). The facility termination date is 31 December 2025.				
	The principal repayment profile is US\$6.0 million commencing on 30 September 2024 and five equal quarterly repayments of US\$9.0 million at each quarter end thereafter, completing on 31 December 2025.				
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		nillion at each quarter end	September 2024 and I thereafter, completing lity drawn balance and		
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	on 31 December 2025. The facility interest rate (paid quarterly) is 10 royalties are payable in respect of the Broad and the Bluff tenements (1.00%). <i>New Hope Performance Bonding Facility</i> The New Hope performance bonding suborc December 2023 quarter end (unchanged fro	hillion at each quarter end )% per annum on the faci meadow East and Burtor dinated debt facility baland m September 2023 quart pe Corporation in accorda	September 2024 and I thereafter, completing lity drawn balance and a tenements (0.75%) ce was \$47.0 million at er end). The facility ance with the revised		
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8.	Estim	ated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)		13,898
8.2	(Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))		-
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)		13,898
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)		69,851
8.5	Unuse	d finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)		69,851
8.7	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)		N/A
	Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.		
8.8	If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:		
	8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?		
	Answer: Not applicable.		
	8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?		
	Answer: Not applicable		
	8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?		
	Answe	r: Not applicable	
	Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.		

#### **Compliance statement**

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

By the Board Duncan Cornish Company Secretary

29 January 2024

#### Notes

- 1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
- 2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.

- 4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
- 5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.
- 6. "Payments for development" (1.2 (b)) relate to pre-production costs in relation to mine development costs incurred up to and including the point of steady-state or mine design levels of production. Once steady-state or mine design levels of production are attained, costs incurred in the production of saleable coal will be reported under "Payments for production" (1.2 (c)).