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**Interim Financial Report** 

for the

Half-Year Ended 31 December 2016





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# **Corporate Particulars**

#### **Directors**

Murray Black (Chairman)
Christian Easterday (Managing Director)
Dr Allan Trench (Non-Executive Director)
Dr Michael Anderson (Non-Executive Director)
Roberto de Andraca Adriasola (Non-Executive Director)
Melanie Leighton

# **Company Secretary**

John Sendziuk

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# **Auditors**

RSM Australia Partners 8 St George's Terrace Perth, Western Australia 6000

# **Bankers**

Westpac Banking Corporation Hannan Street Kalgoorlie, Western Australia 6430

# **Directors' Report**

The Directors of Hot Chili Limited present their report on Hot Chili Ltd ("the Company" or "Hot Chili") and the entities it controlled ("consolidated entity") at the end of, or during, the half-year ended 31 December 2016.

#### **Directors**

The following persons held office as directors of Hot Chili Limited at the date of this report or were directors at any time during the half-year ended 31 December 2016, unless otherwise stated:

Murray Black (Non Executive Chairman)
Christian Easterday (Managing Director)
Dr. Allan Trench (Non Executive Director)
Dr. Michael Anderson (Non Executive Director)
Roberto de Andraca Adriasola (Non Executive Director)
Melanie Leighton( Alternate for M Black)

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal continuing activity of the consolidated entity is mineral exploration.

# Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the consolidated entity during the half-year.

#### **Review of Operations**

#### Operating Result

The loss from continuing operations for the half-year after providing for tax amounted to \$1,848,543 (2015: \$3,916,067).

# **After Reporting Date Events**

There has been no other matter or circumstance that has arisen that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- the operations of the consolidated entity; or
- the result of its operations; or
- the state of affairs of the consolidated entity subsequent to 31 December 2016.

# **Operational Highlights**

During the period, Hot Chili undertook a measured exploration assessment of near-term growth opportunities at its Productora copper project in Chile. Activities focussed on:

# 1. Assessment of the Sierra Zapallo gold project in the southern extent of the Productora copper project

- Impressive surface results indicated continuous high grade gold mineralization over thirteen gold reefs at Sierra Zapallo. Selected highlights included gold reef mine widths (true width) of:
  - 0.9m @ 74.3g/t Au
  - 1.0m @ 56.7g/t Au
  - 2.0m @28.2g/t Au
- Following extensive surface mapping and sampling, Reverse Circulation drill testing of three gold reefs at Sierra Zapallo was completed with gold reefs successfully intersected in majority of holes. Gold results confirmed the fertility of the three gold reefs tested, however continuity of high grade controls remain to be resolved.

# 2. Preparations accelerate in advance of plans to test multiple large-scale copper porphyry targets at Productora in 2017

- Technical studies highlight Productora porphyry copper project to be comparable in scale and footprint to other global Tier 1 copper porphyry deposits.
- Environmental applications well advanced to allow access and the commencement of drilling activities over Productora's identified porphyry copper exploration potential.

## **Auditors' Independence Declaration**

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, the Directors have obtained a declaration of independence from RSM Australia Partners, the consolidated entity's auditors, which has been included as part of these financial statements.

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

Signed for on behalf of the board by:

Christian Easterday MANAGING DIRECTOR 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Perth



# Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2016

	Consolidated		
	December	December	
	2016	2015	
	¢	\$	
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Other income	11,077	11,202	
Depreciation	(33,850)	(40,971)	
Corporate fees	(64,931)	(66,285)	
Legal and professional	(115,969)	(56,551)	
Employee benefits expense	(395,000)	(488,396)	
Exploration expense	(11,806)	(770,817)	
Administration expenses	(111,738)	(524,274)	
Accounting fees	(61,620)	(21,446)	
Travel costs	(52,432)	(53,302)	
Finance costs	(594,080)	(957,001)	
Loss on foreign exchange	(202,367)	(677,150)	
Other expenses	(215,827)	(271,076)	
Loss before income tax	(1,848,543)	(3,916,067)	
Income tax benefit	-	<u>-</u>	
Loss for the half year	(1,848,543)	(3,916,067)	
Other comprehensive income	-	<u>-</u>	
Total comprehensive loss for the half year	(1,848,543)	(3,916,067)	
Loss of the half year attributable to:			
Non-controlling interest	(85,860)	(62,005)	
Owners of Hot Chili Limited	(1,762,683)	(3,854,062)	
	(1,848,543)	(3,916,067)	
Basic loss per share (cents)	(0.35)	(0.92)	
Diluted loss per share (cents)	(0.35)	(0.92)	

The above Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# **Statement of Financial Position**

# As at 31 December 2016

	Consoli	dated
Note		
Note	December 2016	June 2016
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	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,223,041	221,576
Other current assets	105,664	133
Total current assets	2,328,705	221,709
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	294,154	325,086
Exploration and evaluation expenditure 2	106,999,380	106,335,730
Total non-current assets	107,293,534	106,660,816
Total assets	109,622,239	106,882,525
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables 3	2,403,336	2,737,208
Borrowings 4	8,982,863	8,753,030
Total current liabilities	11,386,199	11,490,238
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Total liabilities	11,386,199	11,490,238
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Net assets	98,236,040	95,392,287
Equity		
Contributed equity 5	121,770,516	117,209,608
Option reserve 5	1,257,004	1,125,616
Foreign currency translation reserve	1,222	1,222
Accumulated losses	(44,277,982)	(42,515,299)
Capital and reserves attributable to owners of Hot Chili Ltd	78,750,760	75,821,147
Non-Controlling interests	19,485,280	19,571,140
Total Equity	98,236,040	95,392,287

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

# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2016

	Contributed Equity	Option Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Non- Controlling Interest	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
31 December 2016:						
Balance at 1 July 2016	117,209,608	1,125,616	1,222	(42,515,299)	19,571,140	95,392,287
Loss for the period		-	-	(1,762,683)	(85,860)	(1,848,543)
Total comprehensive income for the half-year	-	-	-	(1,762,683)	(85,860)	(1,848,543)
Shares issued during the period	4,923,949	-	-	-	-	4,923,949
Costs of share issue	(363,041)	-	-	-	-	(363,041)
Share based payments	-	131,388	-	-	-	131,388
Balance at 31 December 2016	121,770,516	1,257,004	1,222	(44,277,982)	19,485,280	98,236,040
31 December 2015:						
Balance at 1 July 2015	112,746,883	1,125,616	1,222	(37,365,869)	-	76,507,852
Loss for the period		-	-	(3,854,062)	(62,005)	(3,916,067)
Total comprehensive income for the half-year	-	-	-	(3,854,062)	(62,005)	(3,916,067)
Shares issued during the period	2,882,861	-	-	-	-	2,882,861
Share issue costs	(30,528)	-	-	-	-	(30,528)
Non-controlling interest		-	-	4,766,023	17,213,977	21,980,000
Balance at 31 December 2015	115,599,216	1,125,616	1,222	(36,453,908)	17,151,972	97,424,118

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

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

# For the Half Year Ended 31 December 2016

	Conso	lidated
	December 2016	December 2015
	\$	\$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		<b></b>
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,052,571)	(712,775)
Interest received Finance costs	11,077 (594,080)	11,202 (957,001)
Finance costs	(594,060)	(937,001)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,635,574)	(1,658,574)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Payments for exploration and evaluation (net of reimbursements)	(489,014)	(4,902,811)
Payment for plant and equipment	(2,918)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(491,932)	(4,902,811)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Proceeds from issue of shares	4,400,037	2,882,861
Share issue costs	(231,653)	(30,528)
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,168,384	2,852,333
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	2,040,878	(3,709,052)
Foreign exchange differences on cash	(39,413)	(10,603)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	221,576	7,112,498
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	2,223,041	3,392,843

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

For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

# 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## a. Basis of Preparation

The half-year consolidated financial statements are a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting.

It is recommended that this financial report be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2016 and any public announcements made by Hot Chili Limited and its controlled entities during the half-year in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The half-year financial report does not include full disclosures of the type normally included in an annual financial report.

The same accounting policies and methods of computation have been followed in this interim financial report as were applied in the most recent annual financial statements, except in relation to the matters discussed below.

# **New and Revised Accounting Standards**

In the half-year ended 31 December 2016, the consolidated entity has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are relevant to its operations and effective for the annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 July 2016. The adoption of these new and revised Standards and Interpretations has not resulted in a significant or material change to the entity's accounting policies.

#### **Going Concern**

The half-year financial report has 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 financial statements, the consolidated entity incurred net losses of \$1,848,543 and had net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of \$1,635,574 and \$491,932 respectively for the half year ended 31 December 2016. As at that date, the consolidated entity's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by \$9,057,494.

These factors indicate significant uncertainty as to whether the consolidated entity will continue as a going concern and therefore whether it will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the half-year financial report.

For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

# 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# **Going Concern (continued)**

The directors believe there are reasonable grounds to believe that the consolidated entity will be able to continue as a going concern, after consideration of the following factors:

- a) The directors are working co-operatively with Campania Minera del Pacífico S.A. (CMP) to co-ordinate the exercise of Tranche 1 of the associated Additional Purchase Option, which would raise USD \$26m and enable the settlement of the debt facility and provide significant cash flow to the consolidated entity.
- b) The directors plan to renegotiate terms of, or refinance the secured debt facility (Facility) with Sprott Resource Lending Partnership (Sprott) that is currently drawn to \$8,982,863 (USD \$6,500,000) and due for expiry on 30 June 2017, including the raising of additional funds to fund working capital requirements.
- c) The directors have the ability to issue additional shares under the *Corporations Act 2001* to raise further working capital and have been successful in doing this previously, as evidenced by the issue of shares in the financial period to date.

The consolidated entity's ability to continue as a going concern is mainly dependent on the ability to renegotiate or refinance the Sprott facility.

Accordingly, the Directors believe that the consolidated entity will be able to continue as a going concern and that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial report.

The financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the amounts or classification of recorded assets or liabilities that might be necessary if the consolidated entity does not continue as a going concern.

For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

# 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# Correction of prior-period errors

On 27 August 2015, (Compañía Minera del Pacífico S.A. (CMP) acquired a 17.5% interest in the Hot Chili subsidiary, Sociedad Minera El Águila SpA (SMEA) from the issue of shares by SMEA in exchange for assets sold by CMP comprising surface rights, easements and mining leases (CMP Assets). At 31 December 2015, Hot Chili recognised the fair value of the non-controlling interest in SMEA (\$47.25m), the fair value of the CMP Assets acquired (\$21.98m) and an impairment loss on exploration acquisition (\$25.27m).

As disclosed in the 30 June 2016 annual report, subsequent to the 31 December 2015 reporting period, Hot Chili reviewed its accounting treatment of the transaction, and consequently recognised the share of net assets acquired by the non-controlling interests (\$17.21m), the CMP Assets received as consideration for the non-controlling interest (\$21.98m) and the difference being recognised within equity (\$4.77m).

The impact of the correction of the error on the amounts disclosed in the 31 December 2015 interim financial report is summarised as follows:

#### Statement of Financial Position (Extract)

Statement of Financial Position (Extract)			
	31 December 2015	Impact of correction of error	Restated 31 December 2015
	\$	\$	\$
Accumulated losses	(66,489,931)	30,036,023	(36,453,908)
Non-controlling interests	47,187,995	(30,036,023)	17,151,972
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Statement of Comprehensive Income (Extract)			
Statement of Comprehensive Income (Extract)	31 December 2015	Impact of correction of error	Restated 31 December 2015
Statement of Comprehensive Income (Extract)		correction of	
	2015 \$	correction of error	December 2015
Impairment Total comprehensive loss	2015	correction of error \$	December 2015

The comparative 31 December 2015 results have been restated in this financial report.

For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

2.	Exploration and evaluation expenditure	31 December 2016 \$
	Mining tenements at cost	106,999,380
	Tenements Carrying value at the beginning of the half-year  Capitalised mineral exploration and evaluation * Exploration costs written off	106,335,730 675,456 (11,806)
	Total exploration and evaluation expenditure	106,999,380

<sup>\*</sup>Capitalised mineral exploration and evaluation is net of reimbursement from Compañía Minera del Pacífico S.A's (CMP) for their contribution towards exploration expenditure as per the joint venture agreement.

# 3. Trade and other payables

Payables and accrued expenses Unissued Shares (i) Refundable deposit (Option fee)

Total trade a	and other	payables
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Consolid	lated entity
31 December	30 June
2016	2016
\$	\$
330,368	74,716
-	523,912
2,072,968	2,138,580
2,403,336	2,737,208

<sup>(</sup>i) On 8 July 2016, 9,355,569 ordinary shares were issued as consideration for the Sprott Resource Lending Parthership's extension of the credit facility, now expiring on 30 June 2017 (Note 4).

For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

		Consolidated entity	
		31 December	30 June
		2016	2016
		\$	\$
4.	Borrowings		
	Non-bank loan	8,982,863	8,753,030
	Total borrowings	8,982,863	8,753,030

The consolidated entities non-bank loan is a secured debt facility (Facility) of US\$25 million with Sprott Resource Lending Partnership (Sprott). At the half-year ended 31 December 2016, the amount drawn against the Facility was US\$6.5 million.

The Facility expires on 30 June 2017.

		Consolidated entity		
		31 December		30 June
		2016		2016
		\$		\$
5.	Issued capital			
(2)	Issued capital			
(a)	Ordinary shares – fully paid	121,770,516		117,209,608
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		Number		\$
(b)	Movement in ordinary share capital			
	Balance at beginning of period	445,723,709		117,209,608
	Shares issued during the half year	97,356,569		4,923,949
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	Less costs associated with issue of share capital	-		(363,041)
	Balance at end of period	543,080,278		121,770,516
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For the half-year ended 31 December 2016

# (c) Options over ordinary share capital

Expiry start of the during the during	ired	3alance at end of the period
27/06/2014 27/06/2019 0.30 11,000,000	-	11,000,000
24/08/2016 6/09/2018 0.10 <u>- 8,000,000<sup>1</sup> - </u>	-	8,000,000
11,000,000 8,000,000 -	-	19,000,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Options issued during the period are consideration for services provided as part of the capital raising during the period. The cost of options issued have been included as costs of share issues in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

# 6. Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 December 2016, Hot Chili Limited had accumulated VAT refund payments totaling 6,018,998,372 Chilean Peso (AUD \$12,689,742). Under the terms of the VAT refund payment, the consolidated entity has until the 31 December 2019 to commercialise production from Productora and meet certain export targets. Hot Chili also has the right to extend this term. In the event that the term is not extended and Hot Chili does not meet certain export targets, Hot Chili will be required to re-pay the VAT refund payments to the Chilean Tax Authority subject to certain terms and conditions. However, if Hot Chili achieves the export targets from Productora within that timeframe or its renewal, if required, any VAT refund payments will not be required to be repaid. Given potential delays to Productora's planned future production target, owing to depressed global copper price conditions, the Company intends to exercise its right to extend the date of commercial production from Productora with the Chilean Tax Authority.

The consolidated entity has no other contingent liabilities.

#### 7. Events Subsequent To Reporting Date

There are no other matters or circumstances that have arisen since 31 December 2016 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity.

#### 8. Dividends

No dividends have been paid or proposed to be paid during the half-year.

# 9. Segment Information

The consolidated entity has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the board of directors (chief operating decision maker) in assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources.

The consolidated entity operates as a single segment which is mineral exploration in Chile.

# **Directors Declaration**

In the opinion of the directors:

- a) 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;
- b) the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its performance for the financial half-year ended on that date; and
- c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to s303 (5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

Signed for on behalf of the board by:

**Christian Easterday MANAGING DIRECTOR** 

13th March 2017



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HOT CHILI LIMITED

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Hot Chili Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies 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.

## Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year 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 half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year 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 half-year 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 31 December 2016 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*. As the auditor of Hot Chili Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year 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.



## Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Hot Chili Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Hot Chili 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 31 December 2016 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and *Corporations Regulations* 2001.

# Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report, which indicates that the consolidated entity incurred a net loss of \$1,848,543 and had net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of \$1,635,574 and \$491,932 respectively for the half year ended 31 December 2016. As at that date, the consolidated entity's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by \$9,057,494. As stated in Note 1, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note1, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the consolidated entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

RSM AUSTRALIA PARTNERS

ALASDAIR WHYTE

Partner

Perth, WA

Dated: 13 March 2017



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

As lead auditor for the review of the financial report of Hot Chili Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2016, 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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RSM AUSTRALIA PARTNERS

Perth. WA

Dated: 13 March 2017

ALASDAIR WHYTE

Partner