

# **Half Year Report**

1 January - 30 June



#### **Corporate Directory**

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Dr Francis Wedin **Executive Chair** Mr Cris Moreno Managing Director

and Chief Executive Officer

Ms Felicity Gooding Executive Director and

Group Chief Financial Officer

Mr Angus Barker Deputy Chair and Lead

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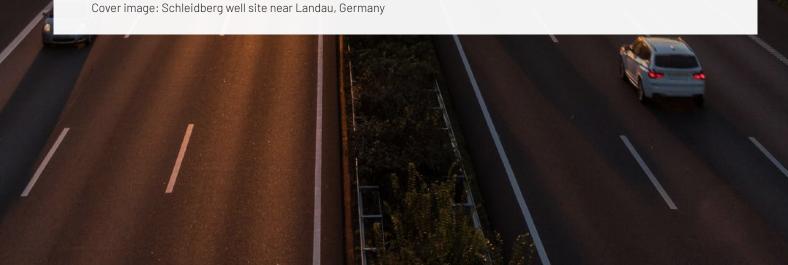
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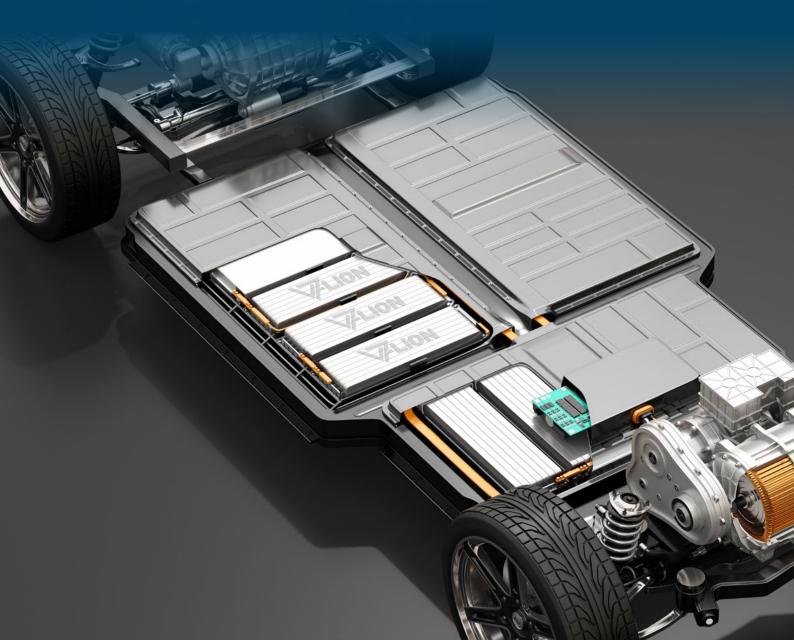
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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which Vulcan's Australian office is situated, the Whadjuk-Noongar people. Vulcan recognises their continuing connection to this country and pays respect to elders, past and present. Vulcan operates principally in the Upper Rhine Valley of Germany and France, an area of rich cultural heritage and local peoples. Vulcan cherishes this cultural inheritance and takes all steps necessary to preserve and protect cultural heritage in its operations.



### **About Vulcan**

Vulcan Energy (ASX: VUL, FSE: VUL, the Company) is building the world's first carbon neutral, integrated lithium and renewable energy business to decarbonise battery production.

Phase One of Vulcan's Lionheart Project (the Project), located in the Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field (URVBF) bordering Germany and France, is the largest lithium resource in Europe' and a tier-one lithium project globally.

Harnessing natural heat to produce lithium from subsurface brines and to power conversion to battery-quality material and using its in-house industry-leading technology VULSORB®, Vulcan is building a local, low-cost source of sustainable lithium for European electric vehicle batteries.

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

We will empower a carbon neutral future

#### **OUR MISSION**

Becoming Europe's leading sustainable lithium business and enabling energy security through geothermal energy.



The Company is aiming to build an integrated renewable energy and lithium production business using sustainably heated lithium brine and converting it into sustainable lithium chemicals – the end product of which is V–LiON $^{\text{TM}}$ , Vulcan's sustainable lithium product, and a core component in electric vehicle (EV) batteries.

Lithium production is currently  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  intensive. V-LiON<sup>TM</sup> has been designed as a solution to this problem. Vulcan's proprietary, high-performance lithium adsorbent technology, VULSORB®, combined with a renewable heat source, allows for highly efficient, low cost and carbon neutral lithium production.

The V-LiON™ product is targeted to have the lowest carbon footprint of any lithium production globally, producing high purity lithium hydroxide monohydrate (LHM) that is suitable for use in EV batteries.

Phase One of the Lionheart Project aims to supply approximately 24,000 tonnes per annum of V-LiON™-branded LHM for Europe's EV supply chain - enough for production of 500,000 EVs per annum - and supply approximately up to 560 GWh of renewable heat and up to 275 GWh of electricity annually.²

#### **OUR VALUES**



#### **Climate Champion**

We will pioneer a carbon neutral future. We stand up for what truly matters.



#### **Determined**

We are eager to succeed and determined to shape tomorrow. We tackle any challenge in front of us.



#### **Inspiring**

We are united in our passion for a better world. We rise and inspire ourselves and others.

- <sup>1</sup> On a lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) basis, according to public information, as estimated and reported in accordance with the JORC Code 2012. See Appendix 4 of Vulcan's Equity Raise Presentation dated 11 December 2024 for comparison information.
- <sup>2</sup> Refer to the Competent Person Statement contained in this Report. Please also refer to the risk factors contained in the Prospectus dated 18 December 2024 (Prospectus) regarding the risks associated with resource exploration and development projects. Based on the Phase One production target capacity of 24ktpa from the Bridging Engineering Study (BES) Announcement 16 November 2023 and Vulcan internal estimated average EV battery size and chemistry in Europe.

## **Our location**

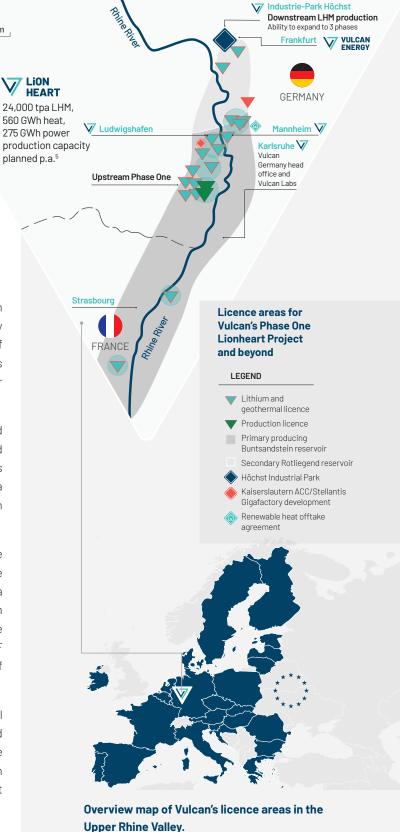
The URVBF is a brine-producing geothermal field which contains Europe's largest lithium resource<sup>3</sup>. It includes a Mineral Resource Estimate of 29.1 million tonnes (Mt) of contained lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE)<sup>4</sup>.

The URVBF is a large, 300 km-long graben system with consistent geothermal lithium reservoirs in sedimentary rock. It is a well-known, mature field with decades of development, multiple wells in production, and numerous chemical parks across the region which provide support for Lithium production.

The Company currently operates four production and re-injection wells in its Project area, and the Field Development Plan for Phase One of the Project involves adding 24 production and re-injection wells to create a larger, integrated renewable energy and sustainable lithium project.

In addition to high lithium grades, the geothermal brine reservoir of the URVBF is capable of generating renewable heat. The process of pumping brine to the surface at a geothermal plant generates renewable heat which can be used for operations, sold directly or used to produce electricity. Because of its natural conditions, the URVBF is a particularly well-suited location for the operation of geothermal plants.

The location of the Company's dual-purpose geothermal lithium project, in the heart of Europe's automotive and emerging battery industry, gives the Project the advantage of a very short product transport distance to European customers, as well as the ability to electrify product transportation.



- <sup>3</sup> On a LCE basis, according to public information, as estimated and reported in accordance with the JORC Code 2012. See Appendix 4 of Vulcan's Equity Raise Presentation dated 11 December 2024 for comparison information.
- The 29.1 Mt LCE total lithium Resource is comprised of 2.1 Mt LCE of Measured Resource @ 181 mg/L, 9.7 Mt LCE of Indicated Resource @ 177 mg/L and 17.3 Mt LCE of Inferred Resource @174mg/L. Please also refer to the Competent Person Statement contained within this document.
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## Half year 2025 milestones and developments



Production of the first battery-quality lithium hydroxide monohydrate (LHM) at the Company's downstream Central Lithium Electrolysis Optimisation Plant (CLEOP) at Industrial Park Höchst, Frankfurt, in January, representing the first fully integrated, battery-quality LHM produced in Europe, from raw material to final product.



The Project was awarded Strategic Project status under the European Commission's Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), reflecting the Project's alignment with the objectives of the CRMA.



Commenced drilling of the first new well for the Project at the Schleidberg well site near Landau, Germany, representing the fifth well in the Project area and start of Project execution of sub-surface works.



Main heat offtake agreement for the Project signed with German energy supplier EnergieSüdwest AG (ESW), for the supply of geothermal renewable heat.



Successful completion of 70 km of 2D seismic survey lines for the geothermal heat development project in the Ludwigshafen region of Germany, which the Company is undertaking in partnership with the owner of the world's largest integrated chemical complex, BASF SE (BASF).



Approval received for building permits for the 30 MW geothermal renewable energy plant and electrical substation that form part of the Project.



Proceeded to detailed due diligence for a €150 million equity participation by the German Raw Materials Fund(RMF)in April 2025 and, as a result, committed to including government participation in the equity financing of its Project, subject to process and approvals.



Completion of Phase One upstream renewable energy consolidation via the acquisition of geox GmbH (Geox), including its operational geothermal wells, renewable energy generation assets and a geothermal and lithium licence around the City of Landau, Germany.



The Share Purchase Plan, announced by the Company on 11 December 2024 closed on 20 January 2025, raising an amount of  $\sim$ A\$8 million through the issue of 1,366,332 new fully paid ordinary shares in the Company, in addition to the £100 million (A\$164 million) institutional raise in December.



The appointments of Group Chief Financial Officer Felicity Gooding as Executive Director, and Non-Executive Director Angus Barker as Lead Independent Director and Deputy Chair were effective from 1 January 2025.



Announced as the winner of The Australian Financial Review's Sustainability Leaders for 2025 in the Resources, Energy & Utilities category. In addition, the Company was awarded a special distinction for the Sustainability Leader - Medium Organisation category.

## **Directors' report**

The Directors present the condensed consolidated financial report of the Group consisting of Vulcan and its controlled entities for the half year ended 30 June 2025 and the independent auditor's review report thereon. It is recommended that the Directors' Report be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 and considered together with any public announcements made by the Company during the period and up to the date of this Report.

#### **Directors**

The names of directors who held office during or since the end of the half year and until the date of this report are as follows, all of whom were in office for this entire period and continue to be in office.



Battery materials and renewable energy

Dr Francis Wedin
Executive Chair



Energy and chemicals

Mr Cris Moreno
Managing Director and
Chief Executive Officer



Finance and mining

Ms Felicity Gooding

Executive Director and

Group Chief Financial Officer



Investment banking and government

Mr Angus Barker
Deputy Chair, Lead
Independent Director,
People and Performance
Committee Chair and
Nomination Committee Chair



Renewable energy

Ms Josephine Bush
Non-Executive Director, Audit,
Risk and ESG Committee Chair



Chemicals and renewable energy

Dr Günter Hilken
Non-Executive Director,
Projects Oversight Committee
Chair



Chemical engineering

Dr Heidi Grön Non-Executive Director

## Operating review

#### **Health and safety**

There was one Lost Time Injury (LTI) during the six months ending 30 June 2025, which occurred at the Company's Schleidberg well site near Landau, Germany. It is the second LTI reported during the past 12 months, with strict adherence to health and safety protocols continuing to be a key priority for the Company.

#### **Resources and Reserves**

Vulcan's lithium brine Mineral Resource estimates, as well as its Ore Reserve estimates, did not change during the reporting period. However, subsequent to the reporting period, the Company announced:

- its total lithium Resource estimate increased to 29.1 Mt LCE<sup>6</sup>; and
- a large-scale, in place maiden geothermal Resource of 2,848 PJ (Indicated) and 10,539 PJ (Inferred) has also been estimated for the Mannheim sector of which 171 PJ (Indicated) and 377 PJ (Inferred) are considered recoverable.

There was no change to the Company's Ore Reserve estimate (see Appendix 1 for Vulcan's combined Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve tables).



# Geothermal and renewable energy operations

Operations continued at Vulcan's Natürlich Insheim geothermal renewable energy plant with production of approximately 9,000 MWh of gross baseload, renewable power, at an average selling price of 0.258kWh, generating 2.31 million gross revenue.

In June 2025, the Insheim geothermal power plant underwent a scheduled shut-down for maintenance purposes. This planned outage was essential to ensure the continued safe and efficient operation of the facility.

#### **Well delivery**

The Company's 100%-owned drilling subsidiary, Vercana, commenced drilling of the first new well for the Project at the Schleidberg well site near Landau, Germany, on 27 May 2025. This followed the mobilisation of Vulcan's V20 rig to the well site in February 2025, with routine commissioning procedures and technical testing also carried out for the safe operation of V20 and associated equipment.

Commencement of drilling at Schleidberg represents the fifth well in Vulcan's Phase One Project area and start of project execution of sub-surface works for the Project.

Vercana's other drilling rig, V10, will be mobilised to the Company's new planned Trappelberg well site, after Phase One financing closes.

For further information, please refer to the ASX Announcements dated 7 and 9 July 2025. The 29.1 Mt LCE total lithium Resource is comprised of 2.1 Mt LCE of Measured Resource @ 181 mg/L, 9.7 Mt LCE of Indicated Resource @ 177 mg/L and 17.3 Mt LCE of Inferred Resource @174mg/L. Please also refer to the Competent Person Statement contained within this document.

#### **Optimisation plants**

#### **Lithium Extraction Optimisation Plant (LEOP)**

During the reporting period, the Company produced high-quality 40% lithium chloride (LiCl) solution at LEOP using Adsorption-type Direct Lithium Extraction (A-DLE) with VULSORB®, Vulcan's internally developed aluminate-based lithium extraction adsorbent. LEOP operates with brine at pressure, in keeping with planned commercial operating conditions. The LiCl was then transferred to the downstream Central Lithium Electrolysis Optimisation Plant (CLEOP) at Industrial Park Höchst, Frankfurt, for the production of LHM.

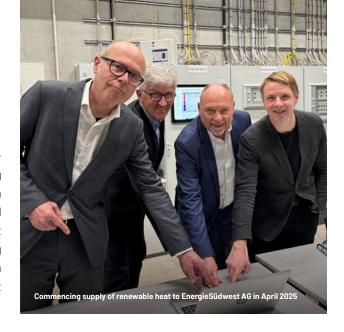
The brine supply to LEOP transitioned from brine trucking from the Insheim well site to direct supply of hot artesian brine from the production well of the neighbouring Geox well site. The direct connection allows continuous supply of brine at LEOP.

#### Central Lithium Electrolysis Optimisation Plant (CLEOP)

On 13 January 2025, the Company's downstream CLEOP started production of battery-quality lithium hydroxide monohydrate (LHM), by processing high purity lithium chloride concentrate extracted from brine at the upstream, A-DLE optimisation plant in Landau.

The development represented the first fully integrated, battery-quality LHM produced in Europe, from raw material to final product.

During the reporting period, the Company also finalised a qualification strategy to pre-qualify its material prior to entering full commercial production, as a means of fast-tracking the start of sales of qualified, battery-quality LHM material. This involved the production and dispatch of battery-quality LHM material, branded V-LiON $^{\text{TM}}$ , to offtake partners, from Vulcan's qualification plant, prior to the full commercial plant completion and start of production.



#### Phase One execution readiness

Throughout the reporting period, progress continued on Project execution, including engineering works for remaining Phase One areas.

In June 2025, the Company signed a heat offtake agreement with German energy supplier EnergieSüdwest AG (ESW), for the supply of geothermal renewable heat. The Company has agreed to supply various districts in the Landau area with renewable heat produced from several production sites, which make up Vulcan's Phase One Project, for a period of 35 years.

The signing followed the commencement of renewable heat supply to ESW in April 2025 from the Company's existing geothermal wells in Landau, directly into the neighbouring ESW heating system.

During the reporting period, the Company also received approval for building permits for the 30 MW geothermal renewable energy plant and electrical substation that form part of the Project. The Company will use this plant in Landau to supply an increased amount of baseload, renewable power, both for sales into the grid and for its own operations.



#### **Commercial and financing**

#### **Progress on Phase One financing**

The Company announced an extension to the conditional debt commitment letter signed in December 2024 as the Company progresses discussions with banks in relation to financing its Project. The debt commitment letter has been extended until September 2025, reflecting the Company's revised financing timeline targeting finalisation of debt agreements in H2 2025.

The commercial bank group consists of (i) four Structuring Banks (ABN AMRO, ING, Natixis CIB and UniCredit), and (ii) three additional international project finance banks. The four structuring banks have been engaged in the financing structuring process since May 2024 alongside the EIB and ECAs (Bpifrance AE, Export Development Canada, Export Finance Australia (EFA), and Italy's SACE).

The Company also proceeded to detailed due diligence for a €150 million equity participation by the German Raw Materials Fund (RMF) during the reporting period and, as a result, committed to including government participation in the equity financing of its Project. Subsequently, the Company adjusted its Project financing target timeline to allow for the potential inclusion of the RMF in its financing package and is now targeting H2 2025 to finalise these agreements and commence full project construction.

During the reporting period, the Company completed the acquisition of Geox, including its geothermal wells, renewable energy generation assets and a geothermal and lithium licence around the City of Landau, Germany. These assets represent a consolidation of Vulcan's wider upstream Project assets.

The Company's Share Purchase Plan (SPP), announced on 11 December 2024, closed on 20 January 2025. The SPP raised A\$8 million through the issue of 1,366,332 new fully paid ordinary shares in the Company. The SPP followed the successful completion of the institutional and strategic placement on 12 December 2024, which raised €100 million (A\$164 million) at the same issue price as the SPP.

In connection with the overall portfolio optimisation, the Company freed up ca. 3% of its planned lithium sales volume in its first ten years of production by mutually agreeing to a termination of its agreement with Renault Group.

#### **Strategic Project status**

The Project was awarded Strategic Project status under the European Commission's Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) in March 2025, reflecting the Project's alignment with the objectives of the CRMA.

The CRMA establishes clear targets for increasing domestic capacities within the strategic raw material supply chain, while improving access to funding, and ensuring adherence to the highest social and environmental standards. The CRMA designates strategic projects to increase European Union (EU) capacity to extract, process and recycle strategic raw materials and diversify EU supplies from third countries

#### **Board appointments**

As part of the evolution of the Company Board, the Company appointed Group Chief Financial Officer, Felicity Gooding, as Executive Director, and Non-Executive Director, Angus Barker, as both Deputy Chair and Lead Independent Director, effective 1 January 2025.

Ms Gooding joined the Company in January 2024, and is responsible for the Company's corporate services, including steering the Phase One debt and project-level equity financing.

As Lead Independent Director, Mr Barker represents the Board when Executive Chair, Dr Francis Wedin, is unable to do so, and acts as the principal liaison between independent directors, company executives, investors and other stakeholders, and Dr Wedin. Mr Barker has also assumed the role of Chair of both the People and Performance Committee (PPC) and Nominations Committee, and has joined the Audit, Risk and Environmental, Social and Governance (ARESG) Committee.

#### **Future phase development**

Ongoing work in relation to future phase licence regions continued throughout the reporting period in addition to the following:

#### Ludwigshafen, BASF joint project, Germany

The Company successfully completed a 2D seismic survey for the geothermal heat development project in the Ludwigshafen region of Germany, which the Company is undertaking in partnership with BASF.

The survey was conducted on approximately 75 km of roadway within Vorderpfalz, a region on the western border of Germany's URVBF, including the towns and municipalities of Bad Dürkheim, Deidesheim, Mutterstadt, Frankenthal and Ludwigshafen, with the results of the survey to determine optimal location/s for the next stage of development and will be followed by a 3D seismic survey.

#### Mannheim, Germany

The Company is progressing a Scoping Study for the Mannheim licence which is located 40 km to the northeast of Phase One. The study will look to add further production in addition to the Phase One integrated lithium and geothermal renewable energy development including expansion of the downstream LHM facility in Industrie-Park Höchst.

It is envisaged Vulcan will deliver baseload geothermal heat from the Mannheim region geothermal resource to the district heating network of MVV Energie AG, one of Germany's leading energy companies, while simultaneously extracting sustainable lithium for EV battery production.

#### Rüsselsheim, Germany

Vulcan, Opel Stellantis and the City of Rüsselsheim intend to modify their current cooperation agreement as project partners, to instead proceed as renewable heat supplier and offtake partners, allowing Vulcan to serve multiple heat customers in the area and enlarge the Project. Heat offtake negotiations with Opel and others in the area are ongoing.



#### Sustainability

During the reporting period, the Company's sustainability credentials were acknowledged through industry awards and ratings.



#### **Awards and ratings**

In June 2025, the Company was announced as the winner of The Australian Financial Review's Sustainability Leaders for 2025 in the Resources, Energy & Utilities category, and was also awarded a special distinction for the Sustainability Leader – Medium Organisation category. Undertaken in partnership with Schneider Electric by The Australian Financial Review, the Sustainability Leaders for 2025 celebrates Australian companies making progress in tackling sustainability challenges.

The Company also maintained its position as an ESG Industry Top Rated Company by Morningstar Sustainalytics. Sustainalytics' ESG Risk Ratings cover more than 15,000 companies across 42 industries, identifying the top companies in each industry.

#### **Climate risk**

In collaboration with specialist climate consultants, ENGIE Impact, the Company also completed the qualitative and quantitative assessment of its physical climate risks and revised the assessment of the Company's transition climate risks, including identifying applicable mitigation and adaptation measures. The outcomes of both assessments indicated that Vulcan is well placed to manage its physical and transition climate change risks, with no risks being flagged as financially material. Climate-related risks will be incorporated into the Company's enterprise risk management register.

#### **Environmental and social impact reviews**

Environmental and social management plans were developed and implemented prior to the commencement of well site and drilling activities at Schleidberg. These include Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), Noise Management, Traffic Management, Waste Management, Cultural Heritage Management and Chance Find Procedure, Emergency Response, Permitting Operating/ Special Operating Plans, Crisis Management and Stakeholder Engagement.

#### Stakeholder and community engagement

In February, former German Chancellor Olaf Scholz visited the Company's LEOP and geothermal plant in Landau, observing the Company's integrated production of sustainable lithium and renewable energy.

There was also continued strong interest from community and other stakeholder groups who visited site during the reporting period. The Company has continued to proactively engage with local communities and regional stakeholders, including the annual Open Day at the Insheim geothermal power plant on 17 May 2025.

Other stakeholder and community initiatives during the reporting period included dedicated public events in Frankenthal, Deidesheim and Ludwigshafen related to the 2D seismic campaign, Vulcan InfoCenter information and networking events to further strengthen ties between local industry, politics and community, and site visits from several universities and schools from the Company's exploration licence areas.



#### **Financial performance**

Vulcan produced a net loss after tax of €30.7 million (June 2024: €19.3 million) which included depreciation and amortisation of €6.1 million (June 2024: €3.3 million) and net interest income of €1.7million (June 2024: €0.9 million). Revenues of €4.1 million (June 2024: €3.8 million) were primarily generated on sales of electricity from the Company's Insheim geothermal plant, totalling €2.3 million (June 2024: €2.2 million), as well as revenue of €0.3 million (June 2024: €1.0 million) generated from drilling labour hire company Comeback Personaldienstleistungen GmbH, €0.5 million (June 2024: €0.5 million) from its drill rig refurbishment company, Vercana GmbH, and €1.0 million of other revenue (June 2024: €nil).

Net assets of the Group decreased to €325.9 million (December 2024: €351.6 million) including cash balances of €48.8 million (31 Dec 2024: €97.1 million). The decrease in cash is due to capital expenditure primarily relating to the acquisition of Geox GmbH, wellsite preparation and drilling, preparatory works for the construction of the CLP and LEP, refurbishment of two electric drill rigs, drill casings equipment acquired and capitalised exploration and evaluation attributable to progression of exploration activities, partially offset by €10.9 million received from the issue of shares in January 2025.

# Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes to the state of affairs other than those noted elsewhere in this half year financial report.

# Events subsequent to the reporting period<sup>7</sup>

The Company received approval of a total of €104 million (~A\$186 million) grants by state and federal German governments, designed to enable strategic domestic lithium production and processing to service European electric vehicle battery production.

The grants are being funded by the German Federal Government and the states of Rhineland-Palatinate and Hesse under the lead of the Federal Ministry of Economy and Energy (BMWE) within the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework (TCTF) scheme. The Li4BAT grant will be disbursed pro rata over 36 months following eligible expenditure from 31 December 2025 (an extension on 1 October 2025 as previously announced).

In July 2025, the Company announced the successful completion of a €30 million (~A\$53.6 million) strategic placement to maintain execution of critical path scope for the Project. The placement was cornerstoned by BNP Paribas' Clean Energy Solutions Fund - a thematic fund that invests in companies driving the global shift toward a low-carbon economy - with a €15 million (~A\$26.8 million) subscription. A select group of strategic corporate and institutional investors participated for the remaining €15 million (~A\$26.8 million), including existing strategic corporate shareholders in the Company.

Following a 3D seismic survey, the Company also successfully completed an updated lithium brine Resource estimation, together with a maiden geothermal energy Resource estimation, for the Mannheim licence area in July 2025. The lithium brine Resource estimation update for the Mannheim sector estimates that the total lithium brine Resource (Indicated and Inferred) has increased from 1,833 kt LCE @ 153 mg/Li to 3,225 kt LCE @ 155 mg/Li, which is an increase of 1,392 kt LCE<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Average AUD/EUR exchange rate of 1:0.56.

This consists of the Indicated Resource increasing from 288kt LCE @ 153 mg/Li to 820kt LCE @ 155 mg/Li and the Inferred Resource increasing from 1,545kt LCE @ 153 mg/Li to 2,405kt LCE @ 155 mg/Li.

A large-scale in place maiden geothermal Resource of 2,848 PJ (Indicated) and 10,539 PJ (Inferred) has also been estimated for the Mannheim sector of which 171 PJ (Indicated) and 377 PJ (Inferred) are considered recoverable. The Company intends to continue to complete geothermal energy Resource estimations under the Australian Geothermal Reporting Code for all its development areas within the URVBF.

In September 2025 the Company announced it signed a supply contract with Canadian electrochemistry company, NORAM Electrolysis Systems (NESI), as the exclusive electrolysis technology supplier for the Project. The contract agreement includes services at the technology/ preplanning, process engineering, procurement contracting, and commissioning support stages of development, with NESI engaged at the Central Lithium Plant (CLP), located in Industrial Park Höchst, Frankfurt.

The Company secured the permit to build and operate its Central Lithium Plant (CLP) for Phase One and a second phase at Industrial Park Höchst, Frankfurt in September 2025. The CLP is the key downstream component of the Company's Project, which will combine production of carbon-neutral lithium and renewable energy from deep geothermal brine. During Phase One, the CLP will have the capacity to provide up to 24,000 tonnes of LHM annually for the European battery and automotive industries, enough to produce ca. 500,000 electric vehicle (EV) batteries per annum <sup>10</sup>. In a second phase, the production and storage units of CLP in Frankfurt-Höchst can be expanded.

As part of finalising financing arrangements, amendments have been made to the offtake agreements with the Company's existing offtake partners, including Umicore, LG Energy Solution and Stellantis, to enhance bankability. The amendments principally reflect term, volume adjustments and scheduled commercial operating dates consistent with the Project timeline used in the financial model for the financing package.

## **Competent Person Statement**

The information in this Half Year Report that relates to estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves is extracted from the Bridging Engineering Study Results announcement on 16 November 2023, the Future Phase Pipeline – Mannheim Resources Growth announcements on 7 and 9 July 2025<sup>9</sup> and End of Validation review contained in the Prospectus released on 18 December 2024, all of which are available to view on Vulcan's website at http://v-er.eu. Vulcan confirms, that in respect of the estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves included in this Report:

- a) it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement, and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed;
- b) the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented in this announcement have not been materially modified from the original market announcement; and
- c) all material assumptions underpinning the production targets (and the forecast financial information derived from such production targets) included in this announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

<sup>9</sup> The Mannheim announcement relates solely to the lithium brine Resource estimation for the Mannheim sector.

Refer to the Competent Person Statement contained in this Report. Please also refer to the risk factors contained in the Prospectus dated 18 December 2024 (Prospectus) regarding the risks associated with resource exploration and development projects. Based on the Phase One production target capacity of 24ktpa from the Bridging Engineering Study (BES) Announcement 16 November 2023 and Vulcan internal estimated average EV battery size and chemistry in Europe.

# **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out immediately after this directors' report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 306(3)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

**Dr Francis Wedin** 

Executive Chair 9 September 2025



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#### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

As lead auditor for the review of the financial report of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited for the half-year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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MATTHEW BEEVERS

Partner

Perth, WA

Dated: 9 September 2025





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# Financial statements



ARTIS-Photographie I Uli Deck - Electrolysis unit at Vulcan's downstream CLEOP in Frankfurt-Höchs

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

#### FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	6-months 30 Jun 25 €'000	6-months 30 Jun 24 €'000
Revenue from continuing operations	3	4,113	3,753
Other income		307	297
Loss from equity accounted investments		-	(50)
Raw materials and purchased services		(1,646)	(555)
Employee benefit expenses	4	(14,267)	(10,401)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(6,126)	(3,336)
Share-based payments expense		(1,356)	(1,151)
Other expenses		(12,951)	(9,071)
Net foreign exchange gain		624	450
Finance income		1,859	1,005
Interest expense		(141)	(89)
Loss before income tax for the period		(29,584)	(19,148)
Income tax expense		(1,104)	(198)
Loss after income tax for the period		(30,688)	(19,346)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		(7,044)	(131)
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Revaluation of investments at fair value through other			
comprehensive income		(591)	(837)
Total comprehensive loss for the period (net of tax)		(38,323)	(20,314)
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to the owners of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited		(38,323)	(20,314)
Loss per share for the year attributable to the members Vulca Energy Resources Limited:	ın	€	€
Basic loss per share (Euro)	18	(0.14)	(0.11)
Diluted loss per share (Euro)	18	(0.14)	(0.11)

The Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

#### **AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

Assets	Note	30 Jun 25 €'000	31 Dec 24 €'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	48,761	97,054
Trade and other receivables	6	10,376	10,743
Contract assets		280	-
Inventories		331	137
Total current assets		59,748	107,934
Non-current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive	19	737	1,396
income	19	737	1,390
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	8	14,863	13,124
Other assets	7	10,904	8,244
Property, plant and equipment	9	270,735	237,329
Right-of-use assets	10	7,582	3,836
Intangible assets	12	3,854	3,821
Deferred tax assets		3,220	3,568
Total non-current assets		311,895	271,318
Total Assets		371,643	379,252
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	24,737	16,636
Employee benefits		2,416	1,523
Lease liabilities	10	1,115	771
Deferred income		2,110	2,110
Income tax liabilities		711	57
Total Current liabilities		31,089	21,097
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	10	6,510	3,081
Provisions	14	5,808	1,987
Deferred tax liabilities		2,349	1,535
Total non-current liabilities		14,667	6,603
Total Liabilities		45,756	27,700
Net Assets		325,887	351,552
Equity			
Share capital	15	464,964	453,643
Reserves	16	2,804	9,083
Accumulated losses		(141,881)	(111,193)
Equity attributable to the owners of Vulcan Energy		325,887	351,533
Resources Limited Non-controlling interest		-	19
Total Equity		325,887	351,552

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Consolidated	Issued capital	Revaluation reserve	Reserve	Foreign currency	Accumulated losses	Non- controlling	Total
	€,000	€,000	€,000	reserve €'000	€,000	interest €'000	€,000
At 1 Jan 25	453,643	(2,960)	12,373	(330)	(111,193)	19	351,552
Loss for the period	ı	I	1	1	(30,688)	1	(30,688)
Other comprehensive loss	I	(591)	ı	(7,044)	ı	I	(7,635)
Total comprehensive loss for the period after tax	1	(591)	ı	(7,044)	(30,688)	1	(38,323)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:							
Issue of share capital (note 15)	10,878	ı	I	I	I	I	10,878
Share issue costs (note 15)	443	ı	I	I	I	I	443
Non-controlling interests acquired	I	I	I	I	I	(19)	(19)
Share-based payments (note 20)	I	ı	1,356	I	I	I	1,356
Balance at 30 Jun 25	796'797	(3,551)	13,729	(7,374)	(141,881)		325,887
At 1 Jan 24	323,739	(1,870)	11,522	3,725	(68,835)	ı	268,281
Loss for the period	I	ı	I	I	(19,346)	I	(19,346)
Other comprehensive loss	ı	(837)	I	(131)	ı	I	(896)
Total comprehensive loss for the period after tax	I	(837)	1	(131)	(19,346)	1	(20,314)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:							
Issue of share capital	40,000	I	I	I	I	I	40,000
Share issue costs	(776)	ı	ı	I	ı	I	(776)
Share-based payments (note 20)	1	ı	1,151	I	ı	1	1,151
Balance at 30 Jun 24	362,963	(2,707)	12,673	3,594	(88,181)	1	288,342

The Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

#### FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	6-months 30 Jun 25	6-months 30 Jun 24
	€'000	€'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers (inclusive VAT)	4,117	3,832
Payments to suppliers and employees	(29,878)	(17,759)
Interest received	1,501	1,352
Other income	-	151
Interest paid	(141)	(89)
Net cash used in operating activities	(24,401)	(12,513)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for exploration and evaluation expenditure	(1,900)	(6,913)
Payment for plant and equipment	(15,675)	(36,607)
Payment to acquire subsidiary	(5,000)	-
Loans provided to external parties	(601)	-
Receipts from/ (payments for) financial assets	516	(87)
Net cash used in investing activities	(22,660)	(43,607)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of shares	10,878	40,000
Share issue costs	(1,201)	(67)
Lease repayments	(580)	(565)
Financing costs	(4,111)	(1,544)
Net cash from financing activities	4,986	37,824
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(42,075)	(18,296)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	97,054	78,728
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations	(6,218)	145
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	48,761	60,577

The Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

These general purpose interim financial statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting". Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

These general-purpose financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these consolidated financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024 and any public announcements made by the Company during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Euros, which is Vulcan Energy Resources Limited's presentation currency.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial period and the corresponding interim reporting period.

#### (b) New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The consolidated entity has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

#### (c) Going Concern

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and discharge of liabilities in the normal course of business.

As disclosed in the consolidated financial statements, the Group incurred a loss after tax of  $\le 30.688$ m and had net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of  $\le 24.401$ m and  $\le 22.660$ m respectively for the half-year ended 30 June 2025. As at that date, the Group had a net current assets surplus of  $\le 28.659$ m and cash and cash equivalents of  $\le 48.761$ m.

The Directors believe that it is reasonably foreseeable that the consolidated entity will continue as a going concern and that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the half-year financial report after consideration of the following factors:

- The Group's ability to issue additional shares under the *Corporations Act 2001* to raise further working capital. The Group has demonstrated its ability to raise capital from strategic and institutional investors, including over €490m raised through equity raisings in the past, including €11m raised in the half-year ended 30 June 2025, and a further €30m subsequent to 30 June 2025.
- During the reporting period, the Group continued to advance equity and debt financing of the Phase One
  Lionheart Project. The Group continued negotiations with strategic investors and also proceeded to
  detailed due diligence for a €150m equity participation by the German Raw Materials Fund (RMF) and, as
  a result, committed to including government participation in the financing of its Project. The Group also
  extended debt commitments until September 2025 and directors have a reasonable expectation these
  will be extended if required, reflecting the Group's revised financing timeline targeting finalisation of
  debt agreements in the second half of 2025.
- Directors anticipate that equity and debt funding arrangements required to build the Phase One Lionheart Project will be substantially finalised by financial year end. Should this timeline materially extend, the Group may be required to supplement working capital through further equity raisings.

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

#### (d) Asset acquisition

On 7 April 2025, the Group completed the acquisition of 100% of the shares of Geox GmbH for cash consideration of approximately €15.0 million. The Group concluded that the acquisition of Geox GmbH did not constitute a business under AASB 3, resulting in the transaction being accounted for as an asset acquisition. Refer to note 11 for further information.

#### NOTE 2 SEGMENT INFORMATION

#### **Accounting Policy**

#### Segment Reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Board. Management has determined that based on the report reviewed by the Board and used to make strategic decisions, that the consolidated entity has three reportable segments.

#### Identification of reportable operating segments

The consolidated entity is organised into three operating segments based on geographical location: Germany, Other European (comprised of France and Italy) and Australia. These operating segments are based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Executive Key Management Personnels (who are identified as the Chief Operating Decision Makers (CODM)) in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. There is no aggregation of operating segments.

The CODM reviews EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation). The accounting policies adopted for internal reporting to the CODM are consistent with those adopted in the financial statements.

The information reported to the CODM is on a monthly basis.

#### Types of products and services

- Germany the supply of geothermal energy, exploration and development related to the Company's Phase One Lionheart Project and engineering services.
- Other European (France and Italy) exploration and development relating to battery materials and geothermal lithium.
- Australia administration and corporate support services.

#### Intersegment transactions

Intersegment transactions were made at market rates. Engineering services have been provided within the German segment. All intersegment receivables and payables, including the profit margin, are eliminated on consolidation.

#### Major customers

During the period ended 30 June 2025, approximately €2.3m (30 June 2024: €2.2m) of the consolidated entity's external revenue was derived from sales to Pfalzwerke.

#### NOTE 2 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONT.)

#### FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Segment performance	Germany	Other European	Australia	Total	
1 Jan 25 to 30 Jun 25	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	
Revenue					
Sales to external customers	4,113	-	-	4,113	
Total segment revenue	4,113	-	-	4,113	
Other income	307	-	-	307	
EBITDA	(20,333)	(114)	(4,729)	(25,176)	
Depreciation and amortisation	(6,093)	-	(33)	(6,126)	
Finance expense	(130)	-	(11)	(141)	
Interest income	161	-	1,698	1,859	
Loss before income tax expense	(26,395)	(114)	(3,075)	(29,584)	
Income tax expense	(1,104)	-	-	(1,104)	
Loss after income tax expense	(27,499)	(114)	(3,075)	(30,688)	
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025					
	Germany	Other European	Australia	Total	
Assets and Liabilities	€'000				
	C 000	₹∪∪∪	€'000		
Assets		€'000	€'000	€'000	
Assets Segment assets	318,462	<b>£ 000</b> 268	<b>€'000</b> 401,461		
				€'000	
Segment assets				<b>€'000</b> 720,191	
Segment assets Intersegment eliminations Total assets  Total assets include:				<b>€'000</b> 720,191 (348,548)	
Segment assets Intersegment eliminations Total assets				<b>€'000</b> 720,191 (348,548)	
Segment assets Intersegment eliminations Total assets  Total assets include: Exploration and evaluation expenditure	318,462			<b>€'000</b> 720,191 (348,548) <b>371,643</b>	
Segment assets Intersegment eliminations Total assets  Total assets include: Exploration and evaluation expenditure additions (note 8) Additions to property, plant and equipment	318,462 1,750			<b>€'000</b> 720,191 (348,548) <b>371,643</b>	
Segment assets Intersegment eliminations Total assets  Total assets include: Exploration and evaluation expenditure additions (note 8) Additions to property, plant and equipment (note 9)  Liabilities	318,462 1,750			<b>€'000</b> 720,191 (348,548) <b>371,643</b>	
Segment assets Intersegment eliminations Total assets  Total assets include: Exploration and evaluation expenditure additions (note 8) Additions to property, plant and equipment (note 9)	318,462 1,750 35,017	268 - -	401,461 	€'000 720,191 (348,548) <b>371,643</b> 1,750 35,017	

#### NOTE 2 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONT.)

#### FOR THE HALF- YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Segment performance	Germany	Other European	Australia	Total
1 Jan 24 to 30 Jun 24	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Revenue				
Sales to external customers	3,753	-	-	3,753
Total segment revenue	3,753	-	-	3,753
Other income	297	-	-	297
EBITDA	(12,945)	(66)	(3,717)	(16,728)
Depreciation and amortisation	(3,310)	-	(26)	(3,336)
Finance expense	(88)	-	(1)	(89)
Interest income	213	-	792	1,005
Loss before income tax expense	(16,130)	(66)	(2,952)	(19,148)
Income tax expense	(198)	-	-	(198)
Loss after income tax expense	(16,328)	(66)	(2,952)	(19,346)
Material items include:				
Employee benefit expense	(9,350)	(37)	(1,014)	(10,401)

#### **AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Assets and Liabilities	Germany	Other European	Australia	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Assets				
Segment assets	279,584	358	421,862	701,804
Intersegment eliminations				(322,552)
Total assets			_	379,252
Total assets include:				
Additions to exploration and evaluation	9,036	-	-	9,036
Additions to property, plant and equipment	64,991	-	-	64,991
Liabilities				
Segment liabilities	49,831	113	4,383	54,327
Intersegment eliminations				(26,627)
Total Liabilities			_	27,700

#### **NOTE 3 REVENUE**

	6-months 30 Jun 25	6-months 30 Jun 24
	€'000	€'000
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Sale of goods	2,303	2,223
Rendering of services	492	526
Drilling Personnel outsourcing	341	1,004
Other revenue	977	-
Revenue from continuing operations	4,113	3,753

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	6-mths 30-Jun- 25 €'000	6-mths 30-Jun- 24 €'000								
Timing of revenue recognition										
Goods transferred at a point in time	2,303	2,223	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,303	2,223
Services transferred over time	-	-	492	526	341	1,004	977	-	1,810	1,530
	2,303	2,223	492	526	341	1,004	977	-	4,113	3,753

All revenues are derived in Germany.

#### **NOTE 4 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES**

	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24
	€'000	€'000
Gross employee benefit expenses	20,999	19,748
Other own work capitalised	(6,732)	(9,347)
	14,267	10,401

#### Other own work capitalised

Other own work capitalised relates to engineering labour costs of Vulcan Energie Ressourcen GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited, which are capitalised to exploration and evaluation expenditure and property, plant and equipment. Employee benefit expenses are disclosed in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income net of other own work capitalised. Other own work capitalised also includes the capitalisation of Vercana GmbH staff costs relating to the refurbishment of electric drill rigs and partial capitalisation of the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer employed by Vulcan Energy Resources Limited.

Other own work capitalised does not relate to any external revenue or any profit margin charge to intercompany transactions. The comparative period disclosure has been aligned for consistency with the current half-year.

#### NOTE 5 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
	€'000	€'000
Cash at bank and in hand	37,527	96,988
Short-term deposits	11,234	66
	48,761	97,054

#### NOTE 6 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
	€'000	€'000
Trade receivables	1,752	1,100
Allowance for expected credit losses	-	(67)
Prepayments	1,297	615
Other receivables	1,271	3,766
Other - bank guarantees <sup>1</sup>	5,091	3,707
VAT receivable	965	1,622
	10,376	10,743

<sup>1</sup>Bank guarantees at 30 June 2025 include €1,900,000 cash collateral paid to the mining authority as a result of the acquisition of Geox GmbH. Refer to note 11 for further information.

#### **NOTE 7 OTHER ASSETS**

The group has recognised the following other assets.

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
	€'000	€'000
Prepayments relating to capital items	1,173	1,392
Capitalised borrowing costs	9,703	6,451
Other investments	28_	401
	10,904	8,244

#### **Accounting Policy**

#### Capitalised borrowing costs

The Group capitalises transaction costs directly attributable to debt financing of its Phase One Lionheart Project, in accordance with AASB 9. When debt funding is received, the borrowings will be partially offset by the capitalised transaction costs, which are subsequently amortised through profit or loss over the life of the debt term, using the effective interest method.

#### NOTE 8 EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
	€'000	€'000
Carrying amount of exploration and evaluation expenditure	14,863	13,124
At the beginning of the period	13,124	48,475
Exploration expenditure incurred	1,750	9,037
Reclassification to Property, Plant and Equipment <sup>1</sup>	-	(40,348)
Reclassification to Intangible Assets <sup>2</sup>	-	(2,308)
Other reclassifications <sup>3</sup>	-	(1,136)
Foreign exchange Loss	(11)	(596)
At the end of the period	14,863	13,124

In the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group completed evaluation procedures and determined the technical feasibility and commercial viability of its Phase One Lionheart Project are demonstrable. As such, exploration and evaluation expenditure was reclassified to mine properties in development in accordance with AASB 6.

<sup>2</sup>In the year ended 31 December 2024, costs relating to the Group's internally generated technology were reclassified to intangible assets to more clearly reflect the nature of costs. Refer to note 12 for further information.

<sup>3</sup>In the year ended 31 December 2024, other reclassifications are adjustments relating to prior years and reclassified in the year ended 31 December 2024 to more clearly reflect the nature of costs.

#### NOTE 9 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
	€'000	€'000
Software	1,090	395
Plant & Equipment	111,063	84,758
Land & Buildings	4,654	4,657
Assets under Construction	39,317	67,104
Mine Properties in Development	114,611	80,415
	270,735	237,329

#### NOTE 9 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT.)

Movement in carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment for the financial period ended 30 June 2025 are as follows:

	Software	Plant and equipment	Asset under construction		Mine Properties in Development <sup>3</sup>	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Cost						
At 1 Jan 25	803	97,012	67,366	4,878	80,415	250,474
Additions	829	1,921	452	40	31,775	35,017
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assets under construction completed <sup>1</sup>	-	28,239	(28,239)	-	-	-
Recognition of restoration provision <sup>2</sup>		1,382	-	-	2,421	3,803
At 30 Jun 25	1,632	128,554	39,579	4,918	114,611	289,294
<b>Accumulated Depreci</b>	ation					
At 1 Jan 25	(408)	(12,254)	(262)	(221)	-	(13,145)
Depreciation for the period	(134)	(5,237)	-	(43)	-	(5,414)
At 30 Jun 25	(542)	(17,491)	(262)	(264)	-	(18,559)
Carrying amount						
At 1 Jan 25	395	84,758	67,104	4,657	80,415	237,329
At 30 Jun 25	1,090	111,063	39,317	4,654	114,611	270,735

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Asset construction completed during the year and ready for use were transferred from assets under construction to plant & equipment at cost value, including €28,239,000 for Vercana GmbH's V20 drill rig.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>During the half-year ended 30 June 2025, an additional restoration and rehabilitation provision of €3,803,000 was recognised relating to the Group's operations, resulting in a total provision of €5,560,000. Refer to note 14 for further information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Additions to mine properties in development during the half-year ended 30 June 2025 include assets of €16,769,000 resulting from the acquisition of Geox GmbH. Refer to note 11 for further information.

#### NOTE 10 LEASE LIABILITIES & RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

Right-of-use asset	Buildings	Vehicles	Land	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Cost				
At 1 Jan 25	4,791	871	322	5,984
Additions <sup>1</sup>	1,544	111	2,628	4,283
Disposals	(50)	(188)	(31)	(269)
Remeasurements	137	(8)	-	129
Foreign exchange movement	(22)	-	-	(22)
At 30 Jun 25	6,400	786	2,919	10,105
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 Jan 25	(1,466)	(577)	(105)	(2,148)
Depreciation for the year	(474)	(130)	(40)	(644)
Disposals	50	188	31	269
At 30 Jun 25	(1,890)	(519)	(114)	(2,523)
Carrying amount				
At 1 Jan 25	3,325	294	217	3,836
At 30 Jun 25	4,510	267	2,805	7,582
Lease Liabilities	Buildings	Vehicles	Land	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
At 1 Jan 25	3,382	246	224	3,852
New lease liabilities entered during the year <sup>1</sup>	1,544	111	2,628	4,283
Add: Interest	93	7	41	141
Less: Payment	(594)	(110)	(37)	(741)
Remeasurements	137	(26)	-	111
Foreign exchange movement	(21)	-	-	(21)
At 30 Jun 25	4,541	228	2,856	7,625
Represented by:				
Current lease liabilities	941	112	62	1,115
Non-current lease liabilities	3,600	116	2,794	6,510
			-1101	0,010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Right of use asset and lease liability additions of €2,626,000 were recognised during the period relating to a Leasehold Agreement for land, pertaining to the licence area acquired through the acquisition of Geox GmbH. Refer to note 11 for further details.

#### NOTE 11 ACQUISITION OF GEOX GMBH

On 7 April 2025, the Group completed the acquisition of 100% of the shares of Geox GmbH ("Geox") for cash consideration of approximately €15.0 million. The principal asset acquired through this acquisition comprises a mining licences applicable to geothermal power production, brine extraction, and lithium exploration. Other assets connected to this acquisition through right of use assets include two geothermal wells and a geothermal power plant.

Geox was acquired to replace an existing brine offtake agreement which enables the Group to simplify the operation of its geothermal and brine production assets in its upstream development for the Phase One Lionheart Project.

Cash consideration transferred for the acquisition of Geox GmbH was as follows:

	Cash paid prior to 30 June 2025	Deferred Consideration	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000
Basic purchase price	1,358	11,036	12,394
Cash collateral	1,900	-	1,900
Variable purchase price	371	-	371
Total purchase consideration	3,629	11,036	14,665
Transaction costs capitalised	301	-	301
Total acquisition cost	3,930	11,036	14,966

The remaining purchase price consideration of epsilon11,036,000 is due to be settled before 31 October 2025, with interest of 5% accruing from 5 April 2025 on the outstanding amount.

The Group concluded that the acquisition of Geox GmbH did not constitute a "business" under AASB 3. As a result, the acquisition of Geox has been accounted for as an asset acquisition rather than a business combination.

Accounting for the assets acquired by the Group required the exercise of judgement, specifically relating to the fair value of assets acquired.

#### NOTE 11 ACQUISITION OF GEOX GMBH (CONT.)

The fair value of assets and liabilities acquired are as follows:

	Note	Fair value
		€'000
Cash and cash equivalents		79
Trade and other receivables		318
Cash collateral		1,900
Mine properties in development		16,769
Total assets		19,066
Trade and other payables		2,143
Income tax liabilities		686
Restoration provision		1,271
Total liabilities		4,100
Fair value of net identifiable assets acquired		14,966

Trade and other receivables acquired predominantly relates to VAT receivables, and fair value is reflective of the amount deemed recoverable. The cash collateral is a guarantee provided to the mining authority, and is recorded in bank guarantees in trade and other receivables on the Statement of Financial Position. Refer to note 5 for further information.

Mine properties in development includes assets under construction and licences applicable to geothermal power production, brine extraction, and lithium exploration. The fair value is supported by a value-in-use calculation using a discounted cash flow model for the Group's Phase One Lionheart Project, based on a 30-year projection period. Refer to note 9 for further information.

Trade and other payables and income tax liabilities relate to obligations to third-party suppliers and tax authorities. A restoration provision has been recognised on acquisition of Geox to reflect the Group's obligation to restore land, with the fair value measured determined based on the expected value of future cash flows, discounted to their present value. Refer to note 14 for further information.

#### **Leasehold Agreement**

The Group entered into a Leasehold Agreement for a term of 99 years to conduct "planned activities" in the licence area acquired with Geox. Planned activities in the Leasehold Agreement include construction and operation of boreholes to extract geothermal energy and brine containing lithium chloride from the license area. The Leasehold Agreement entitles the Group to carry out drilling, create boreholes and install the associated operating equipment (e.g. pipelines) and carry out preparatory measures for exploration (such as seismic measurement campaigns) and production of geothermal brine to produce energy and lithium. In addition, Vulcan is entitled to build, leave, operate, modify and dismantle in whole or in part any structural facilities and infrastructure in the licence area acquired with Geox.

Under the Leasehold Agreement, the Group will pay semi-annual leasehold payments ("Annual Ground Rent") of €75,000 (£150,000 per annum), commencing on the first calendar year following the first commercial sale of heat from brine extracted from the boreholes on or in the leasehold property (but no later than 1 January 2027). A right-of-use asset and lease liability of £2,626,000 was recognised reflecting the Leasehold Agreement, representing the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term, discounted using the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Refer to note 10 for further information.

#### **NOTE 12 INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
	€'000	€'000
Customer contracts - at cost	1,809	1,809
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(1,538)	(1,514)
	271	295
VULSORB® - at cost	2,308	-
Additions	104	-
Reclassified from exploration & evaluation expenditure <sup>1</sup>		2,308
	2,412	2,308
Operating permit - at cost	1,500	1,500
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(329)	(282)
	1,171	1,218
Total Intangible Assets	3,854	3,821

In the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group reclassified costs relating to VULSORB® from exploration and evaluation expenditure to intangible assets, to more clearly reflect the nature of costs. VULSORB® is the Group's internally developed intangible asset. The technology is an internally developed lithium extraction sorbent which is used by the Group in the adsorption-type direct lithium extraction (A-DLE) process at LEOP. As the asset is used at LEOP in testing quantities, the technology will be amortised when ready for use in commercial production, as intended by management.

Reconciliation of the written down values at the beginning and the end of the current financial period are set out below:

	Customer Contracts	Operating Permit	VULSORB®	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 Jan 25	295	1,218	2,308	3,821
Additions	-	-	104	104
Less: amortisation	(24)	(47)	-	(71)
Balance at 30 Jun 25	271	1,171	2,412	3,854

#### NOTE 13 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
	€'000	€'000
Trade payables	4,237	11,488
Deferred consideration <sup>1</sup>	11,036	-
Accrued expenses	7,745	3,852
Other payables	1,719	1,296
	24,737	16,636

<sup>1</sup>Deferred consideration relates to the remaining purchase price consideration of Geox GmbH, which is due to be settled before 31 October 2025, with interest of 5% accruing from 5 April 2025 on the outstanding amount. Refer to note 11 for further information.

#### **NOTE 14 PROVISIONS**

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
Non-Current:	€'000	€'000
Other provisions	248	261
Restoration provision	5,560	1,726
	5,808	1,987

#### **Restoration provision**

The extraction and processing activities of the Group typically give rise to obligations for site closure or restoration and rehabilitation, and a provision is recognised as soon as environmental disturbance occurs. The nature of decommissioning activities includes dismantling and removing structures, rehabilitating mine sites, dismantling operating facilities, closure of plant sites and restoration, reclamation, and revegetation of affected areas.

Restoration provisions are measured based on the expected value of future cash flows, discounted to their present value and determined according to the probability of alternative estimates of cash flows occurring. The cost estimates for the half-year ended 30 June 2025 are derived from an independent report and are scheduled for revision in June 2030.

The increase in the restoration provision during the period is predominantly due to additional drilling work completed at the Group's Schleidberg wellsite, in addition to a provision for restoration of €1,271,000 recognised upon the acquisition of Geox GmbH. Refer to note 11 for further information.

#### NOTE 15 CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

	30 Ju	ın 25			31 Dec 24
	No.′000	€′000	No	.′000	€′000
Fully paid ordinary shares	218,673	464,964	214	,528	453,643
	Date	ı	Number	Issue Price €	€′000
At 1 Jan 25		214	,527,816		453,643
Placement	8/01/2025	1,	680,672	3.57	6,000
Share purchase plan	28/01/2025	1,	366,332	3.57	4,878
Exercise of Class S performance rights	3/06/2025		12,894	-	-
Exercise of Class AA performance rights	3/06/2025		17,179	-	-
Exercise of Class AC performance rights	3/06/2025		4,746	-	-
Exercise of Class AD performance rights	3/06/2025		8,411	-	-
Exercise of Class AE performance rights	3/06/2025		41,357	-	-
Exercise of Class IP performance rights	3/06/2025		985,526	-	-
Shares issued - employee incentive plan	3/06/2025		27,945	-	-
Capital raising costs			_	-	443
At 30 Jun 25		218,	672,878		464,964
NOTE 16 RESERVES					
		30	)-Jun-25 €'000		31-Dec-24 €'000
Share-based payment reserve			13,729		12,373
Revaluation reserve			(3,551)		(2,960)
Foreign currency translation reserve			(7,374)		(330)
Total			2,804		9,083
Share-based Payment Reserve					
			Perforr	ber of nance Rights	€'000
Movement reconciliation					
On issue at 1 Jan 25			3,1	50,799	12,373
Issue of performance rights during the period (	note 20)		73	30,896	-
Exercise of Performance Rights during the per	iod		(1,0	70,101)	-
Recognition of share - based payment expense to Directors and staff in prior periods (note 20)		e rights issue	d	-	1,405
Performance rights lapsed			(23	31,700)	(49)
On issue at 30 Jun 25			2,57	79,894	13,729

#### NOTE 17 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24
	€'000	€'000
Australian listed shares	737	1,396

#### **NOTE 18 LOSS PER SHARE**

	6-months 30-Jun-25	6-months 30-Jun-24
Net loss for the period in €'000	(30,688)	(19,346)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic and diluted loss per share	217,469,219	173,675,661
Basic and diluted loss per share €	(0.14)	(0.11)

#### **NOTE 19 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

#### Fair value hierarchy

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the financial instruments that are recognised and measured at fair value in the financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value, the group has classified its financial instruments into the three levels prescribed under the accounting standards.

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24 €'000
	€'000	
Level 1		
Financial assets		
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Australian listed equity securities	737	1,396

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 for recurring fair value measurements during the year. The group's policy is to recognise transfers into and out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

#### NOTE 20 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

	6-months 30-Jun-25	6-months 30-Jun-24
	€'000	€'000
Recognised share-based payment transactions		
Performance rights issued to Directors and staff	337	120
Performance rights issued to Directors & staff in prior years	1,068	761
Performance rights lapsed during the year	(49)	270
	1,356	1,151
Represented by		
Share-based payment expense	1,356	1,151
	1,356	1,151

## Details of new issues during the period

On 1 May 2025, the Company issued 21,000 performance rights to relevant executives to address a shortfall in LTIs for the period ending 31 December 2024. These were issued in seven tranches as Class IP, and are assessed on the same vesting conditions as the FY24 LTI performance rights, being 31 December 2026. The rights expire on 31 December 2027.

The service rights were issued as follows:

Туре	Number of Rights Granted	Share Based Payment expense for the period (€'000)	Class
Executives-LTI	21,000	3	IP
Total	21,000	3	

At the AGM held on 28 May 2025, Shareholders approved the issue of 139,057 service rights to non-executive directors, with one tranche vesting per year (over a total of three years), subject to continuous service.

The service rights were issued as follows:

NED	Number of Rights Granted	Share Based Payment expense for the period (€'000)	Class
Josephine Bush	32,555	5	AD
Heidi Gron	32,555	5	AD
Angus Barker	49,531	6	AD
Gunter Hilken	24,416	3	AD
Total	139,057	19	

## NOTE 20 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

Details of the NEDs service rights are as follows:

Item	Josephin	Josephine Bush - Service Rights			Heidi Gron - Service Rights		
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	
Grant date	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	
Commencement of performance period	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	
Performance measurement date	28/05/2026	28/05/2027	28/05/2028	28/05/2026	28/05/2027	28/05/2028	
Vesting date	28/05/2026	28/05/2027	28/05/2028	28/05/2026	28/05/2027	28/05/2028	
Expiry date	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	
Number of Rights	16,277	8,139	8,139	16,277	8,139	8,139	
Valuation per Tranche (€′000)	38	19	19	38	19	19	

Item	Angus B	Angus Barker - Service Rights			Hilken - Service	e Rights
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3
Grant date	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35
Commencement of performance period	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025
Performance measurement date	28/05/2026	28/05/2027	28/05/2028	28/05/2026	28/05/2027	28/05/2028
Vesting date	28/05/2026	28/05/2027	28/05/2028	28/05/2026	28/05/2027	28/05/2028
Expiry date	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	30/06/2029	30/06/2029
Number of Rights	16,510	16,510	16,511	8,139	8,139	8,139
Valuation per Tranche (€′000)	39	39	39	19	19	19

At the AGM held on 28 May 2025, the Company issued performance rights (Incentive Securities) to Key Management Personnel (KMP) including the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD-CEO) and Group CFO & Executive Director.

A short-term incentive (STI), designed to reward creation of exceptional short-term shareholder value (issued in three tranches), and a long-term incentive (LTI), designed to reward creation of exceptional long-term shareholder value (issued in six tranches). The incentives were issued as follows:

## NOTE 20 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

Туре	Number of Rights Granted	Share Based Payment expense for the period (€'000)	Class
MD-CEO - STI	137,459	131	IP
MD-CEO - LTI	164,817	34	IP
Group CFO - STI	131,215	125	IP
Group CFO - LTI	137,348	28	IP
Total	570,839	318	

Details of the KMP STIs are as follows:

Item		MD-CEO - STI			Group CFO & Executive Director - STI			
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3		
Grant date	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025		
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35		
Commencement of performance period	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025		
Performance measurement date	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025		
Vesting date	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025	31/12/2025		
Expiry date	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027		
Number of Rights	68,729	27,492	41,238	65,607	26,243	39,365		
Valuation per Tranche (€′000)	162	65	97	154	62	93		

The STI rights were granted with the following vesting conditions:

#### Tranche 1

Tranche 1 will vest subject to various Project Milestones as follows (total equal weighting 50%):

- The Company has closed financing for Phase One of the Lionheart Project (Financing Milestone);
- The Company has started construction at the Geothermal and Lithium Extraction Plant (GLEP) and the Central Lithium Plant (CLP);
- The Company has commenced drilling;
- The Company has commenced V-LiON™ qualification with offtake partners;
- The Company has secured all land and received permits for Phase One according to the permitting action plan; and
- The Company has secured funding for new project development and technology division (Development and Technology Funding).

## NOTE 20 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

#### Tranche 2

Tranche 2 will vest subject to ESG Milestones as follows (total equal weighting 20%):

- Environment: zero significant environmental incidents;
- Safety: meet year-on-year improvement of lost time injury frequency rate (LTIFR) (Safety Target);
- Social: sign a binding agreement with a local utility to supply the local community with renewable heat in the Phase One area; and
- Governance:
  - no material breaches with local authorities or regulatory authorities; and
  - obtain material cyber security improvements during the period.

## **Tranche 3**

Tranche 3 will vest subject to specific individual performance milestones (total weighting 30%).

Details of the KMP LTIs are as follows:

Item	MD-CEO Rights - LTI					
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 4	ATSR Rights	RTSR Rights
Grant date	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	1.41	1.54
Commencement of performance period	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025
Performance measurement date	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027
Vesting date	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027
Expiry date	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028
Volatility	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70%	70%
Risk-fee rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.414%	3.414%
Number of Rights	32,964	32,963	32,963	32,963	16,482	16,482
Valuation per Tranche (€'000)	77	77	77	77	23	25

Item	Group CFO & Executive Director Rights – LTI					
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 4	ATSR Rights	RTSR Rights
Grant date	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025	28/05/2025
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	1.41	1.54
Commencement of performance period	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025	1/01/2025
Performance measurement date	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027
Vesting date	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027	31/12/2027
Expiry date	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028
Volatility	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70%	70%
Risk-fee rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.414%	3.414%
Number of Rights	27,470	27,470	27,469	27,469	13,735	13,735
Valuation per Tranche (€'000)	65	65	65	65	19	21

#### NOTE 20 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

The LTI rights were granted with the following vesting conditions:

## Business Returns (total equal weighting 60%)

#### Tranche 1

Tranche 1 will vest subject to achieving future phase business objectives without materially diluting shareholders at the end of the Measurement Period.

## Tranche 2

Tranche 2 will vest if the Company is in the position to make a final investment decision in relation to a future phase project.

#### Tranche 3

Tranche 3 will vest subject to executing the Phase One Lionheart Project in line with the Board approved scope, budget and timeframes.

# Sustainability Returns (total equal weighting 20%)

#### Tranche 4:

Tranche 4 will vest subject to designating and successfully applying material Project greenhouse gas reductions relative to the 2024 Project Life Cycle Assessment figures.

# Market Based Measurements (total equal weighting 20%)

#### ATSR Rights (10%):

The number of Absolute Total Shareholder Return Rights ("ATSR Rights") that vest is based on the Total Shareholder Return (TSR) of Vulcan over the performance period. The ATSR Rights will vest according to the following schedule:

Company's TSR performance	Percentage of ATSR Rights eligible to vest
< 0%	0%
Between 5% and 7.5%	50% to 74%, interpolated vesting on a straight line
Between 7.5% and 10%	75% to 99% interpolated vesting on a straight line
<10%	100%

# RTSR Rights (10%):

The number of Relative Total Shareholder Return Rights ("RTSR Rights") that vest is based on the TSR of Vulcan over the performance period, relative to the returns of the Peer Group. The RTSR Rights will vest according to the following schedule:

Company's TSR performance relative to the Peer Group	Percentage of RTSR Rights eligible to vest
Less than 50th percentile	0%
Between 50th percentile and 75th percentile	50% - 99%, interpolated vesting on a straight line
Greater than 75th percentile	100%

# MD-CEO and Group CFO & Executive Director performance rights - multiplier

The number of performance rights issued to the MD-CEO and Group CFO & Executive Director include a multiplier of 1.5x as follows:

- STI rights: Project construction starts during the calendar year 2025; and
- LTI rights: There is exceptional (and measurable) performance relative to the Board approved scope, budget and timeframes for the Phase One Lionheart Project.

An adjusted number of Performance Rights can still vest should the multiplier(s) not be met, subject to satisfaction of the other terms.

# NOTE 20 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

# Conversion of vested performance rights

During the financial year, 1,070,101 vested performance rights have been converted to shares.

Set out below are summaries of performance right movements during the period:

	As at 1 Jan 25	Granted	Exercised	Lapsed	As at 30 Jun 25	Exercisable performance rights
Class S	12,894	-	(12,894)	-	-	-
Class AA	26,903	-	(17,179)	-	9,724	9,724
Class AB	209,200	-	-	(2,700)	206,500	-
Class AC	9,492	-	(4,746)	-	4,746	-
Class IP	2,842,542	591,839	(985,514)	(229,000)	2,219,867	3,529
Class AE	41,357	-	(41,357)	-	-	-
Class AD	8,411	139,057	(8,411)	-	139,057	-
	3,150,799	730,896	(1,070,101)	(231,700)	2,579,894	13,253

No performance rights expired during the period.

## **NOTE 21 COMMITMENTS**

Below are the commitments in relation to exploration and evaluation assets:

	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24	
	€'000	€'000	
Within one year	6,509	2,239	
One to five years	10,021	6,766	
	16,530	9,005	
Below are the commitments in relation to capital ex	penditure:		
Below are the commitments in relation to capital ex	30-Jun-25	31-Dec-24	
·	30-Jun-25 €'000	€'000	
Within one year	30-Jun-25		
·	30-Jun-25 €'000	€'000	

The Group has a cash commitment to pay the remaining purchase price consideration for the acquisition of Geox GmbH of epsilon11,036,000 which must be settled before 31 October 2025. Interest of 5% is accruing from 5 April 2025 on the outstanding amount. Refer to note 11 for further information.

# **NOTE 22 CONTINGENCIES**

The Group has given bank guarantees as at 30 June 2025 of €5,091,000 (31 December 2024: €3,707,000).

The Group has no contingent assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2025 (30 December 2024: nil).

#### **NOTE 23 DIVIDENDS**

No dividend has been declared or paid during the interim period ended 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: Nil), and the Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the half-year ended 30 June 2025.

#### NOTE 24 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

On 10 July 2025, the Company issued 15,756,303 ordinary shares at A\$3.40 to raise €30 million (~A\$53.6 million). The funds were raised to support continued execution of critical path activities for the Phase One Lionheart Project.

The Company received approval of a total of €104 million (~A\$186 million) grants by state and federal German governments, designed to enable strategic domestic lithium production and processing to service European electric vehicle battery production. The grants are being funded by the German Federal Government and the states of Rhineland-Palatinate and Hesse under the lead of the Federal Ministry of Economy and Energy (BMWE) within the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework (TCTF) scheme. The Li4BAT grant will be disbursed pro rata over 36 months following eligible expenditure from 31 December 2025 (an extension on 1 October 2025 as previously announced).

Following a 3D seismic survey, the Company also successfully completed an updated lithium brine Resource estimation, together with a maiden geothermal energy Resource estimation, for the Mannheim licence area in July 2025. The lithium brine Resource estimation update for the Mannheim sector estimates the total lithium brine Resource (Indicated and Inferred) has increased from 1,833 kt LCE @ 153 mg/Li to 3,225 kt LCE @ 155 mg/Li, which is an increase of 1,392 kt LCE.

In September 2025 the Company announced it signed a supply contract with Canadian electrochemistry company, NORAM Electrolysis Systems (NESI), as the exclusive electrolysis technology supplier for the Project. The contract agreement includes services at the technology/ pre-planning, process engineering, procurement contracting, and commissioning support stages of development, with NESI engaged at the Central Lithium Plant (CLP), located in Industrial Park Höchst, Frankfurt.

The Company secured the permit to build and operate its Central Lithium Plant (CLP) for Phase One and a second phase at Industrial Park Höchst, Frankfurt in September 2025. The CLP is the key downstream component of the Company's Project, which will combine production of carbon-neutral lithium and renewable energy from deep geothermal brine.

The Landau City Council also approved the purchase of the land for the integrated Geothermal and Lithium Plant in Landau in September 2025, with the development plan and all associated construction permits now secured. The zoning stipulated in the D12 development plan for the Am Messegelände Südost industrial estate forms the basis for the construction of the Company's G-LEP in Landau.

As part of finalising financing arrangements, amendments have been made to the offtake agreements with the Company's existing offtake partners, including Umicore, LG Energy Solution and Stellantis, to enhance bankability. The amendments principally reflect term, volume adjustments and scheduled commercial operating dates consistent with the Project timeline used in the financial model for the financing package.

Apart from the above, no other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the consolidated entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

# **Directors' Declaration**

# In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting', the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to section 303(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

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**Dr Francis Wedin** 

Executive Chair 9 September 2025



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

## To the Members of VULCAN ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED

#### Report on the Interim Financial Report

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying interim financial report of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year end or from time to time during the half-year.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001

#### Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Interim Financial Report

The directors of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited are responsible for the preparation of the interim financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the interim financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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

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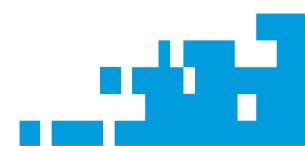
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MATTHEW BEEVERS

Partner

Perth. WA

Dated: 9 September 2025



# **APPENDIX 1**

Vulcan's combined Upper Rhine Valley Project Lithium Brine Measured, Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resource estimates, as at the date of this Report.

# **Vulcan's combined Mineral Resource Estimates**

Licence/Area	Reservoir	Classification	GRV km³	Avg. NTG %	Avg. Phie %	Avg. Li mg/L	Elemental Li t	LCE kt
Insheim	*MUS, BST, ROT, BM	Measured	13	69	9	181	151,823	808
Rift-North	*MUS, BST, ROT, BM	Measured	9.5	70	9	181	110,181	586
	*MUS, BST, ROT, BM	Indicated	29	71	9	181	355,443	1892
Landau- Süd	*MUS, BST, ROT; BM	Measured	12	68	9	181	134,677	717
	*MUS, BST, ROT; BM	Indicated	2.7	69	9	181	29,620	158
Flaggenturm	BST	Indicated	7	90	10	181	115,215	613
	BST	Inferred	37	65	9	181	391,201	2,082
Kerner	BST	Indicated	5	90	10	181	76,242	406
	BST	Inferred	13	65	9	181	132,558	705
Kerner Ost	*MUS, BST, ROT	Indicated	4.3	73	8	181	66,708	355
Taro	*MUS, BST, ROT	Indicated	14.5	73	8	181	237,362	1,263
Ortenau	*MUS, BST, ROT	Indicated	57	73	8	181	659,013	3,507
	BST	Inferred	105	73	8	181	1,883,212	10,024
Mannheim	BST	Indicated	11	90	10	155	154,000	820
	*MUS, BST, BM	Inferred	41	83	8	155	452,000	2,405
Ludwig	BST	Indicated	7	90	10	153	93,220	496
	BST	Inferred	22	65	9	153	199,226	1,060
Therese	BST	Indicated	2	90	10	153	29,907	159
	BST	Inferred	22	65	9	153	200,708	1,068
						mg/L		kt
Total LCE		Measured				181		2,112
		Indicated				177		9,669
		Inferred				174		17,344
Total								29,124

- Note 1: Mineral Resources are not Ore Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. Refer to Competent Person Statement in this Report for further information.
- Note 2: The weights are reported in metric tonnes (1,000 kg or 2,204.6 lbs). Numbers may not add up due to rounding of the resource value percentages.
- Note 3: Reservoir abbreviations: MUS Muschelkalk Formation, BST Buntsandstein Group; ROT Rotliegend Group; BM Variscan Basement.
- Note 4: To describe the resource in terms of industry standard, a conversion factor of 5.323 is used to convert elemental Li to Li2CO3, or Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE).
- Note 5: NTG and Phie averages have been weighted to the thickness of the reservoir.
- Note 6: GRV refers to gross rock volume, also known as the aguifer volume.
- Note 7: Mineral Resources are considered to have reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction under current and forecast lithium market pricing with application of Vulcan's A-DLE processing.
- Note 8: The values shown are an approximation and with globalised rounding of values in the presented summary table as per JORC guidelines, cannot be multiplied through to achieve the Mineral Resource estimated volumes shown above.
- Note 9 Post reporting period, the total lithium brine Resource (Indicated and Inferred) for the Mannheim sector increased to 3,225kt LCE @ 155 mg/Li. This consisted of an increase in the Indicated Resource to 820kt LCE @ 155 mg/Li and an increase in the Inferred Resource to 2,405kt LCE @ 155 mg/Li. For further information, please see the Company's ASX announcements of 7 & 9 July 2025 and the Competent Person Statement in this Report.

#### **Ore Reserves Estimate**

The table below show's Vulcan's Phase One Ore Reserves as at the date of this report.

#### Insheim, Landau South, and Rift North

Reserves Classification	Lithium grade	Economic Reserves Quantity at Wellhead Reference Point		
	mg/I Li	kt LCE		
Proved	181	318		
Probable	181	252		

Note: see Competent Person Statement for further information.



# **APPENDIX 2**

# Vulcan's integrated lithium and renewable energy project licences

Name	State	Resources applied for	Area (km²)	Expiry	Ownership As at 30 June 2025	Change in ownership	Туре
Rift-Nord	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	61,83 (VER share), 149.74 km² total	6.2027	50 % VER GmbH, 50 % GET, Vulcan has rights to develop production projects with 100 % ownership in the licence area	N/A	exploration
Landau-Süd	RLP	Geothermal	19.41	5.2034	100 % VER GmbH*	N/A	production
Ilka	RLP	Lithium		11.2025	100 % VER GmbH*	N/A	exploration
Insheim	RLP	Geothermal	19	11.2037	100% Natürlich Insheim GmbH	N/A	production
LiThermEx	RLP	Lithium		3.2027**	100% VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Ried	Hessen	Geothermal, brine & lithium	289.92	7.2027***	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Luftbrücke	Hessen	Geothermal, brine & lithium	207.25	9.2026	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Waldnerturm	BW	Geothermal, brine & lithium	20.43	12.2026	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Lampertheim II	Hessen	Geothermal, brine & lithium	1.99	7.2026	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Ortenau	BW	Geothermal, brine & lithium	374.1	12.2025	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Mannheim	BW	Geothermal, brine & lithium	144.49	6.2027	100 % VER Pty Ltd	N/A	exploration
Taro	RLP	Geothermal	70.00	9.2027****	100% VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Lisbeth	RLP	Lithium	32.68	9.2027	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Ludwig	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	96.34	12.2027	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Therese	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	81.12	12.2027	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Lampertheim	Hessen	Geothermal, brine & lithium	108.03	7.2026	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Kerner	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	72.26	12.2027	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Löwenherz	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	75.43	12.2026	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Flaggenturm 2023	RLP	Geothermal		12.2027	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Fuchsmantel 2023	RLP	Lithium	166.75	12.2027****	100 % VER GmbH	N/A	exploration
Kachelhoffa	FR	Geothermal		7.2029	100% Vulcan Énergie France	N/A	exploration
Kachelhoffa minéral	FR	Lithium	463.34	7.2029	100 % Vulcan Énergie France	N/A	exploration
Cesano	IT	Geothermal & Lithium	11.46	01.2027	50% Vulcan Energy Italy Pty Ltd., 50 % Enel Green Power	N/A	exploration
Boccaleone	IT	Geothermal & Lithium	4.31	07.2025*****	50 % Vulcan Energy Italy Pty Ltd., 50 % Enel Green Power	N/A	exploration

Vulcan's licences during the reporting period and as at the date of this Report (unless otherwise noted) with Phase One shaded in grey.

<sup>\*</sup> See ASX announcement on 7 April 2025 for more information on completion of Geox acquisition.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The LiThermEx licence was extended for a further two years to 23 March 2027 post reporting period.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Ried licence was extended for a further two years to 19 July 2027 post reporting period.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The Taro licence was extended for a further two years to 16 September 2027 post reporting period.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> The Fuchsmantel licence was extended to 4 December 2027 post reporting period.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> The Boccaleone licence expired post reporting period and has not been renewed.

