

Appendix 4D

1. Company Details

Name of Entity

Protean Energy Limited		
ABN	Half year ended ("current period")	Half year ended ("previous period")
81 119 267 391	31 December 2020	31 December 2019

2. Results for announcement to the market

			AUD \$
2.1 Revenues from ordinary activities	Down	90% to	563
2.2 Profit / (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members - 31 December 2019: loss of (\$1,028,971)	Up	60% to	(311,430)
2.3 Net profit / (loss) for the period attributable to members - 31 December 2019: loss of (\$1,028,971)	Up	60% to	(311,430)
2.4 Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per security	
Interim dividend declared	N/A	N/A	
2.5 Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend	N/A		
2.6 Brief explanation of any of the figures in 2.1 to 2.4 above necessary to enable figures to be understood			
In the period ended 31 December 2019, the Company recognised an impairment expense of \$671,467 – no such expense was incurred in the current period. The company has continued its commercialisation activities associated with energy projects in South Korea and Australia.			

3. Net tangible assets per security

	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	0.003	0.30

4. Details of entities over which control has been gained or lost

4.1. Control gained over entities

N/A

4.2. Control lost over entities

On 2 November 2020, the Company advised it had entered into a binding term sheet to dispose of its 50% interest in KORID Energy Co Ltd (“KORID”) to Australia VRFB ESS Company Pty Ltd (“VRFB Australia”). The disposal was subject to approval at the Company’s Annual General Meeting on 15 December 2020. Following receipt of shareholder approval on 15 December 2020, and the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent, the disposal was completed subsequent to the period end on 4 January 2021.

5. Dividends

Individual dividends per security

	Date dividend is payable	Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 30% tax	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
Interim dividend:				
Current year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Previous year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. Dividend reinvestment plans

The dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

N/A
<div> <div>The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the dividend or distribution plans.</div> <div>N/A</div> </div>

7. Details of associates and joint entities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>31 December 2020</u>	<u>31 December 2019</u>
Korea Vanadium Ltd	Joint Venture	50%	50%
KORID Energy Co Ltd	Associate	50%	50%

8. Foreign entities

N/A

9. If the accounts are subject to audit dispute or qualification, details are described below.

N/A

Sign here:



Managing Director

Date:

23 February 2021

Print Name:

David Wheeler



PROTEAN ENERGY LIMITED

ABN 81 119 267 391

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2020

CORPORATE DIRECTORY

Directors

David Wheeler	<i>Non-Executive Chairman</i>
Bevan Tarratt	<i>Non-Executive Director</i>
Joe Graziano	<i>Non-Executive Director</i>
Tim Slate	<i>Non-Executive Director</i>

Company Secretaries

Tim Slate

Bankers

National Australia Bank Limited
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their interim financial report for the consolidated entity consisting of Protean Energy Limited (**Protean or Company**) and the entities it controls (**Consolidated Entity or Group**) at the end of, or during, the half-year ended 31 December 2020.

DIRECTORS

The names of Directors who held office during the half-year and up to the date of signing this report, unless otherwise stated are:

David Wheeler	Non-Executive Chairman
Bevan Tarratt	Non-Executive Director
Joe Graziano	Non-Executive Director (appointed 14 October 2020)
Tim Slate	Non-Executive Director (appointed 14 October 2020)
Matthew Foy	Non-Executive Director (resigned 14 October 2020)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Group and its subsidiaries during the half-year ending 31 December 2020 was mineral exploration in South Korea and commercialisation activities associated with energy projects in South Korea and Australia.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends have been declared, provided for or paid in respect of the half-year ended 31 December 2020 (31 December 2019: Nil).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Group made a net loss after tax of \$311,430 for the financial half-year ended 31 December 2020 (31 December 2019: loss \$1,029,078). At 31 December 2020, the Group had net assets of \$2,293,154 (30 June 2020: \$656,212) and cash assets of \$2,319,569 (30 June 2020: \$763,956).

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

The significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group during the financial period and to the date of this report are set out in the review of operations below.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Gwesan Vanadium Project Exploration Programme

During the period, the Company engaged independent consulting group GeoGeny Consultants Group Inc. (Geogeny) to provide in-country services to undertake an eight-phase exploration programme at its Gwesan Vanadium Project in South Korea.

The initial stage of the programme will comprise compilation of all available technical information with the aim of identifying vanadium prospectivity on the Gwesan Vanadium Project tenement in South Korea. This stage is anticipated to be completed during the first quarter of 2021.

The Company anticipates undertaking a field reconnaissance programme consisting of multi-commodity soil and trench sampling campaigns with requisite approvals and permits to be sought in the first quarter of 2021. The second stage programme will seek to define anomalous zones of vanadium mineralisation to be followed up with auger drilling and aeromagnetic surveying. Subject to results of the preceding three stages it is proposed to diamond drill test vanadium targets defined by the programme

DIRECTORS' REPORT continued

Gwesan Vanadium Project Background

The Geology in the Okcheon belt consists of meta-sedimentary sequence that is composed of three formations including the Wunkyori, Hwajeonri and Guryongsan. The stratigraphical sequence within the belt at the Gwesan project comprises a dark grey Phyllite, followed by the black shale (ore zone) and a fine grained sandstone. The historical drilling at the Gwesan project has intercepted black shale along a 10km strike.

The mineralised black shale has been under-targeted in the past and drilling completed in 2013 has shown and confirmed the potential for Vanadium mineralisation hosted by the black shale.

Daejon Project Update

In January 2021, the Company received confirmation that, following an open hearing with the Mining Registration Office in South Korea in late November 2020, the Daejon Vanadium Project tenements have been granted a 1-year extension of term until November 2021.

CORPORATE

Board Changes

During the period the Company advised that Mr Joe Graziano and Mr Tim Slate were appointed as Non-Executive Directors of the Company, effective 14 October 2020.

Mr Graziano is a Chartered Account with corporate and company secretarial experience. He has over 28 years' experience providing a wide range of business, financial and strategic advice to small capital unlisted and listed public companies and privately-owned businesses in Western Australia's resource-driven industries. Since 2014 he has been focused on corporate advisory, company secretarial and strategic planning with listed corporations including Mergers & Acquisitions, Capital Raisings, Corporate Governance, ASX compliance and structuring. He is currently a director of Pathways Corporate Pty Ltd, a specialised Corporate Advisory business.

Mr Tim Slate provides accounting, secretarial and corporate advice to a number of private and public companies. Mr Slate has over 10 years' experience in chartered accounting. Mr Slate has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Australia, is a Chartered Accountant, an Associate Member of the Governance Institute of Australia and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The Company further advised that Mr Matthew Foy had resigned as Non-Executive Director of the Company effective 14 October 2020 and remained as joint Company Secretary. Mr Matthew Foy resigned as joint Company Secretary on 15 December 2020.

Capital Raising and Entitlement Offer

In November 2020, the Company issued 40,000,000 shares to sophisticated investors, who are clients of CPS Capital Group Pty Ltd ("CPS"), at \$0.006 per share under a share placement. A further 24,166,667 shares were issued to investors in December 2020, following shareholder approval at the Annual General Meeting.

On 6 November 2020, the Company issued a Rights Issue Prospectus for a non-renounceable entitlement issue of three new shares for every four existing shares held. The rights issue was underwritten by CPS. On 1 December 2020, the Company announced that it had received applications for 142,010,490 new shares totalling \$852,063 from shareholders who had accepted and paid for their entitlement under the Prospectus. The remaining shortfall of \$758,799 was fully underwritten by CPS and this share placement occurred on 10 December 2020.

Options issue

On 16 December 2020, the Company issued 40,000,000 unquoted options exercisable at \$0.01 on or before 16 December 2023 at an issue price of \$0.00001 to CPS.

DIRECTORS' REPORT continued

Disposal of KORID Energy Interest

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EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 4 January 2021, the Company announced it had completed the disposal of KORID, for nominal consideration, to VRFB Australia.

Daejon Project Update

In January 2021, the Company received confirmation that, following an open hearing with the Mining Registration Office in South Korea in late November 2020, the Daejon Vanadium Project tenements have been granted a 1-year extension of term until November 2021.

There are no other events subsequent to the end of the reporting period.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on the following page for the half-year ended 31 December 2020.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



David Wheeler
Non-Executive Chairman

Perth, Western Australia
23 February 2021

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY ASHLEIGH WOODLEY TO THE DIRECTORS OF PROTEAN ENERGY LIMITED

As lead auditor for the review of Protean Energy Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

This declaration is in respect of Protean Energy Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.



Ashleigh Woodley
Director

BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd
Perth, 23 February 2021

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	31 December 2020 \$	31 December 2019 \$
Revenue from continuing operations			
Interest income		563	5,527
Expenses			
Assaying expense		-	(10,350)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(5,708)	(6,679)
Administrative expense	2	(273,538)	(301,673)
Share of net loss of joint venture accounted using the equity method		-	(44,436)
Impairment expense		-	(671,467)
Loss on settlement of liability		(32,747)	-
Loss before income tax		(311,430)	(1,029,078)
Income tax benefit		-	-
Loss attributable to members of the Company		(311,430)	(1,029,078)
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that may be reclassified to the profit or loss</i>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		-	107
Other comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax		-	107
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to members of the Company		(311,430)	(1,028,971)
Loss per share for loss from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders			
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents per share)		(0.09)	(0.33)

The above consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	31 December 2020 \$	30 June 2020 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2,319,569	763,956
Trade and other receivables		19,708	17,670
Total current assets		2,339,277	781,626
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment		20,523	26,231
Total non-current assets		20,523	26,231
Total assets		2,359,800	807,857
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	66,646	151,645
Total current liabilities		66,646	151,645
Total liabilities		66,646	151,645
Net assets		2,293,154	656,212
Equity			
Issued capital	6	36,465,944	34,953,095
Reserves		8,181,310	7,745,787
Accumulated losses		(42,354,220)	(42,042,790)
Capital and reserves attributable to owners		2,293,034	656,092
Non-controlling interest		120	120
Total equity		2,293,154	656,212

The above consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Issued Capital \$	Reserves \$	Accumulated Losses \$	Non-controlling interest \$	Total Equity \$
As at 1 July 2019	34,953,095	7,745,680	(40,723,573)	120	1,975,202
Loss for the half-year	-	-	(1,029,078)	-	(1,029,078)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	107	-	-	107
Total comprehensive income/loss for the half-year	-	107	(1,029,078)	-	(1,028,971)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners					
Shares issued during the period	-	-	-	-	-
Share issue expenses	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2019	34,953,095	7,745,787	(41,752,651)	120	946,231
As at 1 July 2020	34,953,095	7,745,787	(42,042,790)	120	656,212
Loss for the half-year	-	-	(311,430)	-	(311,430)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/loss for the half-year	-	-	(311,430)	-	(311,430)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners					
Shares issued during the period	2,067,715	-	-	-	2,067,715
Share issue expenses	(554,866)	-	-	-	(554,866)
Share based payment	-	435,123	-	-	435,123
Proceeds from issue of options	-	400	-	-	400
As at 31 December 2020	36,465,944	8,181,310	(42,354,220)	120	2,293,154

This above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	31 December 2020 \$	31 December 2019 \$
Cash flows from operation activities			
Payments in the normal course of business		(321,470)	(374,198)
Interest received		563	5,257
Net cash used in operating activities		(320,907)	(368,940)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for the purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Net cash provided/(used) in investing activities		-	-
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares		1,995,863	-
Issue costs associated with issue of shares		(119,743)	-
Proceeds from issue of options		400	-
Net cash provided from financing activities		1,876,520	-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,555,613	(368,940)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		763,956	1,290,583
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		-	-
Net cash and cash equivalents at the period	4	2,319,569	921,643

The above consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This consolidated interim financial report for the half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2020 has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This consolidated interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide a full understanding of financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the consolidated entity as full year financial statements. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020 and any public announcements made by Protean Energy Limited during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, except for the adoption of new and amended standards as set out below.

New Standards and Interpretations applicable for the half year ended 31 December 2020

In the period ended 31 December 2020, the Directors have reviewed all the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to the Group and effective for the current reporting period. As a result of this review, the Directors have determined that there is no material impact of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations on the Group and, therefore, no material change is necessary to Group accounting policies.

Going Concern

The directors have reviewed the Group's financial position and are of the opinion that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate as they believe the Group will be able to generate sufficient revenue or secure funds to meet its commitments.

2. EXPENSES

	31 December 2020 \$	31 December 2019 \$
Loss before income tax includes the following specific items:		
Exploration expense – core analysis work	-	10,350
Administrative expenses		
Employee benefits expense	-	4,607
Director benefits expense	45,579	133,850
Regulatory expense	63,151	36,897
Travel expenses	1,415	4,646
Accounting expense	23,898	1,356
Advertising and marketing expense	-	2,813
Audit expense	13,329	14,961
Rent expense	10,179	10,807
Corporate advisory fees	19,620	7,000
Legal fees	39,770	4,900
Business development	-	20,000
Other administrative expenses	56,597	59,836
Total administrative expense	273,538	301,673

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management has determined that the Group has two reportable segments, being exploration and corporate activities. In the prior year the Group had three reportable segments being exploration in South Korea, other exploration activities and corporate activities. The Group's exploration in South Korea was funded through its joint venture investment in Korea Vanadium Limited and exploration activity undertaken by the Group. This determination is based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board (chief operating decision maker) in assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources. The Board monitors the Group based on actual versus budgeted expenditure incurred by segment. This internal reporting framework is the most relevant to assist the Board with making decisions regarding the Group and its ongoing activities, while also taking into consideration the results that has been performed to date.

	Revenue from external sources \$	Reportable segment loss \$	Reportable segment assets ⁽¹⁾ \$	Reportable segment liabilities \$
Exploration activities	-	(16,620)	-	-
Corporate activities	563	(294,810)	2,359,800	(66,646)
Total	563	(311,430)	2,359,800	(66,646)

	Revenue from external sources \$	Reportable segment loss \$	Reportable segment assets ⁽²⁾ \$	Reportable segment liabilities \$
	<i>For half-year ended 31 December 2019</i>		<i>For year ended 30 June 2020</i>	
Exploration – South Korea				
Investment in Joint Venture	-	(715,903)	-	-
Exploration activity	-	-	26,068	(385)
Exploration Other	-	(20,000)	-	(20,007)
Corporate activities	5,527	(293,174)	781,789	(131,253)
Total	5,527	(1,029,078)	807,857	(151,645)

1 Other corporate activities includes cash held of \$2,319,569

2 Other corporate activities includes cash held of \$763,956

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31 December 2020 \$	30 June 2020 \$
Cash at bank	2,319,569	763,956

5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	31 December 2020 \$	30 June 2020 \$
Trade payables	66,646	151,645

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (continued)

Trade and other payables are normally settled within 30 days from receipt of invoice. All amounts recognised as trade and other payables, but not yet invoiced, are expected to settle within 12 months.

The carrying value of trade and other payables are assumed to be the same as their fair value, due to their short-term nature.

6. ISSUED CAPITAL

	31 December 2020	30 June 2020	31 December 2020	30 June 2020
	Shares	Shares	\$	\$
Fully paid	650,612,963	311,437,245	36,465,944	34,953,095

Movements in ordinary share capital during the current and prior financial period are as follows:

Details	Number of shares	\$
Balance at 30 June 2020	311,437,245	34,953,095
Shares issued to consultant	6,532,067	71,853
Shares issued to sophisticated investors	64,166,667	385,000
Shares issued under rights issue	268,476,984	1,610,862
Share issue expenses	-	(554,866)
Balance at 31 December 2020	650,612,963	36,465,944

7. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

Unlisted Options (as at Balance date)

Set out below are the options granted as share based payments during the year. No options were granted as share based payments in the previous year.

Number	Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Fair value at grant date	Vesting date
40,000,000	16-Dec-2020	16-Dec-2023	\$0.01	\$0.0109	16-Dec-2020

The fair value of the equity-settled options granted is estimated as at the date of grant using the Black and Scholes model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which they were granted.

Volatility %	Risk free interest rate %	Expected life of option (years)	Exercise price (cents)	Grant date share price (cents)
188	0.25	3	\$0.01	\$0.012

8. DIVIDENDS

No dividends have been declared or paid for the half-year ended 31 December 2020 (31 December 2019: nil).

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There have been no changes to contingent assets or liabilities since the last annual reporting date, 30 June 2020.

10. COMMITMENTS

There have been no other changes to commitments since the last annual reporting date, 30 June 2020.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

Remuneration

Related parties have continued to receive remuneration on the terms described in the Remuneration Report in the Company's last Annual Financial Report.

Payment of fees

During the period the following related party transactions took place:

- Mr David Wheeler, Non-Executive Chairman, is a director of Pathways Corporate Pty Ltd which received Mr Wheeler's director fees during the period. At period end the Company had no outstanding payable balance (30 June 2020: nil).
- Mr Joe Graziano, Non-Executive Director, is a director of Pathways Corporate Pty Ltd which received Mr Graziano's director fees during the period. At period end the Company had no outstanding payable balance (30 June 2020: nil).
- Mr Tim Slate, Non-Executive Director, is a director of Catalyst Corporate Pty Ltd which received Mr Slate's director fees during the period. At period end the Company had no outstanding payable balance (30 June 2020: nil).

Matthew Foy resigned as a director on 14 October 2020 and was paid \$22,000 remuneration during the period. Mr Joe Graziano was appointed on 14 October 2020 and is being remunerated as a non-executive director on a monthly fee of \$3,000. Tim Slate was appointed on 14 October 2020 and is being remunerated as company secretary and non-executive director on a monthly fee of \$7,000.

12. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 4 January 2021, the Company announced it had completed the disposal of KORID, for nominal consideration, to VRFB Australia.

Daejon Project Update

In January 2021, the Company received confirmation that, following an open hearing with the Mining Registration Office in South Korea in late November 2020, the Daejon Vanadium Project tenements have been granted a 1-year extension of term until November 2021.

There are no other events subsequent to the end of the reporting period.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the Directors' opinion:

1. the financial statements, and accompanying notes set out above, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (b) giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date.
2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Consolidated Entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to section 295(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the Directors



David Wheeler

Non-Executive Chairman

Perth, Western Australia

23 February 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of Protean Energy Limited

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Protean Energy Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of the Group does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for conclusion

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

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

Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

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



Auditor's responsibility for the review of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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

BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink. The signature starts with 'BDO' in a stylized, blocky font. Below it, the name 'Ashleigh' is written in a cursive script, followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Ashleigh Woodley

Director

Perth, 23 February 2021