

# EQUATOR

RESOURCES LIMITED

ACN: 127 411 796

**12 December 2016**

## **Cleansing Prospectus**

Equator Resources Limited (ASX: EQU) advised that it has issued a cleansing prospectus ("Prospectus") pursuant to section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act. The purpose of the Prospectus is to remove any trading restrictions on the recently completed placement.

For and on behalf of the Board

**Michael Naylor**

**Company Secretary**

# **EQUATOR RESOURCES LIMITED**

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## **PROSPECTUS**

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For the offer of up to 200,000 Shares in the capital of the Company at an issue price of \$0.02 per Share to raise up to \$4,000 (before expenses).

**This Prospectus has been prepared primarily for the purpose of section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act to remove any trading restrictions on the sale of Shares issued by the Company prior to the Closing Date (including under the Placement).**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**This document is important and should be read in its entirety. If after reading this Prospectus you have any questions about the Shares being offered under this Prospectus or any other matter, then you should consult your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser.**

**The Shares offered under this Prospectus should be considered speculative.**

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## 1. CORPORATE DIRECTORY

### Directors

Jason Bontempo  
*Executive Director*

Nicholas Rowley  
*Non-Executive Director*

Alexander Passmore  
*Non-Executive Director*

Michael Naylor  
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### Company Secretary

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\* These entities have not been involved in the preparation of this Prospectus and have not consented to being named in this Prospectus. Their names are included for information purposes only.

## 2. TIMETABLE AND IMPORTANT NOTES

### 2.1 Timetable

Action	Date
Lodgement of Prospectus with the ASIC and ASX	12 December 2016
Opening Date	12 December 2016
Closing Date*	5:00pm WST on 31 January 2017
Issue Date	2 February 2017
Expected date of Official Quotation of the Shares	3 February 2017

\* The Directors reserve the right to bring forward or extend the Closing Date at any time after the Opening Date without notice. As such, the date the Shares are expected to commence trading on ASX may vary with any change in the Closing Date.

### 2.2 Conditional Acquisition

On 28 November 2016, the Company announced it had signed a Binding Term Sheet to acquire up to 100% of Ophiolite Consultants Pty Ltd (**Ophiolite**).

Ophiolite holds the Cobalt Camp Project (**Project**) a total claim area of 13,470 acres (5300 hectares) located near the town of Cobalt, Ontario Canada. The acquisition of Ophiolite will position Equator as the largest unpatented claim holder in the Cobalt region targeting Co-Ag.

Equator has agreed to purchase an initial 80% interest (**Acquisition**) in Ophiolite with an option to acquire the remaining 20% interest.

Completion of the Acquisition is subject to certain conditions including Equator shareholder approval and Equator undertaking a due diligence review of the Cobalt Camp Project and Ophiolite for a period of 60 days from signing of the Binding Term Sheet (dated 28 November 2016).

Accordingly, it should be noted as a specific risk factor that there is uncertainty that the Acquisition will proceed given its conditional nature.

#### **Terms of the Acquisition:**

Subject to Shareholder approval, the terms of the acquisition to acquire 80% of Ophiolite are as follows:

- Provide up to \$500,000 as a loan facility to Ophiolite for the funding of agreed exploration activities on the Project over a period of six months on normal commercial terms; and
- Issue 75,000,000 ordinary shares in Equator to the owner (or their nominee) of Ophiolite.

The Company will also:

- Issue 25,000,000 performance shares to the owner of Ophiolite (**Vendor Performance Shares**). The Vendor Performance Shares will vest on satisfaction of a milestone, being a new transaction being completed by Equator introduced by the Vendor, in respect of a new project. The board

of Equator will have full discretion if the new project is suitable.

- Issue 25,000,000 performance shares as a facilitation fee (**Facilitation Performance Shares**) to parties that assisted in the project acquisition. The Facilitation Performance Shares will vest on satisfaction of a milestone, being the party providing corporate services to Equator up to 31 December 2017.

The Vendor has granted Equator a call option to acquire the remaining 20% of Ophiolite as follows:

- 25,000,000 options exercisable at \$0.03 exercisable within 3 years after grant. It is a condition of exercise that Equator has been provided by the Vendor with a report on the Assets that is equivalent to and compliant as a NI 43-101 report on the Assets; and
- 25,000,000 options exercisable at \$0.06 cents within 3 years after grant. It is a condition of exercise that Equator has released a report in respect of the Project confirming a JORC and/ or NI 43-101 compliant resource or on any subsequent complementary mining asset acquired by Equator if it was introduced by the Vendor group.

If both tranches of the call options vest then Equator has the option (but not obligation) to require the transfer of the remaining 20% in Ophiolite (resulting in Equator becoming a 100% shareholder).

If only one tranche of the options has vested then Equator has the option (but not obligation) to require the transfer of a 10% shareholding interest in the Company to Equator and the parties agree to enter into good faith discussions regarding the remaining 10% shareholding interest in Ophiolite by Equator at a price to be agreed between the parties.

### **Capital Raising:**

Equator has placed 62,494,595 Shares to institutional and sophisticated investors to raise \$1,249,892 at a price of \$0.02 per Share to fund the planned work programs on the Ophiolite Cobalt projects and for working capital.

### **Shareholder Meeting:**

Shareholder approval will also be sought for the purchase of Ophiolite. A notice of meeting will be circulated before the end of 2016 and the Shareholders meeting is expected to be held in January 2017.

### **Proposed Board Changes:**

Subject to completion of the acquisition a representative from Ophiolite will be offered a position to join the board of Equator as a Non-Executive director. This appointee has not yet been confirmed.

Subject to completion of the acquisition, Mr Alexander Passmore will move from Non-Executive Director to an Executive Director position on the board.

Further details in respect of the Acquisition are set out in the announcement made on 28 November 2016. A copy of the announcement can be accessed on ASX or the Company will provide a copy free of charge.

## **2.3 Important Notes**

This Prospectus is dated 12 December 2016 and was lodged with the ASIC on that date. The ASIC and its officers take no responsibility for the contents of this Prospectus or the merits of the investment to which this Prospectus relates.

No Shares may be issued on the basis of this Prospectus later than 13 months after the date of this Prospectus.

The Offer is only available to those who are personally invited to accept the Offer. Applications for Shares offered pursuant to this Prospectus can only be submitted on an original Application Form which accompanies this Prospectus.

This Prospectus is a transaction specific prospectus for an offer of continuously quoted securities (as defined in the Corporations Act) and has been prepared in accordance with section 713 of the Corporations Act. It does not contain the same level of disclosure as an initial public offering prospectus. In making representations in this Prospectus regard has been had to the fact that the Company is a disclosing entity for the purposes of the Corporations Act and certain matters may reasonably be expected to be known to investors and professional advisers whom potential investors may consult.

## **2.4 Web Site – Electronic Prospectus**

A copy of this Prospectus can be downloaded from the website of the Company at [www.equatorresources.com.au](http://www.equatorresources.com.au) . If you are accessing the electronic version of this Prospectus for the purpose of making an investment in the Company, you must be an Australian resident and must only access this Prospectus from within Australia.

The Corporations Act prohibits any person passing onto another person an Application Form unless it is attached to a hard copy of this Prospectus or it accompanies the complete and unaltered version of this Prospectus. Any person may obtain a hard copy of this Prospectus free of charge by contacting the Company.

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### 3. DETAILS OF THE OFFER

#### 3.1 Offer

Under this Prospectus, the Company invites investors identified by the Directors to apply for up to 200,000 Shares at an issue price of \$0.02 per Share to raise up to \$4,000 (before expenses).

The Offer will only be extended to specific parties on invitation from the Directors. Application Forms will only be provided by the Company to these parties.

All of the Shares offered under this Prospectus will rank equally with Shares on issue at the date of this Prospectus.

#### 3.2 Objective

The Company is seeking to raise only a nominal amount of \$4,000 under this Prospectus and, accordingly, the purpose of this Prospectus is not to raise capital.

The primary purpose of this Prospectus is to remove any trading restrictions that may have attached to Shares issued by the Company prior to the Closing Date, and specifically under the Placement.

Relevantly, section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act provides that a sale offer does not need disclosure to investors if:

- (a) the relevant securities are in a class of securities that are quoted securities of the body; and
- (b) either:
  - (i) a prospectus is lodged with the ASIC on or after the day on which the relevant securities were issued but before the day on which the sale offer is made; or
  - (ii) a prospectus is lodged with ASIC before the day on which the relevant securities are issued and offers of securities that have been made under the prospectus are still open for acceptance on the day on which the relevant securities were issued; and
- (c) the prospectus is for an offer of securities issued by the body that are in the same class of securities as the relevant securities.

#### 3.3 Application for Shares

Applications for Shares must be made by investors at the direction of the Company and must be made using the Application Form accompanying this Prospectus.

Payment for the Shares must be made in full at the issue price of \$0.02 per Share.

Completed Application Forms and accompanying cheques must be mailed or delivered to the Company as follows:

Cheques should be made payable to "**Equator Resources Limited – Share Offer Account**" and crossed "**Not Negotiable**". Completed Application Forms and cheques must reach the address set out above by no later than the Closing Date.



### **3.4 Minimum subscription**

There is no minimum subscription in respect of the Offer.

### **3.5 Issue of Shares**

This Prospectus has been issued primarily to cleanse the issue of Shares on or before the date of this Prospectus or otherwise issued before the Closing Date. As such, it is not anticipated that the Company will issue any Shares under this Prospectus.

In the event that the Directors decide to issue Shares under this Prospectus, the issue of Shares under the Offer will take place as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Application moneys will be held in a separate subscription account until the Shares are issued. This account will be established and kept by the Company in trust for each Applicant. Any interest earned on the application moneys will be for the benefit of the Company and will be retained by the Company irrespective of whether any Shares are issued and each Applicant waives the right to claim any interest.

The Directors will determine the recipients of all the Shares. The Directors reserve the right to reject any application or to allocate any Applicant fewer Shares than the number applied for.

Where the number of Shares issued is less than the number applied for, the surplus moneys will be returned by cheque as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Where no issue of Shares is made, the amount tendered on application will be returned in full by cheque as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Interest will not be paid on moneys refunded.

### **3.6 ASX listing**

Application for Official Quotation of the Shares offered pursuant to this Prospectus will be made within 7 days of the date of this Prospectus. If ASX does not grant Official Quotation of the Shares offered pursuant to this Prospectus before the expiration of 3 months after the date of issue of the Prospectus, (or such period as varied by the ASIC), the Company will not issue any Shares and will repay all application monies for the Shares within the time prescribed under the Corporations Act, without interest.

The fact that ASX may grant Official Quotation to the Shares is not to be taken in any way as an indication of the merits of the Company or the Shares now offered for subscription.

### **3.7 Restrictions on the distribution of the Prospectus**

The distribution of this Prospectus outside the Commonwealth of Australia may be restricted by law.

This Offer does not, and is not intended to, constitute an offer in any place or jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, it would not be lawful to make such an offer or to issue this Prospectus.

Residents of countries outside Australia should consult their professional advisers as to whether any government or other consents are required, or whether any formalities need to be observed should they wish to make an application to take up Shares on the basis of this Prospectus. The return of a duly completed Application Form will be taken to constitute a representation and warranty that

there has been no breach of such laws and that all approvals and consents have been obtained.

### **3.8 Enquiries**

Any questions concerning the Offer should be directed to Jason Bontempo, Executive Director, on +61 8 9212 0104.

## 4. PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE OFFER

### 4.1 Purpose of the Offer

The primary purpose of this Prospectus is to remove any trading restrictions that may have attached to Shares issued by the Company prior to the Closing Date (including prior to the date of this Prospectus). All of the funds raised from the Offer will be applied towards the expenses of the Offer. Refer to Section 7.8 of this Prospectus for further details relating to the estimated expenses of the Offer.

A use of funds budget for the allocation of the existing cash reserves, funds raised under the Placement and under this Offer is set out below:

Item	\$
<b>Funds available</b>	
Existing cash reserves <sup>1</sup>	\$1,700,000
Funds raised from the Placement	\$1,249,892
Funds raised from the Offer	\$4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,953,892</b>
<b>Allocation of funds</b>	
Exploration expenditure on the Cobalt Camp Project	\$1,500,000
Further exploration expenditure and assessment of existing assets	\$340,000
Business development and evaluation of new opportunities	\$200,000
Corporate administration and overheads	\$550,000
Working capital	\$354,292
Costs of the Offer	\$9,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,953,892</b>

**Notes:**

1. As at 30 September 2016

### 4.2 Effect of the Offer on capital structure

The effect of the Offer on the Company's capital structure is set out below.

Shares <sup>1</sup>	Number
Shares on issue before Placement <sup>2</sup>	249,978,380
Shares issued pursuant to the Placement (includes 2,500,000 Shares to be issued subject to Shareholder approval) <sup>3</sup>	62,494,595
Shares offered under this Prospectus <sup>4</sup>	200,000
<b>Total Shares on issue on completion of the Offer<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>312,672,975</b>

**Notes:**

1. The rights and liabilities attaching to the Shares are summarised in Section 5 of this Prospectus.
2. Before the Placement, there were 249,978,380 Shares on issue.
3. 59,994,595 Shares have been issued to institutional and sophisticated investors at \$0.02 per Share via a Placement. Note that an additional 2,500,000 Shares will be issued subject to shareholder approval as the Shares are to be issued to a related party of Mr Nicholas Rowley.
4. This assumes the Offer is fully subscribed and no Options are exercised.

Options	Number
Unlisted Class A Options expiring 5 April 2020 and exercisable at \$0.02 each	15,000,000
Unlisted Class B Options expiring 25 May 2020 and exercisable at \$0.02 each	60,000,000
Unlisted Class C Options expiring 30 June 2019 and exercisable at \$0.02 each	1,000,000
Unlisted Class D Options expiring 30 November 2019 and exercisable at \$0.03 each <sup>1</sup>	18,500,000
<b>Total Options on issue</b>	<b>94,500,000</b>

**Notes:**

1. These options were issued to Mr Rowley, Mr Passmore and Mr Naylor as approved by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting held on 29 November 2016. The terms and conditions of these options are set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting released on ASX on 27 October 2016.

Investors must be aware that in the event the Acquisition proceeds, the Shares, Performance Shares and Options set out in Section 2.2 will be issued. This will increase the capital of the Company as follows:

	Prior to acquisition	Projected Increase	Pro Forma
Total Shares on Issue on completion of the Offer	312,672,975 <sup>1</sup>	75,000,000	387,672,975
Total options on issue	94,500,000 <sup>1</sup>	50,000,000	144,500,000
Total Performance Shares on issue	0	50,000,000	50,000,000

**Notes:**

1. Per section 4.2.

### 4.3 Financial effect of the Offer

After expenses of the Offer of approximately \$9,600, there will be no proceeds from the Offer. The expenses of the Offer (exceeding \$4,000) will be met from the Company's existing cash reserves.

As such, the Offer will have an effect on the Company's financial position, being receipt of funds of \$4,000 less costs of preparing the Prospectus of approximately \$9,600.

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## **5. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES ATTACHING TO SHARES**

The following is a summary of the more significant rights and liabilities attaching to Shares being offered pursuant to this Prospectus. This summary is not exhaustive and does not constitute a definitive statement of the rights and liabilities of Shareholders. To obtain such a statement, persons should seek independent legal advice.

Full details of the rights and liabilities attaching to Shares are set out in the Constitution, a copy of which is available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours.

### **5.1 General meetings**

Shareholders are entitled to be present in person, or by proxy, attorney or representative to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company.

### **5.2 Voting rights**

Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, at general meetings of shareholders or classes of shareholders:

- (a) each Shareholder entitled to vote may vote in person or by proxy, attorney or representative;
- (b) on a show of hands, every person present who is a Shareholder or a proxy, attorney or representative of a Shareholder has one vote; and
- (c) on a poll, every person present who is a Shareholder or a proxy, attorney or representative of a Shareholder shall, in respect of each fully paid Share held by him, or in respect of which he is appointed a proxy, attorney or representative, have one vote for each Share held, but in respect of partly paid shares shall have a fraction of a vote for each partly paid share. The fraction shall be equivalent to the proportion which the amount paid (not credited) is of the total amounts paid and payable, excluding amounts credited, provided that amounts paid in advance of a call are ignored when calculating a true proportion.

### **5.3 Dividend rights**

Subject to the rights of any preference Shareholders and to the rights of the holders of any shares created or raised under any special arrangement as to dividend, the Directors may from time to time declare a dividend to be paid to the Shareholders entitled to the dividend which shall be payable on all Shares in accordance with s 254W of the Corporations Act.

The Directors may from time to time pay to the Shareholders any interim dividends as they may determine. No dividend shall carry interest as against the Company. The Directors may set aside out of the profits of the Company any amounts that they may determine as reserves, to be applied at the discretion of the Directors, for any purpose for which the profits of the Company may be properly applied.

Subject to the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act, the Company may, by resolution of the Directors, implement a dividend reinvestment plan on such terms and conditions as the Directors think fit and which provides for any dividend which the Directors may declare from time to time payable on Shares which are participating Shares in the dividend reinvestment plan, less any amount which the Company shall either pursuant to the Constitution or any law be entitled or

obliged to retain, be applied by the Company to the payment of the subscription price of Shares.

#### **5.4 Winding-up**

If the Company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution, divide among the Shareholders in kind the whole or any part of the property of the Company, and may for that purpose set such value as he considers fair upon any property to be so divided, and may determine how the division is to be carried out as between the Shareholders or different classes of Shareholders.

The liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution, vest the whole or any part of any such property in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories as the liquidator thinks fit, but so that no Shareholder is compelled to accept any shares or other securities in respect of which there is any liability.

#### **5.5 Calls on Shares**

The Directors may, subject to the requirements of the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules, make calls upon a Shareholder in respect of any money unpaid on the Shares of that Shareholder and not by the terms of issue of those Shares made payable at fixed times.

#### **5.6 Transfer of shares**

Subject to the Constitution a Shareholder may transfer all or any of the Shareholder's Shares by:

- (a) Market transfer in accordance with any computerised or electronic system established or recognised by the Listing Rules or the Corporations Act for the purpose of facilitating dealings in shares including a transfer that may be effected pursuant to the ASTC Settlement Rules or other electronic process; and
- (b) an instrument which is:
  - (i) in writing in any usual or common form or in any other form that the Directors approve;
  - (ii) a sufficient instrument or transfer of marketable securities under section 1071B of the Corporations Act;
  - (iii) in a form approved by ASX; or
  - (iv) in any other usual or common form.

#### **5.7 Future increase in capital**

The issue of any new Shares is under the control of the Directors of the Company. Subject to restrictions on the issue or grant of Securities contained in the ASX Listing Rules, the Constitution and the Corporations Act (and without affecting any special right previously conferred on the holder of an existing share or class of shares), the Directors may issue Shares as they shall, in their absolute discretion, determine.

## **5.8 Variation of rights**

Under section 246B of the Corporations Act, the Company may, with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a meeting of Shareholders vary or abrogate the rights attaching to shares.

If at any time the share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class), whether or not the Company is being wound up, may be varied or abrogated with the consent in writing of the holders of three quarters of the issued shares of that class, or if authorised by a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the shares of that class.

## **5.9 Reduction of share capital**

The Company may reduce its share capital by any of the means authorised by the Corporations Act, subject to the provisions of that law and, where applicable, the Listing Rules. The Company may reduce its share capital in any way that is not otherwise authorised by law, including by way of an in specie distribution of the assets of the Company (including any shares, options or other securities in another Corporation), if the reduction:

- (a) is fair and reasonable to the Company's Shareholders as a whole;
- (b) does not materially prejudice the Company's ability to pay its creditors;  
and
- (c) is approved by Shareholders in accordance with Section 256C of the Corporations Act.

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## **6. RISK FACTORS**

### **6.1 Introduction**

The Shares offered under this Prospectus are considered highly speculative. An investment in the Company is not risk free and the Directors strongly recommend potential investors to consider the risk factors described below, together with information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus and to consult their professional advisers before deciding whether to apply for Shares pursuant to this Prospectus.

There are specific risks which relate directly to the Company's business. In addition, there are other general risks, many of which are largely beyond the control of the Company and the Directors. The risks identified in this Section, or other risk factors, may have a material impact on the financial performance of the Company and the market price of the Shares.

The following is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the risk factors to which the Company is exposed.

### **6.2 Company specific**

#### **(a) Acquisition – Conditional Nature**

As disclosed in Section 2.2, on 28 November 2016, the Company announced it had signed a Binding Term Sheet to acquire up to 100% of Ophiolite.

Completion of the Acquisition is subject to certain conditions including Equator shareholder approval and Equator undertaking a due diligence review of the Cobalt Camp Project and Ophiolite for a period of 60 days from signing of the Binding Term Sheet (dated 28 November 2016).

The due diligence process is underway, and shareholder approval will be sought at a meeting to be convened in January 2017.

Accordingly, it should be noted as a specific risk factor that there is uncertainty that the Acquisition will proceed given its conditional nature, and any investment in the Company is made on the basis of this knowledge.

#### **(b) Financial Statements and previous disclaimers of audit opinion**

In the Company's financial report for the financial year ending 30 June 2015, the Directors noted that they had not been able to obtain access to all written financial records to explain certain transactions and the liabilities of the Company. The Directors advised that although they had prepared the financial statements to the best of their knowledge based on the information available to them, they were of the opinion that it was not possible to state that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position and performance, or comply with Australian accounting standards. Similarly, there was not sufficient appropriate audit evidence for the auditors to provide a basis for an opinion on the financial report.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2016, as a result of the inability to access the comparative information from the 30 June 2015 financial year, the audit opinion for the 2016 has been qualified.



(c) **Future Capital Requirements**

The Company may have a need to raise funds in the future (whether by way of debt or equity). The ability of the Company to meet this future requirement, should it arise, will be dependent on the Company's continued access to credit markets, funding sources and financing facilities.

Recent developments in global financial markets have adversely affected the liquidity of global credit markets, which has resulted in an increase in the cost of funding and in certain cases a reduction in the availability of funding sources throughout global markets. Access to credit markets on less favourable terms will impact the Company's access to financing facilities should the need arise, and may have a material adverse effect on the Company's future financial performance and position.

Any additional equity financing may be dilutive to the Company's existing Shareholders and any debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants, which limit the Company's operations and business strategy. The Company's failure to raise capital if, and when, needed could delay or suspend the Company's business strategy and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's activities and its solvency.

**6.3 Industry specific**

(a) **Exploration**

The Company's tenements are at an early stage of exploration, and potential investors should understand that mineral exploration and development are high-risk undertakings.

There can be no assurance that exploration of the Company's tenements, or any other tenements that may be acquired in the future, will result in the discovery of an economic ore deposit. Even if an apparently viable deposit is identified, there is no guarantee that it can be economically exploited.

The exploration costs of the Company are based on certain assumptions with respect to the method and timing of exploration. By their nature, these estimates and assumptions are subject to significant uncertainties and, accordingly, the actual costs may materially differ from these estimates and assumptions. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the cost estimates and the underlying assumptions will be realised in practice, which may materially and adversely affect the Company's viability.

Whilst the Directors' will make every effort to reduce this risk, the fact remains that the discovery and development of a commercially viable resource is the exception rather than the rule.

(b) **Operations**

The operations of the Company may be affected by various factors, including failure to locate or identify mineral deposits, failure to achieve predicted grades in exploration and mining, operational and technical difficulties encountered in mining, difficulties in commissioning and operating plant and equipment, mechanical failure or plant breakdown,

unanticipated metallurgical problems which may affect extraction costs, adverse weather conditions, industrial and environmental accidents, industrial disputes and unexpected shortages or increases in the costs of consumables, spare parts, plant and equipment.

No assurances can be given that the Company will achieve commercial viability through the successful exploration and/or mining of its tenement interests. Until the Company is able to realise value from its projects, it is likely to incur ongoing operating losses.

**(c) Failure to Satisfy Expenditure Commitments**

Interests in tenements in the Northern Territory are governed by legislation and regulations that are current in the Northern Territory and are evidenced by the granting of licences or leases. Each licence or lease is for a specific term and carries with it annual expenditure and reporting commitments, as well as other conditions requiring compliance. Consequently, the Company could lose title to or its interest in the Company's tenements if licence conditions are not met or if insufficient funds are available to meet expenditure commitments.

If the Acquisition proceeds, the Company will have interests in mining claims in Canada. Similar considerations in respect of tenure and compliance will apply to those interests.

**(d) Commodity Price Volatility and Exchange Rate**

If the Company successfully defines a resource or reserve and subsequently achieves success leading to mineral production, the revenue it will derive through the sale of commodities exposes the potential income of the Company to commodity price and exchange rate risks. Commodity prices fluctuate and are affected by many factors beyond the control of the Company. Such factors include supply and demand fluctuations for precious and base metals, technological advancements, forward selling activities and other macro-economic factors.

Furthermore, international prices of various commodities are denominated in United States dollars, whereas the income and expenditure of the Company are and will be taken into account in Australian and Canadian currency, exposing the Company to the fluctuations and volatility of the rate of exchange between the United States dollar and the Australian dollar and Canadian dollar as determined in international markets.

**(e) Environmental**

The minerals and mining industry has become subject to increasing environmental regulations and liability. The potential for liability is an ever present risk.

The operations and proposed activities of the Company are subject to Australian and Canadian territory and Federal laws and regulation concerning the environment. As with most exploration projects and mining operations, the Company's activities are expected to have an impact on the environment, particularly if advanced exploration or mine development proceeds. It is the Company's intention to conduct its

activities to the highest standard of environmental obligation, including compliance with all environmental laws.

The occurrence of any such safety or environmental incident could delay production or increase production costs. Events, such as unpredictable rainfall, snow or bushfires may impact on the Company's ongoing compliance with environmental legislation, regulations and licences. Significant liabilities could be imposed on the Company for damages, clean up costs or penalties in the event of certain discharges into the environment, environmental damage caused by previous operations or non-compliance with environmental laws or regulations.

The disposal of mining and process waste and mine water discharge are under constant legislative scrutiny and regulation. There is a risk that environmental laws and regulations become more onerous making the Company's operations more expensive.

Approvals are required for land clearing and for ground disturbing activities. Delays in obtaining such approvals can result in the delay to anticipated exploration programmes or mining activities.

Exploration work will be carried out in a way that has minimal impact on the environment. It may be required for the Company to conduct baseline environmental studies prior to certain exploration or mining activities, so that environmental impact can be monitored and minimised where ever possible. Whilst the Company is not aware of any endangered species of flora or fauna at this point, no baseline studies have been done to date, and such a discovery could prevent exploration and mining activity in certain areas.

**(f) Native title and Aboriginal heritage**

In relation to tenements which the Company has an interest in or will in the future acquire such an interest, there may be areas over which legitimate common law native title rights of Aboriginal Australians exist. If native title rights do exist, the ability of the Company to gain access to tenements (through obtaining consent of any relevant landowner), or to progress from the exploration phase to the development and mining phases of operations may be adversely affected.

In addition, there may be areas or objects of Aboriginal heritage located on the Company's tenements, or any other tenements that may be acquired by the Company in the future. The Company must ensure that it does not breach the Commonwealth and applicable territory legislation relating to Aboriginal heritage. To ensure that it does not contravene such legislation, it would be prudent for the Company (and it would accord with industry practice and Aboriginal expectations) to conduct heritage surveys to determine if any Aboriginal heritage sites or objects exist within the area of the Company's tenements prior to commencing any activities. Any interference with these sites or objects must be in strict conformity with the provisions of the relevant legislation.

If Aboriginal heritage sites or objects do exist the Company may need to enter into agreements with the traditional owners of the sites. The ability of the Company to implement its work programme may be adversely affected in both time and cost.

The Directors will closely monitor the potential effect of native title claims involving tenements in which the Company has or may have an interest.

## **6.4 General risks**

### **(a) General Economic Conditions**

The operating and financial performance of the Company may be influenced by a variety of general economic and business conditions, including levels of consumer spending, inflation, interest rates, access to debt and capital markets, international economic conditions, significant acts of terrorism, hostilities or war or natural disasters, and government fiscal, monetary and regulatory policies. A prolonged deterioration in general economic condition, including a decrease in commodity demand, may have an adverse impact on the Company's business or financial condition. No guarantee can be made that the Company's market performance will not be adversely affected by any such market fluctuations or factor.

### **(b) Global Credit and Investment Markets**

Changes in taxation and government legislation in a range of areas (for example, the Corporations Act, accounting standards, and taxation law) can have a significant influence on the outlook for companies and the returns to investors.

The recoupment of taxation losses accrued by the Company from any future revenues is subject to the satisfaction of tests outlined in taxation legislation or regulations in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates. There is no guarantee that the Company will satisfy all of these requirements at the time it seeks to recoup its tax losses which may impact on the financial performance and cash flows of the Company.

### **(c) Taxation and Government Regulations**

Changes in taxation and government legislation in a range of areas (for example, the Corporations Act, accounting standards, and taxation law) can have a significant influence on the outlook for companies and the returns to investors.

The recoupment of taxation losses accrued by the Company from any future revenues is subject to the satisfaction of tests outlined in taxation legislation or regulations in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates. There is no guarantee that the Company will satisfy all of these requirements at the time it seeks to recoup its tax losses which may impact on the financial performance and cash flows of the Company.

### **(d) Share Market Conditions**

Share market conditions may affect the value of Shares regardless of the Company's operating performance. Share market conditions are affected by many factors such as:

- (i) general economic outlook;
- (ii) interest rates and inflation rates;
- (iii) changes in investor sentiment toward particular market sectors;

- (iv) the demand for, and supply of, capital; and
- (v) terrorism or other hostilities.

The market price of the Shares may fall as well as rise and may be subject to varied and unpredictable influences on the market for equities in general. Neither the Company nor the Directors warrant the future performance of the Company, or any return on an investment in the Company.

## **6.5 Speculative investment**

The above list of risk factors ought not to be taken as exhaustive of the risks faced by the Company or by investors in the Company. The above factors, and others not specifically referred to above, may in the future materially affect the financial performance of the Company and the value of the Shares offered under this Prospectus

Therefore, the Shares to be issued pursuant to this Prospectus carry no guarantee with respect to the payment of dividends, returns of capital or the market value of those Shares.

Potential investors should consider that the investment in the Company is speculative and should consult their professional advisers before deciding whether to apply for Shares pursuant to this Prospectus.

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## **7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **7.1 Litigation**

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Company is not involved in any legal proceedings and the Directors are not aware of any legal proceedings pending or threatened against the Company.

### **7.2 Continuous disclosure obligations**

The Company is a “disclosing entity” (as defined in section 111AC of the Corporations Act) for the purposes of section 713 of the Corporations Act and, as such, is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Specifically, like all listed companies, the Company is required to continuously disclose any information it has to the market which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or the value of the Company's securities.

This Prospectus is a “transaction specific prospectus”. In general terms a “transaction specific prospectus” is only required to contain information in relation to the effect of the issue of securities on the Company and the rights attaching to the securities. It is not necessary to include general information in relation to all of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses or prospects of the issuing company.

This Prospectus is intended to be read in conjunction with the publicly available information in relation to the Company which has been notified to ASX and does not include all of the information that would be included in a prospectus for an initial public offering of securities in an entity that is not already listed on a stock exchange. Investors should therefore have regard to the other publicly available information in relation to the Company before making a decision whether or not to invest.

Having taken such precautions and having made such enquires as are reasonable, the Company believes that it has complied with the general and specific requirements of ASX as applicable from time to time throughout the 3 months before the issue of this Prospectus which required the Company to notify ASX of information about specified events or matters as they arise for the purpose of ASX making that information available to the stock market conducted by ASX.

Information that is already in the public domain has not been reported in this Prospectus other than that which is considered necessary to make this Prospectus complete.

The Company, as a disclosing entity under the Corporations Act states that:

- (a) it is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations;
- (b) copies of documents lodged with the ASIC in relation to the Company (not being documents referred to in section 1274(2)(a) of the Corporations Act) may be obtained from, or inspected at, the offices of the ASIC; and
- (c) it will provide a copy of each of the following documents, free of charge, to any person on request between the date of issue of this Prospectus and the Closing Date:
  - (i) the annual financial report most recently lodged by the Company with the ASIC;

- (ii) any half-year financial report lodged by the Company with the ASIC after the lodgement of the annual financial report referred to in (i) and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC; and
- (iii) any continuous disclosure documents given by the Company to ASX in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules as referred to in section 674(1) of the Corporations Act after the lodgement of the annual financial report referred to in (i) and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

Copies of all documents lodged with the ASIC in relation to the Company can be inspected at the registered office of the Company or an ASIC office during normal office hours.

Details of documents lodged with ASX since the date of lodgement of the Company's latest annual financial report and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC are set out in the table below:

Date	Description of Announcement
07/12/2016	Appendix 3B
02/12/2016	Appendix 3B
01/12/2016	Change in Directors Interest x 3
01/12/2016	Appendix 3B
29/11/2016	Results of Meeting
28/11/2016	High Grade Cobalt Project Acquisition, Canada
24/11/2016	Trading Halt Request
24/11/2016	Trading Halt
27/10/2016	2016 Notice of Annual General Meeting/Proxy Form
26/10/2016	Quarterly Activities Report
26/10/2016	Quarterly Cashflow Report
30/09/2016	Corporate Governance Statement and Appendix 4G

ASX maintains files containing publicly available information for all listed companies. The Company's file is available for inspection at ASX during normal office hours.

### 7.3 Market price of Shares

The Company is a disclosing entity for the purposes of the Corporations Act and its Shares are enhanced disclosure securities quoted on ASX.

The highest, lowest and last market sale prices of the Shares on ASX during the three months immediately preceding the date of lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC and the most recent dates of those sales were:

	Price	Date
Highest	\$0.061	7 December 2016
Lowest	\$0.018	4 July 2016
Last	\$0.053	9 December 2016

#### 7.4 Details of substantial holders

Based on publicly available information as at 12 December 2016 2016, those persons which (together with their associates) have a relevant interest in 5% or more of the Shares on issue are set out below:

Shareholder	Shares	% at the date of this Prospectus	% at completion of the Placement
Mr Ross Stanley	21,876,270	8.84	7.06
Ravenhill Investments Pty Ltd	21,250,000	8.59	6.86
Mr Ross Kestel	20,500,000	8.28	6.61

In the event the Offer is fully subscribed there will be no change to the substantial holders on completion of the Offer.

#### 7.5 Directors' Interests

Other than as set out below or elsewhere in this Prospectus, no Director nor any firm in which such a Director is a partner, has or had within 2 years before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC, any interest in:

- (a) the formation or promotion of the Company;
- (b) property acquired or proposed to be acquired by the Company in connection with its formation or promotion or the Offer pursuant to this Prospectus; or
- (c) the Offer,

and no amounts have been paid or agreed to be paid (in cash or Shares or otherwise) to any Director or to any firm in which any such Director is a partner or director, either to induce them to become, or to qualify them as, a Director or otherwise for services rendered by them or by the firm in connection with the formation or promotion of the Company or the Offer.

#### Security holdings

The relevant interest of each of the Directors in the securities of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus is set out in the table below.

Director	Shares	Options
Jason Bontempo	5,000,000 <sup>1</sup>	8,500,000 <sup>2</sup>
Nicholas Rowley	2,500,000 <sup>3</sup>	8,000,000 <sup>3</sup>
Alexander Passmore	0	8,000,000 <sup>4</sup>



Michael Naylor	0	4,000,000 <sup>5</sup>
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**Notes:**

1. 5,000,000 shares are held by Mr Jason Bontempo and Mrs Tiziana Battista <Morrison Super Fund A/C>, of which Mr Jason Bontempo is a beneficiary.
2. 8,500,000 Class A options are held by Tiziana Battista <Morrison Trust>, a trust which Mr Jason Bontempo is a director.
3. 2,500,000 shares and 8,000,000 Class D options are held by Jet Capital Pty Ltd <The Jet Capital A/C>, a company which Mr Nicholas Rowley is a director.
4. 8,000,000 Class D options are held by Verde Trading Pty Ltd, a company which Mr Alexander Passmore is a director and sole shareholder.
5. 1,500,000 Class A Options are held by Blue Leaf Corporate Pty Ltd, a company which Mr Michael Naylor is a director. 2,500,000 Class D Options are held by Blue Leaf Trust, a trust which Mr Michael Naylor is a beneficiary.

**Remuneration**

The Directors shall be paid out of the funds of the Company by way of remuneration for their services as Directors such sum as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, to be divided among the Directors in such proportions as they shall from time to time agree or in default of agreement equally. The remuneration of the Directors shall not be increased except pursuant to a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Company where notice of the suggested increase shall have been given to Shareholders in the notice convening the meeting. Fees payable to non-Executive Directors shall be by a fixed sum and not by a commission or percentage of profits or operating revenue. Remuneration payable to Executive Directors shall not include a commission on or percentage of operating revenue. The remuneration of a Director shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.

The determination of non-executive Directors' remuneration within that maximum will be made by the Board having regard to the inputs and value to the Company of the respective contributions by each non-executive Director. The current amount has been set at an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per annum.

The following table shows the total (and proposed) annual remuneration paid to both executive and non-executive directors.

Director	30 June 2016	30 June 2017
Jason Bontempo	25,000	60,000
Nicholas Rowley	-	42,000
Alexander Passmore	-	42,000
Michael Naylor	34,500	60,000

**7.6 Interests of experts and advisers**

Other than as set out below or elsewhere in this Prospectus, no:

- person named in this Prospectus as performing a function in a professional, advisory or other capacity in connection with the preparation or distribution of this Prospectus;
- promoter of the Company; or

- (c) underwriter (but not a sub-underwriter) to the issue or a financial services licensee named in this Prospectus as a financial services licensee involved in the issue,

holds, or has held within the 2 years preceding lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC, any interest in:

- (d) the formation or promotion of the Company;
- (e) any property acquired or proposed to be acquired by the Company in connection with:
  - (i) its formation or promotion; or
  - (ii) the Offer; or
- (f) the Offer,

and no amounts have been paid or agreed to be paid and no benefits have been given or agreed to be given to any of these persons for services provided in connection with:

- (g) the formation or promotion of the Company; or
- (h) the Offer.

Steinepreis Paganin has acted as the solicitors to the Company in relation to the Offer. The Company estimates it will pay Steinepreis Paganin \$5,000 (excluding GST and disbursements) for these services. During the 24 months preceding lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC, Steinepreis Paganin has been paid fees totalling \$26,458.58 (excluding GST and disbursements) for legal services provided to the Company.

## **7.7 Consents**

Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act imposes a liability regime on the Company (as the offeror of the Securities), the Directors, the persons named in the Prospectus with their consent as Proposed Directors, any underwriters, persons named in the Prospectus with their consent having made a statement in the Prospectus and persons involved in a contravention in relation to the Prospectus, with regard to misleading and deceptive statements made in the Prospectus. Although the Company bears primary responsibility for the Prospectus, the other parties involved in the preparation of the Prospectus can also be responsible for certain statements made in it.

Each of the parties referred to in this Section:

- (a) does not make, or purport to make, any statement in this Prospectus other than those referred to in this Section; and
- (b) in light of the above, only to the maximum extent permitted by law, expressly disclaims and takes no responsibility for any part of this Prospectus other than a reference to its name and a statement included in this Prospectus with the consent of that party as specified in this Section.

Steinepreis Paganin has given its written consent to being named as the solicitors to the Company in this Prospectus. Steinepreis Paganin has not withdrawn its consent prior to the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

## 7.8 Estimated expenses of Offer

The total expenses of the Offer are estimated to be approximately \$9,600 as follows:

Expense	(\$)
ASIC Fees	2,350
ASX Fees	1,750
Legal Fees	5,000
Miscellaneous, printing and other expenses	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,600</b>

## 7.9 Electronic Prospectus

ASIC has exempted compliance with certain provisions of the Corporations Act to allow distribution of an electronic prospectus and electronic application form on the basis of a paper prospectus lodged with the ASIC, and the publication of notices referring to an electronic prospectus or electronic application form, subject to compliance with certain conditions.

If you have received this Prospectus as an electronic Prospectus, please ensure that you have received the entire Prospectus accompanied by the Application Form. If you have not, please phone the Company on +61 8 9212 0104 and the Company will send you, for free, either a hard copy or a further electronic copy of the Prospectus, or both.

The Company reserves the right not to accept an Application Form from a person if it has reason to believe that when that person was given access to the electronic Application Form, it was not provided together with the electronic Prospectus and any relevant supplementary or Prospectus or any of those documents were incomplete or altered.

## 7.10 Clearing House Electronic Sub-Register System (CHES) and Issuer Sponsorship

The Company will not be issuing Share certificates. The Company is a participant in CHES, for those investors who have, or wish to have, a sponsoring stockbroker. Investors who do not wish to participate through CHES will be issuer sponsored by the Company. Because the sub-registers are electronic, ownership of securities can be transferred without having to rely upon paper documentation.

Electronic registers mean that the Company will not be issuing certificates to investors. Instead, investors will be provided with a statement (similar to a bank account statement) that sets out the number of Shares issued to them under this Prospectus. The notice will also advise holders of their Holder Identification Number or Security Holder Reference Number and explain, for future reference, the sale and purchase procedures under CHES and issuer sponsorship.

Further monthly statements will be provided to holders if there have been any changes in their security holding in the Company during the preceding month.

## 7.11 Privacy Act

If you complete an application for Shares, you will be providing personal information to the Company. The Company collects, holds and will use that information to assess your application, service your needs as a Shareholder,

facilitate distribution payments and corporate communications to you as a Shareholder and carry out administration.

The information may also be used from time to time and disclosed to persons inspecting the register, bidders for your securities in the context of takeovers, regulatory bodies, including the Australian Taxation Office, authorised securities brokers, print service providers, mail houses and the Company's Share Registry.

You can access, correct and update the personal information that we hold about you. Please contact the Company if you wish to do so at the relevant contact numbers set out in this Prospectus.

Collection, maintenance and disclosure of certain personal information is governed by legislation including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (as amended), the Corporations Act and certain rules such as the ASX Settlement Operating Rules. You should note that if you do not provide the information required on the application for Shares, the Company may not be able to accept or process your application.

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**8. DIRECTORS' AUTHORISATION**

This Prospectus is issued by the Company and its issue has been authorised by a resolution of the Directors.

In accordance with section 720 of the Corporations Act, each Director has consented to the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

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**Jason Bontempo**  
**Director**  
**For and on behalf of**  
**Equator Resources Limited**

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## 9. DEFINITIONS

**\$** means Australian dollars.

**Applicant** means an investor who applies for Shares pursuant to the Offer.

**Application Form** means an application form either attached to or accompanying this Prospectus.

**ASIC** means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by it, as the context requires.

**ASX Listing Rules** means the listing rules of the ASX.

**ASX Settlement Operating Rules** means the settlement rules of the securities clearing house which operates CHES.

**Board** means the board of Directors unless the context indicates otherwise.

**Business Day** means Monday to Friday inclusive, except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and any other day that ASX declares is not a business day.

**Closing Date** means the date specified in the timetable in Section 2.1 of this Prospectus (unless extended or brought forward).

**Company or Equator** means Equator Resources Limited (ACN127 411 796).

**Constitution** means the constitution of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus.

**Corporations Act** means the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

**Directors** means the directors of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus.

**Offer** means the offer of Shares referred to in the "Details of the Offer" Section of this Prospectus.

**Official Quotation** means official quotation on ASX.

**Opening Date** means the opening date of the Offer as specified in the timetable set out in Section 2.1 of this Prospectus (unless varied).

**Option** means an option to acquire a Share.

**Placement** means the offer of 62,494,595 Shares issued to institutional and sophisticated investors at \$0.02 per Share to raise \$1,249,892.

**Prospectus** means this prospectus.

**Share** means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.

**Shareholder** means a shareholder of the Company.

**Share Registry** means Advanced Share Registry.

**WST** means western standard time as observed in Perth, Western Australia.