

# SPHERE MINERALS LIMITED

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## QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT – 31 March 2016

### **Summary**

The Askaf Project remains suspended due to the low iron ore price currently prevailing in the international seaborne iron ore market. The evaluation of tenders for the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the El Aouj Project was carried out during the quarter.

### **Exploration Activities**

Sphere Minerals Limited (Sphere) undertook no exploration activities during the quarter.

The following project development and evaluation activities for each of Sphere's key projects is described below.

### **Askaf Iron Ore Project (Sphere 90%)**

The Askaf Project remains suspended due to the low iron ore price currently prevailing in the international seaborne iron ore market. Sphere continues to engage with the Department of Energy, Petroleum and Mines within the Government of Mauritania. Al Rawda continued their due diligence activities with respect to the option agreement over the Askaf Project. As reported on 29 March 16, the parties agreed to extend the option period to 30 September 2016.

### **Guelb el Aouj Iron Ore Project (Sphere 50%; SNIM 50%)**

The primary activity during this quarter was the evaluation of tenders for the next phase of work, the Front End Engineering Design (FEED). In addition, El Aouj Mining Company SA (EMC) awarded the engineering and mining components of Stage II concept study to Ausenco and BBA respectively. EMC also completed an engineering and computer simulation exercise to determine the rail and port infrastructure requirements of the project. The results of a site geotechnical survey confirmed the earthworks and foundations costing of the mill and associated infrastructure.

### **Lebtheinia Iron Ore Project (Sphere 100%)**

Sphere has applied for an exploitation licence for the Lebtheinia resource and continued to work on developing further required documentation needed to support the application.

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## ASX Listing Rule 5.3.3 Disclosure

### Mining tenements held at the end of quarter and their location.

#### Exploitation Licence Schedule

Exploitation (Mining) Licence	Location Country	Name	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Date Granted	Grant Period (Years)	Holding Company	Interest
EL 609	Mauritania	El Aouj / (Tintekrate)	520	27 April 2008	30	El Aouj Mining Company SA	50%
EL 1620	Mauritania	Askaf	194	26 September 2012	30	Sphere Mauritania SA	90%

#### Exploration Licence Schedule

Exploration Licence	Location Country	Name	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Expiry date of licence	Holding Company	Interest
EL 264 <sup>(1)</sup>	Mauritania	Lebtheinia	324	5 September 2015	Sphere Lebtheinia SA	100%
EL 325	Mauritania	Aoueuoua	45	5 December 2017	Sphere Lebtheinia SA	100%

(1) The Company has applied for an exploitation licence for the Lebtheinia resource.

### Mining tenements acquired and disposed of during the quarter.

None

### The beneficial percentage interests held in farm-in or farm-out agreements at the end of the quarter.

None

### The beneficial percentage interests in farm-in or farm-out agreements acquired or disposed of during the quarter.

None

## Appendix 5B

### Mining exploration entity and oil and gas exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin Appendix 8 Amended 01/07/97, 01/07/98, 30/09/01, 01/06/10, 17/12/10, 01/05/2013

Name of entity

Sphere Minerals Limited

ABN

66 009 134 847

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

March 2016

### Consolidated statement of cash flows

		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (3 months) \$A'000
<b>Cash flows related to operating activities</b>			
1.1	Receipts from product sales and related debtors	-	-
1.2	Payments for (a) exploration & evaluation	(609)	(609)
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) administration	(97)	(97)
1.3	Dividends received	-	-
1.4	Interest and other items of a similar nature received	350	350
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>Net Operating Cash Flows</b>		<b>(356)</b>	<b>(356)</b>
<b>Cash flows related to investing activities</b>			
1.8	Payment for purchases of: (a) prospects	-	-
	(b) equity investments	-	-
	(c) other fixed assets	-	-
1.9	Proceeds from sale of: (a) prospects	-	-
	(b) equity investments	-	-
	(c) other fixed assets	-	-
1.10	Loans to other entities	-	-
1.11	Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
1.12	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>Net investing cash flows</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (carried forward)	<b>(356)</b>	<b>(356)</b>

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## Appendix 5B

### Mining exploration entity and oil and gas exploration entity quarterly report

1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (brought forward)	(356)	(356)
	<b>Cash flows related to financing activities</b>		
1.14	Proceeds from issues of shares, options, etc.	-	-
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares	-	-
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
1.17	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
1.18	Dividends paid	-	-
1.19	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
	<b>Net financing cash flows</b>	(356)	(356)
	<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	(356)	(356)
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	16,598	16,598
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20	-	-
1.22	<b>Cash at end of quarter</b>	16,242	16,242

### Payments to directors of the entity, associates of the directors, related entities of the entity and associates of the related entities

	Current quarter \$A'ooo
1.23 Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2	59
1.24 Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10	Nil
1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions	
Directors' fees and related party service recharges	

### Non-cash financing and investing activities

- 2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows

Nil

- 2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest

Nil

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### Financing facilities available

*Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.*

	Amount available \$A'000	Amount used \$A'000
3.1 Loan facilities	-	-
3.2 Credit standby arrangements	-	-

### Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

	\$A'000
4.1 Exploration and evaluation	939
4.2 Development	-
4.3 Production	-
4.4 Administration	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,026</b>

### Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1 Cash on hand and at bank	16,242	16,598
5.2 Deposits at call	-	-
5.3 Bank overdraft	-	-
5.4 Other (provide details)	-	-
<b>Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)</b>	<b>16,242</b>	<b>16,598</b>

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## Changes in interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements

	Tenement reference and location	Nature of interest (note (2))	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
6.1	Interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed	-	-	-
6.2	Interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements acquired or increased	-	-	-

## Issued and quoted securities at end of current quarter

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 3) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 3) (cents)
7.1 <b>Preference securities</b> (description)	Nil			
7.2 Changes during quarter				
(a) Increases through issues	Nil			
(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions	Nil			
7.3 <b>*Ordinary securities</b>	1,038,852,112			
7.4 Changes during quarter				
(a) Increases through issues	Nil			
(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs	Nil			
7.5 <b>*Convertible debt securities</b> (description)	Nil			

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**Appendix 5B**

**Mining exploration entity and oil and gas exploration entity quarterly report**

7.6	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	Nil Nil			
7.7	<b>Options</b> (description and conversion factor)	Nil Nil		<i>Exercise price</i>	<i>Expiry date</i>
7.8	Issued during quarter	Nil			
7.9	Exercised during quarter	Nil Nil			
7.10	Expired during quarter	Nil			
7.11	<b>Debentures</b> (totals only)	Nil			
7.12	<b>Unsecured notes</b> (totals only)	Nil			

## Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001* or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 5).
- 2 This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

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Company secretary

Date: ..24/04/2016.....

Print name: Matthew Conroy

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## Notes

- 1 The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity wanting to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes attached to this report.
- 2 The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement or petroleum tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.
- 3 **Issued and quoted securities:** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.
- 4 The definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report.
- 5 **Accounting Standards:** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Financial Reporting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.

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