



# Annual Report 2016



**CARBINE RESOURCES**  
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## REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

### Mount Morgan Gold-Copper Project

#### *Summary*

In April 2014, Carbine entered into an agreement with Raging Bull Mining to acquire the Mount Morgan Gold-Copper Project in Queensland.

Carbine completed a pre-feasibility study on the Project in 2015.

In December 2016, Carbine completed the Feasibility Study (FS) associated with the Mount Morgan Gold-Copper Project. The FS delivered a strong base case (Mineral Reserve) for the development of a long-life project at Mount Morgan. The Project will enjoy low operating costs, a rapid payback period and a long mine life. The estimated preproduction capital cost would be A\$85 million and the all-in sustaining costs after by-product credits would be A\$549/oz. The Project's economics enable a forecast payback period of just two years.

The Feasibility Study Base Case (FS Base Case) was based on a 1.1mtpa throughput rate achieving a 9.5 year mine life. The estimated Ore Reserve is associated with just four of the historical tailings dumps at Mount Morgan delivering gold, copper sulphate and premium unroasted iron pyrite concentrate to market. The Project provides a steady cash flow for the Company whilst making significant contributions to both the environment and community. As an extension to the FS, Carbine has also completed an assessment of a 20 year mine life case (Expanded Case) which is an expansion of the FS Base Case at the same production rate.

Based on the study's strong technical and financial outcomes, the Company continues to work on the project finance options, offtake arrangements for the premium unroasted iron pyrite market, regulatory approvals, and consolidation of project ownership.

In early 2017, Carbine negotiated an exclusive option to acquire the remaining 25% interest from partner Raging Bull Mining to move to 100% ownership right of the Mount Morgan Project. Carbine has also commenced discussions with Norton Gold Fields Limited to obtain the legal and beneficial title to the tenements comprising the Mount Morgan Project as per the Norton Gold Fields/Raging Bull Mining Property Sale Agreement.

#### *Background*

The Mount Morgan Gold-Copper Project is part of the historical Mount Morgan Mine located adjacent to the town of Mount Morgan in central Queensland. The town is located 38km south west of Rockhampton and has a current population of approximately 3,000 people with significant infrastructure already in place. The region is well populated and established including the services and facilities associated with the large regional cities of Rockhampton and Gladstone. Gladstone has a large export port which can be accessed by sealed road from Mount Morgan. The Gladstone port will be used for the export of unroasted iron pyrite to export markets in Asia and Europe.

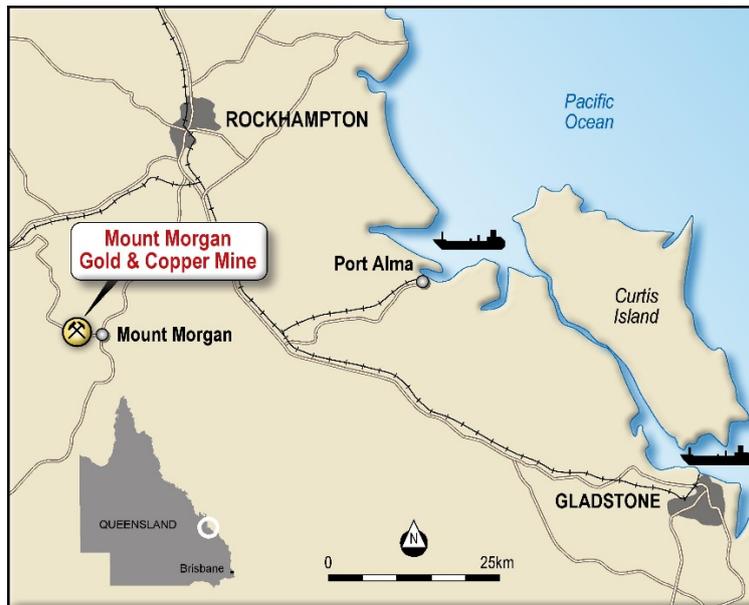


Figure 1. Mount Morgan Gold-Copper Project, Queensland

The historical Mount Morgan Mine is one of Australia's premier gold and copper mines with production of over 8.5 million ounces of gold, 0.4 million tonnes of copper and 1.2 million ounces of silver from 1882 to 1991. The Mount Morgan Mine is covered by 30 mining leases spanning 677.5 hectares.

After mining was completed, considerable quantities of material in the form of either tailings or other historical mineralised waste dumps remain on site. Tailings reprocessing occurred for 10 years from 1981 to 1991 via a 3 million tonne CIP processing plant. The pyrite remaining in these dumps is acid-forming and has generated a significant environmental legacy which remains today. This legacy has become the responsibility of the State of Queensland (1993) and is managed by the Department of Natural Resources and Mining (DNRM), Abandoned Mines Division.

Over the last 20 years, several mining companies have considered the reprocessing of the tailings and dumps for economic extraction of the minerals remaining. This has proven difficult as the standard processing technology forced low recoveries due to the acidic nature of the ore, the presence of cyanide consuming copper and the non-removal of acid-forming pyrite.

Carbine has developed a process flow sheet to economically recover the minerals remaining in the tailings and successfully completed the Feasibility Study in December 2016 utilising that process flowsheet design. The Carbine flow sheet removes copper in the form of copper sulphate, pyrite in the form of unroasted iron pyrite concentrate and gold as bullion. The significant part of the process flow sheet logic is based on the production of premium quality (50% sulphur) unroasted iron pyrite concentrate which enables the reduction of acid-forming material at Mount Morgan.

Underpinning the Feasibility Study, Carbine undertook a significant drilling program in early 2016 that has enabled the upgrading of the JORC 2012 Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimate associated with the Mount Morgan Project. Specifically, four separate Mineral Resources (No 2 Mill, Mundic, Red Oxide and Shepherds tailings dumps) have been completed. Each dump contains Indicated Mineral Resources that have been used in the development of Ore Reserves used in the Feasibility Study Base Case.



### Shepherds Gully:

- ◆ 43m at 0.83g/t gold and 0.16% copper from 1m in SHC031
- ◆ 39m at 0.90g/t gold and 0.15% copper from 3m in SHC032
- ◆ 44m at 0.74g/t gold and 0.16% copper from 2m in SHC005
- ◆ 42m at 0.76g/t gold and 0.16% copper from 4m in SHC017

### Red Oxide:

- ◆ 12m at 2.50g/t gold and 0.40% copper from 22m in ROX005
- ◆ 7m at 2.26g/t gold and 0.37% copper from 27m in ROX001
- ◆ 8m at 2.07g/t gold and 0.33% copper from 27m in ROX003

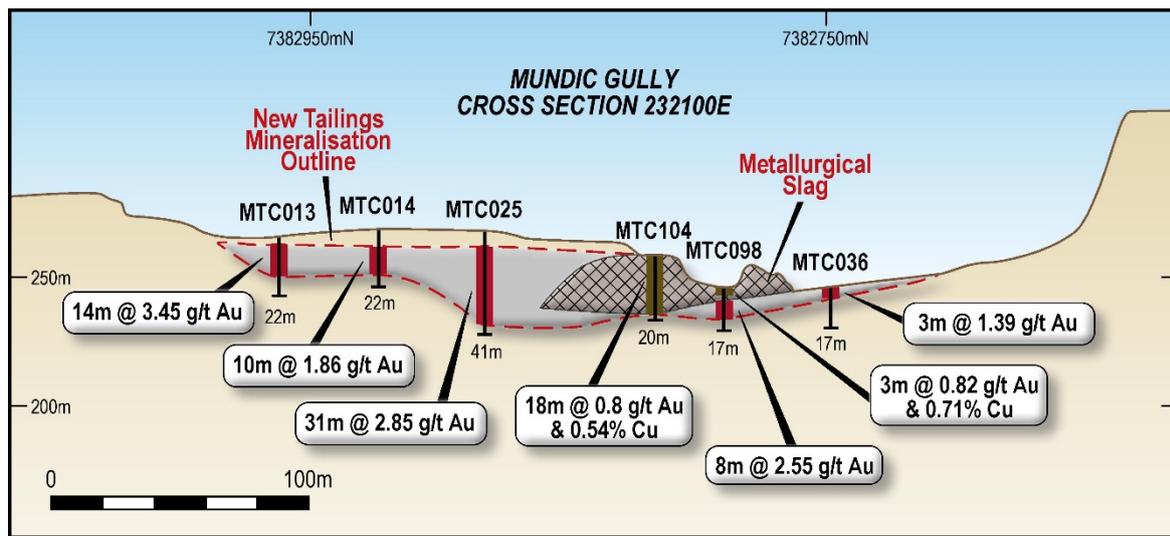


Figure 3. Mundic Gully Tailings and Slag Drilling Results. Cross Section 231000E

Drilling also identified new high-grade mineralisation at Mount Morgan in historical mine dumps. These results contributed to the decision to extend the timing on the completion of the Feasibility Study due to their proximity to the initial proposed location of the Processing Plant in Grasstree Gully. Better results included:

### Grass Tree Gully:

- ◆ 4m at 9.16g/t gold and 0.88% copper from surface in GTC013
- ◆ 10m at 2.86g/t gold and 0.13% copper from surface in GTC009
- ◆ 11m at 2.28g/t gold and 0.14% copper from surface in GTC004
- ◆ 13m at 2.05g/t gold and 0.15% copper from surface in GTC001
- ◆ 12m at 2.09g/t gold and 0.11% copper from surface in GTC006

### Mundic Gully and Red Oxide overburden waste dump (including slag):

- ◆ 18m at 0.84g/t gold and 0.54% copper from surface in MTC104
- ◆ 2m at 34.2g/t gold and 0.26% copper from 4m in MTC094
- ◆ 9m at 1.19g/t gold and 0.10% copper from surface in ROX010

### Frogs Hollow:

- ◆ 8m at 0.87g/t gold and 0.23% copper from surface in FH1G
- ◆ 5m at 0.89g/t gold and 0.08% copper from surface in FH1C
- ◆ 3m at 0.84g/t gold and 0.06% copper from 2m in FH1B

## 2016 Mount Morgan Mineral Resource Upgrade

Updated Mineral Resource estimates have been completed for the No 2 Mill, Mundic Gully, Red Oxide, Shepherds Gully, Mount Morgan Open Cut In-Pit and Sandstone Gully tailings dumps incorporating results from the 2016 drilling program.

The total JORC 2012 Mineral Resource for Mount Morgan now stands at 37.2 million tonnes at 0.71g/t for 850,000 ounces of gold, comprised of an Indicated Mineral Resource of 10.2 million tonnes at 1.20g/t for 394,000 ounces of gold and an Inferred Mineral Resource of 27.0 million tonnes at 0.53g/t for 456,000 ounces of gold, using a 0.00 g/t gold cut-off grade (Table 1). This comprises six tailings dumps which make up the project. This new Mineral Resource also includes a total of 7.9 million tonnes of pyrite, 36 thousand tonnes of copper and 49 tonnes of silver.

Table 1: Mount Morgan Tailings JORC 2012 Mineral Resource Summary

AREA	TYPE	CATEGORY	TONNAGE (MT)	GOLD (G/T)	GOLD (KOZ)	COPPER (%)	COPPER METAL (T)	SILVER (G/T)	SILVER METAL (KG)	SULPHUR (%)	PYRITE EQUIV. (WT %)
NO 2 MILL	Sulphide	Indicated	2.71	1.11	97	0.12	3,184	1.14	3,078	13.7	25.6
	Oxide	Indicated	0.12	0.8	3	0.05	55	1.8	207	4	
MUNDIC GULLY	Sulphide	Indicated	1.7	1.91	104	0.17	2,822	0.9	1,533	10.5	19.6
	Sulphide	Inferred	0.02	1.86	1	0.24	40	1.24	21	10.6	19.9
SHEPHERDS	Sulphide	Indicated	4.83	0.84	131	0.17	8,195	1.42	6,889	12.4	23.2
RED OXIDE	Oxide	Indicated	0.83	2.17	58	0.3	2,495	0.6	499	0.6	
	Oxide	Inferred	0.03	2.05	2	0.29	85	0.58	17	0.5	
SANDSTONE GULLY	Sulphide	Inferred	0.25	0.85	7	0.07	175	1.2	301	12	22.4
	Oxide	Inferred	0.02	0.85	1	0.07	14	1.2	24	2	
IN-PIT TAILS	Sulphide	Inferred	26.67	0.52	446	0.07	18,672	1.38	36,884	11.3	21.1
<b>TOTAL INDICATED</b>	<b>Total Indicated</b>	<b>Indicated</b>	<b>10.19</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>16,750</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>12,207</b>	<b>11.4</b>	
	Sulphide	Indicated	9.24	1.12	333	0.15	14,200	1.24	11,500	12.4	23.2
	Oxide	Indicated	0.95	2	61	0.27	2,550	0.74	706	1	
<b>TOTAL INFERRED</b>	<b>Total Inferred</b>	<b>Inferred</b>	<b>26.99</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>18,986</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>37,246</b>	<b>11.3</b>	
	Sulphide	Inferred	26.94	0.52	454	0.07	18,887	1.38	37,205	11.3	21.1
	Oxide	Inferred	0.05	1.58	2	0.2	99	0.84	41	1.1	

(Carbine Resources Limited ASX announcements 18 July, 2016, 27 July, 2016, 1 Aug, 2016, 9 Aug, 2016 and 30 Aug, 2016.  
Rounding errors can occur.)

## 2016 Mount Morgan Exploration Target

It is common practice for a company to comment on and discuss its exploration in terms of target size and type. Carbine has provided an update to the Mount Morgan Exploration Target stating a range of approximate tonnage and grade for low grade mullock dumps, slag dumps and retreated tailings from previous operations in conjunction with the 2016 Carbine Mineral Resource Estimate Update. This study involved a detailed review of previous studies, the existing and new Mineral Resource estimates, all known historical drill and trench data, historical reports, plans and site photos, and visual site inspection of all visible mine dumps. Carbine has not yet completed any significant exploration activity on the Exploration Target. The potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Target is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource, and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource. Carbine proposes to further evaluate the Exploration Target during the next year by drilling or possible bulk testing to provide material for additional metallurgical test work and to verify tonnage and grade.

The new Exploration Target incorporating all near-surface tailings, dumps and metallurgical slag mineralization is 1.9Mt-4.9Mt at 1.2g/t for 70,000 -190,000 ounces of gold (Table 2).

Table 2: Carbine 2016 Exploration Target Summary

DESCRIPTION	DRILLHOLE NUMBER	TONNES (KT)	AU GRADE (G/T)	AU (KOZ)	COPPER %	SULPHUR %	TONNES (KT)	AU GRADE (G/T)	AU (KOZ)	COPPER %	SULPHUR %
OXIDE WASTE DUMPS	54	285	1.8	16	0.1	2	555	2.3	40	0.1	2
OXIDE SLAG DUMPS	5	280	1	9	0.4	1	1,000	0.8	26	0.6	1
OXIDE TAILINGS DUMPS	34	215	1	7	0.1	3	715	0.9	22	0.1	3
TOTAL OXIDE	93	780	1.3	32	0.2	2	2,270	1.2	88	0.3	2
SULPHIDE WASTE DUMPS	34	430	1.2	17	0.1	12	635	1.4	30	0.1	13
SULPHIDE TAILINGS DUMPS	12	660	1	22	0.1	9	2,000	1.2	77	0.1	12
TOTAL SULPHIDE	46	1,090	1.1	39	0.1	10	2,635	1.3	106	0.1	12
TOTAL SULPHIDE AND OXIDE	139	1,870	1.2	71	0.2	6.7	4,905	1.2	194	0.2	7.5

(Carbine Resources Limited ASX announcement 30 August, 2016. The potential quality and grade of the Exploration Target is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of the Mineral Resource. Rounding Errors will occur.)

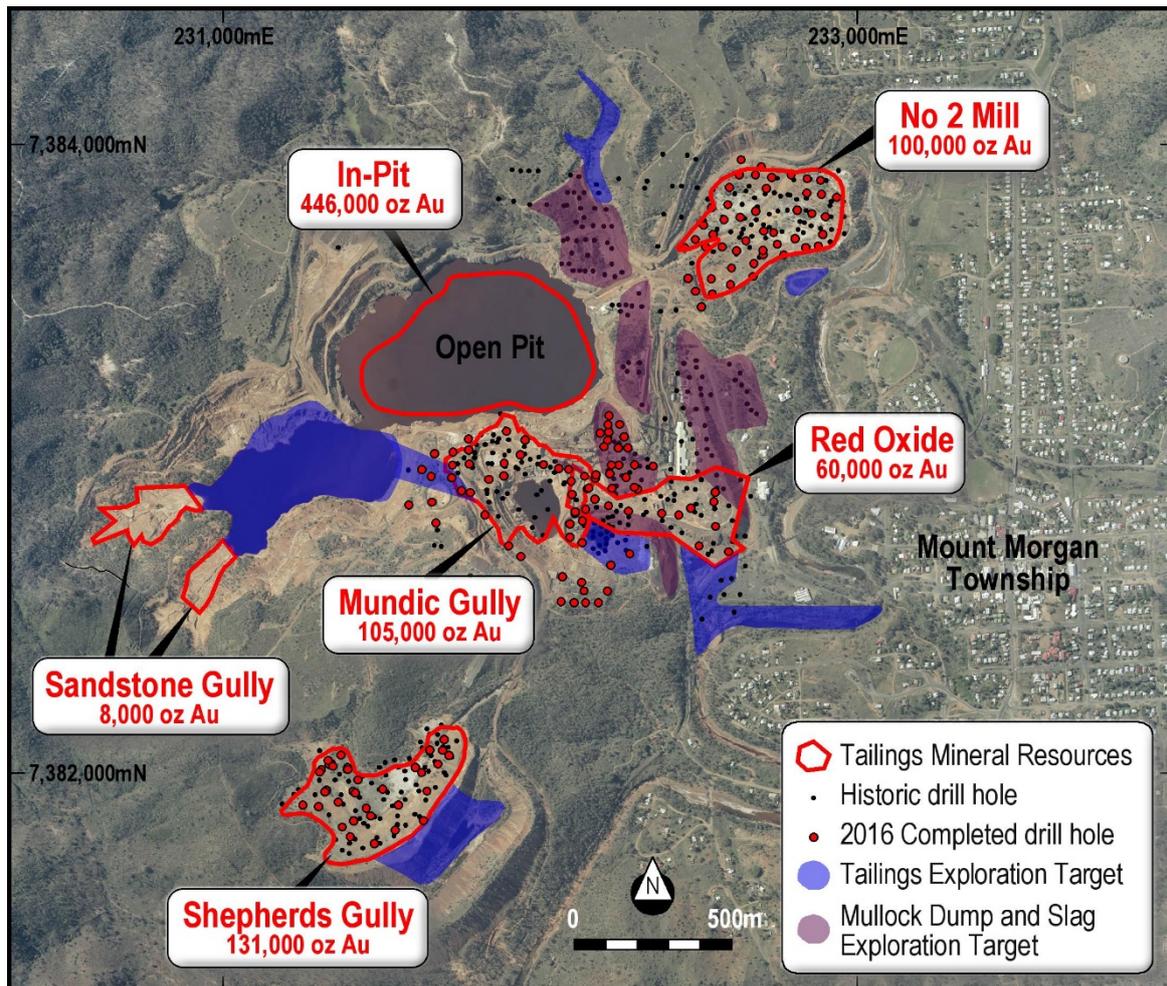


Figure 4. Mount Morgan 2016 Drilling Program, Mineral Resources and Exploration Target areas

### Mount Morgan Feasibility Study

Completion of the Feasibility Study (FS) in December 2016, delivered a strong base case for the development of a long-life project at Mount Morgan.

The Project will enjoy low operating costs, a rapid payback period and a long mine life. The estimated preproduction capital cost would be A\$85 million and the all-in sustaining costs after by-product credits would be A\$549/oz. The Project's economics enable a forecast payback period of just two years.

The Feasibility Study Base Case (FS Base Case) was based on a 1.1mtpa throughput rate achieving a 9.5 year mine life. The estimated Ore Reserve is associated with just four of the historical tailings dumps at Mount Morgan delivering gold, copper sulphate and premium unroasted iron pyrite concentrate to market.

From a Carbine Resources perspective, the Project can provide a steady cash flow for many years enabling a strong growth platform for the Company.

From an environmental perspective, the Project has the potential to make some significant in-roads into the environmental legacy associated with acid mine drainage at Mount Morgan with the processing and removal of pyrite from the dumps.

From a community perspective, the Project delivers a new project into central Queensland with a significant mine life. The community of Mount Morgan can become an active mining centre once again.

As an extension to the FS, Carbine has also completed an assessment of a 20 year mine life case (Expanded Case) which is an expansion of the FS Base Case at the same production rate. Significant historical production data and reconciliation of that data enables the Company to consider this case with reasonable confidence. However, the Company cautions that the Expanded Case study is currently partly based on low-level technical and preliminary economic assessments, and is insufficient to support the estimation of additional Ore Reserves. Further evaluation work and appropriate studies are required before the Company will be in a position to estimate any additional Ore Reserves, or provide certainty that the results from the Expanded Case will be realized.

*Table 3: Key results of Feasibility Study Base Case and Expanded Case*

	DESCRIPTION	FS BASE CASE	EXPANDED CASE
<b>MINING</b>	Ore Reserve (Mt)	9.9	9.9
	Additional Material – Expanded Case (Mt)	0	12.5
	Ore Reserve + Additional Material (Mt)	9.9	22.4
	Gold Grade (g/t)	1.19	0.9
	Contained Gold (ozs)	380,000	660,000
	Copper Grade (%)	0.16	0.12
	Contained Copper (t)	16,000	27,000
	Pyrite Grade (Wt %) <sup>4</sup>	21	21
	Contained Pyrite (t)	2,300,000	5,100,000
<b>PROCESSING</b>	Ore Processed (Mt)	9.5	22
	Polymetallic AuEq (g/t) <sup>1</sup>	1.8	1.6
	Gold Grade (g/t)	1.23	0.9
	Copper Grade (%)	0.17	0.12
	Pyrite Grade (Wt %)	22	21
	Average Annual Gold Production (ozpa)	30,000	23,000
	Average Annual Copper Sulphate Production (tpa)	3,800	2,700
	Average Annual Pyrite Concentrate Production (tpa)	214,000	200,000
<b>PROJECT ECONOMICS<sup>2</sup></b>	Mine life (years)	9.5	20
	Payback (years) <sup>3</sup>	2	2
	C1 (A\$/Au oz) <sup>4</sup>	395	384
	AISC (A\$/Au oz) <sup>5</sup>	549	576
	Pre-production Capital (A\$M)	85.1	85.1

**Table Notes:**

- AuEq ozs have been determined using the AuEq grade as outlined at the back of this report. The AuEq calculation has been done with respect to the commodity prices shown in point 3 below and suitable metal recovery factors.*
- Project economics shown above includes the capital payment of A\$2 million to Norton Gold Fields Limited at the commencement of the project to obtain ownership rights and includes deferred payment of A\$13 million from future profits.*
- Payback was determined using a AUD/USD FX 0.75, and with commodity prices of US\$1,200/oz gold, US\$60/t unroasted iron pyrite for years 1 & 2 then US\$80/t for the remaining years, US\$5,800/t copper. Copper sulphate revenue is based on copper LME price for approximately 25% copper grade plus A\$500/t premium for copper sulphate.*
- C1 is defined as the direct cash operating costs produced, net of by-product credits, divided by the amount of payable gold produced. Direct cash costs include all mining and processing costs, general and administration costs, and transport and port costs net of revenue credits from the sale of by-products (pyrite and copper sulphate).*
- AISC is the "All in sustaining cost" includes C1 costs, plus royalties and sustaining capital and are presented net of by-product credits, divided by the amount of payable gold produced.*

## 2016 Mount Morgan Mineral Ore Reserve

As part of the Feasibility Study, a maiden Ore Reserve Estimate has been completed for four of the historical tailings dumps in Mundic Gully, Red Oxide, No 2 Mill and Shepherds. The conversion of Indicated Mineral Resources to Ore Reserve has involved the detailed design and mine planning associated with each deposit. This Maiden Ore Reserve stands at 9.9 million tonnes at 1.19g/t gold for 380,000 ounces and includes 16,000 tonnes copper and 2.3 million tonnes pyrite.

Table 4: Mount Morgan Project Ore Reserve Estimate 2016<sup>1</sup>

LOCATION	RESERVE CATEGORY	QUANTITY (MT)	AUEQ (G/T) <sup>2</sup>	AUEQ (KOZ) <sup>2</sup>	AU (G/T)	CU (%)	S (%)	PYRITE (WT%) <sup>3</sup>
MUNDIC	Proven							
	Probable	1.52	2.57	126	2.04	0.17	10.1	18.9
RED OXIDE	Proven							
	Probable	0.73	2.48	58	2.11	0.3	0.4	-
No 2 Mill	Proven							
	Probable	2.82	1.73	156	1.1	0.11	13.1	24.4
SHEPHERDS	Proven							
	Probable	4.83	1.49	232	0.84	0.17	12.4	23.1
TOTAL	Proven							
	Probable	9.9	1.8	573	1.19	0.16	11.3	21.1

Table Notes:

1. AuEq (g/t) refers to the calculated Au equivalent grade formula for which is stated at the back of this report.
2. Some discrepancies in total may occur due to the rounding of numbers.



Figure 5. 2016 Mount Morgan Mineral Ore Reserve areas

### *Mount Morgan Project Ownership*

Carbine Resources Limited through Raging Bull Mining Pty Ltd (RBM) has commenced discussions to obtain the legal and beneficial title to the tenements comprising the Mount Morgan Project from Norton Goldfields Limited.

In early 2017, Carbine Resources Limited negotiated an exclusive six month option to acquire partner RBM to move to 100% ownership of the Mount Morgan Project. If the option is exercised by Carbine it will own 100% of RBM and RB Metals which will give Carbine full rights to the Mining Property Sales Agreement with Norton for the Mount Morgan Project and the decommissioned Kundana processing plant.

On exercise of the option, subject to any necessary approvals, the shareholders of RBM will receive:

- ◆ 25 million Carbine shares;
- ◆ A\$2.3 million in cash or shares at the election of Carbine (number of shares based on the 15 day VWAP at the time of option election), and
- ◆ 1.0% royalty.

### *Mount Morgan Regulatory Approvals*

The three significant approvals required for the development of the Mount Morgan Project are the Development by the State Application under section 71 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992, Environmental Authority Amendment, and Resource Development Application in a Priority Living Area.

“The Development by the State Application under section 71 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992” was submitted by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) in January 2017. Carbine remains of the view that the Heritage application will be granted although certain conditions may apply. The granting of the application is subject to approval by the Minister of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP).

A development application seeking a Regional Interests Development Approval regarding resource activities in a Priority Living Area (PLA) was lodged in January 2017. The development application was lodged with the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning under the Regional Planning Interests Act 2014 (RPI Act). At the time the RPI Act was passed, the Mount Morgan mine site was designated as a PLA in the Central Queensland regional plan. The Company believes that the development application will be approved because future mining at Mount Morgan has been recognized in the Rockhampton Regional Planning scheme as a desirable outcome where community benefits are provided and the impacts can be mitigated.

Carbine continues to work on the Environmental Authority Amendment application with the aim of submitting it in April 2017. An Environmental Authority was previously approved for the Project in 2010.

### *Mount Morgan Project Financing*

Discussions have continued with several financiers who have expressed interest in providing financial support for the project development. A successful financing outcome is dependent on obtaining all project approvals, moving to 100% project ownership and entering into long term pyrite offtake agreements.

### *Water Treatment Plant*

During the year, the Company continued to work with DNRM on operational improvements to the Mount Morgan Water Treatment Plant. The plant ceased treatment of water in late August 2016 primarily due to the lack of fresh water required for lime slaking. The water used for lime slaking was being sourced from nearby Dam 8.

### *Many Peaks Copper Project, Queensland*

The Many Peaks Copper deposit is located approximately 125km south of Gladstone. The deposit previously produced over 500,000t of copper ore grading approximately 2% Cu.

Carbine is continuing to assess historical drilling information for this project through the completion of a desktop exploration targeting study.

## Resources and Reserves

The Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves as at 31 December 2016 are summarised previously in Table 1 and Table 4 of the report.

The December 2016 Mineral Resource has been updated from JORC 2004 (December 2015) to comply with JORC 2012 reporting. This upgrade is based on sampling programs completed in 2016 and the incorporation of lower grade open pit tailings from detailed review of production records. Total Mineral Resources have increased by 510,000 ounces gold and 23,400 tonnes copper from 329,000 ounces gold and 12,300 tonnes copper as at 31 December 2015, to the current 850,000 ounces gold and 35,700 tonnes copper combined Mineral Resource. Overall gold grade decreased from 1.23g/t to 0.71g/t due to the incorporation of the lower grade open pit tailings. This new Mineral Resource also includes a total of 7.9 million tonnes of pyrite and 49 tonnes of silver not previously estimated.

The Mineral Resource update and completion of the Feasibility Study has enabled the estimation of a Maiden Ore Reserve for Mount Morgan. This Mineral Reserve stands at 9.9 million tonnes at 1.19g/t gold for 380,000 ounces and includes 16,000 tonnes copper and 2.3 million tonnes pyrite.

### **Mineral Resource and Reserve Estimation Governance Statement**

Carbine Resources Limited ensures that Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates are subject to the appropriate levels of governance and internal controls. The Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves have been generated by a combination of internal and independent external Competent Persons who are experienced in best practices in ore resource and reserve estimation procedures. The Competent Persons have also undertaken reviews of the quality and suitability of the underlying information used to generate the estimations.

Carbine reports its Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves in accordance with the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (the JORC Code) 2012 Edition. Mineral Resources are quoted inclusive of Ore Reserves. Competent Persons named by the Company are Fellows of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the JORC Code.

## Cautionary Statement – Definitive Feasibility Study

Carbine believes that the production target, forecast financial information derived from that target and other forward looking statements included in this announcement are based on reasonable grounds. The detailed reasons for this are outlined in the full Feasibility Study document released to the ASX on 8 December 2016. However, neither Carbine nor any other person makes or gives any representation, assurance or guarantee that the production target or expected outcomes reflected in this announcement in relation to the expanded case will ultimately be achieved.

Investors should note that Carbine believes the commodity prices, AUD:USD exchange rate and other variables that have been assumed in the expanded case to estimate the potential revenues, cash flows and other financial information for the Mount Morgan Project are based on reasonable grounds as at the date of this report. However, actual commodity prices, exchange rates and other variables may differ materially over the contemplated initial mine life and, accordingly, the potential revenue, cash flow figures and other financial information provided in discussions outlining the Expanded Case and set out in this announcement should be considered as an estimate only that may differ materially from actual results. Accordingly, Carbine cautions investors from relying on the forecast information in this announcement and investors should not make any investment decisions based solely on the results for the Expanded Case.

A number of key steps need to be completed in order to bring the Mount Morgan Project into production. Many of those steps are referred to in this report. Investors should note that if there are any delays associated with completing those steps of the completion of the steps does not yield the expected results, the estimated revenue and cash flow figures may differ materially from actual results.

To achieve the range of outcomes indicated in the initial Base Case leading into the Expanded Case, funding in the order of A\$90 million will likely be required. Investors should note there is no certainty that the Company will be able to raise that amount of funding when needed. It is also possible that such funding may only be available on terms that may be dilutive to or otherwise affect the value of the Company's existing shares.

It is possible that Carbine could pursue other 'value realisation' strategies such as a sale, partial sale or joint venture of the Project. If it does, this could materially reduce Carbine's proportionate ownership of the Project.

As an extension to the FS, Carbine has also completed an assessment of a 20 year mine life case (Expanded Case) which is an expansion of the FS Base Case at the same production rate. Significant historical production data and reconciliation of that data enables the Company to consider this case with reasonable confidence. However, the Company cautions that the Expanded Case study is currently partly based on low-level technical and preliminary economic assessments, and is insufficient to support the estimation of additional Ore Reserves. Further evaluation work and appropriate studies are required before the Company will be in a position to estimate any additional Ore Reserves, or provide certainty that the results from the Expanded Case will be realized (See section 15 within ASX: 8 December 2016 announcement for the full details of the Expanded Case).

## Forward Looking Statements & Modifying Factors

This report contains certain forward looking statements. Forward looking statements are only predictions and the assumptions on which they are based are subject to risk factors related to the conduct of mineral exploration, mining and production activities. Whilst Carbine believes that the expectations as to future matters reflected in these forward looking statements are based on reasonable grounds, they may be affected by changes to underlying assumptions which could cause a material change to actual values, results or events, such as price and currency fluctuation, drilling results, environmental and physical risk, financial market conditions, approvals, legislative and regulatory changes, and cost estimates. Given these uncertainties, recipients are cautioned not to place reliance on forward looking statements. Subject to any continuing obligations under applicable law and ASX Listing Rules, Carbine does not undertake to update or revise any information or any of the forward looking statements in this report.

## Competent Person Statements

### Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results and the Inferred Mineral Resources for Mount Morgan In-Pit and Sandstone Gully is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr. C Newman, who is a Competent Person according to the JORC 2012 Code. Mr. C Newman is a fulltime employee of Carbine Resources and a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralization and the type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. The information in this report is extracted from previous company releases 'ASX: 16 August 2016 and 30 August 2016', and is available to view on the Carbine Resources website. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

The information in this report that relates to the Mineral Resources for Mundic Gully, Shepherds Gully, No 2 Mill and Red Oxide is based on information compiled by Dr M. Abzalov, who is a Competent Person according to the JORC 2012 Code. Dr M. Abzalov is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has sufficient experience in estimation of resources of gold mineralisation, and has a strong expertise in the all aspects of the data collection, interpretation and geostatistical analysis to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Dr M. Abzalov is independent consultant, contracted to Carbine Resources for providing the technical guidelines for resource definition drilling at the Mount Morgan tailings project and in estimating the Mineral Resources. The information in this report is extracted from previous company releases 'ASX: 18 July 2016, 27 July 2016, 1 August 2016 and 9 August 2016, and is available to view on the Carbine Resources website. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

### Ore Reserves

The information in this report that relates to Mineral Reserves for Mount Morgan is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Mr. A James, who is a Competent Person according to the JORC 2012 Code. Mr. A James is a fulltime employee of Carbine Resources as the Managing Director of the Company and he holds shares in the Company. He is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralization and the type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr. A James consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

## Metal Equivalents

AuEq was calculated for each ore source based on the different metallurgical recoveries associated with those ore sources established from detailed metallurgical test work (refer to ASX: December 8 announcement for further details). A combined total AuEq was also determined for representation of the combined effect of the four different ore sources. The following formulas show the various calculations for the AuEq values seen in this announcement. The AuEq value is determined by multiplying the recovered metal by the metal prices and dividing by the gold price to determine the equivalent gold grade. Consideration is also given to the fact that the end product for copper is copper sulphate and for pyrite is pyrite concentrate. The total AuEq is determined by taking a weighted average of the four separate AuEq grades.

- Mundic Gully AuEq = Au (g/t) + Cu (%) \* 172.11 + PyriteEq (wt%) \* 1.30
- No 2 Mill AuEq = Au (g/t) + Cu (%) \* 172.76 + PyriteEq (wt%) \* 1.73
- Red Oxide AuEq = Au (g/t) + Cu (%) \* 122.83
- Shepherds AuEq = Au (g/t) + Cu (%) \* 138.83 + PyriteEq (wt%) \* 1.79

Metal prices used in this calculation are US\$1,200/oz gold, US\$60/t unroasted iron pyrite for years 1 and 2 and US\$80/t thereafter, A\$5,800/t copper. Copper sulphate revenue is based on copper LME price for approximately 25% copper grade plus A\$500/t premium for copper sulphate. Metal recoveries are provided in Section 6. It is Carbine's view that all the metals included within this formula are expected to be recovered and sold.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of Carbine Resources Limited and the entities it controlled ("the Group") for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the Auditor's report thereon.

### **Directors**

The name of Directors who held office during or since the end of the year and until the date of this report is set out below. Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

Mr John Fitzgerald	Non-Executive Chairman	(Appointed 13 April 2016)
Mr Anthony James	Managing Director	(Appointed 13 April 2016)
Mr Graham Brock	Non-Executive Director	(Appointed 13 April 2016)
Mr Evan Cranston	Non-Executive Director	
Mr Stephen Dobson	Non-Executive Director	(Resigned 13 April 2016)
Mr Patrick Walta	Executive Director	(Resigned 13 April 2016)
Mr Tom Bahen	Non-Executive Director	(Resigned 13 April 2016)

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Group during the year was the development of the Mount Morgan Gold & Copper Project in Queensland.

### **Results**

The loss for the financial year after income tax was \$4,501,732 (31 December 2015 Loss: \$1,855,429).

### **Dividends Paid or Recommended**

No dividends have been paid or declared.

### **Financial Position**

The net assets of the Group as at 31 December 2016 are \$6,777,390 compared to \$2,544,359 as at 31 December 2015.

### **Review of Operations & Significant Changes in State of Affairs**

#### **Mount Morgan Gold & Copper Project**

During the year, Carbine Resources conducted development work on the Mount Morgan Gold & Copper Project, Queensland including a definitive-feasibility study (DFS). Following the DFS, the Company has commenced discussions with potential financiers, sought to finalise pyrite offtake agreements and commenced finalising approvals.

### **Capital Raisings during the Year**

On 12 January 2016, 12,500,000 ordinary shares at a share price of \$0.06 per share were issued to GR Engineering Services Ltd (GRES) (ASX: GNG) to raise \$750,000 as part of a strategic partnership with GRES to progress the Mount Morgan Project.

On 18 April 2016, 1,170,000 ordinary shares were issued to GRES, at a total value of \$124,591 in payment of services.

On 18 April 2016, 3,333,333 ordinary shares were issued to new directors and associates at a share price of \$0.15 per share, as a placement to new directors to raise \$500,000.

On 8 August 2016, 35,000,000 ordinary shares were issued at a share price of \$0.20 per share, to raise \$7,000,000 from sophisticated and institutional investors.

On 20 September 2016, 716,726 ordinary shares were issued to GRES, at a total value of \$128,217 in payment of services.

On 9 November 2016, 300,000 ordinary shares were issued on exercise of consultant options at \$0.0496 per share at a total value of \$14,880.

### **Options**

300,000 unquoted consultant options were exercised during the year at an exercise price of \$0.0496 to raise \$14,880.

No options were granted or expired during the year.

At the date of this report the Group has no quoted options and 26,700,000 unquoted options over ordinary shares in Carbine Resources Limited as follows:

- 9,700,000 unquoted options at an exercise price of \$0.0496 with an expiry date of 17 November 2017;
- 10,000,000 unquoted options at an exercise price of \$0.10 with an expiry date of 17 November 2017;
- 2,500,000 unquoted options at an exercise price of \$0.065 with an expiry date of 7 July 2018;
- 2,500,000 unquoted options at an exercise price of \$0.10 with an expiry date of 7 July 2018;
- 1,000,000 unquoted options at an exercise price of \$0.0886 with an expiry date of 26 October 2018; and
- 1,000,000 unquoted options at an exercise price of \$0.124 with an expiry date of 26 October 2018.

There are no rights to participate in share issues attached to these unquoted options unless exercised before the record date of any such issue.

### **Matters Subsequent to the End of the Financial Year**

On 15 March 2017, the Company issued 1,575,000 shares on vesting of performance rights, including 1,012,500 shares issued to director Anthony James, and issued 4,250,000 performance rights to staff that are not key management personnel.

On 23 March 2017, the Company agreed revised terms to acquire the remaining 25% of the Mount Morgan Project from Raging Bull Mining Pty Ltd (RBM), giving the Company an exclusive option to acquire RBM.

Exercise of this option by Carbine will result in the company having the right to 100% ownership in both the Mount Morgan project and the decommissioned Kundana plant as well as the cancellation of the obligation to issue 50 million Carbine shares to RBM.

The option and associated acquisition terms are summarised as follows:

Carbine agreed to pay the shareholders of RBM \$200,000 for a 6 month exclusive option to acquire 100% of RBM. This was paid on 29 March 2017. Exercise of the option will also be subject to:

1. Carbine shareholder approval;
2. RB Metals acquiring 100% of the legal and beneficial title to the tenements comprising the Mount Morgan Project from Norton Goldfields Limited (Norton) (Tenements);

If the option is exercised by Carbine it will own 100% of RBM and Raging Bull Metals Pty Ltd (RB Metal) which will give Carbine full rights to the Mining Property Sales Agreement with Norton for the Mount Morgan Project and the decommissioned Kundana processing plant. RB Metal's right to 50 million Carbine performance shares would be extinguished.

On exercise of the option, subject to any necessary approvals, the shareholders of RBM will receive:

1. 25 Million Carbine shares,
2. A\$2.3 million in cash or shares at the election of Carbine (number of shares based on the 15 day VWAP at the time of option election), and
3. A 1.0% royalty.

There were no other events subsequent to the end of the financial year ended 31 December 2016 which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Group in future financial years.

## **Future Developments, Prospects and Business Strategies**

Disclosure of further information regarding likely developments in the operations of the Group in future financial periods and the expected results of those operations is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial periods.

## **Information on Directors**

The following information is provided for the Directors and Company Secretary in office as at the end of the year.

### **Mr John Fitzgerald**

### **Non-Executive Chairman**

Mr John Fitzgerald has over 30 years in the resource sector as a financier, corporate advisor and director. Mr Fitzgerald has previously held senior positions at NM Rothschild & Sons, Investec Bank Australia, Commonwealth Bank and HSBC Precious Metals. He is a Chartered Accountant, a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia and a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Mr Fitzgerald is currently a non-executive director of ASX-listed Northern Star Resources Limited (ASX: NST) and Danakali Limited (ASX: DNK) and non-executive chairman of Dakota Minerals Limited (ASX: DKO). In the past three years, Mr Fitzgerald was the chairman of Atherton Resources Limited (to November 2015).

### **Mr Anthony James**

### **Managing Director**

Mr James is a mining engineer with considerable operational, project development and corporate experience including recent roles as Managing Director of Atherton Resources (ASX: ATE) and Mutiny Gold (ASX: MYG). At Atherton Resources he achieved a favourable outcome for shareholders following the takeover by Auctus Minerals. At Mutiny he led the implementation of a revised development strategy for the Deflector copper-gold deposit in WA that resulted in the successful merger of Mutiny Gold and Doray Minerals (ASX: DRM).

Prior to these roles, Mr James held a number of executive positions with international gold producer Alacer Gold Corporation, including President of its Australian operations following the merger between Anatolia Minerals (TSX: ANO) and Avoca Resources (ASX: AVO) in 2011. He also played a key role in Avoca's initial growth and success, leading the feasibility and development of the Higginsville Gold Operations.

In the past three years, Mr James was a director of ASX-listed Mutiny Gold Limited (to January 2015) and Atherton Resources Limited (to November 2015).

### **Mr Graham Brock**

### **Non-Executive Director**

Mr Brock is a metallurgist with over 40 years' experience in the mining industry, and in particular gold and base metal projects. He has been involved in the full range of mine development activities from feasibility through construction, commissioning and operations. Mr Brock has been previously involved in development of several successful gold mines including Golden Crown, Westonia, Wirralie, Waihi, Big Bell, Mt Hogan, Salsigne and Stawell. Within the base metal sector, he was also part of the successful development of Mt Keith, Lake Johnston, Kambalda, Honeymoon Well, Black Swan, Golden Grove, Wheal Jane and Namosi.

In the past three years, Mr Brock was a director of Direct Nickel Limited (to August 2015).

**Mr Evan Cranston**

**Non-Executive Director**

Mr Cranston is a lawyer specialising in corporate and mining law. He has extensive experience in the areas of public listed entities including capital raisings, initial public offerings and liaison with market analysts and potential investors, together with Corporate Governance, the Australian Securities Exchange's Listing Rules and the Corporations Act. His experience in mining law extends to tenement acquisition agreements, mineral right agreements, joint ventures and mergers and acquisitions. He holds both Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Law degrees.

Mr Cranston is currently non-executive director of ASX-listed companies Attila Resources Limited, Boss Resources Limited, Clancy Resources Ltd and Primary Gold Limited. In the past three years, Mr Cranston was a non-executive director of Cradle Resources Limited (to May 2016).

**Ms Oonagh Malone**

**Company Secretary**

Ms Malone is a principal of a corporate advisory firm which provides company secretarial and administrative services. She has over 8 years' experience in administrative and company secretarial roles for listed companies and is a member of the Governance Institute of Australia. She currently acts as company secretary for ASX-listed Attila Resources Ltd, Boss Resources Ltd, Draig Resources Limited, Hawkstone Mining Limited, Matador Mining Limited, Primary Gold Limited and ServTech Global Holdings Limited. Ms Malone is a non-executive director of Attila Resources Limited and Hawkstone Mining Limited.

**Directors' Meetings**

The number of Directors' meetings and number of meetings attended by each of the Directors of the Company during the financial year under review are:

	<b>Board Meetings Eligible to Attend as a Director</b>	<b>Board Meetings Attended</b>
Mr John Fitzgerald	5	5
Mr Anthony James	5	5
Mr Graham Brock	5	5
Mr Evan Cranston	5	4
Mr Tom Bahen	0	0
Mr Stephen Dobson	0	0
Mr Patrick Walta	0	0

There were no separate Remuneration Committee Meetings held during the year. There have been other matters of Board business which have been resolved by circular resolutions of Directors, which are a record of decisions made at a number of informal meetings held to control, implement and monitor the Group's activities throughout the year.

**Directors' Interests**

The relevant interest of each Director in the share capital and options of the Company shown in the Register of Directors' Shareholdings as at the date of this report is:

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>ORDINARY SHARES FULLY PAID</b>		<b>OPTIONS</b>	
	<b>Direct</b>	<b>Indirect</b>	<b>Direct</b>	<b>Indirect</b>
Mr John Fitzgerald	500,000	-	-	-
Mr Anthony James	833,334	47,000*	-	-
Mr Graham Brock	-	150,000**	-	-
Mr Evan Cranston	-	182,000***	-	5,000,000***

\* Shares held indirectly by Mr Anthony James are held by his spouse.

\*\* Shares held indirectly by Mr Graham Brock are held by GJ and LJ Brock.

\*\*\* Shares and Options held by Mr Evan Cranston are held by Konkera Pty Ltd

## **Remuneration Report (Audited)**

This report outlines the remuneration arrangements in place for Directors and other key management personnel of Carbine Resources Limited. These remuneration disclosures have been audited. The Group has no key management personnel other than the Directors, the Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary of the Company.

Details of Key Management Personnel:

- Mr Anthony James – Managing Director (appointed 13 April 2016)
- Mr Tom Bahen – Non-Executive Director (resigned 13 April 2016)
- Mr Graham Brock – Non-Executive Director (appointed 13 April 2016)
- Mr Evan Cranston – Non-Executive Director
- Mr Stephen Dobson – Non-Executive Director (resigned 13 April 2016)
- Mr John Fitzgerald – Non-Executive Chairman (appointed 13 April 2016)
- Ms Oonagh Malone – Company Secretary
- Mr Patrick Walta – Executive Director (resigned 13 April 2016)

### **Compensation of Key Management Personnel**

Due to the size of the Company, the Remuneration Committee is currently comprised of all of the Directors of the Board. The Committee assesses the appropriateness of the nature and amount of emoluments of such key management personnel on an annual basis by reference to relevant employment market conditions with the overall objective of ensuring maximum shareholder benefit from the retention of appropriately qualified personnel. Presently there are no formalised arrangements which give rise to the payment of additional remuneration to Non - executive Directors contingent on Group performance, other than the arrangements set out in the Performance Rights Plan.

The Constitution and the ASX listing rules specify that the aggregate remuneration of Non-Executive Directors shall be determined from time to time by a general meeting. The Group has not increased its total aggregate remuneration from that disclosed in its prospectus in February 2007 of \$200,000. Given the size of the Group and its operations there is no relationship between remuneration and Group performance and shareholder wealth other than options and performance rights issued as remuneration.

Non-Executive Directors' remuneration is determined according to market practice for junior listed companies based on information obtained from industry analysts. Fees and payments to Non-Executive Directors reflect the demands which are made on, and the responsibilities of, the Directors. No additional fees are payable for chairing or participating in sub-committees of the Board. Non-Executive Directors' fees and payments are reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee. Executive Directors' fees and payments, other than Long term incentives subject to shareholder approval as detailed below, are documented in service agreements that are approved by the members of the Remuneration Committee before execution.

#### *Long term incentives ('LTI')*

The LTI are granted to reward the Directors and employees for their performance and to align their remuneration with the creation of shareholder wealth. The LTI are share based payments consisting of performance rights in 2016 and share options that were issued in previous years.

### Performance Rights

The Company grants Performance Rights as part of the Company's long term incentive benefits to certain company executives (including Directors) and other personnel. The Company's Performance Rights Plan is a carefully designed, performance linked, equity plan used to attract and retain staff by providing them with an opportunity to participate in the creation of a financial stake in the company. The Performance Rights plan was approved at the Annual General Meeting held on 31 May 2016 along with the issue of Performance Rights to Directors. Performance Rights entitle holders to the issue of fully paid ordinary shares in the Company if the Performance Rights meet any vesting conditions before expiry dates set for the performance rights. Performance Rights may lapse at the Board's discretion if holders cease being eligible participants.

The following numbers of each tranche of Performance rights were Granted to Directors on 31 May 2016 in the below Tranches with the initial milestone dates detailed. A further 5,000,000 Performance Rights were granted to staff whom the Company does not consider Key Management Personnel. Following the delayed achievement of the Tranche 1 Milestone, the Board decided on 31 January 2017 that only 75% of the Tranche 1 Performance Rights granted to Mr Anthony James and other staff would vest, but all Tranche 1 Performance Rights granted to other Directors lapsed without vesting.

Performance Rights	Milestones	Initial Milestone Date
Tranche 1	ASX announcement of successful completion of a definitive feasibility study for the Mount Morgan Project.	30 September 2016
Tranche 2	ASX announcement of successful completion of the project funding arrangements for the Mount Morgan Project.	31 March 2017
Tranche 3	ASX announcement of successful completion of construction of the mine for the Mount Morgan Project.	31 December 2017
Tranche 4	ASX announcement of achievement of commercial production of the Mount Morgan Project	30 June 2018

Eligible Director	Performance Rights Granted				
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 4	TOTAL
John Fitzgerald	300,000	700,000	400,000	600,000	<b>2,000,000</b>
Anthony James	1,350,000	3,150,000	1,800,000	2,700,000	<b>9,000,000</b>
Graham Brock	150,000	350,000	200,000	300,000	<b>1,000,000</b>
Evan Cranston	150,000	350,000	200,000	300,000	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,950,000</b>	<b>4,550,000</b>	<b>2,600,000</b>	<b>3,900,000</b>	<b>13,000,000</b>

The board has discretion to extend milestone dates provided that Performance Rights do not have a term of more than 5 years.

The Performance Rights have been valued at \$0.16 each, being the share price at the grant date, and expensed over the expected vesting period. The below table details the total values of remaining performance rights that did not lapse, but still may never vest, and amounts expensed during the year for Key Management Personnel (KMP).

Recipient	Unlapsed Performance Rights Held at 31 December 2016				
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 4	TOTAL
John Fitzgerald	-	700,000	400,000	600,000	<b>1,700,000</b>
Anthony James	1,012,500	3,150,000	1,800,000	2,700,000	<b>8,662,500</b>
Graham Brock	-	350,000	200,000	300,000	<b>850,000</b>
Evan Cranston	-	350,000	200,000	300,000	<b>850,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,012,500</b>	<b>4,550,000</b>	<b>2,600,000</b>	<b>3,900,000</b>	<b>12,062,500</b>
<b>Unexpensed amount for remaining Performance Rights that may never vest (\$)</b>	-	<b>471,763</b>	<b>339,123</b>	<b>536,147</b>	<b>1,347,033</b>
<b>Amount expensed for 2016 (\$)</b>	<b>162,000</b>	<b>256,237</b>	<b>76,877</b>	<b>87,853</b>	<b>582,967</b>

### Share options

Options over shares were granted to the Directors and certain employees at the discretion of the Board in prior years. No individual has a contractual right to participate or to receive any guaranteed benefits. The issue of options was not linked to performance conditions because by setting the option price at a level above current share price at the time the options are granted; this provided incentive for management to improve the Company's performance.

There were a total of 5,000,000 compensation options issued to Directors and 2,000,000 compensation options issued to Other Key Management Personnel during the financial year ended 31 December 2015 as part of the Long Term Incentives as detailed above. These vested on issue and were fully expensed in 2015.

### Additional information for consideration of shareholder wealth

This table summarises the earnings of the consolidated entity and other factors that are considered to affect shareholder wealth for the 5 years to 31 December 2016.

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Loss after income tax attributable to shareholders (\$)	(4,501,732)	(1,855,429)	(1,404,117)	(1,096,746)	(495,970)
Share price at year end (\$)	0.11	0.058	0.034	0.028	0.038
Total dividends declared (cents per share)	-	-	-	-	-
Returns of capital (cents per share)	-	-	-	-	-
Basic loss per share (cents)	(2.66)	(1.33)	(1.00)	(0.78)	(0.35)

**Details of Remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2016**

Name	Short-Term Benefits		Post Employment Benefits	Share-Based Payment	Total \$	Remuneration consisting of Performance Rights %
	Cash Salary and Fees \$	Non- monetary benefits \$	Super- annuation \$	Performance Rights \$		
<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>						
Mr Tom Bahen	10,451	695	993	-	12,139	-
Mr Graham Brock	35,834	1,750	3,404	32,382	73,370	44%
Mr Evan Cranston	54,750	2,445	-	32,382	89,577	36%
Mr Stephen Dobson	10,451	695	993	-	12,139	-
Mr John Fitzgerald	57,334	1,750	5,447	64,764	129,295	50%
<i>Sub-total Non-Executive Directors</i>	<b>168,820</b>	<b>7,335</b>	<b>10,837</b>	<b>129,528</b>	<b>316,520</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Executive Directors</b>						
Mr Anthony James	231,539	1,750	21,996	453,439	708,724	64%
Mr Patrick Walta *	141,290	695	-	-	141,985	-
<i>Sub-total Executive Directors</i>	<b>372,829</b>	<b>2,445</b>	<b>21,996</b>	<b>453,439</b>	<b>850,709</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Other Key Management Personnel</b>						
Ms Oonagh Malone	36,000	2,445	-	-	38,445	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>577,649</b>	<b>12,225</b>	<b>32,833</b>	<b>582,967</b>	<b>1,205,674</b>	<b>48%</b>

\* Mr Walta's disclosed remuneration includes \$81,290 for consulting services provided after his resignation on 13 April 2016.

**Details of Remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2015**

Name	Short-Term Benefits		Post Employment Benefits	Share- Based Payment	Total \$	Remuneration consisting of Options %
	Cash Salary and Fees \$	Non- monetary benefits \$	Super- annuation \$	Shares / Options \$		
<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>						
Mr Tom Bahen	36,530	2,901	3,470	-	42,901	-
Mr Evan Cranston	54,750	2,901	-	-	57,651	-
Mr Stephen Dobson	17,676	1,415	1,679	122,800	143,570	86%
<i>Sub-total Non-Executive Directors</i>	108,956	7,217	5,149	122,800	244,122	50%
<b>Executive Director</b>						
Mr Patrick Walta	180,000	2,901	-	-	182,901	-
<b>Other Key Management Personnel</b>						
Mr Terry Moylan	38,625	-	3,669	60,530	102,824	59%
Ms Oonagh Malone	36,000	2,901	-	-	38,901	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>363,581</b>	<b>13,019</b>	<b>8,818</b>	<b>183,330</b>	<b>568,748</b>	<b>32%</b>

On 13 March 2015, the Company paid a settlement of \$15,000 to former director Mr Grant Mooney, in full unconditional settlement of legal proceedings commenced by Mr Mooney, with no admission of liability by the Company. This is not considered remuneration by the Company, so not included in the above table.

### **Service Agreements**

The Group entered into a Service Agreement with Mr Patrick Walta, Executive Director, on 19 February 2014. The agreement provided for an annual salary of \$180,000, with no superannuation paid by the Group, for an indefinite period and severable by either party provided that one month written notice is given. Following his resignation from the Board on 13 April 2016, Mr Walta was engaged as an external consultant until October 2016 at the same rate.

The Group appointed Mr Anthony James as an Executive Director, on 13 April 2016. His service agreement provides for:

- A base salary of \$300,000 per annum, with additional superannuation provided to meet statutory requirements.
- An eligibility to receive cash payments as Short Term Incentives, not exceeding 50% of the base salary, at the sole discretion of the Board if key performance indicators determined by the Board are met. These Short Term Incentives may be paid in whole or part by the issue of shares.
- Long term incentives in the form of the Performance Rights granted to Mr James.
- A termination period of 6 months on termination for incapacity or for non-summary reasons before the commencement of production.
- A termination period of 12 months for non-summary reasons not involving incapacity following the commencement of production.

On appointment to the Board, all Non-Executive Directors enter into a letter agreement with the Group which summarises the Board policies and terms which mirror those set out within the Corporations Act 2001, including compensation, relevant to the office of Director.

No other remuneration arrangements for Directors were in place during the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

### **Share Based Payment Compensation**

No options over ordinary shares in the Company were provided to any of the key management personnel of the Group. All outstanding options that were issued to Key Management personnel in prior years were granted with no vesting conditions and fully vested in prior years. No options lapsed during the year. Further information on the options is set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

The assessed fair value at grant date of any share based payments granted to individuals is allocated equally over the period from grant date to vesting date, and the amount is included in the remuneration tables above. Fair values at grant date of options are determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the impact of dilution, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk-free interest rate for the term of the option. Fair values at grant date of performance rights are equal to the share prices at grant dates.

No options were exercised during the year by Key Management Personnel that were previously granted as remuneration.

**Option holdings of Key Management Personnel**

**2016**

<b>Key Management Personnel</b>	<b>Balance at 1 Jan 16 or appointment</b>	<b>Granted as Remuneration</b>	<b>Options Exercised</b>	<b>Other Changes</b>	<b>Balance at 31 Dec 16 or resignation</b>	<b>Total Vested 31 Dec 16</b>	<b>Total Exercisable 31 Dec 16</b>
Tom Bahen**	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Graham Brock*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evan Cranston	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Stephen Dobson**	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
John Fitzgerald*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony James*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oonagh Malone	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Patrick Walta**	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
	<b>22,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,000,000</b>	<b>22,000,000</b>	<b>22,000,000</b>

**2015**

<b>Key Management Personnel</b>	<b>Balance at 1 Jan 15 or appointment</b>	<b>Granted as Remuneration</b>	<b>Options Exercised</b>	<b>Other Changes</b>	<b>Balance at 31 Dec 15 or resignation</b>	<b>Total Vested 31 Dec 15</b>	<b>Total Exercisable 31 Dec 15</b>
Tom Bahen	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Evan Cranston	6,000,000	-	-	(1,000,000)	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Stephen Dobson***	-	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Oonagh Malone	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Terry Moylan****	-	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Patrick Walta	5,000,000	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
	<b>18,000,000</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,000,000)</b>	<b>24,000,000</b>	<b>24,000,000</b>	<b>24,000,000</b>

\* Appointed 13 April 2016

\*\* Resigned 13 April 2016

\*\*\* Appointed 7 July 2015

\*\*\*\* Appointed 22 September 2015

Details of options held by each key management person of the Group at 31 December 2016 are shown below.

<b>Key Management Personnel</b>	<b>Grant date</b>	<b>Number granted</b>	<b>Value of options granted \$</b>	<b>Vesting date</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>Vested %</b>
Mr Evan Cranston	14/11/2014	5,000,000	38,900	14/11/2014	17/11/2017	100
Ms Oonagh Malone	17/11/2014	2,000,000	15,520	17/11/2014	17/11/2017	100

**Performance Rights holdings of Key Management Personnel**

2016	Balance at 1 Jan 16 or appointment	Received as Remuneration	Performance Rights lapsed	Balance at 31 Dec 16 or resignation	Performance Rights vested
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>					
Tom Bahen**	-	-	-	-	-
Graham Brock*	-	1,000,000	(150,000)	850,000	-
Evan Cranston	-	1,000,000	(150,000)	850,000	-
Stephen Dobson**	-	-	-	-	-
John Fitzgerald*	-	2,000,000	(300,000)	1,700,000	-
Anthony James*	-	9,000,000	(337,500)	8,662,500	1,012,500
Oonagh Malone	-	-	-	-	-
Patrick Walta**	-	-	-	-	-
	-	13,000,000	(937,500)	12,062,500	1,012,500

**Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel**

2016	Balance at 1 Jan 16 or appointment	Received as Remuneration	Options Exercised	Other Changes	Balance at 31 Dec 16 or resignation
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>					
Tom Bahen**	3,622,799	-	-	-	3,622,799
Graham Brock*	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Evan Cranston	182,500	-	-	-	182,500
Stephen Dobson**	5,749,444	-	-	-	5,749,444
John Fitzgerald*	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
Anthony James*	880,334	-	-	-	880,334
Oonagh Malone	-	-	-	-	-
Patrick Walta**	135,000	-	-	-	135,000
	11,220,077	-	-	-	11,220,077

2015	Balance at 1 Jan 15 or appointment	Received as Remuneration	Options Exercised	Other Changes	Balance at 31 Dec 15 or resignation
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>					
Tom Bahen	2,422,799	-	-	1,200,000	3,622,799
Evan Cranston	-	-	-	182,500	182,500
Stephen Dobson***	5,599,444	-	-	150,000	5,749,444
Oonagh Malone	-	-	-	-	-
Terry Moylan****	-	-	-	45,000	45,000
Patrick Walta	135,000	-	-	-	135,000
	8,157,243	-	-	1,577,500	9,734,743

\* Appointed 13 April 2016

\*\* Resigned 13 April 2016

\*\*\* Appointed 7 July 2015

\*\*\*\* Appointed 22 September 2015

**End of the Remuneration Report (Audited)**

### **Environmental Regulations**

In the course of its normal mining and exploration activities the Group adheres to environmental regulations imposed upon it by the various regulatory authorities, particularly those regulations relating to ground disturbance and the protection of rare and endangered flora and fauna. The Group has complied with all material environmental requirements up to the date of this report.

### **Insurance of Directors and Officers**

During the year, the Group has paid an insurance premium in respect of a contract indemnifying the Group's Directors and officers. The total premium paid was \$12,225 (2015: \$13,019).

The liabilities insured are legal costs that may be incurred in defending civil or criminal proceedings that may be brought against the officers in their capacity as officers of the Group and any other payments arising from liabilities incurred by the officers in connection with such proceedings. This does not include such liabilities that arise from conduct involving a wilful breach of duty by the officers or the improper use by the officers of their position or of information to gain advantage for themselves or someone else or to cause detriment to the Group. It is not possible to apportion the premium between amounts relating to the insurance against legal costs and those relating to other liabilities.

### **Proceedings on Behalf of the Company**

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

### **Other Information**

The registered office and principal place of business is Suite 23, 513 Hay Street Subiaco WA 6008.

### **Non Assurance Services**

There were no non-assurance services provided by the Group's auditors during the year.

### **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is attached to this full year financial statement.

Dated at Perth this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors



**Mr John Fitzgerald**  
Non-Executive Chairman

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
		<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Revenue from continuing operations</b>	2(a)	63,703	89,812
Other income	2(b)	962,755	891,389
Exploration & evaluation costs	8	(3,104,105)	(1,692,257)
Depreciation	2(c)	(1,611)	(16,236)
Share based payment expenses	18	(834,877)	(183,330)
Employee, director and consultant expenses	2(d)	(1,180,765)	(408,672)
General and administration expenses	2(e)	(660,284)	(536,135)
Loss before income tax		<u>(4,755,184)</u>	<u>(1,855,429)</u>
Income tax	3	-	-
<b>Loss after income tax from continuing operations attributable to members of Carbine Resources Limited</b>		<u><b>(4,755,184)</b></u>	<u><b>(1,855,429)</b></u>
<b>Discontinued operations</b>			
Gain on deconsolidation of discontinued operations		<u>253,452</u>	-
<b>Loss attributable to members of Carbine Resources Limited</b>		<u><b>(4,501,732)</b></u>	<u><b>(1,855,429)</b></u>
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>			
<i>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</i>			
Exchange difference on disposal of subsidiary		(253,452)	-
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	21(b)	-	10,790
Total comprehensive income/(loss)		<u>(253,452)</u>	<u>(1,844,639)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive loss attributable to members of Carbine Resources Limited</b>		<u><b>(4,755,184)</b></u>	<u><b>(1,844,639)</b></u>
<b>Loss per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company</b>			<b>Cents</b>
Basic loss per share	13	(2.66)	(1.33)
Diluted loss per share	13	(2.66)	(1.33)
<b>Loss per share from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company</b>			
Basic loss per share	13	(2.81)	(1.33)
Diluted loss per share	13	(2.81)	(1.33)

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

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	CONSOLIDATED 2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	6,467,641	2,218,072
Trade and other receivables	5	40,206	21,504
Other current assets	6	9,301	9,058
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>6,517,148</u>	<u>2,248,634</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant and equipment	7	2,472	4,083
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	8	-	-
Financial assets	9	460,200	424,400
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>462,672</u>	<u>428,483</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>6,979,820</u>	<u>2,677,117</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	175,083	132,758
Provisions	11	27,347	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>202,430</u>	<u>132,758</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>202,430</u>	<u>132,758</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>6,777,390</u>	<u>2,544,359</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued Capital	12	30,789,780	22,636,442
Reserves	21(b)	3,531,435	2,950,010
Accumulated losses		(27,543,825)	(23,042,093)
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>6,777,390</u>	<u>2,544,359</u>

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

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>				
	<b>Contributed Equity</b>	<b>Accumulated Losses</b>	<b>Share Based Payment Reserve</b>	<b>Foreign Currency Translation Reserve</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2016</b>	<b>22,636,442</b>	<b>(23,042,093)</b>	<b>2,696,558</b>	<b>253,452</b>	<b>2,544,359</b>
Loss for the year from continuing operations	-	(4,755,184)	-	-	(4,755,184)
Gain from discontinued operations	-	253,452	-	-	253,452
Deconsolidation of subsidiary	-	-	-	(253,452)	(253,452)
<b>Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,501,732)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(253,452)</b>	<b>(4,755,184)</b>
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>					
Securities issued	8,517,688	-	-	-	8,517,688
Capital raising costs	(364,350)	-	-	-	(364,350)
Share based payments	-	-	834,877	-	834,877
	8,153,338	-	834,877	-	8,988,215
<b>Balance at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>30,789,780</b>	<b>(27,543,825)</b>	<b>3,531,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,777,390</b>

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>				
	<b>Contributed Equity</b>	<b>Accumulated Losses</b>	<b>Share Based Payment Reserve</b>	<b>Foreign Currency Translation Reserve</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2015</b>	<b>22,636,442</b>	<b>(21,186,664)</b>	<b>2,513,228</b>	<b>242,662</b>	<b>4,205,668</b>
Loss for the year	-	(1,855,429)	-	-	(1,855,429)
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	10,790	10,790
<b>Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,855,429)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,790</b>	<b>(1,844,639)</b>
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>					
Share based payments	-	-	183,330	-	183,330
	-	-	183,330	-	183,330
<b>Balance at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>22,636,442</b>	<b>(23,042,093)</b>	<b>2,696,558</b>	<b>253,452</b>	<b>2,544,359</b>

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

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Note	CONSOLIDATED	
		2016	2015
		\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(947,917)	(730,177)
Payments for exploration expenditure		(3,695,674)	(1,853,916)
R&D tax refunds received		926,955	511,308
Interest received		65,764	103,581
<b>Net cash (outflow) from operating activities</b>	19	<b>(3,650,872)</b>	<b>(1,969,204)</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>			
Payment for plant and equipment		-	(3,416)
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment		-	5,782
<b>Net cash inflow from investing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>2,366</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>			
Proceeds from issue of shares		8,264,880	-
Capital raising costs		(364,350)	-
<b>Net cash inflow from financing activities</b>		<b>7,900,530</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held</b>		<b>4,249,658</b>	<b>(1,966,838)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,218,072	4,184,803
Differences in foreign exchange		(89)	107
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	4	<b>6,467,641</b>	<b>2,218,072</b>

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

**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**Basis of Preparation**

These financial statements are general-purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Carbine Resources Limited is a listed public company, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial statements, comprising the financial statements and notes thereto also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards 'IFRS'. The presentation currency of the Group is Australian Dollars. Functional Currency is determined and discussed in the following accounting policy.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding half-year reporting period unless otherwise stated. The comparatives have been regrouped or reclassified as required.

**Historical cost convention**

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, with the exception of certain financial assets at fair value.

**(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

**(b) Income Tax**

The charge for current income tax expenses is based on the profit for the year adjusted for any non-assessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or are substantively enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date.

Deferred tax is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or liability is settled. Deferred tax is credited in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income except where it relates to items that may be credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is adjusted directly against equity.

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Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future tax profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the Group will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions or deductibility imposed by the law.

**(c) Mineral Exploration and Evaluation and Development Expenditure**

The Group, when acquiring exploration and evaluation assets will carry those projects at acquisition value in the Statement of Financial Position, less any subsequent impairment.

All exploration and evaluation expenditure within an area of interest will be expensed until the Directors conclude that the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable and that future economic benefits are probable, further expenditure is capitalised.

No amortisation is charged during the exploration and evaluation phase. Amortisation is charged on commencement of commercial production. Exploration and evaluation assets are tested for impairment annually or when there is an indication of impairment, until commercially viable material resources are established. Upon establishment of commercially viable mineral resources exploration and evaluation assets are tested for impairment when there is an indicator of impairment. Subsequently the assets are stated at cost less impairment provision.

**(d) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

**Depreciation**

The depreciation amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the Group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

<u>Class of Fixed Asset</u>	<u>Depreciation Rate</u>
Furniture & Equipment	20% - 33%
Motor vehicle	33%
Patenting, Licensing, Software	33%

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The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each Statement of Financial Position date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

**(e) Impairment of Assets**

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying values of tangible assets and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the profit or loss.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

**(f) Employee Benefits**

A provision is made for the Group's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

**(g) Financial Instruments**

At present, the Group does not undertake any hedging or deal in derivative instruments other than the unquoted options in Boss Resources Ltd detailed in note 9.

**Recognition**

The group classifies its financial assets in the following categories:

- financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
- loans and receivables
- held-to-maturity investments; and
- available-for-sale financial assets.

The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and, in the case of assets classified as held-to-maturity, re-evaluates this designation at the end of each reporting date.

The Group recognises receivables on the date that they are originated. All other financial assets are recognised initially on the trade date at which the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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Financial assets are classified based on the objective of the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and the characteristics of the contractual cash flows.

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual cash flows from the asset expires, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows such that substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred.

*Loans and Receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the reporting period which are classified as non-current assets.

Loans and receivables are included in trade and other receivables (note 5) in the Statement of Financial Position.

*Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term. Derivatives are classified as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are expected to be settled within 12 months; otherwise they are classified as non-current.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value which includes transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. They are measured subsequently at fair value with movements in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Profit or loss arising on the sale of equity investments is recognised in profit or loss unless the election has been made to recognise fair value movements in other comprehensive income, in which case the profit or loss on sale is also recognised in other comprehensive income.

*Impairment*

Impairment losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in profit or loss.

*Held-to-maturity investments*

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets quoted in an active market with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the group's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. Held-to-maturity financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those with maturities less than 12 months from the end of the reporting period, which would be classified as current assets.

*Available-for-sale financial assets*

Available-for-sale financial assets, comprising principally marketable equity securities, are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are included in non-current assets unless the investment matures or management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the end of the reporting period. Investments are designated as available-for-sale if they do not have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments and management intends to hold them for the medium to long term.

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**Financial Liabilities**

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

**Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities**

The Group measures some of its assets and liabilities at fair value on either a recurring or non-recurring basis, depending on the requirements of the applicable Accounting Standard.

Fair value is the price the Group would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (ie unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (ie the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at the end of the reporting period (ie the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset or minimises the payments made to transfer the liability, after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The fair value of liabilities and the entity's own equity instruments (excluding those related to share-based payment arrangements) may be valued, where there is no observable market price in relation to the transfer of such financial instruments, by reference to observable market information where such instruments are held as assets. Where this information is not available, other valuation techniques are adopted and, where significant, are detailed in the respective note to the financial statements.

*Valuation techniques*

In the absence of an active market for an identical asset or liability, the Group selects and uses one or more valuation techniques to measure the fair value of the asset or liability. The Group selects a valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value. The availability of sufficient and relevant data primarily depends on the specific characteristics of the asset or liability being measured. The valuation techniques selected by the Group are consistent with one or more of the following valuation approaches:

- Market approach: valuation techniques that use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities.
- Income approach: valuation techniques that convert estimated future cash flows or income and expenses into a single discounted present value.

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- Cost approach: valuation techniques that reflect the current replacement cost of an asset at its current service capacity.

Each valuation technique requires inputs that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risks. When selecting a valuation technique, the Group gives priority to those techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs that are developed using market data (such as publicly available information on actual transactions) and reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would generally use when pricing the asset or liability are considered observable, whereas inputs for which market data is not available and therefore are developed using the best information available about such assumptions are considered unobservable.

*Fair value hierarchy*

AASB 13 requires the disclosure of fair value information by level of the fair value hierarchy, which categorises fair value measurements into one of three possible levels based on the lowest level that an input that is significant to the measurement can be categorised into as follows:

Level 1

Measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2

Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data. If all significant inputs required to measure fair value are observable, the asset or liability is included in Level 2. If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

The Group would change the categorisation within the fair value hierarchy only in the following circumstances:

- i. if a market that was previously considered active (Level 1) became inactive (Level 2 or Level 3) or vice versa; or
- ii. if significant inputs that were previously unobservable (Level 3) became observable (Level 2) or vice versa.

When a change in the categorisation occurs, the Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy (ie transfers into and out of each level of the fair value hierarchy) on the date the event or change in circumstances occurred.

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**(h) Trade Receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest methods, less provision for impairment. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. An allowance amount (provision for impairment of trade receivables) is used when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments (more than 30 days overdue) are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the impairment allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Cash flows relating to short-term receivables are not discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance amount. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in profit and loss.

**(i) Revenue Recognition**

Revenue from the sale of goods and disposal of other assets is recognised when the Group has passed control of the goods or other assets to the buyer. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

**(j) Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate all of the assets, liabilities and results of the parent (Carbine Resources Limited) and all of the subsidiaries. Subsidiaries are entities the parent controls. The parent controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. A list of the subsidiaries is provided in Note 23.

The assets, liabilities and results of all subsidiaries are fully consolidated into the financial statements of the Group from the date on which control is obtained by the Group. The consolidation of a subsidiary is discontinued from the date that control ceases. Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains or losses on transactions between Group entities are fully eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed and adjustments made where necessary to ensure uniformity of the accounting policies adopted by the Group.

Equity interests in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the Group are presented as "non controlling interests". The Group initially recognises non-controlling interests that are present ownership interests in subsidiaries and are entitled to a proportionate share of the subsidiary's net assets on liquidation at either fair value or at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the subsidiary's net assets. Subsequent to initial recognition, non-controlling interests are attributed their share of profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income. Non-controlling interests are shown separately within the equity section of the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

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**(k) Foreign Currency Translation**

*Functional and presentation currency*

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Carbine Resources Limited's functional and presentation currency. The functional currency of Carbine Resources SARL is the West African CFA franc.

*Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, except when they are deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges.

*Group companies*

The results and financial position of all the Group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities for each Statement of Financial Position presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that Statement of Financial Position;
- income and expenses for each Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income are translated at average exchange rates (unless this is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions); and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of any net investment in foreign entities, and of borrowings and other financial instruments designated as hedges of such investments, are taken to Shareholders' equity. When a foreign operation is sold or any borrowings forming part of the net investment are repaid, a proportionate share of such exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, as part of the gain or loss on sale where applicable.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entities and translated at the closing rate.

**(l) Earnings Per Share**

*Basic earnings per share*

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is calculated as net profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Group divided by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.

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*Diluted earnings per share*

Diluted EPS earnings is calculated by adjusting the basic EPS earnings for the after tax effect of financing costs and the effect of conversion to ordinary shares associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares, rather than including the notional earnings on the funds that would have been received by the entity had the potential ordinary shares been converted.

The diluted EPS weighted average number of shares includes the number of ordinary shares assumed to be issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares, rather than the total number of dilutive potential ordinary shares. The number of ordinary shares assumed to be issued for no consideration represents the difference between the number that would have been issued at the exercise price and the number that would have been issued at the average price.

The identification of dilutive potential ordinary shares is based on net profit or loss from continuing operations, and is applied on a cumulative basis, taking into account the incremental earnings and incremental number of shares for each series of potential ordinary share.

**(m) Leases**

The determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

Finance leases, which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item, are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are recognised as an expense in profit or loss.

Capitalised leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Group will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income as an integral part of the total lease expense.

**(n) Share-Based Payment Transactions**

The Company provides benefits to employees (including Directors) of the Company in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares ('equity-settled transactions').

The plans currently in place to provide these benefits are the Employee Option Plan and the Performance Rights Plan, both of which are detailed in note 18.

The cost of these equity-settled transactions with Directors and employees is measured by reference to the fair value at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined using an appropriate option pricing model.

In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any performance conditions. The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the

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period in which the performance conditions are fulfilled, ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award ('vesting date'). The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until vesting date reflects (i) the extent to which the vesting period has expired and (ii) the number of awards that, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, will ultimately vest.

This opinion is formed based on the best available information at balance date. No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest. Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. In addition, an expense is recognised for any increase in the value of the transaction as a result of the modification, as measured at the date of modification.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award, and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new award are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph. The dilutive effect, if any, of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of earnings per share.

**(o) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the Statement of Financial Position date. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

**(p) Contributed Equity**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Issued and paid up capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Group.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

**(q) Other taxes**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST and VAT except:

- when the GST or VAT incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST or VAT is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- receivables and payables, which are stated with the amount of GST or VAT included.

The net amount of GST or VAT recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivable or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

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Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flow on a gross basis and the GST and VAT components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST or VAT recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

**(r) New and amended standards adopted by the group**

The Group has applied the following standard and amendments for first time in the annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2016:

▪ *AASB 2014-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards*

AASB 2014-1 Part A: This standard sets out amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the issuance by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) *Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010–2012 Cycle* and *Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011–2013 Cycle*.

Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010–2012 Cycle addresses the following items:

- ▶ AASB 2 - Clarifies the definition of 'vesting conditions' and 'market condition' and introduces the definition of 'performance condition' and 'service condition'.
- ▶ AASB 3 - Clarifies the classification requirements for contingent consideration in a business combination by removing all references to AASB 137.
- ▶ AASB 8 - Requires entities to disclose factors used to identify the entity's reportable segments when operating segments have been aggregated. An entity is also required to provide a reconciliation of total reportable segment assets to the entity's total assets.
- ▶ AASB 116 & AASB 138 - Clarifies that the determination of accumulated depreciation does not depend on the selection of the valuation technique and that it is calculated as the difference between the gross and net carrying amounts.
- ▶ AASB 124 - Defines a management entity providing KMP services as a related party of the reporting entity. The amendments added an exemption from the detailed disclosure requirements in paragraph 17 of AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures for KMP services provided by a management entity. Payments made to a management entity in respect of KMP services should be separately disclosed.

None of the new standards and amendments to standards that are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 January 2016 affected any of the amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period, although it caused minor changes to the Group's disclosures.

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**(s) New accounting standards for Application in Future Periods**

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations issued by the AASB which are not yet mandatorily applicable to the Group have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. Those which may be relevant to the Group are set out below. The Group does not plan to adopt these standards early.

- *AASB 9 Financial Instruments* and associated Amending Standards (applicable for annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2018)

The Standard will be applicable retrospectively (subject to the comment on hedge accounting below) and includes revised requirements for the classification and measurement of financial instruments, revised recognition and derecognition requirements for financial instruments and simplified requirements for hedge accounting.

Key changes made to this standard that may affect the Group on initial application include certain simplifications to the classification of financial assets, simplifications to the accounting of embedded derivatives, and the irrevocable election to recognise gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income.

Although the directors anticipate that the adoption of AASB 9 may have an impact on the Group's financial instruments it is impractical at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

- *AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (applicable to annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2018).

When effective, this Standard will replace the current accounting requirements applicable to revenue with a single, principles-based model. Except for a limited number of exceptions, including leases, the new revenue model in AASB 15 will apply to all contracts with customers as well as non-monetary exchanges between entities in the same line of business to facilitate sales to customers and potential customers.

The core principle of the Standard is that an entity will recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for the goods or services. To achieve this objective, AASB 15 provides the following five-step process:

- identify the contract(s) with a customer;
- identify the performance obligations in the contract(s);
- determine the transaction price;
- allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract(s); and
- recognise revenue when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied.

This Standard will require retrospective restatement, as well as enhanced disclosures regarding revenue.

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Although the directors anticipate that the adoption of AASB 15 may have an impact on the Group's financial statements, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

- IFRS 16: *Leases* applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

IFRS 16 requires that lessees recognize assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a net present value basis. The directors anticipate this will have an impact on the financial statements but at this stage are unable to quantify the impact.

- *Other standards not yet applicable*

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that would be expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

**(t) Segment reporting**

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Board of Directors of Carbine Resources Limited.

A business segment is a Group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different to those of other business segments. A geographical segment is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment and is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

**(u) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Group.

*Share based payments*

The cost of share-based payments to employees is measured by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value of share options granted is determined using the Black-Scholes model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. The fair value of performance rights granted is equal to the share price at the grant date, less any discount required to reflect any market based vesting conditions. Performance rights with performance based vesting conditions are expensed over expected vesting periods based on the board's best estimate of the number of Performance Rights expected to vest. Refer to Note 18 for further details.

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*Exploration and Evaluation*

All acquisition costs and subsequent exploration and evaluation expenditure for areas of interest of the Group have been fully expensed.

*Deferred Taxation*

No deferred tax assets or deferred tax liabilities are currently brought to account by the Group because there is insufficient certainty that the Group will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable any income tax benefits to be realised and comply with the conditions for assessable income or allowable deductions imposed by the law.

*R&D Tax rebate*

During the year, the Group received a R&D tax rebate of \$926,955 (2015: \$511,308). This has been classified as other income. No asset is recognised at 31 December 2016 for future expected R&D tax rebates because they do not meet recognition criteria for relevant assets, and they are out of the scope of the definition of government grants.

*Disposal group*

The Group disposed of controlled subsidiary Carbine Resources SARL during 2016. Consequently, the entire assets and liabilities of Carbine Resources SARL constituted a disposal group at 31 December 2016. As the carrying amount of the disposal group was not expected to be recovered principally through a sale transaction, no separate balances for the disposal group are presented in the Statement of Financial Position. Relevant disclosures are presented in note 26. As the disposal group met the definition of a discontinued operation, per AASB 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations* Appendix A, during 2016, relevant balances are separately disclosed in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and the previously recognised foreign currency translation reserve balance has been derecognised.

*Fair value measurement of financial assets*

When determining fair values of assets or liabilities, the Group applies valuation techniques that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the assets or liabilities, including assumptions about risks. When selecting valuation techniques, the Group gives priority to techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs.

For this reason, the options over shares in Boss Resources Limited, described in note 9, were valued using the Black-Scholes formula based on observable market data, enabling them to be level 2 financial instruments as described in note 20.

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**2. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>(a) Revenue from continuing operations</b>		
Interest revenue	63,703	89,812
	<u>63,703</u>	<u>89,812</u>
<b>(b) Other income</b>		
R&D tax rebate	926,955	511,308
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	-	5,681
Guarantee fee received	-	154,900
Fair value increase in financial assets	35,800	219,500
	<u>962,755</u>	<u>891,389</u>
<b>(c) Depreciation</b>		
Plant and equipment	(1,611)	(16,236)
<b>(d) Employee, director and consultant expenses</b>		
Superannuation expenses	(83,647)	(8,819)
Other expenses	(1,097,118)	(399,853)
Total employee, director and consultant expenses	<u>(1,180,765)</u>	<u>(408,672)</u>
<b>(e) General and administration expenses</b>		
Operating lease - rental	(63,000)	(36,000)
Administration fees	(120,000)	(120,000)
Other expenses	(477,284)	(380,135)
Total general and administrative expenses	<u>(660,284)</u>	<u>(536,135)</u>

**3. INCOME TAX**

The components of income tax benefit/(expense) comprise:

Current tax	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-
Income tax benefit/(expense) reported in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The prima facie tax on (loss) before income tax is reconciled to the income tax as follows:

Accounting loss before income tax	(4,501,732)	(1,855,429)
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Amount calculated on the domestic rates applicable to profits or losses in the countries concerned at the Group's weighted average effective rate of 30.4%. (2015: 38.1%)

Temporary differences	(1,369,525)	(706,152)
Tax effect of expenses that are never deductible for tax purposes	272,644	270,234
Unrecognised DTA losses	251,668	55,638
Utilisation of carried forward tax losses	845,213	380,280
Income tax attributable to the Group	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Tax assets not brought to account, the benefits of which will only be realised if the conditions for deductibility set out in Note 1(b) occur

7,080,531	8,859,296
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**3. INCOME TAX (Continued)**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Deferred tax assets/ (losses)		
- temporary differences	42,084	(57,007)
- tax losses (operating losses)	3,485,968	5,363,824
- tax losses (capital losses)	3,552,479	3,552,479
	<u>7,080,531</u>	<u>8,859,296</u>

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised as it is not considered probable at this stage that they will be recovered. The statutory income tax rates within Australia and Burkina Faso are 30% (2015: 30%) and 22.5% (2015: 22.5%) respectively.

**4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**Reconciliation of Cash**

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Cash at bank	6,467,541	2,213,322
Petty Cash	100	4,750
	<u>6,467,641</u>	<u>2,218,072</u>

The effective interest rate on short term bank deposits was 2.47% (2015: 2.54%)

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk is discussed at Note 20. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents mentioned above.

**5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

Net GST refundable	34,994	12,031
VAT receivable	-	-
Opening balance of impairment of VAT receivable	-	(879,804)
Decrease in impairment of VAT receivable	-	5,652
Write off of VAT receivable	-	874,152
Other receivable	5,212	9,473
	<u>40,206</u>	<u>21,504</u>

As at 31 December 2016 the Group had VAT receivable in Burkina Faso of \$nil following disposal of Burkina Faso subsidiaries (2015: \$nil). The VAT was recoverable against generation of revenue for which the Group was required to remit VAT. The Group determined that it was not probable that it would generate this revenue and the whole of the fully impaired VAT receivable was and written off in 2015. No other receivables are past due or impaired.

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**5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)**

Due to the short term nature of the receivables, their carrying value is assumed to approximate their fair value. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period is the total mentioned above. Further details on the Group's risk management policy can be found at note 20.

**6. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Prepayments	9,301	9,058
	9,301	9,058

**7. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>			
	<b>Furniture &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>Patent, Licensing, Software</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Year ended 31 December 2016</b>				
Opening net book value	4,083	-	-	4,083
Additions	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for the year	(1,611)	-	-	(1,611)
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Closing net book value	2,472	-	-	2,472
<b>At 31 December 2016</b>				
Cost	4,830	-	-	4,830
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(2,358)	-	-	(2,358)
Net book value	2,472	-	-	2,472
<b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>				
Opening net book value	9,659	-	7,423	17,082
Additions	3,416	-	-	3,416
Foreign exchange	(41)	-	(37)	(78)
Depreciation charge for the year	(8,850)	-	(7,386)	(16,236)
Disposals	(101)	-	-	(101)
Closing net book value	4,083	-	-	4,083
<b>At 31 December 2015</b>				
Cost	15,669	-	-	15,669
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(11,586)	-	-	(11,586)
Net book value	4,083	-	-	4,083

During 2016, fully depreciated Furniture and Equipment with a cost of \$10,839 was written off

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**8. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE**

Exploration expenditure – costs carried forward in respect of areas of interest in:

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Carrying amount at beginning of year	-	-
Carrying amount of sold mineral exploration interests	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of year	-	-
Exploration and evaluation incurred	3,104,105	1,692,257
Exploration costs expensed	(3,104,105)	(1,692,257)
	-	-

**9. FINANCIAL ASSETS**

Term deposit held as a security bond	50,000	50,000
Value of 10,000,000 unquoted share options in Boss Resources Ltd (ASX Code: BOE) (Boss) at start of the year	374,400	-
Value of 10,000,000 unquoted share options in Boss Resources Ltd (ASX Code: BOE) (Boss) received as a guarantee fee at the grant date	-	154,900
Increase in value of 10,000,000 Boss options to year end	35,800	219,500
Total non-current financial assets at fair value	460,200	424,400

On 1 September 2015 Boss Resources Ltd (Boss) issued to the Group 10 million unquoted share options exercisable at \$0.02 each by 31 August 2018. These options were issued to the Group in consideration for the Group guaranteeing the payment by Boss of a payment of \$2,521,666.

All current financial assets and term deposits have been valued based on quoted (unadjusted) market values and are therefore Tier 1 measured financial assets.

The options in Boss, classified as non-current, have been valued based on the observable inputs detailed above, where all these observable inputs are based on market data, and are therefore classified as Tier 2 financial assets. The Black-Scholes valuation model has been used which reflects assumptions that buyers or sellers of unquoted share options in Boss would generally use. At 1 September 2015, these options were valued at \$0.01549 each for a total value of \$154,900, based on a Black-Scholes valuation with no dividends, a term of 3 years, an exercise price of \$0.02, a grant date share price of \$0.022, a volatility of 115% and a risk free interest rate of 1.76%pa. The full value of \$154,900 was recognised by the Group as other income at the grant date.

At year end, these options were revalued at \$0.04102 each (2015: \$0.03744 each) for a total value of \$410,200 (2015: \$374,400), based on a Black-Scholes valuation with no dividends, an expiry date of 31 August 2018, an exercise price of \$0.02, a share price at 31 December 2016 of \$0.057 (2015: \$0.047), a volatility of 91% (2015: 117%), and a risk free interest rate of 1.86%pa (2015: 2.03%). The increment in value of \$35,800 (2015: \$219,500) was recognised by the Group as other income.

There have been no transfers between measurement levels during the year and currently no other assets in any other categories.

The Group's exposure to credit, equity market and interest rate risks related to financial assets is disclosed in Note 20.

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**10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLE - CURRENT**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Trade payables – unsecured	130,022	83,812
Other payables and accruals – unsecured	45,061	48,946
Total trade and other payables	<u>175,083</u>	<u>132,758</u>

Information about the Group's exposure to foreign exchange risk is provided in Note 20.

**11. PROVISIONS**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Annual leave provision	27,347	-
Total provisions	<u>27,347</u>	<u>-</u>

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**12. ISSUED CAPITAL**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>			
	<b>2016</b>		<b>2015</b>	
<i>(a) Ordinary shares fully paid</i>	<b>No. of Shares</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>No. of Shares</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance at beginning of year	140,017,394	22,636,442	140,017,394	22,636,442
Placement to GR Engineering	12,500,000	750,000	-	-
Shares issued to GR Engineering for payment of services	1,170,000	124,591	-	-
New director placement	3,333,333	500,000	-	-
Placement to sophisticated and institutional investors	35,000,000	7,000,000	-	-
Shares issued to GR Engineering for payment of services	716,726	128,217	-	-
Shares issued on exercise of share options	300,000	14,880	-	-
Costs of capital raising	-	(364,350)	-	-
Balance at end of year	<u>193,037,453</u>	<u>30,789,780</u>	<u>140,017,394</u>	<u>22,636,442</u>

Fully paid ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and to one vote per share.

*(b) Options*

Options granted, exercised or forfeited during the year, and on issue at balance date are as follows.

<b>Date and details of grant/exercise/forfeit</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>No. of Options</b>	<b>Exercise Price</b>
Issued options opening balance	27,000,000	Various
Options granted in the year	-	-
Options exercised	(300,000)	\$0.0496
Options expired	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>26,700,000</u>	

Further details are disclosed in note 18.

*(b) Performance rights*

Performance rights granted, exercised or forfeited during the year, and on issue at balance date are as follows.

<b>Date and details of grant/exercise/forfeit</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>No. of Options</b>	<b>Exercise Price</b>
Issued performance rights opening balance	-	-
Performance rights granted in the year	18,000,000	-
Performance rights lapsed or expired	(1,125,000)	-
Performance rights converted	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>16,875,000</u>	

1,575,000 performance rights vested during the year but were converted after year ended. Further details are disclosed in note 18.

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**13. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

**(a) Basic earnings per share**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Basic (loss) per share (cents per share)	(2.66)	(1.33)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculation of basic (loss) per share	169,378,221	140,017,394
Net loss used in the calculation of basic (loss) per share	(4,501,732)	(1,855,429)

**(b) Diluted earnings per share**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Diluted (loss) per share (cents per share)	(2.66)	(1.33)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculation of diluted (loss) per share	169,378,221	140,017,394
Net (loss) used in the calculation of diluted (loss) per share	(4,501,732)	(1,855,429)

Due to the Group being in a loss position, options and performance rights are considered anti-dilutive and therefore earnings per share are not diluted by unexercised options.

**(c) Basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Basic earnings per share (cents per share) from continuing operations	(2.81)	(1.29)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculation of basic earnings per share from continuing operations	169,378,221	140,017,394
Net loss used in the calculation of basic earnings per share from continuing operations	(4,755,184)	(1,803,841)

Due to the continuing operations being in a loss position, options and performance rights are considered anti-dilutive and therefore earnings per share are not diluted by unexercised options and performance rights. Consequently both the weighted number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year and net loss used in calculating the diluted (loss) per share from continuing operations is equal to these parameters as used in the calculation of basic (loss) per share.

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**14. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Remuneration of Auditor of the Company:	26,126	24,538
	<u>26,126</u>	<u>24,538</u>

**15. SEGMENT REPORTING**

The Board of Directors, which is the chief operating decision maker, has determined the operating segments based on geographical location. The Group has two reportable segments; namely, Australia and Burkina Faso (West Africa) (for 2015 only), which are the Group's strategic business units.

The Australian segment incorporates the Group's mineral exploration and evaluation in Australia along with head office and treasury functions, while the West African segment incorporated mineral exploration in Burkina Faso in 2015. The entire West African segment is reflected in the accounts of subsidiary Carbine Resources SARL, and is disclosed as a discontinued operation in note 26.

Transactions between the segments are recognised in the inter-entity loan account which is interest free, repayable on demand and denominated in Australian dollars. As the segment information is presented internally to the Board of Directors within consolidated financial reports, various inter-segment eliminations have been incorporated in this disclosure to be consistent with measures reported to the Board. Consequently there are no inter-segment reconciling items.

**Other segment information**

*(i) Segment revenue*

Sales between segments are carried out at arm's length and are eliminated on consolidation. The revenue from external parties reported to the Board of Directors is measured in a manner consistent with that in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Segment revenue reconciles to total revenue from continuing operations as shown in the below table.

*(ii) Accounting Profit or Loss*

The Board of Directors assess the performance of the operating segments based on comparing exploration results against the working capital and other financial resources needed to achieve those results. Consequently, the relevant measure of profit or loss reported to the Board of Directors is the profit or loss calculated in accordance with current Australian accounting standards. The profit or loss calculated in accordance with current Australian accounting standards is the most appropriate measure as current Australian accounting standards fairly present relevant information. Interest income and expenditure of the parent entity are allocated to the Australian segment, and not left as a reconciling item, as interest revenue forms at least 25% of external revenue.

*(iii) Segment assets*

The amounts provided to the Board of Directors with respect to total assets are measured in a manner consistent with that of the financial statements. These assets are allocated based on the operations of the segment and the physical location of the asset.

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**15. SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)**

*(iv) Segment liabilities*

The amounts provided to the Board of Directors with respect to total liabilities are measured in a manner consistent with that of the financial statements. These liabilities are allocated based on the operations of the segment and the location of the legal entity that incurred any legal liability.

<b>2016</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>West Africa – disposal group (note 26)</b>	<b>Reconciling items</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest revenue	63,703	-	-	63,703
Other revenue	-	-	-	-
Total segment revenue	<u>63,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,703</u>
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	-	-
External revenue	<u>63,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,703</u>
Other income	962,755	-	-	962,755
Total expenses	<u>(5,781,642)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,781,642)</u>
Accounting profit / (loss) before income tax	<u>(4,755,184)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,755,184)</u>
Income tax benefit	-	-	-	-
Accounting profit / (loss) after income tax	<u>(4,755,184)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,755,184)</u>
Total expenses include				
Depreciation	(1,611)	-	-	(1,611)
Exploration and evaluation expenses	(3,104,105)	-	-	(3,104,105)
Share based payments	(834,877)	-	-	(834,877)
Total segment assets	6,979,820	-	-	6,979,820
Total segment liabilities	<u>(202,430)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(202,430)</u>
Segment net assets	<u>6,777,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,777,390</u>

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**15. SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)**

<b>2015</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>West Africa – disposal group (note 26)</b>	<b>Reconciling items</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest revenue	89,812	-	-	89,812
Other revenue	-	-	-	-
Total segment revenue	<u>89,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,812</u>
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	-	-
External revenue	<u>89,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,812</u>
Other income	885,708	5,681	-	891,389
Total expenses	<u>(2,779,361)</u>	<u>(66,277)</u>	<u>9,008</u>	<u>(2,836,630)</u>
Accounting profit / (loss) before income tax	<u>(1,803,841)</u>	<u>(60,596)</u>	<u>9,008</u>	<u>(1,855,429)</u>
Income tax benefit	-	-	-	-
Accounting profit / (loss) after income tax	<u>(1,803,841)</u>	<u>(60,596)</u>	<u>9,008</u>	<u>(1,855,429)</u>
Total expenses include				
Depreciation	(695)	(15,541)	-	(16,236)
Exploration and evaluation expenses	(1,641,522)	(50,735)	-	(1,692,257)
Share based payments	(183,330)	-	-	(183,330)
Total segment assets	2,662,708	14,409	-	2,677,117
Total segment liabilities	<u>(118,349)</u>	<u>(14,409)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(132,758)</u>
Segment net assets	<u>2,544,359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,544,359</u>

**16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES**

Kingslane Pty Ltd and associated entities (Kingslane) is a substantial shareholder in the Company and held 10,428,749 ordinary shares in the Company at 31 December 2016. Entities controlled by Kingslane received \$63,000 (2015: \$36,000) during the year for office rent.

Konkera Corporate, a related party of Kingslane Pty Ltd, received \$120,000 (2015: \$120,000) during the year for accounting and administrative services. Kingslane and Konkera Corporate are related parties of non-executive director Evan Cranston.

All related party transactions are on normal arms' length terms.

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**17. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES**

The following people have been designated as Key Management Personnel for the year:

- Mr Anthony James – Managing Director (appointed 13 April 2016)
- Mr Tom Bahen – Non-Executive Director (resigned 13 April 2016)
- Mr Graham Brock – Non-Executive Director (appointed 13 April 2016)
- Mr Evan Cranston – Non-Executive Director
- Mr Stephen Dobson – Non-Executive Director (resigned 13 April 2016)
- Mr John Fitzgerald – Non-Executive Chairman (appointed 13 April 2016)
- Ms Oonagh Malone – Company Secretary
- Mr Patrick Walta – Executive Director (resigned 13 April 2016)

**Remuneration by Category**

**Key Management Personnel**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Short-term	589,874	376,600
Post-employment	32,833	8,818
Share-based payment	582,967	183,330
	<hr/> 1,205,674	<hr/> 568,748

**Loans to Key Management Personnel**

There were no loans to Key Management Personnel during the year and no balance outstanding at year end.

**Other transactions and balances with Key Management Personnel**

Former executive director Mr Patrick Walta is a director and shareholder of Raging Bull Mining Pty Ltd (RBM). Before his appointment as a director in 2014, the Group acquired from RBM a 75% shareholding in Raging Bull Metals Pty Ltd (RBT) as described in note 23. RBM retained a 25% shareholding in RBT with the potential to receive the further consideration described in note 23.

There were no other transactions with Key Management Personnel (other than those disclosed in Notes 16, 18 and 24).

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**18. SHARED BASED PAYMENTS**

(a) Employee Option Plan

The Employee Share Option Plan is used to reward the Directors and employees for their performance and to align their remuneration with the creation of shareholder wealth. There are no performance requirements to be met before exercise can take place. The Plan is designed to provide long-term incentives to deliver long-term shareholder returns. Participation in the Plan is at the discretion of the Board and no individual has a contractual right to participate in the plan or to receive any guaranteed benefits. The issue of options is not linked to performance conditions because by setting the option price at a level above the current share price at the time the options are granted, provides incentive for management to improve the Company's performance.

The terms and conditions of each grant of Plan options on issue during the year are as follows:

<b>Grant date</b>	<b>Date vested and exercisable</b>	<b>Expiry date</b>	<b>Exercise price</b>	<b>Value per option at grant date</b>
14 November 2014	Vesting on issue	17 November 2017	\$0.0496	\$0.00988
14 November 2014	Vesting on issue	17 November 2017	\$0.10	\$0.00568
17 November 2014	Vesting on issue	17 November 2017	\$0.0496	\$0.00986
17 November 2014	Vesting on issue	17 November 2017	\$0.10	\$0.00566
7 July 2015	Vesting on issue	7 July 2018	\$0.06	\$0.02686
7 July 2015	Vesting on issue	7 July 2018	\$0.10	\$0.02226
26 October 2015	Vesting on issue	26 October 2018	\$0.0886	\$0.03244
26 October 2015	Vesting on issue	26 October 2018	\$0.124	\$0.02809

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**18. SHARED BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)**

Grant Date 2016	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Balance at start of the year Number	Granted during the year Number	Value at grant date \$	Exercised during the year Number	Expired during the year Number	Balance at end of the year Number	Vested and exercisable at end of the year Number
<b>Consolidated and parent entity</b>									
14 November 2014	17 November 2017	\$0.0496	7,500,000	-	74,100	-	-	7,500,000	7,500,000
14 November 2014	17 November 2017	\$0.10	7,500,000	-	42,600	-	-	7,500,000	7,500,000
17 November 2014	17 November 2017	\$0.0496	2,500,000	-	24,650	(300,000)	-	2,200,000	2,200,000
17 November 2014	17 November 2017	\$0.10	2,500,000	-	14,150	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
7 July 2015	7 July 2018	\$0.06	2,500,000	-	67,150	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
7 July 2015	7 July 2018	\$0.10	2,500,000	-	55,650	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
26 October 2015	26 October 2018	\$0.0886	1,000,000	-	32,440	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
26 October 2015	26 October 2018	\$0.124	1,000,000	-	28,090	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
			27,000,000	-	338,830	(300,000)	-	26,700,000	26,700,000
Weighted average exercise price (\$)			0.0781	-		0.0496	-	0.0784	0.0784

No options were forfeited during the year.

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**18. SHARED BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)**

The weighted average remaining contractual life of share options outstanding at the end of the year was 1.07 years (2015: 2.07 years).

The assessed fair values at grant date of options granted on 7 July 2015 were as detailed above. The fair values at grant date were determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. The volatility rate was 90%, the risk free interest rate was 1.91% and a 20% discount was applied for illiquidity. The share price at grant date was 6.0 cents per share. These options had a total value of \$122,800.

The assessed fair values at grant date of options granted on 26 October 2015 were as detailed above. The fair values at grant date were determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. The volatility rate was 92%, the risk free interest rate was 1.86% and a 20% discount was applied for illiquidity. The share price at grant date was 7.4 cents per share. These options had a total value of \$60,530.

The total value of options granted and vesting immediately during the year ended 31 December 2016 was \$nil (2015: \$183,220). No amount (2015: nil) has been expensed over the vesting period for options granted in previous years.

(b) Performance Rights Plan

The Company grants Performance Rights as part of the Company's long term incentive benefits to officers and other staff. The Performance Rights Plan was approved at the Annual General Meeting held on 31 May 2016 along with the issue of Performance Rights to Directors. Performance Rights entitle holders to the issue of fully paid ordinary shares in the Company if the Performance Rights meet any vesting conditions before expiry dates set for the performance rights. Performance Rights may lapse at the Board's discretion if holders cease being eligible participants.

The following numbers of each tranche of Performance rights were Granted to Directors on 31 May 2016 in the below Tranches with the initial milestone dates detailed. A further 5,000,000 Performance Rights were granted to staff whom the Company does not consider Key Management Personnel. Following the delayed achievement of the Tranche 1 Milestone, the Board decided on 31 January 2017 that only 75% of the Tranche 1 Performance Rights granted to Mr Anthony James and other staff would vest, but all Tranche 1 Performance Rights granted to other Directors lapsed without vesting.

<b>Performance Rights</b>	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Initial Milestone Date</b>
Tranche 1	ASX announcement of successful completion of a definitive feasibility study for the Mount Morgan Project.	30 September 2016
Tranche 2	ASX announcement of successful completion of the project funding arrangements for the Mount Morgan Project.	31 March 2017
Tranche 3	ASX announcement of successful completion of construction of the mine for the Mount Morgan Project.	31 December 2017
Tranche 4	ASX announcement of achievement of commercial production of the Mount Morgan Project	30 June 2018

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**18. SHARED BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)**

Recipient	Performance Rights Granted				
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 4	TOTAL
John Fitzgerald	300,000	700,000	400,000	600,000	<b>2,000,000</b>
Anthony James	1,350,000	3,150,000	1,800,000	2,700,000	<b>9,000,000</b>
Graham Brock	150,000	350,000	200,000	300,000	<b>1,000,000</b>
Evan Cranston	150,000	350,000	200,000	300,000	<b>1,000,000</b>
Other staff	750,000	1,750,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	<b>5,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,700,000</b>	<b>6,300,000</b>	<b>3,600,000</b>	<b>5,400,000</b>	<b>18,000,000</b>

The board has discretion to extend milestone dates provided that Performance Rights do not have a term of more than 5 years. The Performance Rights have been valued at \$0.16 each, being the share price at the grant date, and expensed over the expected vesting period. As all Performance Rights have performance based vesting conditions, the Performance rights are expensed over expected vesting periods based on the board's best estimate of the number of Performance Rights expected to vest. These expectations are revised by the board based on the best available information for each reporting date. The below table details the total values of remaining performance rights that did not lapse, but still may never vest, and amounts expensed during the year.

Recipient	Unlapsed Performance Rights Held at 31 December 2016				
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3	Tranche 4	TOTAL
John Fitzgerald	-	700,000	400,000	600,000	<b>1,700,000</b>
Anthony James	1,012,500	3,150,000	1,800,000	2,700,000	<b>8,662,500</b>
Graham Brock	-	350,000	200,000	300,000	<b>850,000</b>
Evan Cranston	-	350,000	200,000	300,000	<b>850,000</b>
Other staff	562,500	1,750,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	<b>4,812,500</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,575,000</b>	<b>6,300,000</b>	<b>3,600,000</b>	<b>5,400,000</b>	<b>16,875,000</b>
<b>Unexpensed amount for remaining Performance Rights that may never vest (\$)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>653,211</b>	<b>469,554</b>	<b>742,358</b>	<b>1,865,123</b>
<b>Amount expensed for 2016 (\$)</b>	<b>252,000</b>	<b>354,789</b>	<b>106,446</b>	<b>121,642</b>	<b>834,877</b>

Performance rights convert into ordinary shares after vesting conditions are met, with no further amounts payable. The weighted average expected term until the initial milestone dates for remaining performance rights was 0.86 years at 31 December 2016.

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**19. RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS WITH LOSS AFTER INCOME TAX**

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Loss after income tax	(4,755,184)	(1,855,429)
Add:		
- Depreciation	1,611	16,236
- Expenses paid through issue of shares to GR Engineering	252,808	-
- Share based payments	834,877	183,330
Deduct:		
- Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	-	5,681
Guarantee fee received	-	(154,900)
Fair value increase in financial assets	(35,800)	(219,500)
Changes in assets and liabilities during the year:		
Decrease in other current assets	(243)	7,753
Decrease in trade and other receivables	(18,702)	16,946
Increase in trade and other payables	42,325	31,280
Increase in provisions	27,347	-
Foreign exchange differences	89	(601)
Net cash used in operations	<u>(3,650,872)</u>	<u>(1,969,204)</u>

**20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**Financial Risk Management**

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise cash, short-term deposits and unquoted options.

The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the Group's operations. The Group has various other financial assets and liabilities such as trade receivables and trade payables, which arise directly from its operations. The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and equity market risk. The Board of Directors reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks as summarised below.

**Financial Risk**

The main risks the Group is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk, foreign exchange risk, equity market risk and credit risk.

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash at bank	<u>6,467,641</u>	<u>2,218,072</u>

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**20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

**Financial Asset**

The main risks the Group is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and equity market risk.

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	6,467,641	2,218,072
	<u>6,467,641</u>	<u>2,218,072</u>
<b>Other Current Financial Assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	40,206	21,504
	<u>40,206</u>	<u>21,504</u>
<b>Non-Current Financial Assets</b>		
Financial assets at fair value	460,200	424,400
	<u>460,200</u>	<u>424,400</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	175,083	132,758
	<u>175,083</u>	<u>132,758</u>

**Liquidity Risk and Liquidity Risk Management**

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of credit facilities or other fund raising initiatives.

The Group does not have major funding in place. However, the Group continuously monitors forecast and actual cash flows and the maturity profiles of financial assets and financial liabilities to manage its liquidity risk.

The Group has access to a credit card facility totalling \$50,000. The credit card facility may be drawn at any time and may be terminated by the bank without notice. At 31 December 2016, \$50,000 of this facility was available for use.

**Credit Risk**

Credit risk refers to the risk that counterparties will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Group. The Group has adopted the policy of only dealing with credit worthy counterparties and obtaining sufficient collateral or other security where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Group measures credit risk on a fair value basis.

Banks and Financial Institutions are chosen only if they are independently rated parties with a minimum rating of 'A'.

The Group does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any Group of counterparties having similar characteristics.

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**20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any provisions for losses, represents the economic entity's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral or other security obtained.

**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is managed with a mixture of fixed and floating rate debt. The Group's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate for each class of financial assets and financial liabilities is set out in the following table:

<b>2016</b>	<b>Weighted Average Interest Rate %</b>	<b>Floating Interest Rate \$</b>	<b>Fixed Interest Maturing in 1 Year or Less \$</b>	<b>Non-Interest Bearing \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	2.47	367,541	6,100,000	100	6,467,641
Receivables	-	-	-	40,206	40,206
Non current financial assets at fair value	0.29	-	50,000	410,200	460,200
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	0.89	(10,078)	-	(165,005)	(175,083)
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>357,463</b>	<b>6,150,000</b>	<b>285,501</b>	<b>6,792,964</b>

<b>2015</b>	<b>Weighted Average Interest Rate %</b>	<b>Floating Interest Rate \$</b>	<b>Fixed Interest Maturing in 1 Year or Less \$</b>	<b>Non-Interest Bearing \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	2.61	103,564	2,100,000	14,508	2,218,072
Receivables	-	-	-	21,504	21,504
Non current financial assets at fair value	0.35	-	50,000	374,400	424,400
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>					
Payables	-	-	-	(132,758)	(132,758)
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>103,564</b>	<b>2,150,000</b>	<b>277,654</b>	<b>2,531,218</b>

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**20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities to interest rate risk. The interest rate risk affects the valuation of the unquoted options in Boss included in the balance of Non-current financial assets at fair value because it is an observable market parameter for the Black-Scholes valuation.

2016	Carrying Amount	-1%		1%	
		Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	6,467,641	(64,676)	(64,676)	64,676	64,676
Trade receivables	40,206	-	-	-	-
Non-current financial assets at fair value	460,200	(2,500)	(2,500)	2,600	2,600
Trade payables	(175,083)	-	-	-	-
Total increase/(decrease)	<b>6,792,964</b>	<b>(67,176)</b>	<b>(67,176)</b>	<b>67,276</b>	<b>67,276</b>

2015	Carrying Amount	-1%		1%	
		Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	2,218,072	(22,181)	(22,181)	22,181	22,181
Trade receivables	21,504	-	-	-	-
Non-current financial assets at fair value	424,400	(2,100)	(2,100)	2,100	2,100
Trade payables	(132,758)	-	-	-	-
Total increase/(decrease)	<b>2,531,218</b>	<b>(24,281)</b>	<b>(24,281)</b>	<b>24,281</b>	<b>24,281</b>

**Price Risk**

The Group was exposed to equity security price risk due to 10,000,000 unquoted options over shares in Boss Resources Limited (Boss). These options were valued at acquisition on 1 September 2015 based on a share price for Boss of \$0.022 per share and revalued at each reporting date based on a closing share price for Boss of \$0.057 per share (2015: \$0.047 per share). The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Group's financial assets to Boss's share price at year end by showing the effects of increasing or decreasing the closing 31 December 2016 Boss share price by \$0.01 per share.

2016	Carrying Amount	+\$0.01		-\$0.01	
		Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Non-current unquoted options at fair value	410,200	94,300	94,300	(92,300)	(92,300)

2015	Carrying Amount	+\$0.01		-\$0.01	
		Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Non-current unquoted options at fair value	374,400	93,100	93,100	(86,400)	(86,400)

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**20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

The Group is not exposed to commodity price risk.

**Fair value of financial instruments**

The following tables detail the consolidated entity's fair values of financial instruments categorised by the following levels:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices)

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

<b>Consolidated – 2016</b>	<b>Level 1 \$</b>	<b>Level 2 \$</b>	<b>Level 3 \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<i>Assets</i>				
Unquoted share options	-	410,200	-	410,200
Ordinary shares	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>410,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>410,200</b>
<b>Consolidated - 2015</b>				
<i>Assets</i>				
Unquoted share options	-	374,400	-	374,400
Ordinary shares	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>374,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>374,400</b>

There were no transfers between levels during 2016 or 2015.

**Fair Value Estimation**

The carrying value less impairment provision of trade receivables and payables is a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to the short-term nature of trade receivables. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

**Unrecognised Financial Instruments**

The Group does not have any unrecognised financial instruments.

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**20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

**Foreign exchange risk**

Although the Group operates internationally, all material financial assets are denominated in the respective entity's functional currency. The functional currency of Carbine Resources SARL is West African CFA Francs (CFA). Therefore the Group's exposure to foreign exchange risk arising from currency exposures is limited to the transfer of funding from the Australian head office to some of its overseas operations and exposure to the currency fluctuations of United States Dollar (USD) denominated financial assets and financial liabilities and CFA denominated financial assets and financial liabilities. There were minimal foreign currency balances held at year end, at prior year end or during 2016, due to the discontinuation of Burkina Faso operations.

The Group's exposure to foreign currency risk at the end of the reporting period, expressed in Australian Dollar, was as follows:

	31 December 2016		31 December 2015	
	USD	CFA	USD	CFA
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	14,409
Trade receivables	-	-	-	-
Trade payables	-	-	(10,950)	(14,409)
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,950)</b>	<b>-</b>

Had the Australian dollar weakened/strengthened by 10% against the CFA with all other variables held constant, the Group's post-tax profit and equity would have been \$nil (2015: \$nil) higher or lower. Had the Australian dollar weakened/strengthened by 10% against the USD with all other variables held constant, the Group's post-tax profit and equity would have been \$nil (2015: \$1,095) lower or higher.

**Capital Management Risk**

Capital is defined as the wealth owned or employed in the Group. The Group's objectives when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may issue new shares and sell its financial assets held at fair value.

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**21. RESERVES**

(a) Share-Based Payment Reserve

This reserve records the value of options and shares provided as payment for services received.

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Movements</b>		
Opening balance	2,696,558	2,513,228
Amounts expensed for share based payments	834,877	183,330
Closing balance	3,531,435	2,696,558

(b) Foreign Currency Translation

Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign controlled entities are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a separate reserve within equity. The cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss when the net investment is disposed of.

<b>Movements</b>		
Opening balance	253,452	242,662
Foreign currency translation	(253,452)	10,790
Closing balance	-	253,452
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>3,531,435</b>	<b>2,950,010</b>

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**22. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Operating Lease Commitments**

Non-Cancellable operating leases contracted for but not recognised in the financial statements:

	<b>CONSOLIDATED</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Operating Lease Commitments</b>		
Due within 1 year	36,000	18,000
Due greater than 1 year and less than 5	-	-
Total	36,000	18,000

The administrative services agreement contracted for but not recognised in the financial statements:

**Administrative Services Commitments**

Due within 1 year	120,000	120,000
Due greater than 1 year and less than 5	-	-
Total	120,000	120,000

Executive services agreements contracted for but not recognised in the financial statements:

**Executive Services Commitments**

Due within 1 year	150,000	15,000
Due greater than 1 year and less than 5	-	-
Total	150,000	15,000

The Group leases various offices under operating leases expiring within one or two years. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights. On renewal, the terms of the leases are renegotiated.

**Contingent liability**

Potential payments at 31 December 2016 to Norton Goldfields Ltd in consideration for a 100% interest in the Mount Morgan Au/Cu Mine and 1Mtpa Kundana CIP are detailed in note 23(b).

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**23. CONTROLLED ENTITIES**

**a. Information about Principal Subsidiaries**

The information presented in this note is presented here in accordance with AASB 12.

Set out below are the Group's subsidiaries at 31 December 2016. The subsidiaries listed below have share capital consisting solely of ordinary shares, which are held directly by the Group, and the proportions of ownership interests held equals the voting rights held by the Group. Each subsidiary's country of incorporation or registration is also its principal place of business.

	Country of Incorporation	Percentage Owned (%)	
		2016	2015
<b>Subsidiaries of Carbine Resources Limited:</b>			
Carbine Resources SARL	Burkina Faso	-	100
Raging Bull Metals Pty Ltd	Australia	75	75

**b. Summarised Financial Information of Subsidiaries with Material Non-controlling Interests**

During 2014, the Group gained control of Raging Bull Metals Pty Ltd (RBT) with the acquisition of 75% of the ordinary shares of RBT from Raging Bull Mining Pty Ltd (RBN), and the ability to solely determine mineral exploration and development activities regarding any mineral exploration interests or mining projects held by RBT.

RBT has an agreement to potentially acquire a 100% interest in the Mount Morgan Au/Cu Mine and 1Mtpa Kundana CIP plant from Norton Goldfields Ltd (Norton). The agreement for the Group to acquire RBT required the Group to solely fund mineral exploration activities up to the completion of a bankable feasibility study (BFS) or forfeit all interests in RBT. Under the terms of the agreement, Carbine is progressively earning 100% of RBT by:

- solely funding the Project to completion of a BFS, earning an initial 75% interest; and
- executing an option to acquire the remaining 25% of RBM via independent valuation.

The completion of the BFS in December 2016 triggered an agreement for the Group to negotiate to acquire the remaining 25% of shares in RBT. As the terms of this acquisition was not finalised before year end, this has been treated as a non-adjusting subsequent event. Other than this contingent asset, RBT's only asset is \$99 in cash effectively held for the benefit of the vendors.

RBN will receive 25M shares in Carbine on the successful production of 10,000oz of gold and a further 25M shares on the successful production of 5,000t of copper from Mount Morgan and/or other projects acquired through RBN.

Subsequent to 31 December 2016, the terms of this agreement were revised as detailed in note 24.

RBT's right-to-mine agreement with Norton for acquisition of the Project required:

- payment to Norton of \$100,000 on completion of due diligence, which was paid during 2014, \$100,000 that was paid on execution of the formal agreement in November 2014 and \$300,000 that was paid in July 2015;
- completion of a BFS on the Project which occurred in December 2016;
- payment to Norton of \$2M on completion of a capital raising to fund the project development. This capital raising and payment is yet to occur; and
- a final payment to Norton of a total \$13M via 20% of the annual net earnings from operations of the Project.

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**24. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On 15 March 2017, the Company issued 1,575,000 shares on vesting of performance rights, including 1,012,500 shares issued to director Anthony James, and issued 4,250,000 performance rights to staff that are not key management personnel.

On 23 March 2017, the Company agreed revised terms to acquire the remaining 25% of the Mount Morgan Project from Raging Bull Mining Pty Ltd (RBM), giving the Company an exclusive option to acquire RBM. .

Exercise of this option by Carbine will result in the company having the right to 100% ownership in both the Mount Morgan project and the decommissioned Kundana plant as well as the cancellation of the obligation to issue 50 million Carbine shares to RBM.

The option and associated acquisition terms are summarised as follows:

Carbine agreed to pay the shareholders of RBM \$200,000 for a 6 month exclusive option to acquire 100% of RBM. This was paid on 29 March 2017. Exercise of the option will also be subject to:

1. Carbine shareholder approval;
2. RB Metals acquiring 100% of the legal and beneficial title to the tenements comprising the Mount Morgan Project from Norton Goldfields Limited (Norton) (Tenements);

If the option is exercised by Carbine it will own 100% of RBM and Raging Bull Metals Pty Ltd (RB Metal) which will give Carbine full rights to the Mining Property Sales Agreement with Norton for the Mount Morgan Project and the decommissioned Kundana processing plant. RB Metal's right to 50 million Carbine performance shares would be extinguished.

On exercise of the option, subject to any necessary approvals, the shareholders of RBM will receive:

1. 25 Million Carbine shares,
2. A\$2.3 million in cash or shares at the election of Carbine (number of shares based on the 15 day VWAP at the time of option election), and
3. A 1.0% royalty.

There were no other events subsequent to the end of the financial year ended 31 December 2016 which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Group in future financial years.

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**25. PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION**

The following detailed information is related to the parent entity, Carbine Resources Limited at 31 December 2016. The information presented here has been prepared using consistent accounting policies as discussed in Note 1.

	<b>PARENT</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Current assets	6,517,049	2,234,126
Non-current assets	462,672	428,483
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>6,979,721</b>	<b>2,662,609</b>
Current liabilities	202,331	118,250
Non-current liabilities	-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>202,331</b>	<b>118,250</b>
Contributed equity	30,789,780	22,636,442
Accumulated losses	(27,543,825)	(22,788,641)
Share based payment reserve	3,531,435	2,696,558
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>6,777,390</b>	<b>2,544,359</b>
Loss for the year	(4,755,184)	(1,803,841)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	<b>(4,755,184)</b>	<b>(1,803,841)</b>

**Guarantees**

There are no guarantees entered into by the parent entity in the financial year ended 31 December 2016 in relation to the debt of a subsidiary.

**Contingent liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities of the Company or the Group other than as detailed in note 23.

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**26. DISPOSAL GROUP**

During 2015, the Group resolved to wind up and deregister subsidiary Carbine Resources SARL. In January 2016, Carbine Resources SARL was wound up with disposal of all assets and termination of all liabilities. As this subsidiary was responsible for all operations in Burkina Faso, it constituted the West African segment presented in note 15, a clearly distinguished component of the Group. Consequently, it was recognised as a disposal group and a discontinued operation with the following results and balances.

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue	-	-
Other income	-	5,681
Expenses	-	(66,277)
Operating Loss during period to date of disposal	-	(60,595)
Loss before income tax to date of disposal	-	(60,595)
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit/(loss) after income tax to date of disposal	-	(60,595)
<b>Book value of net assets over which control was lost</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	-	14,409
Total current assets	-	14,409
Total assets	-	14,409
Current liabilities		
Other current liabilities	-	(14,409)
Total current liabilities	-	(14,409)
Total liabilities	-	(14,409)
<b>Net assets derecognised</b>	-	-
The net cash flows attributable to Carbine Resources SARL are:		
Operating	(14,320)	(11,532)
Investing	-	5,782
Financing	-	-
Net cash outflow	(14,320)	(5,750)
Consideration received	-	-
Cumulative exchange differences in respect of the net assets of the subsidiary reclassified from equity on loss of control of subsidiary	253,452	-
Loss during the period to date of disposal	-	-
<b>Gain on disposal of subsidiary</b>	<b>253,452</b>	<b>-</b>
Earnings per share:		
Basic earnings/(loss) from discontinued operations (cents per share)	0.15	(0.04)
Diluted earnings/(loss) from discontinued operations (cents per share)	0.15	(0.04)

## **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The Directors of Carbine Resources Ltd declare that:

1. The financial statements comprising the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and the accompanying notes, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (a) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - (b) giving a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of the performance for the year ended on that date, of the Group.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. Note 1 confirms that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The Directors have been given the declarations as required by section 295A.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:



**Mr John Fitzgerald**  
Non-Executive Chairman

Dated at Perth this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017

31 March 2017

The Directors  
Carbine Resources Limited  
Suite 23, 513 Hay Street  
SUBIACO WA 6008

Dear Sirs

**RE: CARBINE RESOURCES LIMITED**

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Carbine Resources Limited.

As Audit Director for the audit of the financial statements of Carbine Resources Limited for the 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 audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully

**STANTONS INTERNATIONAL AUDIT AND CONSULTING PTY LIMITED**  
**(Trading as Stantons International)**  
**(An Authorised Audit Company)**



**Samir R Tirodkar**  
Director

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CARBINE RESOURCES LIMITED**

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Carbine Resources Ltd (the Company and its subsidiaries (the Group)), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

#### **Share based payments**

As disclosed in the Remuneration Report and Note 18(b), performance rights (perfs) were granted to directors and employees during the period. The related share based payment expense is considered a key audit matter as it required significant auditor attention. There is a high level of judgement involved in valuing performance shares and expensing the value over the vesting period, which was further complicated by a change to the terms and conditions through exercise of director discretion. Share based payments during the year are also material in amount and nature (for Key Management Personnel and Share Based Payment note disclosure purposes). This area required a relatively high level of interaction with the Company as well as amongst the audit engagement team.

Our audit procedures to address the risk of material misstatement of the share based payment expense recognized, which was also considered to be a significant risk, included amongst others:

- We agreed the terms of the grant to the AGM Notice of Meeting and ensured the related resolution was approved.
- We ensured the terms of the grant were in accordance with the Company's approved Performance Share Plan.
- We noted changes in the original terms of the grant which related to extension of the tranche 1 milestone date and exercise of director discretion in relation to the award of tranche 1 perfs. We ensured these changes were documented in the Board minutes and reflected in the perf valuation as at 31 December 2016.
- We checked the valuation of the perfs with reference to the approved no. of perfs granted, spot price on grant date and vesting dates of the various tranches as set out in the grant terms. We ensured the correct grant date was used (date of AGM approval of Performance Share Plan and respective director perf grant resolutions) and that the vesting period was correctly calculated (with reference to the milestone dates stipulated per tranche).
- We formally discussed the no of perfs expected to vest relating to the remaining tranches, with management which is based on their best guess estimate before audit sign-off.
- We ensured the expense recognised in the period was calculated correctly with reference to the vesting periods of the various tranches to 31 December 2016. We also ensured the expense previously recognised in relation to lapsed perfs was reversed.
- We ensured the disclosure of share based payments expense in the Annual Report was in accordance with *AASB 2 Share Based Payment*.

### **Other Information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2016, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the 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 financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report.

The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements. We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial report of the current period and are therefore key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

## **Report on the Remuneration Report**

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 8 to 15 of the directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2016. The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

## **Opinion on the Remuneration Report**

In our opinion the Remuneration Report of Carbine Resources Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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**Samir Tirodkar**  
Director

West Perth, Western Australia  
31 March 2017

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to implementing the highest standards of corporate governance. In determining what those high standards should involve the Company has turned to the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition). The Company is pleased to advise that the Company's practices are largely consistent with those ASX guidelines.

Unless disclosed below, all the principles and recommendations of the ASX Corporate Governance Council have been applied for the entire financial year ended 31 December 2016.

### Board Composition

The skills, experience and expertise relevant to the position of each Director in office for the year and their term of office are detailed in the Director's report.

The independent Directors of the Company during the period were:

- Mr John Fitzgerald (appointed 13 April 2016)
- Mr Graham Brock (appointed 13 April 2016)
- Mr Evan Cranston
- Mr Thomas Bahen (resigned 13 April 2016)
- Mr Stephen Dobson (resigned 13 April 2016)

When determining the independent status of a Director, the Board used the Guidelines detailed in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations.

### Diversity Policy

The Company recognises that a diverse and talented workforce is a competitive advantage and that the Company's success is the result of the quality and skills of our people.

Our policy is to recruit and manage on the basis of qualification for the position and performance, regardless of gender, age, nationality, race, religious beliefs, cultural background, sexuality or physical ability. It is essential that the Company employs the appropriate person for each job and that each person strives for a high level of performance.

The Company's strategies are to:

1. recruit and manage on the basis of an individual's competence, qualification and performance;
2. create a culture that embraces diversity and that rewards people to act in accordance with this policy;
3. appreciate and respect the unique aspects that individual brings to the workplace;
4. foster an inclusive and supportive culture to enable people to develop to their full potential;
5. identify factors to be taken into account in the employee selection process to ensure we have the right person for the right job;
6. take action to prevent and stop discrimination, bullying and harassment; and
7. recognise that employees at all levels of the Company may have domestic responsibilities.

The Board is accountable for ensuring this policy is effectively implemented. Each employee has a responsibility to ensure that these objectives are achieved.

## Compliance with ASX Recommendations

Recommendation	Carbine Resources Limited Current Practice
<p>1.1 A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) The respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and</p> <p>(b) Those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.</p>	<p>The Company's Board Charter sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Board and Management. It is available for review at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a></p>
<p>1.2 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) Undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and</p> <p>(b) Provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.</p>	<p>The Company has implemented a policy of undertaking police and bankruptcy checks on all senior employees and directors before appointment or putting to shareholders for election.</p> <p>The Company provides all relevant information on all directors in its annual report and on its website.</p>
<p>1.3 A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their employment.</p>	<p>The Company requires that a detailed letter of appointment or employment contract is agreed with each director and employee.</p>
<p>1.4 The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.</p>	<p>The Company's organisation chart reflects the position of the Company Secretary within the Company structure in compliance with the recommendation.</p>
<p>1.5 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) Have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</p> <p>(b) Disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</p> <p>(c) Disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them, and either:</p> <p>i. The respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</p> <p>ii. if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.</p>	<p>The Company has adopted a formal Gender Diversity Policy, a summary of which is provided above.</p> <p>As at 31 December 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board comprised four members, all of whom were male.</li> <li>• The senior executives comprised six people (defined by the Board as the directors and other key management personnel), five of whom were male and one female.</li> <li>• The whole organisation comprises nine people, eight of whom are male and one female.</li> </ul>

<p>1.6 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) Have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) Disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	<p>The Board Performance Evaluation Policy is available at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a></p> <p>During the reporting period, the Board collectively assessed their respective roles and contributions to the Company and determined they were appropriate for that point in the Company's development.</p> <p>The Board constantly reviews its composition and during the period, the strategic appointments of John Fitzgerald, Anthony (Tony) James and Graham Brock to the Board provided the requisite skills for the completion of the definitive feasibility study and the next stage in the Company's development.</p>
<p>1.7 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) Have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and</p> <p>(b) Disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	<p>The Board constantly assesses the performance of the executives and the Company Secretary during the course of the year.</p>
<p>2.1 The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) Have a nomination committee which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>ii. is chaired by an independent director;</li> </ol> <p>and disclose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. the charter of the committee;</li> <li>iv. the members of the committee; and</li> <li>v. as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period, and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> </ol> <p>(b) If it does not have a nomination committee, disclose the fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>	<p>The Board considers that given the current size of the Board and the Company, this function is efficiently achieved with full Board participation. Accordingly, the Board has not established a nomination committee.</p>
<p>2.2 A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.</p>	<p>The Board Charter which is available at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a> incorporates a set of skills and abilities that are desirable for the composition of the Board. The Board is satisfied that it an appropriate mix of desired skills in the areas of metallurgy, exploration, commerce</p>

		and finance were available to act effectively.
		The strategic appointments of John Fitzgerald, Anthony (Tony) James and Graham Brock to the Board provide the requisite skills for the completion of the definitive feasibility study and the next stage in the Company's development.
2.3	A listed entity should disclose:	The Company considers that the current directors, Graham Brock, Evan Cranston and John Fitzgerald are independent directors.
	(a) The names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;	
	(b) If a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and	The Company discloses the length of service for each director in the Director's Report of its annual report.
	(c) The length of service of each director.	
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	The composition of the Board is in compliance with this recommendation with 3 of the 4 directors considered to be independent.
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	The Chair of the Board, Mr John Fitzgerald, is an independent director. He does not act in the role of CEO.
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their roles as directors effectively.	The Company has an induction program for all new directors to appropriately familiarise them with the policies and procedures of the Company.  The Company encourages and facilitates all Directors to develop their skills, including with the provision of in-house seminars to maintain compliance in areas such as risk and disclosure.
3.1	A listed entity should:	The Company's Code of Conduct is available at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a>
	(a) Have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and	
	(b) Disclose that code or a summary of it.	
4.1	The board of a listed entity should:	The Company does not have an audit committee due the current size of the Board and Company. The Company has adopted a policy whereby the full Board fulfils the duties of the audit committee and abides by the adopted Audit Committee Charter (available at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a> ).
	(a) Have an audit committee which:	
	i. has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and	
	ii. is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board;	
	and disclose:	The Directors require that management report regularly on all financial and commercial aspects of the Company to ensure that they are familiar with all
	iii. the charter of the committee;	

<p>iv. the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</p> <p>v. as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period, and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) If it does not have an audit committee, disclose the fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</p>	<p>aspects of corporate reporting and believe this to mitigate the risk of not having an independent committee.</p> <p>The Board has adopted a formal policy regarding the appointment, removal and rotation of the Company's external auditor and audit partner.</p>
<p>4.2 The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal controls which is operating effectively.</p>	<p>The Board receives a section 295A declaration from the equivalent of the CEO and CFO for each quarterly, half yearly and full year report in advance of approval of these reports.</p>
<p>4.3 A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.</p>	<p>The Company's auditor is required to attend the Company's AGM and is available to answer questions relevant to the audit.</p>
<p>5.1 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>	<p>The Board has adopted a formal Continuous Disclosure Policy to ensure compliance with the ASX Listing Rules. The Policy is available at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a>.</p>
<p>6.1 A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.</p>	<p>The Company complies with this recommendation and all relevant information can be found at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a>.</p>
<p>6.2 A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.</p>	<p>The Company has developed a Shareholder Communications Strategy to ensure all relevant information is identified and reported accordingly.</p>
<p>6.3 A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.</p>	<p>The Company encourages all shareholders to attend General Meetings of the Company via its notices of meeting, and in the event they cannot attend, to participate by recording their votes. The Company has implemented an online voting system to further encourage participation by shareholders.</p>

6.4	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	The Company and its share registry actively encourage electronic communication. All new shareholders are issued with a letter encouraging the registration of electronic contact methods.
7.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>ii. is chaired by an independent director; and disclose:</li> <li>iii. the charter of the committee;</li> <li>iv. the members of the committee; and</li> <li>v. as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings: or</li> </ul> <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	<p>The Company does not have a risk committee due the current size of the Board and Company. The Company has adopted a policy whereby the full Board, including Executive Directors, fulfil the duties of the risk committee and abides by the adopted Risk Management Policy (available at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a>).</p> <p>The Directors require that management report regularly on all financial and commercial aspects of the Company to ensure that they are familiar with all aspects of corporate reporting and believe this to mitigate the risk of not having an independent committee.</p>
7.2	<p>The board or a committee of the board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>	The Board reviews its risk management strategy annually.
7.3	<p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.</p>	The Company is not of the size or scale to warrant the cost of an internal audit function. This function is undertaken by the Board as a whole via the regular and consistent reporting in all risk areas.
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	The Company does not currently have any material exposure to any economic, environmental and social sustainability risks.
8.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>ii. is chaired by an independent director;</li> </ul>	<p>The Board consider that given the current size of the Board, this function is efficiently achieved with full Board participation. Accordingly, the Board has not established a remuneration committee.</p> <p>The Board considers industry peers when evaluating the remuneration for all directors</p>

<p>and disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. the charter of the committee;</li> <li>iv. the members of the committee; and</li> <li>v. as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> </ul> <p>(b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p>	<p>and executives. The Board is cognisant of the fact that it wishes to attract and retain the best people, and considers strategies other than monetary to balance the need for the best people and the financial position of the Company.</p>
<p>8.2 A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practises regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.</p>	<p>The Company discloses its policies on remuneration in the Remuneration Report set out in its annual report.</p>
<p>8.3 A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and</li> <li>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</li> </ul>	<p>The Company recognises that Director, executives and employees may hold securities in the Company and that most investors are encouraged by these holdings. The Company's Securities Trading Policy (available at <a href="http://www.carbineresources.com.au">www.carbineresources.com.au</a>) explains and reinforces the Corporations Act 2001 requirements relating to insider trading. The Policy applies to all Directors, executives, employees and consultants and their associates and closely related parties.</p>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Shareholder Information

The following information is based on share registry information processed up to and including 26 April 2017.

#### Distribution of Fully Paid Ordinary Shares

The number of holders, by size of holding, for fully paid ordinary shares in the Company is:

Securities Spread of Holders	Ordinary Fully Paid Shares Number of Holders
1 – 1,000	38
1,001 – 5,000	148
5,001 – 10,000	159
10,001 – 100,000	607
100,001 and over	281
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,233</b>

There are 195 holders of unmarketable parcels comprising a total of 562,933 ordinary shares.

#### Twenty Largest Holders of Shares in Carbine Resources Ltd (Unmerged)

	Shareholder	Number Held	% of Issued Shares
1	GR Engineering Services Limited	15,886,725	8.23%
2	Kingslane Pty Ltd	8,728,749	4.52%
3	Mr Stephen John Dobson	5,749,444	2.98%
4	Mr Mark John and Mrs Margaret Patricia Bahen	4,852,934	2.51%
5	Mr Ulrich Muco	4,500,000	2.33%
6	Ablett Pty Ltd	4,250,000	2.20%
7	BT Portfolio Services Limited	4,000,000	2.07%
8	Mrs Kathryn Elizabeth Strickland	3,500,000	1.81%
9	Nebraska Pty Ltd	3,000,000	1.55%
10	Kobia Holdings Pty Ltd	2,871,095	1.49%
11	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	2,836,789	1.47%
12	Precambrian Pty Ltd	2,700,000	1.40%
13	Nero Resource Fund Pty Ltd	2,500,000	1.30%
14	HSBC Custody Nominees	2,152,214	1.11%
15	David Owen Phipps and Palma Mary Phipps	2,125,000	1.10%
16	Gurravembi Investments Pty Ltd	2,000,000	1.04%
17	Kingarth Pty Ltd	1,950,000	1.01%
18	Blu Bone Pty Ltd	1,875,000	0.97%
19	J C O'Sullivan Pty Ltd	1,859,020	0.96%
20	Phantom WA Pty Ltd	1,750,000	0.91%
<b>Total</b>		<b>79,086,970</b>	<b>40.96%</b>

Carbine Resources Limited, incorporated and domiciled in Australia, is a publicly listed company limited by shares. The Company is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange under the code CRB. The Home exchange is Perth.

There are 194,612,453 ordinary fully paid shares currently listed and trading on the Australian Securities Exchange.

#### Voting Rights - Fully Paid Ordinary Shares

Every shareholder present in person or by proxy, attorney or representative has one vote on a show of hands, and on a poll, one vote for each fully paid share.

## Unquoted Equity Securities

Quantity	Terms	Holders
9,700,000	Options exercisable at \$0.0496 on or before 17 November 2017	6
10,000,000	Options exercisable at \$0.10 on or before 17 November 2017	6
2,500,000	Options exercisable at \$0.065 on or before 7 July 2018	1
2,500,000	Options exercisable at \$0.10 on or before 7 July 2018	1
1,000,000	Options exercisable at \$0.0886 on or before 26 October 2018	1
1,000,000	Options exercisable at \$0.124 on or before 26 October 2018	1
11,050,000	Performance rights vesting on various conditions and expiring on 31 May 2021	4
4,250,000	Performance rights vesting on various conditions and expiring on 15 March 2022	1

## Holder of Unquoted Securities (holding more than 20% of each equity security class)

Holder	Class of Securities	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	No. Securities
Kobia Holdings Pty Ltd	Option	\$0.0496	17 November 2017	2,500,000
Mr Patrick Walta	Option	\$0.0496	17 November 2017	2,500,000
Konkera Pty Ltd	Option	\$0.0496	17 November 2017	2,500,000
Kobia Holdings Pty Ltd	Option	\$0.10	17 November 2017	2,500,000
Mr Patrick Walta	Option	\$0.10	17 November 2017	2,500,000
Konkera Pty Ltd	Option	\$0.10	17 November 2017	2,500,000
Mr Stephen Dobson	Option	\$0.065	7 July 2018	2,500,000
Mr Stephen Dobson	Option	\$0.10	7 July 2018	2,500,000
Coral Carter & Terence Moylan	Option	\$0.0886	26 October 2018	1,000,000
Coral Carter & Terence Moylan	Option	\$0.124	26 October 2018	1,000,000
Anthony James	Performance Right	N/A	31 May 2021	7,650,000
Christopher Newman	Performance Right	N/A	15 March 2022	4,250,000

## Schedule of Mining Tenements as at 31 December 2016

Mount Morgan Gold-Copper Project, Queensland	Tenement Number	Interest
	ML5628	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5613	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5616	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5660	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5608	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5617	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5609	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5619	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5602	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5618	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5658	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5635	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5622	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5620	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5623	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5627	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5615	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5589	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5659	Option to Acquire 100%

<b>Mount Morgan Gold-Copper Project, Queensland (continued)</b>	<b>Tenement Number</b>	<b>Interest</b>
	ML5634	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5626	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5633	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5621	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5624	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5625	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML6692	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5612	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5649	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5614	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML5648	Option to Acquire 100%
<b>Many Peaks Project, Queensland</b>	<b>Tenement Number</b>	<b>Interest</b>
	ML3640	Option to Acquire 100%
	ML3641	Option to Acquire 100%
	MDL30	Option to Acquire 100%

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