# **Latitude 66 Ltd - Corporate Governance Statement**

# **Approach to Corporate Governance**

Latitude 66 Ltd ACN 115 768 986 (Company) 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 4<sup>th</sup> edition Recommendations). 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 its 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 <a href="https://www.lat66.com">www.lat66.com</a>, under the section marked "Corporate Governance":

### Charters

Board Nomination Committee Audit and Risk Committee Remuneration Committee

### **Policies and Procedures**

Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy
Code of Conduct (summary)
Compliance Procedures (summary)
Diversity Policy (summary)
Induction Program
Policy and Procedure for the Selection and (Re)Appointment of Directors
Policy on Continuous Disclosure (summary)
Procedure for the Selection, Appointment and Rotation of External Auditor
Process for Performance Evaluation
Risk Management Policy
Securities Trading Policy
Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy
Whistleblower Protection Policy

The Company reports below on whether it has followed each of the recommendations since it released its previous Corporate Governance Statement on 27 September 2023 and as at the date it is re-admitted to the official list of the ASX). The information in this statement is current at and was approved by a resolution of the Board on 18 June 2024.

# 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, those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management and has documented this in its *Board Charter* (available on the Company's website).

### **Recommendation 1.2**

The Company undertakes appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward 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 or not to elect or re-elect a director.

The checks which are undertaken, and the information provided to shareholders are set out in the Company's *Policy and Procedure for the Selection and (Re)Appointment of Directors* (available on the Company's website). The qualifications, experience and special responsibilities of the Board members are set out in the Directors Report and the Notice of Meeting for the Annual General Meeting.

### **Recommendation 1.3**

The Company has a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment. The material terms of any employment, service or consultancy agreement the Company, or any of its child entities, has entered into with its Managing Director, any of its directors, and any other person or entity who is a related party of the Managing Director 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* (available on the Company's website). The Company Secretary's role is also outlined in the consultancy agreement between the Company Secretary and the Company.

### **Recommendation 1.5**

The Company has a *Diversity Policy* (a summary of which is disclosed on the Company website), pursuant to which the Board may set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity that are appropriate for the Company, and if objectives are set, to assess annually both the objectives and the Company's progress in achieving them.

The Company's Diversity Policy does not require the Board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity, nor has the Board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. The Board considers that it is not practical at this stage of the Company's operations to establish measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity given the small number of employees. However, the Board will review this position as its circumstances change.

The respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation are set out in the following table. "Senior executive" for these purposes means those persons who have the opportunity to materially influence the integrity, strategy and operation of the Company and its financial performance.

	Proportion of women
Whole organisation	3 out of 15 (20%)
Senior executive positions	2 out of 9 (22%)
Board	0 out of 5 (0%)

### **Recommendation 1.6**

The Chair is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board, Board committees and individual directors in accordance with the process disclosed in the Company's *Process for Performance Evaluations* (available on the Company's website).

The Company intends to complete performance evaluations in respect of the Board, its committees and individual Directors for each financial year in accordance with the process disclosed in the Company's *Process for Performance Evaluations* (available on the Company's website).

### Recommendation 1.7

The Managing Director is responsible for evaluating the performance of senior executives in accordance with the process disclosed in the Company's *Process for Performance Evaluations* (available on the Company's website).

The Company intends to complete performance evaluations in respect of the senior executives for each financial year in accordance with the process disclosed in the Company's *Process for Performance Evaluations* (available on the Company's website).

# Principle 2 – Structure the board to be effective and add value

### **Recommendation 2.1**

The Board has not established a separate Nomination Committee. Given the current size and composition of the Board, the Board believes that there would be no efficiencies gained by establishing a separate Nomination Committee. Accordingly, the Board performs the role of the Nomination Committee.

Although the Board has not established a separate Nomination Committee, it has adopted a *Nomination Committee Charter* (available on the Company's website), which describes the role, composition, functions and responsibilities of the full Board in its capacity as the Nomination Committee. When the Board convenes as the Nomination Committee it carries out those functions which are delegated to it in the Company's Nomination Committee Charter. Items that are usually required to be discussed by a Nomination Committee are marked as separate agenda items at Board meetings when required. The Board deals with any conflicts of interest that may occur when convening in the capacity of the Nomination Committee by ensuring that the director with conflicting interests is not party to the relevant discussions.

### **Recommendation 2.2**

The Company's objective is to have an appropriate mix of skills and diversity on its Board and Committees to enable it to effectively carry out its oversight and corporate governance responsibilities.

The Board currently has the following mix of skills, expertise, qualifications and experience represented by its members:

# Expertise

Strategy
Governance and compliance
Health and safety
Risk management
Executive management
Commercial acumen
Financial knowledge and experience

### Qualifications

Geological qualifications
Management qualifications
Finance qualifications
Australian Institute of Company Directors qualifications

Experience
Mining industry experience
Technical experience
Operational experience
Project development skill and experience
Finance experience
Business development skill and experience
Equity and debt financing experience
Project management experience

The Board is not currently looking to increase its size.

### Recommendation 2.3

The Board considers the independence of directors having regard to the relationships listed in Box 2.3 of the Principles & Recommendations.

None of the directors are considered independent for the following reasons:

- Mr Coyle is the Company's Managing Director and has received performance-based remuneration (including performance rights) from, or participated in an employee incentive scheme of, the entity.
- Mr Wellman is the Company's Technical Director and former Managing Director and has received performance-based remuneration (including options or performance rights) from, or participated in an employee incentive scheme of, the entity.
- Mr Hoyer has received performance-based remuneration (including performance rights) from, or participated in an employee incentive scheme of, the entity.
- Mr Hellewell has received performance-based remuneration (including options or performance rights) from, or participated in an employee incentive scheme of, the entity.
- Prof Hagemann has received performance-based remuneration (including performance rights) from, or participated in an employee incentive scheme of, the entity.

The length of service of Mr Wellman and Mr Hellewell is set out in the Directors' Report in the Company's 2023 Annual Report. Mr Hoyer, Mr Coyle and Prof Hagemann were appointed on 18 June 2024.

### **Recommendation 2.4**

The Board does not have a majority of directors who are independent – see 2.3 above. The Board considers that its composition is suitable for the Company's current size and operations, and includes an appropriate mix of skills and expertise relevant to the Company's business. In particular, the Board includes members with disciplines from geology, mine engineering, finance and business development such that the combined expertise and judgment means that the Board is able to adequately discharge its responsibilities, and has an adequate understanding of the Company's current and emerging business.

# **Recommendation 2.5**

The Chair of the Board is Mr Hoyer, who is not also the Managing Director, but is not independent (see 2.3 above).

# **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 Board regularly reviews whether the directors as a group 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 what training or development 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 as required on developments in accounting standards that are relevant to the Company.

# Principle 3 – Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly

# **Recommendation 3.1**

The Company has articulated and disclosed its values on the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 3.2**

The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct to be adhered to by the Board, management and employees.

A summary of the Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website.

The Board is informed of any material breach of the Code of Conduct.

### **Recommendation 3.3**

The Company has adopted a Whistleblower Protection Policy.

The Whistleblower Protection Policy is available on the Company's website.

The Board is informed of any material breach of the Whistleblower Protection Policy.

## **Recommendation 3.4**

The Company has adopted an Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy.

The Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy is available on the Company's website.

The Board is informed of any material breach of the Anti-Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy.

# Principle 4 – Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports

### **Recommendation 4.1**

The Board has not established a separate Audit and Risk Committee. Given the current size and composition of the Board, the Board believes that there would be no efficiencies gained by establishing a separate Audit and Risk Committee. Accordingly, the Board performs the role of the Audit and Risk Committee. Although the Board has not established a separate Audit and Risk Committee, it has adopted an *Audit and Risk Committee Charter* (available on the Company's website), which describes the role, composition, functions and responsibilities of the full Board in its capacity as the Audit and Risk Committee. Annual action points for the Audit and Risk Committee are set out in the Audit and Risk Committee Charter. When the Board convenes as the Audit and Risk Committee it carries out those functions which are delegated to it in the Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter. Items that are usually required to be discussed by an Audit and Risk Committee are marked as separate agenda items

at Board meetings when required. The Board deals with any conflicts of interest that may occur when convening in the capacity of the Audit and Risk Committee by ensuring that the director with conflicting interests is not party to the relevant discussions.

The Company has also established a *Procedure for the Selection, Appointment and Rotation of its External Auditor*, which is disclosed on the Company's website. 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. The performance of the external auditor is reviewed on an annual basis by the Board.

Details of director attendance at meetings of the full Board, in its capacity as the Audit and Risk Committee, were set out in a table in the Directors' Report in the Company's 2023 Annual Report and will be set out in the same manner in the Company's 2024 Annual Report.

### **Recommendation 4.2**

Before the Board approves the Company's financial statements for the half year, full-year and each of the quarters, it receives from the Managing Director 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 Group and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

### **Recommendation 4.3**

Under the Company's *Policy on Continuous Disclosure* (summary disclosed on the Company's website) and *Shareholder Communications and Investor Relations Policy* (disclosed on Company's website), the Board has appointed specific Executives as 'disclosure officers' to ensure that Company announcements (including the annual directors' report) are accurate, balanced and understandable and provide investors with appropriate information to make informed investment decisions. The disclosure officers coordinate the form of disclosure and verify the accuracy of the information contained in announcements. Where necessary and possible, the disclosure officers consult on announcements with the Chairman of the Board and Directors available at that time.

# 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. 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 distributes to the Board copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.

## **Recommendation 5.3**

The Company Secretary releases a copy of any new and substantive investor or analyst presentation on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.

# 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 www.lat66.com as set out in its *Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy* (available on the Company's website).

### **Recommendation 6.2**

The Company has designed and implemented an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. Details of the program are set out in the Company's *Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy* (available on the Company's website).

### **Recommendation 6.3**

The Company has in place a *Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy* (available on the Company's website) which outlines the policies and processes that it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of shareholders.

### **Recommendation 6.4**

All resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.

### 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's website contains an email subscription service and a link to a Company info email address. The website also contains a link to the Company's share registry website.

# Principle 7 – Recognise and manage risk

### **Recommendation 7.1**

The Board has not established a separate Risk Committee. As noted above in relation to Recommendation 4.1, the full Board performs the role of an Audit and Risk Committee. Please refer to the disclosure in relation to Recommendation 4.1, which is also relevant to Recommendation 7.1.

In addition, the following risk management measures have been adopted by the Board to manage the Company's material business risks:

- the Board has established expenditure authority limits for management, which, if expected to be exceeded, require prior Board approval;
- the Board has adopted a policy and procedure for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Company's continuous disclosure obligations; and
- the Board has adopted a corporate governance manual which contains other policies and procedures to assist the Company to establish and maintain its governance practices.

The Company has adopted a *Risk Management Policy* (available on the Company's website). As detailed in the *Risk Management Policy*, the Company has formalised its approach to risk management by documenting all material business risks in a risk register and allocating ownership for material business risks to the Managing Director and management of individual material business risks to senior management and individuals within the organisation. The risk register is reviewed by management and updated regularly and presented to the Board. All risks identified in the risk register are reviewed and assessed by management and the Board at least annually.

# **Recommendation 7.2**

The Board 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 the Company faces and to ensure that the Company is operating within the risk appetite set by the Board.

### Recommendation 7.3

The Company does not have an internal audit function. To evaluate and continually improve the effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control processes, the Board relies on ongoing reporting and discussion of the management of material business risks as outlined in the Company's *Risk Management Policy* (available on the Company's website).

### **Recommendation 7.4**

The Company has material exposure to the following environmental and/or social risks:

Risk description	Risk management approach
Environmental risks	
General	Operations and activities on the Group's projects are subject to the environmental laws and regulations of Finland and/or Australia. As with all mining operations and exploration projects, the Group's operations and activities are expected to have an impact on the environment. The Group is committed to conducting its operations and activities to high standards of environmental performance, including compliance with all environmental laws and regulations.  Nevertheless, such operations may give rise to potentially substantial costs for environmental rehabilitation, damage control and losses that exceed estimates, and possible regulatory intervention, potentially adversely impacting the Group's operations, financial performance and financial position.
Non-compliance with environmental, native title, heritage and/or landholder requirements.	The Group has agreements in place with all stakeholders, regularly undertakes compliance activities and communicates with stakeholders. The Group undertakes an annual audit of compliance with these agreements.
Natura 2000 network and Nature Conservation Areas	Finland is host to a network of core breeding and resting sites for rare and threatened species, known as the 'Natura 2000'. Areas of land included in the Natura 2000 network or Nature Conservation Areas may impose restrictions on mining and exploration activity.  The Groups projects are not located in any Natura 2000 or Nature Conservation Areas and the Group has a policy that prohibits it from acquiring any tenure located within Natura 2000 areas. If in the future, the Group's activities were to result in a geological discovery that extended onto land the subject of a Natura 2000 network or Nature Conservation Area, there is a risk that the Group may be limited in its ability to access, explore or mine these areas, which in any case lie outside its current tenement boundaries.
Rehabilitation land comprising the licences	In relation to the Company's proposed operations, issues could arise from time to time with respect to abandonment costs, consequential clean-up costs, environmental concerns, and other liabilities. In these instances, the Group could become subject to liability if, for example, there is environmental pollution or damage from the Company's exploration activities and there are consequential clean-up costs at a later point in time.
Health and safety risks	
Any health and safety incident in or around the Company's operations has the potential to put	The Group is committed to the health and safety of its employees, contractors and the community in which it operates. The Group has an H&S policy and risk management system in place. H&S performance is a standing agenda item at each Board Meeting. All site based staff receive training required to perform their assigned tasks safely and

employees or community	correctly. The H&S policy and risk management system is audited
members at risk.	annually.
Remote location risk	Some of the Group's projects are in remote locations which may involve
	logistical difficulties for plant, equipment and materials as well as skilled
	personnel and general labour. Further, some locations may involve an
	inherent risk to personnel.

# Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly

### **Recommendation 8.1**

The Board has not established a separate Remuneration Committee. Given the current size and composition of the Board, the Board believes that there would be no efficiencies gained by establishing a separate Remuneration Committee. Accordingly, the Board performs the role of the Remuneration Committee.

Although the Board has not established a separate Remuneration Committee, it has adopted a Remuneration Committee Charter (available on the Company's website), which describes the role, composition, functions and responsibilities of the full Board in its capacity as the Remuneration Committee. When the Board convenes as the Remuneration Committee it carries out those functions which are delegated to it in the Company's Remuneration Committee Charter. Items that are usually required to be discussed by a Remuneration Committee are marked as separate agenda items at Board meetings when required. The Board deals with any conflicts of interest that may occur when convening in the capacity of the Remuneration Committee by ensuring that the director with conflicting interests is not party to the relevant discussions.

# **Recommendation 8.2**

Details of remuneration, including the Company's policy on remuneration, are contained in the "Remuneration Report" which forms part of the Directors' Report in the Company's 2023 Annual Report and such information will be included in the same manner in the Company's 2024 Annual Report released later this year. This disclosure includes a summary of the Company's policies regarding the deferral of performance-based remuneration and the reduction, cancellation or clawback of the performance-based remuneration in the event of serious misconduct or a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements. Details of remuneration of recently appointed directors as part of the Company's restructure is set out in the Prospectus released on the Company's ASX announcements platform on 26 April 2024 (as supplemented by the Supplementary Prospectus released on 23 May 2024).

## **Recommendation 8.3**

The Company's Remuneration Committee Charter includes a statement of the Company's policy on prohibiting participants in the Latitude 66 Ltd Employee Equity Incentive Plan (**Plan**) entering into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the Plan. The *Remuneration Committee Charter* is available on the Company's website.