

# ANNUAL REPORT

to 30 JUNE 2020

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# BUSINESS OBJECTIVES

Lithium Power International Limited has used cash and cash equivalents held at the time of listing and the time since listing to explore, develop and seek to acquire lithium tenements in South America and Australia, in a way consistent with the business objectives as listed on the Company's website. The Company's focus is the development of its Maricunga Lithium Brine project in Chile, through its 51% owned Joint Venture company Minera Salar Blanco S.A.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The directors and management are committed to conducting the business of Lithium Power International Limited in an ethical manner and in accordance with the highest standards of corporate governance. Lithium Power International Limited has adopted and has substantially complied with the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (Third Edition) ('Recommendations') to the extent appropriate to the size and nature of its operations.

The Group's Corporate Governance Statement, which sets out the corporate governance practices that were in operation during the financial year and identifies and explains any Recommendations that have not been followed and ASX Appendix 4G are released to the ASX on the same day the Annual Report is released. The Corporate Governance Statement and Corporate Governance Compliance Manual has been updated to consider recommended changes by the ASX. These changes have been adopted by the Board and have been uploaded to the company's website and can be found on the Who We Are page at: www.lithiumpowerinternational.com.

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# Chairman's Letter

#### Dear Shareholders,

It is pleasing to be able to report, as Chairman of Lithium Power International Limited, on progress during the last 12 months on our flagship Maricunga lithium brine project in Chile and our exploration orientated hard rock lithium assets in Western Australia. Clearly, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic hampered work during the second half the year. But we remain focussed and resolute in achieving all our objectives.

The Company's 51%-owned Chilean Joint Venture company, Minera Salar Blanco (MSB), received its environmental approval (RCA) for the Maricunga Project on 4 February 2020. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), an 11,400-page document, was submitted to the Chilean Authority, Servicio de Evaluación Ambiental (SEA) in September 2018. It then underwent an extremely rigorous, 15-month review process before it received final approval. This was one of the few EIA's approved in Chile in recent years. It is a tribute to the LPI and MSB teams that they achieved this key milestone, and clear recognition of their dedicated work.

We announced in August 2019, after several months of negotiations, that MSB had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Chilean state-owned copper mining company, CODELCO. It is intended that this process will lead to us entering a Joint Venture (JV) to jointly develop a lithium brine operation on the Maricunga Salar.

Due to external factors, including the social unrest seen in Chile at the end of 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic, delays have been experienced in the due diligence and joint venture negotiations. The MSB and LPI project team are working closely with CODELCO's advisors and technical team to finalise the terms of a definitive agreement that maximises value for our shareholders. We expect completion to occur by the end of 2020.

Meanwhile, the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) bidding process has advanced. Two major global engineering groups, Worley Parsons and Bechtel, each submitted comprehensive construction proposals. Evaluation of these proposals is being conducted by the Company and MSB's advisory engineering company. Further information has been requested before a final decision can be made.

Financial structuring for the project continues and is expected to be concluded once the CODELCO JV has been finalised. Discussions with parties on project funding – equity and debt – and off-take agreements have been held during the year. The company is confident this work can be concluded after the CODECLO JV is finalised.

Given present lithium market conditions and the significant impact of COVID 19 in Argentina, LPI is monitoring circumstances to allow further detailed consideration of our Centenario exploration property in the Salta province of Argentina.

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A drilling program was conducted at Tabba Tabba in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. It consisted of 31 holes for 3081 metres, and targeted mapped pegmatites in greenstone belts on the property. Initial results warrant further exploration.

A Program of Works for the exploration of the Greenbushes tenements, in southern Western Australia, has been approved by the WA Mining Department. It has been integrated with the Environmental and Conservation Management Plan which was previously approved. The tenement largely covers State forest areas, requiring additional steps and approvals. The Greenbushes project is now exploration ready.

A decision was taken, during uncertain COVID-19 times, to suspend all West Australian exploration works and to reduce overhead costs. This will be reassessed in Q4 2020, with the current intention to recommence work in Q1 2021.

I would like to thank my fellow board members, our management, technical teams and also our advisors for their collective efforts in adapting to a new way of doing things during the last six months.

I would also like to thank all of our shareholders for their continued loyal support for Lithium Power. We are working hard to add value to the company, and we believe that the next six months will see the cumulation of this extensive work and add to shareholder value.

Yours sincerely,

David R Hannon Chairman 29 September 2019 Sydney

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# CEO's Report

## **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

Lithium Power International Limited (ASX: LPI) (LPI or the Company) was established in 2015 and listed on the Australian Securities Exchange in 2016 as a pure-play, diversified lithium exploration and development company. Its primary focus is to develop a flagship mining project on the Maricunga Salar in Chile. The Salar is within the area known as the Lithium Triangle, which traverses Chile, Argentina and Bolivia and hosts approximately half of the world's lithium reserves. During the 2020 financial year, LPI also continued its exploration of lithium tenements held in Western Australia.

The Company has four distinct project regions, two in South America's lithium brine region and two in Western Australia's spodumene hard rock areas. This is consistent with our stated strategy of being a diversified lithium developer in both geography and geology. It also provides exposure to an advanced stage development in Chile, along with exploration prospects in Western Australia and Argentina.

BRINE - South America

#### HARD ROCK - Australia





# MARICUNGA LITHIUM BRINE JV - CHILE

#### **OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE**

The Company continues to hold 51 per cent ownership of the Maricunga Joint Venture Company, Minera Salar Blanco S.A. (MSB).

The remaining shareholding in MSB remains unchanged, with Minera Blanco (a private company owned by Mr Martin Borda, who is also a director of LPI) holding 30.98 per cent and Toronto-listed company Bearing Lithium holding 18.02 per cent.



FIGURE 1: MARICUNGA JV OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

# MARICUNGA PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Company released its Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) in January 2019. It was prepared on the Mining Reserve estimate of 742,000 tonnes of LCE (203,000 Proved and 539,000 Probable), supporting the 20,000 tonnes per annum (t/a) projected for Maricunga throughout during its 20-year mine life (Table 4). Resources have been updated to a total of 2,070,000 tonnes of LCE, and all are classified as Measured or Indicated (Table 1). Both the Reserve and Resource estimates are prepared in accordance with JORC and NI 43-101 international reporting standards.

All necessary project infrastructure, including water and power supply, as well as road and port access, have been secured and the operational focus now is on the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Bidding Process and securing Project Financing.

The EPC process has progressed, with interested partners being reduced to two major global engineering groups, Worley Parsons and Bechtel. Each are to provide a comprehensive construction proposal. Local, specialist engineering company, Cruz y Davila, was engaged to represent MSB as its Owner Engineering Company and is preparing an in-depth report analysing the proposals received.

Discussions and communications continue with a number of well-established companies regarding the financing of the project. This will likely be done through a number of means including debt, equity and off-take agreements. While the discussions are at an early stage, they are at a high level and are entirely normal in light of the quality of the project. Despite the emergence of COVID-19, approval of the EIA means that a major condition for potential funding partners has been satisfied. Discussions continue in parallel with the finalisation of the CODELCO Joint Venture structure.



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# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

A major milestone was achieved in February 2020 with approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) by the Chilean Environmental Authority, Servicio de Evaluación Ambiental (SEA).

The EIA was submitted to SEA in September 2018 and its approval was the culmination of more than two years of exhaustive work and a 15-month evaluation process undertaken by the Chilean environmental authorities. The process involved intensive data gathering, a variety of environmental and engineering studies and monitoring campaigns carried out by experienced and globally recognised consulting experts, including MWH-Stantec, WorleyParsons and FloSolutions.

The successful EIA approval represented the final major regulatory milestone in advancing the Project, which is now ready to move to construction.

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED WITH CODELCO

In August 2019, MSB entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Chilean State-owned mining company, CODELCO. The MOU defines terms for the negotiation of a definitive agreement to form a new Joint Venture (JV) to develop the Maricunga Salar, under a public-private alliance. Terms and details of the definitive agreement will be finalised in coming months. It will be subject to mutual due diligence, detailed documentation, establishment of a "NewCo" under Chilean corporate law and finalisation of a "NewCo" Shareholders Agreement among other conditions.

Delays have been experienced in the Due Diligence (DD) process because of social unrest in Chile and the outbreak of COVID-19 impacting on the ability to conduct certain on-site activities. The MSB and LPI project team is working closely with CODELCO's advisors and technical team to finalise the terms of a definitive agreement that maximises value for our shareholders.

The JV would provide for a very robust and scalable project. It would include the provision of all the necessary permits, including CODELCO's key CEOL contract and the Nuclear Commission's permits, at the salar. By combining these mining concessions, the JV would include approximately 60 per cent of all exploitable land on the Maricunga Salar.

Consolidation of the mining concessions also allows for a possible increase in production capacity and/or an extension of the life of the mine beyond its expected 20-year span, thus creating additional value for all shareholders in the JV.

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## PERMITS

Upon completion of the CODELCO JV, all the main permits will be in place to allow for the development of the Maricunga project into a producing lithium brine mine. The project would then become the third largest lithium carbonate operation in Chile.

# **RESERVE ESTIMATE**

The Company released its Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) with a maiden Mineral Reserve and an updated Resource estimate in January 2019. It is compliant with the 2012 JORC code and NI 43-101 standards (the Codes). The estimate consists of 100 per cent Indicated and Measured Resources, with the previous 20 per cent Inferred Resources converted to Indicated Resources after the drilling during the second half of 2018 of two additional sonic holes to 200m depth. This led to a revised Resource of 2.07 million tonnes of lithium carbonate equalisation (LCE) (Tables 1 and 2). The estimate of Mineral Resources was prepared by Competent Persons and reported in accordance with requirements of the Codes. The Competent Persons statement can be read on Page 68 of this report.

A highly sophisticated hydrogeological model was developed to define a maiden brine Reserve for the project, taking into account brine recovery from the salar's aquifers. An overall mining Reserve of 742,000 tonnes/LCE has been defined for brine extracted and pumped to evaporation ponds. Of this total, 203,000 tonnes/LCE is classified as Proved and 539,000 tonnes/ LCE as Probable (see Table 3). Proven Resources represent those in the old mining code Cocina, San Francisco, Salamina and Despreciada properties, along with the first seven years of production from the Litio properties in the salar. The remaining Reserves are classified as Probable. When a lithium pond and process recovery efficiency of 58 per cent is applied, the total recovered LCE equates to 430,000 tonnes/LCE.



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The 430,000 tonnes/LCE of defined Reserve exceeds the project's planned 20 years of production at 20,000 tones/LCE per annum, based on the Resource and Reserve defined to 200 metres in depth. The Company believes there is considerable scope to add additional Resources and probable Reserves below the current Resource drilling depth of 200 metres. Full details of the Reserve Estimate were published in an ASX announcement dated 21 January 2019.

TABLE 1: UPDATED DECEMBER 2018 MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE FOR LITHIUM METAL (LI) AND POTASSIUM

	MEAS	URED	INDIC	INDICATED		+ INDICATED		
ELEMENT	Li	К	Li	К	Li	К		
Property Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	18.88		18.88 6.43		6.43		25.31	
Aquifer volume (km <sup>3</sup> )	3.05		1.	94	5			
Mean specific yield (Sy)	0.0	04	0.11		0.07			
Brine volume (km <sup>3</sup> )	0.	13	0.21		0.35			
Mean grade (g/m³)	48	349	128	923	79	572		
Concentration (mg/l)	1,175	8,624	1,153	8.306	1,167	8,500		
Resource (tonnes)	146,000	1,065,000	244,000	1,754,000	389,000	2,818,000		

#### Notes to the Resource estimate:

1. JORC definitions were followed for Mineral Resources;

2. The Competent Person for this Mineral Resource estimate is Mr Murray Brooker, MAIG, RPGEO;

3. No cut-off values have been applied to the Resource estimate;

4. Numbers may not add due to rounding;

5. The effective date is December 24, 2018.

TABLE 2: DECEMBER 2018 LITHIUM CARBONATE (LCE) AND POTASH MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

7		TOTAL RESOURCES (MEASURED + INDICATED)					
)	PRODUCT	LCE (Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )	Potash (KCI)				
	Tonnes	2,070,000	5,383,000				

TABLE 3: MINING RESERVE FOR PUMPED LITHIUM AND LITHIUM CARBONATE (LCE)

)	CONCESSION	Category	Extraction Years	<b>Brine Vol.</b> (Mm3)	Avg Li Conc. (mg/l)	<b>Li Metal</b> (tonnes)	LCE (tonnes)
)	Old Mining Code	Proved	1–7	21	1,051	22,000	115,000
		Probable	1–18	42	1,068	45,000	241,000
	New Mining Code	Proved	7–14	14	1,184	17,000	88,000
	(Litio 1–6)	Probable	14–23	48	1,170	56,000	298,000
)	Total 20 years production			117		130,000	692,000
/	Mining Reserve			125		139,000	742,000

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CONCESSION	Category	Extraction Years	Brine Vol. (Mm3)	Avg Li Conc. (mg/l)	<b>Li Metal</b> (tonnes)	LCE (tonnes)
Old Mining Code	Proved	1–7	21	1,051	13,000	67,000
	Probable	1–18	42	1,068	26,000	140,000
New Mining Code	Proved	7–14	14	1,184	10,000	51,000
(Litio 1–6)	Probable	14–23	48	1,170	32,000	173,000
Total 20 years production			117		75,000	401,000
Production Available			125		81,000	430,000

#### TABLE 4: PRODUCTION OF LITHIUM CARBONATE (LCE) (REFLECTING THE 58 PER CENT LITHIUM PROCESS RECOVERY EFFICIENCY POST PUMPING)

#### Notes to the Production Estimate detailed in Table 4:

 MSB's brine production would commence in Year 1 on the mining properties constituted under old Chilean mining code, and include the Cocina, San Francisco, Salamina and Despreciada properties known as the Old Code concessions. In year seven, brine production would progressively switch to the Litio 1-6 concessions that were constituted under the 1982 (new) Chilean mining code and require a special operating license (CEOL) from the Chilean government. The CEOL licence is a key factor in the future Joint Venture with Codelco, as announced in August 2019.

. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for MSB's project was submitted to the Chilean Environmental Review Agency (SEA) in September 2018, and the final approvals for the construction and operation of the project were obtained in February 2020.

3. MSB's Reserve Estimate includes an optimised wellfield configuration and pumping schedule that complies with environmental constraints and water level decline restrictions during the project life.

4. Metallic lithium is converted to lithium carbonate (Li2CO3) with a conversion factor of 5.32.

The effective date for the Reserve Estimate is December 24, 2018.

Numbers may not add up due to rounding effects.

Approximately 36 per cent of the Measured and Indicated Resource would be converted to Proven and Probable Reserves at the point of pumping extraction during production, and fed to evaporation ponds without accounting for the lithium process recovery efficiency. This would be equivalent to 430,000 tonnes of LCE after a 58 per cent process recovery efficiency.



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# OTHER PROJECTS

#### TABBA TABBA – NORTH WEST, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LPI's 100 per cent-owned Tabba Tabba lithium exploration tenements lie along a greenstone belt identified in regional magnetic surveys. The belt hosts a historical tantalum deposit immediately south-west of the Tabba Tabba property.

A 31-hole drilling program was carried out in 2019 targeting outcropping and sub-cropping pegmatites associated with the 4.3km long zone of elevated lithium in soils. The drilling tested pegmatites in the upper 100m of the target area and demonstrated that there was a large system with elevated lithium. The pegmatite intercept in TTRC0015 returned 53m at 487 ppm Li from 46m.

Additional pegmatites in this area were not drill tested during this program. All tracks and pads constructed for this drilling program have been rehabilitated.

The Company will assess whether to prioritise further work programs to be carried out on this property and/ or on the Greenbushes property.



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# STRELLEY - NORTH WEST, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The 100 per cent-owned Strelley tenement is situated north of the Tabba Tabba tenement. Desktop analysis and soil sampling confirmed minimal lithium exploration potential, and the Company decided to divest its interest.

In July 2020, the Company executed a Tenement Acquisition Agreement with ASX-listed company Carnaby Resources Limited (ASX: CNB) to sell the Strelley Exploration Licence for 1,250,000 fully paid ordinary shares in Carnaby Resources Limited.

LPI would receive a 1% Net Smelter Return royalty of all gold produced from the tenement and retain all mineral rights for lithium, caesium, tantalum and tin contained within the tenement.

# PILGANGOORA - PILBARA - NORTH WEST, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The 100 per cent-owned Pilgangoora tenement is situated adjacent to Pilbara Minerals' and Altura Mining's lithium pegmatite deposits.

An initial drilling program was undertaken in 2018, without any conclusive results. Additional mapping, sampling and re-analysis of data occurred during the year, confirming the company placed no exploitable value on this tenement.



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The 100 per cent-owned Greenbushes tenements contain large strike lengths of the same rock suite that hosts the Talison Greenbushes lithium mine, the world's largest lithium producer.

An Environmental Management Plan has been approved by the WA Department of Conservation and the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) for activities over the state forest areas, which make up the majority of the target area on this property. The plan stipulates that field work can only be conducted in the summer months.

In late 2019 and early 2020 a soil sampling and mapping program was conducted, and an additional 174 laterite and soil samples were collected from the forestry areas. Sampling results were encouraging, with elevated lithium concentrations of up to 71ppm found, along with other trace metals. The Company then submitted to the WA Department of Mines, and received, approval for a Program of Works (POW). The POW is valid for four years and will enable further exploration to occur in areas of interest that were identified in the field work conducted. The company is continuing to refine its analysis of the targeted areas, for work proposed to commence in 2021, in keeping with the seasonal requirements of the Plan, and subject to the current situation relating to COVID-19.

## CENTENARIO - SALTA PROVINCE, ARGENTINA

The Centenario project is a 70:30 Joint Venture between LPI and Marquee Resources (ASX: MQR), since Centenario Lithium Ltd recently sold its 30% interest to Marquee Resources. Geophysical surveys have been completed, indicating that an extensive brine body is present throughout the tenements. All government permits for the exploration have been received and several different levels of drilling programs have been developed and are under discussion. However, further spending in Argentina has been suspended until the lithium market and pricing conditions improve and the impact of COVID-19 in the country stabilises.

# SUMMARY

LPI's Board and management continue to prioritise the delivery of the significant potential of the Maricunga Lithium Brine Project to achieve the objective that it becomes Chile's next high grade, low cost lithium producer. The Company will also continue its exploration programs at its other lithium projects in Western Australia and Argentina, with the view of extracting value for all stakeholders.



DRILLHOLE IN CENTENARIO, SALTA PROVINCE, ARGENTINA



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# Directors' Report

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the consolidated entity) consisting of Lithium Power International Limited (referred to hereafter as the Company, LPI or parent entity) and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the period ended 30 June 2020.

# DIRECTORS

The following persons were directors of Lithium Power International Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

- Mr David R Hannon Non-Executive Chairman
- Mr Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Andrew G Phillips Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer
- Mr Richard A Crookes Executive Director Corporate Finance
- Mr Reccared P Fertig Non-Executive Director
- Mr Russell C Barwick Non-Executive Director
- Mr Martin Jose Domingo Borda M Non-Executive Director

# PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

During the financial year the principal activity of the Company consisted of the identification, acquisition, exploration and development of lithium assets in Chile, Argentina and Australia.

# DIVIDENDS

There were no dividends paid, recommended or declared during the current or previous financial year.

# **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

The loss for the consolidated entity after providing for income tax and non-controlling interest amounted to \$12,972,177 (30 June 2019: \$10,154,439).

# SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

On 4 February 2020, the Chilean joint venture company Minera Salar Blanco ('MSB') received environmental approval for the Maricunga Project following a 15-month review process. The Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') was submitted to the Chilean Environmental Authority, Servicio deEvaluación Ambiental ('SEA'), in September 2018 and was the result of more than two years of field and desk work.

MSB has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') with Chilean State-owned mining company, CODELCO, to amalgamate the two companies' projects on the Maricunga salar. The Due Diligence ('DD') process, is advancing.

The Company is continuing to progress with the overall financial structuring for the construction of the project.

Capital calls have been made by MSB with LPI and the other two shareholders during the year. Each of the MSB shareholders fully paid their pro rata Capital Call contributions, to enable MSB to have appropriate working capital for its ongoing operations.

As a result of the Coronavirus ('COVID-19') pandemic all operations have been reviewed and cost reduction measures have been adopted.

There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the consolidated entity during the financial year.

# MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The impact of COVID-19 is ongoing and it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The situation is rapidly developing and is dependent on measures imposed by the Australian Government and other countries, in particular Chile, such as maintaining social distancing requirements, quarantine, travel restrictions and any economic stimulus that may be provided.

On 15 July 2020 the Company completed a sales transaction with Carnaby Resources Ltd (ASX: CNB) covering the Strelley tenement, E45/4638, in the north of Western Australia. The Company was issued 1,250,000 fully paid ordinary shares in Carnaby, a 1% Net Smelter Return royalty for any gold produced from the tenement by Carnaby and the Company retains all mineral rights for lithium, caesium, tantalum and tin contained within the tenement.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2020 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the consolidated entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

# LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The development of the Maricunga project continues to be the Company's priority. The expectation is that the CODELCO due diligence and establishment of the joint venture between MSB and CODELCO will be concluded by Q4 2020.

Project finance initiatives have continued throughout the year. Finalising of finance is dependent on the final structure of the new joint venture vehicle with CODELCO and the Company expects this to be finalised quickly upon the CODELCO joint venture completion. The Company has retained Australian based Treadstone Resource Partners, to run and manage the financing process in conjunction with management.

Selection of the Engineering Procurement and Construction ('EPC') contractor which commenced Q1 2020 continues with two international engineering firms, Bechtel and Worley Parsons being selected to continue to the next stage of assessment.

The Western Australian ('WA') tenements have been rationalised with the Tabba Tabba tenement showing promise and the two other north western tenements disposed of in Q3 2020. The Greenbushes tenement has now been fully permitted with the Conservation Management Program and Program of Works being approved in Q1 2020 and Q2 2020.

All field work has been suspended due to COVID-19 and will be reassessed in Q1 2021, with further field exploration likely to commence thereafter. The Company also continues to look at further acquisition of Australian based prospective tenements, to bolster its Australian portfolio.

# ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

The Company is subject to and compliant with all aspects of environmental regulation of its exploration and mining activities. The directors are not aware of any environmental law that is not being complied with.

# **INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS**

#### **DAVID R HANNON**

#### NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Mr Hannon holds a Bachelor of Economics from Macquarie University and is a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia (FINSIA). Mr Hannon commenced his commercial career as a stockbroker/investment banker in 1985. He later became a director of a private investment bank specialising in venture capital with a focus on the mining sector. Mr Hannon has operated a private investment group, Chifley Investor Group Pty Limited for over 15 years.

Mr Hannon's other listed mining company experience involves being a founding director of Atlas Iron Limited (Atlas) in 2004. Mr Hannon remained a member of the Atlas Board for 10 years and was Chairman while it maintained its position as a member of the ASX 100 Index with a market capitalisation of over \$2 billion. Throughout this period Mr Hannon held various positions including Chairman of the Audit Committee and Chairman of the Nominations and Remunerations Committee. While Atlas embarked upon an iron ore growth strategy of its Pilbara assets it became the fourth largest iron ore producer in Australia.

#### Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (last 3 years): Minrex Resources Limited (ASX: MRR) (appointed on 31 March 2016 and resigned on 27 November 2017)

**Special responsibilities:** Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee and member of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee **Interests in shares:** 21,576,800 ordinary shares

Interests in options: 7,750,000 options over ordinary shares at the date of this report. Mr Hannon held 9,750,000 options over ordinary shares at 30 June 2020, of which 2,000,000 expired in July 2020.

#### **CRISTOBAL GARCIA-HUIDOBRO R**

MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In addition to this role in the Company, Mr Garcia-Huidobro is currently Chief Executive Officer and Director of LPI's Joint Venture Company MSB. He has led the MSB team in the exploration and development program of the Maricunga salar. Mr Garcia-Huidobro is a qualified Civil Engineer with 18 years' experience in developing and financing of Mining, Energy, Infrastructure, Finance and Property projects. He is formerly CIO of investment company Centinela and Board or committee member of several mining, property and agricultural funds in North and South America.

Other current directorships: None

#### Former directorships (last 3 years): None

Special responsibilities: Chief Executive Officer and Director on the Maricunga Joint Venture Board and member of the Audit and Risk Committee

Interests in shares: 500,000 ordinary shares

Interests in options: 2,000,000 options over ordinary shares

Interests in rights: 6,000,000 rights over ordinary shares

#### ANDREW G PHILLIPS

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMPANY SECRETARY AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

Mr Phillips has over 25 years' international commercial experience previously working in senior financial and commercial management positions with a number of public and multinational companies in Australia and New Zealand with extensive networks throughout Asia. He is currently a non-executive director for 2 ASX listed companies, and has served in the past as a director and/or company secretary for a number of ASX listed Companies.

Other current directorships: Southern Cross Exploration NL (ASX: SXX) (appointed on 30 August 2013); Donaco International Ltd (ASX: DNA) (appointed on 2 September 2020)

Former directorships (last 3 years): Longreach Oil Ltd (ASX: LGO) (appointed on 2 April 2013 and resigned on 29 August 2018)

**Special responsibilities:** Director on the Maricunga Joint Venture Board and member of the Audit and Risk Committee **Interests in shares:** 2,282,500 ordinary shares

Interests in options: 2,200,000 options over ordinary shares

Interests in rights: 2,500,000 rights over ordinary shares

#### **RICHARD A CROOKES**

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CORPORATE FINANCE

Mr Crookes is a geologist by profession, starting his career in the minerals sector. He has been deeply involved in all aspects of mining projects, including exploration, mineral resource development, mine operations, environmental management, mine fleet selection, project finance and project management.

Other current directorships: Highfield Resources Ltd (ASX: HFR) (appointed on 16 May 2013); Black Rock Mining (ASX: BKT) (appointed on 16 October 2017)

Former directorships (last 3 years): None

Special responsibilities: None

Interests in shares: None

Interests in options: 2,000,000 options over ordinary shares Interests in rights: 4,000,000 rights over ordinary shares

#### **RECCARED (RICKY) P FERTIG**

#### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr Fertig is a senior executive with over 30 years' international commercial experience across the property, healthcare and mining services sector. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Adrenna Property Group, a Johannesburg property fund. He was also Founder and Chairman of Quyn International Outsource, a South African-based human resource group that has over 3,000 employees in Southern Africa, servicing the mining, construction and commercial industries. During his career Mr Fertig was also CEO of Colliers International Southern Africa for 15 years, one of the leading property and facilities management companies in Southern Africa. He was also a founder and Chairman of East Sydney Private Hospital in Sydney, Australia.

Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (last 3 years): Adrenna Property Group Ltd (JSE: ANA)

Special responsibilities: Chairman of the Maricunga Joint Venture Board; member of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee and member of the Audit and Risk Committee

Interests in shares: 17,823,347 ordinary shares

Interests in options: 7,750,000 options over ordinary shares

#### **RUSSELL C BARWICK**

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr Barwick is an internationally renowned mining executive and engineer with extensive technical, managerial and corporate experience in various commodities. Mr Barwick has an extremely strong development, operational and corporate background, particularly in Latin America. He was also formally CEO of Newcrest and COO of GoldCorp.

Other current directorships: Regis Resources Ltd (ASX: RRL) (appointed on 11 March 2020); Red Metal Limited (ASX: RDM) (appointed on 12 June 2003); Mount Gibson Iron Limited (ASX: MGX) (appointed on 16 November 2011)

#### Former directorships (last 3 years): None

Special responsibilities: Director on the Maricunga Joint Venture Board and Chairman of Nominations and Remuneration Committee Interests in shares: 526,315 ordinary shares

Interests in options: None at the date of this report. Mr Barwick held 2,000,000 options over ordinary shares at 30 Jun 2020 which expired in July 2020

#### MARTIN JOSE DOMINGO BORDA M

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr Borda owns, through his private company, 30.98% of the Maricunga Joint Venture Company, MSB. Mr Borda is Chairman and major shareholder of Santiago stock exchange listed company Multiexport Foods S.A. (Multifoods) which is one of the largest salmon farmers and exporters in Chile.

Other current directorships: Multiexport Foods S.A. (Multifoods.SN on the Santiago stock exchange)

Former directorships (last 3 years): None

Special responsibilities: Director on the Maricunga Joint Venture Board

Interests in shares: 16,000,000 ordinary shares

Interests in options: 2,000,000 options over ordinary shares

'Other current directorships' quoted above are current directorships for listed entities only and excludes directorships of all other types of entities, unless otherwise stated.

'Former directorships (last 3 years)' quoted above are directorships held in the last 3 years for listed entities only and excludes directorships of all other types of entities, unless otherwise stated.

# COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr Andrew G Phillips is an experienced company secretary and occupies this role along with being an executive director of the Company. Refer to Information on Directors for further details on Mr Phillips.

# **MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

The number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors (the Board) held during the year ended 30 June 2020, and the number of meetings attended by each director were:

	Full Board		Nominati Remuneration		Audit and Risk Committee	
	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held
David R Hannon	4	4	2	2	2	2
Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R	4	4	-	-	2	2
Andrew G Phillips	4	4	-	-	2	2
Richard A Crookes	4	4	-	-	-	-
Reccared P Fertig	4	4	2	2	2	2
Russell C Barwick	4	4	2	2	-	-
Martin Jose Domingo Borda M	3	4	-	-	-	-

Held: represents the number of meetings held during the time the director held office.

During the year ended 30 June 2020, Andrew G Phillips attended 2 Nomination and Remuneration Committee meetings as an observer.

# **REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)**

The remuneration report details the key management personnel remuneration arrangements for the consolidated entity, in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and its Regulations.

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including all directors.

The remuneration report is set out under the following main headings:

- Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration
- Details of remuneration
- Service agreements
- Share-based compensation
- Additional disclosures relating to key management personnel

## PRINCIPLES USED TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION

The objective of the consolidated entity's executive reward framework is to ensure reward for performance is competitive and appropriate for the results delivered. The framework aligns executive reward with the achievement of strategic objectives and the creation of value for shareholders, and it is considered to conform to the market best practice for the delivery of reward. The Board of Directors (the Board) ensures that executive reward satisfies the following key criteria for good reward governance practices:

- competitiveness and reasonableness;
- acceptability to shareholders;
- performance linkage/alignment of executive compensation; and
- transparency.

The Company has a Nominations and Remuneration Committee, Russell C Barwick as Chairman and David R Hannon and Ricky Fertig as members. The Committee also engages external advisors as required.

The Committee is responsible for determining and reviewing remuneration arrangements for its directors and executives. The performance of the consolidated entity depends on the quality of its directors and executives. The remuneration philosophy is to attract, motivate and retain high performance and high quality personnel.

The Committee has structured an executive remuneration framework that is market competitive and complementary to the reward strategy of the Company, and from time to time, will consult with external remuneration consultants.

As a result of COVID-19 the Committee adopted a minimum of 30% decrease in executive director contract salaries and non-executive director contracted fees until further notice, with the view of conserving Company resources.

The reward framework is designed to align executive reward to shareholders' interests. The Committee has considered that it should seek to enhance shareholders' interests by:

- having economic profit as a core component of plan design;
- focusing on sustained growth in shareholder wealth, consisting of dividends and growth in share price, and delivering constant or increasing return on assets as well as focusing the executive on key non-financial drivers of value; and
- attracting and retaining high calibre executives.

Additionally, the reward framework should seek to enhance executives' interests by:

- rewarding capability and experience;
- reflecting competitive reward for contribution to growth in shareholder wealth; and
- providing a clear structure for earning rewards.

In accordance with best practice corporate governance, the structure of non-executive director and executive director remuneration is separate.

#### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REMUNERATION

Fees and payments to non-executive directors reflect the demands and responsibilities of their role. Non-executive directors' fees and payments are reviewed annually by the Committee. The Committee may, from time to time, receive advice from independent remuneration consultants to ensure non-executive directors' fees and payments are appropriate and in line with the market. The chairman's fees are determined independently to the fees of other non-executive directors based on comparative roles in the external market. The chairman is not present at any discussions relating to the determination of his own remuneration.

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ASX listing rules require the aggregate non-executive directors' remuneration be determined periodically by a general meeting. Under the Company's Constitution and an increase approved at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 27 November 2019, the total aggregate remuneration available to non-executive directors was set at \$750,000 per annum. In light of COVID-19, it was agreed that all non-executive director fees (directors' fees and committee fees) would be reduced for the year ending 30 June 2021. The proposed fees for non-executive directors for the year ended 30 June 2021 are summarised as follows:

	Name	FY 2021 Fees
	David R Hannon	\$105,000
	Reccared P Fertig	\$105,000
)	Russell C Barwick	\$70,000
	Martin Jose Domingo Borda M	\$70,000

From time to time options are awarded to newly appointed non-executive directors. Such options are issued to attract high calibre directors to the board.

#### EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION

The consolidated entity aims to reward executives based on their position and responsibility, with a level and mix of remuneration which has both fixed and variable components.

The executive remuneration and reward framework has four components:

- base pay and non-monetary benefits;
- short-term performance incentives;
- share-based payments; and
- other remuneration such as superannuation and long service leave.

The combination of these comprises the executive's total remuneration.

Fixed remuneration, consisting of base salary, superannuation and non-monetary benefits, are reviewed annually by the Board based on individual and business unit performance, the overall performance of the consolidated entity and comparable market remunerations.

Executives may receive their fixed remuneration in the form of cash or other fringe benefits (for example motor vehicle benefits) where it does not create any additional costs to the consolidated entity and provides additional value to the executive.

The long-term incentives ('LTI') includes share-based payments. Shares are awarded to executives at the discretion of the Committee and based on long-term incentive measures. Options were awarded to executives and vested upon successful completion of the initial public offering ('IPO') or over a 5 year vesting period. Options vesting upon completion of the IPO are held in escrow for between 12 and 24 months from the vesting date, as required by the ASX. All other options granted to key management personnel, vest immediately when granted and expire between 1 and 3 years from the grant date. The Committee reviewed the long-term equity-linked performance incentives specifically for executives for the period ended 30 June 2020.

Share appreciation rights ('SARS') were approved to be issued to the executive directors by the shareholders at the 2019 AGM. The approval was valid for 12 months and subsequent to financial year ended 30 June 2020, it was resolved by the Committee to issue 12,500,000 SARS to executive directors on 27 November 2019.

#### USE OF REMUNERATION CONSULTANTS

During the financial year ended 30 June 2020, the consolidated entity engaged Godfrey Remuneration Group Pty Limited ('GRG'), remuneration consultants, to review its existing remuneration policies and provide recommendations on how to improve both the short term incentive ('STI') and LTI programs. GRG was paid \$38,720 for these services.

An agreed set of protocols were put in place to ensure that the remuneration recommendations would be free from undue influence from key management personnel. These protocols include requiring that the consultant not communicate with affected key management personnel without a member of the Board being present, and that the consultant not provide any information relating to the outcome of the engagement with the affected key management personnel. The Board is also required to make inquiries of the consultant's processes at the conclusion of the engagement to ensure that they are satisfied that any recommendations made have been free from undue influence. The Board is satisfied that these protocols were followed and as such there was no undue influence.

#### VOTING AND COMMENTS MADE AT THE COMPANY'S 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

At the 27 November 2019 AGM, 91.2% of the votes received supported the adoption of the remuneration report for the year period 30 June 2019. The Company did not receive any specific feedback at the AGM regarding its remuneration practices.

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# DETAILS OF REMUNERATION

#### AMOUNTS OF REMUNERATION

Details of the remuneration of key management personnel of the consolidated entity are set out in the following tables.

The key management personnel of the Company consisted of the following directors of Lithium Power International Limited:

- David R Hannon Non-Executive Chairman
- Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R Managing Director and Chief Executive
- Andrew G Phillips Executive Director, Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer
- Richard A Crookes Executive Director Corporate Finance
- Reccared P Fertig Non-Executive Director
- Russell C Barwick Non-Executive Director
- Martin Jose Domingo Borda M Non-Executive Director

And the following person:

Murray R Brooker – Group Technical and Exploration Advisor (no longer designated a KMP from 1 July 2019)

	Short-term benefits	Post-employment benefits	Share-based payments	
	Cash salary and fees $\$$	Superannuation \$	Equity-settled \$	Total \$
2020				
Non-Executive Directors:				
David R Hannon	138,750	13,181	_	151,931
Reccared P Fertig	138,750	_	_	138,750
Russell C Barwick	92,500	8,788	_	101,288
Martin Jose Domingo Borda M	92,500	_	_	92,500
Executive Directors:				
Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R	92,500	-	306,564	399,064
Andrew G Phillips	231,250	21,969	127,734	380,953
Richard A Crookes	133,750	12,706	204,376	350,832
	920,000	56,644	638,674	1,615,318
2019				
Non-Executive Directors:				
David R Hannon	150,000	14,250	_	164,250
Reccared P Fertig	150,000	_	_	150,000
Russell C Barwick	100,000	9,500	_	109,500
Martin Jose Domingo Borda M <sup>ii</sup>	83,333	_	192,200	275,533
Luis Ignacio Silva P <sup>i</sup>	17,224	-	-	17,224
Executive Directors:				
Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R <sup>iii</sup>	70,833	-	192,200	263,033
Andrew G Phillips	250,000	23,750	_	273,750
Richard A Crookes <sup>iv</sup>	100,000	9,500	192,200	301,700
Other Key Management Personn	el:			
Murray R Brooker <sup>v</sup>	136,250	-	-	136,250
	1,057,640	57,000	576,600	1,691,240

Resigned on 3 September 2018.

ii Appointed non-executive director on 3 September 2018. 2,000,000 options with an exercise price of \$0.60 and a fair value of \$0.0961 were approved and granted following the Company's AGM on 28 November 2018. The options expire 3 years from the date they were granted.

iii Appointed non-executive director on 3 September 2018 and then Managing Director/CEO on 16 October 2018. 2,000,000 options with an exercise price of \$0.60 and a fair value of \$0.0961 were approved and granted following the Company's AGM on 28 November 2018. The options expire 3 years from the date they were granted.

*iv* Appointed Executive Director on 25 October 2018. 2,000,000 options with an exercise price of \$0.60 and a fair value of \$0.0961 were approved and granted following the Company's AGM on 28 November 2018. The options expire 3 years from the date they were granted.

v Murray R Brooker also received \$18,200 directly from MSB.



# Directors' Report

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The proportion of remuneration linked to performance and the fixed proportion are as follows:

	Fixed rem	Fixed remuneration		At risk – STI		At risk – LTI	
Name	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	
Non-Executive Directors:							
David R Hannon	100%	100%	_	_	_	_	
Reccared P Fertig	100%	100%	_	_	_	-	
Russell C Barwick	100%	100%	_	_	_	_	
Martin Jose Domingo Borda M	100%	30%	_	_	_	70%	
Luis Ignacio Silva P	100%	100%	-	-	-	-	
Executive Directors:							
Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R	23%	27%	_	_	77%	73%	
Andrew G Phillips	67%	100%	_	_	33%	-	
Richard A Crookes	42%	36%	-	-	58%	64%	
Other Key Personnel:							
Murray R Brooker	_	100%	_	_	-	-	

# SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Remuneration and other terms of employment for key management personnel are formalised in service agreements. Details of these agreements are as follows:

#### **CRISTOBAL GARCIA-HUIDOBRO R**

MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### Agreement commenced: 16 October 2018

#### Term of agreement: No fixed term

**Details:** Base salary of \$100,000 per annum for LPI representation for non-Chilean joint venture responsibilities, equal to approximately 25% of a full-time equivalent role. The remainder of Mr Garcia-Huidobro's salary is paid directly by the Chilean joint venture. 2,000,000 sign-on options at a strike price of \$0.60 were granted following shareholder approval at the 2018 AGM. 6,000,000 Share Appreciation Rights at a strike price of \$0.40 were granted on 27 November 2019 following shareholder approval at the 2019 AGM. Base salary is to be reviewed from time to time by the Board in accordance with the constitution and policies and/or should the time commitment alter. As from April 2020, consistent with the Company's COVID-19 cost saving measures Mr Garcia-Huidobro has voluntarily taken a temporary 30% salary cut, until further notice. Mr Garcia-Huidobro and the Company may terminate the agreement at any time and for any reason by giving 6 months' written notice. Mr Garcia-Huidobro's employment may otherwise be terminated at any time for cause by notice to Mr Garcia-Huidobro from the Company.

#### ANDREW G PHILLIPS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMPANY SECRETARY AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

#### Agreement commenced: 1 August 2015

#### Term of agreement: No fixed term

**Details:** Base salary, reviewed on 1 January 2018, of \$250,000 plus superannuation, plus 1,500,000 sign-on options at a strike price of \$0.20 were granted at the time of the IPO. 2,500,000 Share Appreciation Rights at a strike price of \$0.40 were granted on 27 November 2019 following shareholder approval at the 2019 AGM. Base salary is to be reviewed from time to time by the Board in accordance with constitution and policies. As from April 2020, consistent with the Company's COVID-19 cost saving measures Mr Phillips has voluntarily taken a temporary 30% salary cut, until further notice. Mr Phillips and the Company may terminate the agreement at any time and for any reason by giving 12 months' written notice to the other party. Mr Phillips' employment may otherwise be terminated at any time for cause by notice to Mr Phillips from the Company.

#### **RICHARD A CROOKES**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CORPORATE FINANCE

Agreement commenced: 25 October 2018

#### Term of agreement: No fixed term

**Details:** Base salary of \$150,000 plus superannuation, equal to approximately 40% of a full-time equivalent role. 2,000,000 sign-on options at a strike price of \$0.60 were issued following shareholder approval at the 2018 AGM. 4,000,000 Share Appreciation Rights at a strike price of \$0.40 were issued on 27 November 2019 following shareholder approval at the 2019 AGM. Base salary is to be reviewed from time to time by the Board in accordance with the constitution and policies and should the time commitment alter. As from April 2020, consistent with the Company's COVID-19 cost saving measures plus adjustments to his time commitments Mr Crookes has voluntarily taken a temporary 57% salary cut, until further notice. Mr Crookes and the Company may terminate the agreement at any time and for any reason by giving 6 months' written notice. Mr Crookes' employment may otherwise be terminated at any time for cause by notice to Mr Crookes from the Company.

Key management personnel have no entitlement to termination payments in the event of removal for misconduct.

# SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

#### **ISSUE OF SHARES**

There were no shares issued to directors and other key management personnel as part of compensation during the year ended 30 June 2020.

#### OPTIONS

The terms and conditions of each grant of options over ordinary shares affecting remuneration of directors and other key management personnel in this financial year or future reporting years are as follows:

)	Name	Number of options granted	Grant date	Vesting date and exercisable date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Fair value per option at grant date
	David R Hannon*	2,000,000	06/07/2017	06/07/2017	06/07/2020	\$0.60	\$0.120
	Russell C Barwick*	2,000,000	06/07/2017	06/07/2017	06/07/2020	\$0.60	\$0.120
	Cristobal Garcia Huidobro R	2,000,000	28/11/2018	28/11/2018	28/11/2021	\$0.60	\$0.096
)	Richard A Crookes	2,000,000	28/11/2018	28/11/2018	28/11/2021	\$0.60	\$0.096
	Martin Jose Domingo Borda M	2,000,000	28/11/2018	28/11/2018	28/11/2021	\$0.60	\$0.096

Subsequent to the financial year ended 30 June 2020, the options expired and lapsed.

No options were exercised, and no options were forfeited during the year ended 30 June 2020.

#### SHARE APPRECIATION RIGHTS

Share appreciation rights were approved to be issued to the executive directors by the shareholders at the 2019 AGM. This approval is valid for 12 months and it was resolved by the Board to issue these after 30 June 2020.

The terms and conditions of each grant of performance rights over ordinary shares affecting remuneration of directors and other key management personnel in future reporting years are as follows:

	Name	Number of rights granted	Grant date	Vesting date and exercisable date	Expiry date	Share price hurdle for vesting	Fair value per right at grant date
) .	Cristobal Garcia Huidobro R	3,000,000	27/11/2019	31/12/2020	30/06/2023	\$0.40	\$0.133
1	Richard A Crookes	3,000,000 2,000,000 2,000,000	27/11/2019 27/11/2019 27/11/2019	30/06/2022 31/12/2020 30/06/2022	30/06/2023 30/06/2023 30/06/2023	\$0.40 \$0.40 \$0.40	\$0.133 \$0.133 \$0.133
	Andrew G Phillips	1,250,000 1,250,000	27/11/2019 27/11/2019 27/11/2019	31/12/2020 30/06/2022	30/06/2023 30/06/2023 30/06/2023	\$0.40 \$0.40 \$0.40	\$0.133 \$0.133

Share appreciation rights granted carry no dividend or voting rights.

# ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES RELATING TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

#### SHAREHOLDING

The number of shares in the Company held during the financial year by each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

	Balance at the start of the year	Received as part of remuneration	Additions	Disposals/ other	Balance at the end of the year
Ordinary shares					
David R Hannon	21,576,800	_	_	_	21,576,800
Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
Andrew G Phillips	735,000	-	1,547,500	-	2,282,500
Reccared P Fertig	17,823,347	_	_	_	17,823,347
Russell C Barwick	526,315	_	_	_	526,315
Martin Jose Domingo Borda M	16,000,000	-	-	-	16,000,000
	57,161,462	_	1,547,500	-	58,708,962

#### OPTION HOLDING

The number of options over ordinary shares in the Company held during the financial year by each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

	Balance at the start of the year	Granted/ acquired*	Exercised	Expired/ forfeited/ other	Balance at the end of the year
Options over ordinary shares					
David R Hannon	9,750,000	_	_	_	9,750,000
Cristobal Garcia–Huidobro R	2,000,000	_	_	-	2,000,000
Andrew G Phillips*	1,500,000	700,000	_	_	2,200,000
Richard A Crookes	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
Reccared P Fertig	7,750,000	-	-	-	7,750,000
Russell C Barwick	2,526,315	-	-	(526,315)	2,000,000
Martin Jose Domingo Borda M	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
	27,526,315	700,000	-	(526,315)	27,700,000

700,000 options were acquired by Andrew G Philips on 12 June 2020 and did not form part of his remuneration for the year ended 30 June 2020.

All options held by KMP at 30 June 2020 have vested and are exercisable at 30 June 2020.

#### SHARE APPRECIATION RIGHTS HOLDING

The number of share appreciation rights over ordinary shares in the Company held during the financial year by each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

		Balance at the start of the year	Granted	Vested	Expired/ forfeited/ other	Balance at the end of the year
	Share appreciation rights over ordinary shares					
))	Cristobal Garcia Huidobro R	-	6,000,000	-	_	6,000,000
	Richard A Crookes	-	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
	Andrew G Phillips	-	2,500,000	-	-	2,500,000
		-	12,500,000	-	-	12,500,000

#### OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND THEIR RELATED PARTIES

During the year ended 30 June 2020, the consolidated entity paid \$153,000 (2019: \$126,000) (inclusive of GST) to DHJPM Pty Ltd (a director related entity of David R Hannon) for the rental of office space. No amounts remain outstanding at 30 June 2020 or 30 June 2019.

# THIS CONCLUDES THE REMUNERATION REPORT, WHICH HAS BEEN AUDITED.

# SHARES UNDER OPTION

Unissued ordinary shares of Lithium Power International Limited under option at the date of this report are as follows:

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number under option
21 September 2015	24 June 2021	\$0.20	24,900,001
25 September 2015	24 June 2021	\$0.20	1,940,000
5 April 2016	24 June 2021	\$0.20	3,500,000
5 April 2016	24 June 2021	\$0.40	250,000
5 April 2016	24 June 2021	\$0.60	166,667
28 November 2018	28 November 2021	\$0.60	6,000,000
23 August 2019	31 March 2022	\$0.60	750,000
			37,506,668

No person entitled to exercise the options had or has any right by virtue of the option to participate in any share issue of the Company or of any other body corporate.

# SHARES UNDER SHARE APPRECIATION RIGHTS

Unissued ordinary shares of Lithium Power International Limited under share appreciation rights at the date of this report are as follows:

1	Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number under rights
)	27 November 2019	30 June 2023	\$0.40	12,500,000

No person entitled to exercise the performance rights had or has any right by virtue of the performance right to participate in any share issue of the Company or of any other body corporate.

# SHARES ISSUED ON THE EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

The following ordinary shares of Lithium Power International Limited were issued during the year ended 30 June 2020 and up to the date of this report on the exercise of options granted:

	Date options granted	Exercise price	Number of shares issued
)	21 September 2015	\$0.20	500,000

# SHARES ISSUED ON THE EXERCISE OF SHARE APPRECIATION RIGHTS

Shares issued on the exercise of share appreciation rights There were no ordinary shares of Lithium Power International Limited issued on the exercise of share appreciation rights during the year ended 30 June 2020 and up to the date of this report.

#### INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS

The Company has indemnified the directors and executives of the Company for costs incurred, in their capacity as a director or executive, for which they may be held personally liable, except where there is a lack of good faith.

During the financial year, the Company paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the directors and executives of the Company against a liability to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

# INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE OF AUDITOR

To the extent permitted by law, the Company has agreed to indemnify its auditors, Ernst & Young, as part of the terms of its audit engagement agreement against claims by third parties arising from the audit (for an unspecified amount). No payment has been made to indemnify Ernst & Young during or since the financial year.



# PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, or to 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 part of those proceedings.

# **NON-AUDIT SERVICES**

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for non-audit services provided during the financial year by the auditor are outlined in note 20 to the financial statements.

The directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services during the financial year, by the auditor (or by another person or firm on the auditor's behalf), is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The directors are of the opinion that the services as disclosed in note 20 to the financial statements do not compromise the external auditor's independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed and approved to ensure that they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and
- none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the Company, acting as advocate for the Company or jointly sharing economic risks and rewards.

# OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY WHO ARE FORMER PARTNERS OF ERNST & YOUNG

There are no officers of the Company who are former partners of Ernst & Young.

# AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration follows this directors' report.

# AUDITOR

Ernst & Young continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the Corporations Act 2001.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors.

On behalf of the directors

David R Hannon Chairman 29 September 2020



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# Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Lithium Power International Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Lithium Power International Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Lithium Power International Limited and the entities it controlled during the financial year.

Ernst & Young

Scott Nichols Partner Sydney 29 September 2020



# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2020

		Consolid	
		2020	2019
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue			
Share of losses of joint ventures accounted for using the equity method Interest revenue calculated using the effective interest method	25	(3,786,864) 186,733	(9,107,997) 281,748
Expenses			
Employee benefits expense		(1,576,817)	(1,532,409)
Occupancy costs		(154,555)	(132,656)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(10,030)	(5,569)
Legal and professional fees		(402,012)	(470,893)
Travel expense		(230,854)	(219,965)
Administration expense		(486,287)	(432,854)
Net foreign exchange gains/(loss)		(6,380,627)	1,816,548
Other expenses		(204,003)	(220,390)
Finance costs		(22,606)	(40,031)
Loss before income tax expense		(13,067,922)	(10,064,468)
Income tax expense	6	_	(147,451)
Loss after income tax expense for the year		(13,067,922)	(10,211,919)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Foreign currency translation		67,591	66,426
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		67,591	66,426
Total comprehensive income for the year		(13,000,331)	(10,145,493)
Loss for the year is attributable to:			
Non–controlling interest		(95,745)	(57,480)
Owners of Lithium Power International Limited		(12,972,177)	(10,154,439)
		(13,067,922)	(10,211,919)
Total comprehensive income for the year is attributable to:			
Non-controlling interest		(33,248)	(43,103)
Owners of Lithium Power International Limited		(12,967,083)	(10,102,390)
		(13,000,331)	(10,145,493)
		Cents	Cents
Basic loss per share	27	(4.94)	(3.87)
	27		(3.87)
Basic loss per share Diluted loss per share		(4.94) (4.94)	

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2020

		Consolid	
		2020	2019
	Note	\$	\$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	7,141,558	15,341,488
GST receivable	8	74,708	125,239
Income tax refund due		32	67,783
Other	9	175,477	116,117
Total current assets		7,391,775	15,650,627
Non-current assets			
Investments accounted for using the equity method	10	25,074,882	30,124,002
Property, plant and equipment		26,440	147,906
Exploration and evaluation	11	4,199,446	2,885,805
Total non-current assets		29,300,768	33,157,713
Total assets		36,692,543	48,808,340
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	293,767	250,374
Employee benefits	13	42,238	58,271
Total current liabilities		336,005	308,645
Total liabilities		336,005	308,645
Net assets		36,356,538	48,499,695
Equity			
Issued capital	14	69,612,965	69,512,965
Reserves	15	7,964,415	7,202,147
Accumulated losses		(41,033,765)	(28,061,588)
Equity attributable to the owners of Lithium Power International Limiter	d	36,543,615	48,653,524
Non-controlling interest		(187,077)	(153,829)

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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Consolidated	Issued capital \$	Reserves \$	Accumulated losses \$	Non-controlling interest \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2018 Loss after income tax expense for the year Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	69,512,965 _ _	6,573,498 - 52,049	(17,907,149) (10,154,439) –	(110,726) (57,480) 14,377	58,068,588 (10,211,919) 66,426
Total comprehensive income for the year Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Share-based payments (note 28)	_	52,049 576,600	(10,154,439)	(43,103)	(10,145,493) 576,600
Balance at 30 June 2019	69,512,965	7,202,147	(28,061,588)	(153,829)	48,499,695

Consolidated	Issued capital \$	Reserves \$	Accumulated losses \$	Non-controlling interest \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2019 Loss after income tax expense for the year Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	69,512,965 _ _	7,202,147 - 5,094	(28,061,588) (12,972,177) –	(153,829) (95,745) 62,497	48,499,695 (13,067,922) 67,591
Total comprehensive income for the year Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:	-	5,094	(12,972,177)	(33,248)	(13,000,331)
Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs (note 14) Share-based payments (note 28)	100,000	- 757,174		- -	100,000 757,174
Balance at 30 June 2020	69,612,965	7,964,415	(41,033,765)	(187,077)	36,356,538

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

for the year ended 30 June 2020

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2020

			Consolida 2020	ated 2019
		Note	\$	\$
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	Cash flows from operating activities Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST) Interest received		(2,156,137) 186,733	(1,510,502) 281,748
	Interest and other finance costs paid Income taxes refunded/(paid)		(22,606) 67,751	(40,031) (357,254)
	Net cash used in operating activities	26	(1,924,259)	(1,626,039)
	<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b> Payments for new joint venture capital invested Payments for property, plant and equipment	10	(5,173,466)	(5,296,978)
5	Payments for exploration and evaluation	11	_ (1,202,205)	(147,670) (952,302)
	Net cash used in investing activities		(6,375,671)	(6,396,950)
	Cash flows from financing activities Proceeds from issue of shares	14	100,000	_
((1D))	Net cash from financing activities		100,000	_
	Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		(8,199,930) 15,341,488	(8,022,989) 23,364,477
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	7	7,141,558	15,341,488
2/M)	The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with	the accompanying	notes.	
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# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the period ended 30 June 2020

# NOTE 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The financial statements cover Lithium Power International Limited as a consolidated entity consisting of Lithium Power International Limited (Company or parent entity) and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the period (collectively referred to as the consolidated entity). The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Lithium Power International Limited's functional and presentation currency.

Lithium Power International Limited is a listed public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

Level 7, 151 Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000

A description of the nature of the consolidated entity's operations and its principal activity are included in the directors' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 29 September 2020. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

# NOTE 2. 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.

#### NEW OR AMENDED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ADOPTED

The consolidated entity has adopted all of the new, revised or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

The following Accounting Standards and Interpretations are most relevant to the consolidated entity:

#### AASB Interpretation 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax

The consolidated entity has adopted Interpretation 23 from 1 July 2019. The interpretation clarifies how to apply the recognition and measurement requirements of AASB 112 'Income Taxes' in circumstances where uncertain tax treatments exists. The interpretation requires: the consolidated entity to determine whether each uncertain tax treatment should be treated separately or together, based on which approach better predicts the resolution of the uncertainty; the consolidated entity to consider whether it is probable that a taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment; and if the consolidated entity concludes that it is not probable that the taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment, it shall reflect the effect of uncertainty in determining the related taxable profit (tax loss), tax bases, unused tax losses, unused tax credits or tax rates, measuring the tax uncertainty based on either the most likely amount or the expected value. In making the assessment it is assumed that a taxation authority will examine amounts it has a right to examine and have full knowledge of all related information when making those examinations. AASB Interpretation 23 was adopted using the modified retrospective approach and as such comparatives have not been restated. There was no impact of adoption on opening accumulated losses as at 1 July 2019.

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#### NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

#### AASB 16 Leases

The consolidated entity has adopted AASB 16 from 1 July 2019. The standard replaces AASB 117 'Leases' and for lessees eliminates the classifications of operating leases and finance leases. Except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets, right-of-use assets and corresponding lease liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position. Straight-line operating lease expense recognistion is replaced with a depreciation charge for the right-of-use assets (included in operating costs) and an interest expense on the recognised lease liabilities (included in finance costs). In the earlier periods of the lease, the expenses associated with the lease under AASB 16 will be higher when compared to lease expenses under AASB 117. However, EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation) results improve as the operating expense is now replaced by interest expense and depreciation in profit or loss. For classification within the statement of cash flows, the interest portion is disclosed in operating activities and the principal portion of the lease payments are separately disclosed in financing activities. For lessor accounting, the standard does not substantially change how a lessor accounts for leases.

#### Impact of adoption

The adoption of AASB 16 'Leases' did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the consolidated entity during the financial year ended 30 June 2020. As at 1 July 2019 and during the year ended 30 June 2020, the consolidated entity had one short-term lease agreement and elected not to apply the recognition and measurement requirements of AASB 16.

## **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*, as appropriate for for-profit oriented entities. These financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

#### HISTORICAL COST CONVENTION

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the consolidated entity's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

#### PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION

In accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, these financial statements present the results of the consolidated entity only. Supplementary information about the parent entity is disclosed in note 23.

# PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Lithium Power International Limited as at 30 June 2020 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the consolidated entity has control. The consolidated entity controls an entity when the consolidated entity 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 to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the consolidated entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between entities in the consolidated entity are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the consolidated entity.

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. A change in ownership interest, without the loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction, where the difference between the consideration transferred and the book value of the share of the non-controlling interest acquired is recognised directly in equity attributable to the parent.

Non-controlling interest in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity of the consolidated entity. Losses incurred by the consolidated entity are attributed to the non-controlling interest in full, even if that results in a deficit balance.

Where the consolidated entity loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets including goodwill, liabilities and non-controlling interest in the subsidiary together with any cumulative translation differences recognised in equity. The consolidated entity recognises the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any investment retained together with any gain or loss in profit or loss.

#### **OPERATING SEGMENTS**

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Operating segments are presented using the 'management approach', where the information presented is on the same basis as the internal reports provided to the Chief Operating Decision Makers (CODM). The CODM is responsible for the allocation of resources to operating segments and assessing their performance.

# FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Lithium Power International Limited's functional and presentation currency.

### FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

Foreign currency transactions are translated into Australian dollars 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 financial year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

## FOREIGN OPERATIONS

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into Australian dollars using the exchange rates at the reporting date. The revenues and expenses of foreign operations are translated into Australian dollars using the average exchange rates, which approximate the rates at the dates of the transactions, for the period. All resulting foreign exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income through the foreign currency reserve in equity.

The foreign currency reserve is recognised in profit or loss when the foreign operation or net investment is disposed of.

# **REVENUE RECOGNITION**

The consolidated entity recognises revenue as follows:

#### REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the consolidated entity is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the consolidated entity: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

# INTEREST

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrued using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

### OTHER REVENUE

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

## INCOME TAX

The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on that period's taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate for each jurisdiction, adjusted by the changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences, unused tax losses and the adjustment recognised for prior periods, where applicable.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to be applied when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates that are enacted or substantively enacted, except for:

- When the deferred income tax asset or liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting nor taxable profits; or
- When the taxable temporary difference is associated with interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

The carrying amount of recognised and unrecognised deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date. Deferred tax assets recognised are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that future taxable profits will be available for the carrying amount to be recovered. Previously unrecognised deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that there are future taxable profits available to recover the asset.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only where there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and they relate to the same taxable authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend to settle simultaneously.

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# NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

# CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the consolidated entity's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the consolidated entity's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are always classified as non-current.

# CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

# TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

# JOINT VENTURES

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. Investments in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, the share of the profits or losses of the joint venture is recognised in profit or loss and the share of the movements in equity is recognised in other comprehensive income. Investments in joint ventures are carried in the statement of financial position at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the consolidated entity's share of net assets of the joint venture. Goodwill relating to the joint venture is included in the carrying amount of the investment and is neither amortised nor individually tested for impairment. Distributions received or receivable from joint venture entities reduce the carrying amount of the investment.

# **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Plant and equipment 3–7 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the consolidated entity. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

# **EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS**

Exploration and evaluation expenditure in relation to separate areas of interest for which rights of tenure are current is carried forward as an asset in the statement of financial position where it is expected that the expenditure will be recovered through the successful development and exploitation of an area of interest, or by its sale; or exploration activities are continuing in an area and activities have not reached a stage which permits a reasonable estimate of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves. Where a project or an area of interest has been abandoned, the expenditure incurred thereon is written off in the period in which the decision is made.

# **IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS**

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

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# TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the consolidated entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

# FINANCE COSTS

Finance costs attributable to qualifying assets are capitalised as part of the asset. All other finance costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

# EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

# SHORT-TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

## OTHER LONG-TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The liability employee benefits not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

### DEFINED CONTRIBUTION SUPERANNUATION EXPENSE

Contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

### SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

Equity-settled and cash-settled share-based compensation benefits are provided to employees.

Equity-settled transactions are awards of shares, or options over shares, that are provided to employees in exchange for the rendering of services.

The cost of equity-settled transactions are measured at fair value on grant date. Fair value is independently determined by using the 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, together with non-vesting conditions that do not determine whether the consolidated entity receives the services that entitle the employees to receive payment. No account is taken of any other vesting conditions.

The cost of equity-settled transactions are recognised as an expense with a corresponding increase in equity over the vesting period. The cumulative charge to profit or loss is calculated based on the grant date fair value of the award, the best estimate of the number of awards that are likely to vest and the expired portion of the vesting period. The amount recognised in profit or loss for the period is the cumulative amount calculated at each reporting date less amounts already recognised in previous periods.

Market conditions are taken into consideration in determining fair value. Therefore any awards subject to market conditions are considered to vest irrespective of whether or not that market condition has been met, provided all other conditions are satisfied.

If equity-settled awards are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the modification has not been made. An additional expense is recognised, over the remaining vesting period, for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based compensation benefit as at the date of modification.

If the non-vesting condition is within the control of the consolidated entity or employee, the failure to satisfy the condition is treated as a cancellation. If the condition is not within the control of the consolidated entity or employee and is not satisfied during the vesting period, any remaining expense for the award is recognised over the remaining vesting period, unless the award is forfeited.

If equity-settled awards are cancelled, it is treated as if it has vested on the date of cancellation, and any remaining expense is recognised immediately. If a new replacement award is substituted for the cancelled award, the cancelled and new award is treated as if they were a modification.

# FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

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# NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

# **ISSUED CAPITAL**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

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.

# EARNINGS PER SHARE

## **BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE**

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Lithium Power International Limited, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the financial year.

### DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share to take into account the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares.

# GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST) AND OTHER SIMILAR TAXES

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

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

# NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS NOT YET MANDATORY OR EARLY ADOPTED

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the consolidated entity for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2020. The consolidated entity's assessment of the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations, most relevant to the consolidated entity, are set out below.

### CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING (CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK)

The revised Conceptual Framework is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020 and early adoption is permitted. The Conceptual Framework contains new definition and recognition criteria as well as new guidance on measurement that affects several Accounting Standards. Where the consolidated entity has relied on the existing framework in determining its accounting policies for transactions, events or conditions that are not otherwise dealt with under the Australian Accounting Standards, the consolidated entity may need to review such policies under the revised framework. At this time, the application of the Conceptual Framework is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated entity's financial statements.

# NOTE 3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Judgement has been exercised in considering the impacts that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had, or may have, on the consolidated entity based on known information. This consideration extends to the supply chain, staffing and geographic regions in which the consolidated entity operates. There does not currently appear to be either any significant impact upon the financial statements or any significant uncertainties with respect to events or conditions which may impact the consolidated entity unfavourably as at the reporting date or subsequently as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

#### SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

The consolidated entity measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by using either the Binomial or Black-Scholes model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted.

# IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS OTHER THAN GOODWILL AND OTHER INDEFINITE LIFE INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The consolidated entity assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the consolidated entity and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

#### **EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION COSTS**

Exploration and evaluation costs have been capitalised on the basis that the consolidated entity will commence commercial production in the future, from which time the costs will be amortised in proportion to the depletion of the mineral resources. Key judgements are applied in considering costs to be capitalised which includes determining expenditures directly related to these activities and allocating overheads between those that are expensed and capitalised. In addition, costs are only capitalised that are expected to be recovered either through successful development or sale of the relevant mining interest. Factors that could impact the future commercial production at the mine include the level of reserves and resources, future technology changes, which could impact the cost of mining, future legal changes and changes in commodity prices. To the extent that capitalised costs are determined not to be recoverable in the future, they will be written off in the period in which this determination is made.

# NOTE 4. OPERATING SEGMENTS

## IDENTIFICATION OF REPORTABLE OPERATING SEGMENTS

The consolidated entity is organised into one operating segment, being the exploration and evaluation of early stage Lithium resources. This is based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors (who are identified as the Chief Operating Decision Makers (CODM)) in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. There is no aggregation of operating segments.

The operating segment information is the same information as provided throughout the financial statements and therefore not duplicated.

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# NOTE 5. EXPENSES

	Consolidated	
	2020 \$	2019 \$
Loss before income tax includes the following specific expenses:	Ψ	ψ
Leases		
Minimum lease payments	-	130,273
Short-term lease payments	175,989	
	175,989	130,27
Superannuation expense		
Defined contribution superannuation expense	76,279	80,70
Share-based payments expense		
Share-based payments expense	757,174	576,600
Net foreign exchange loss/(gain)		
Net foreign exchange loss/(gain)	6,380,627	(1,816,548

The exchange loss (2019: exchange gain) has arisen on the US dollar denominated intercompany loan granted by Lithium Power International Limited, which has an Australian Dollar functional currency, to its wholly owned subsidiary, Lithium Power Inversiones Chile S.p.A, which has a US Dollar functional currency.

# NOTE 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

<b>2020</b> \$	2019
\$	
	\$
-	147,48
-	147,48
(13,067,922)	(10,064,4)
(3,593,679)	(2,767,72
000 000	100 5
	158,50 2,427,2
7,343	10,3
(2.336.725)	(171,5
	319,04
2,000,720	519,04
-	147,48
15,995,276	7,498,09
4,398,701	2,061,9
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	(3,593,679) 208,223 1,041,388 7,343 (2,336,725) 2,336,725 - 15,995,276 4,398,701 of financial position. These

))	Potential tax benefit at statutory tax rates	4,398,701	2,061,976

Deferred tax assets not recognised Deferred tax assets not recognised comprises temporary differences attributable to: Exploration and evaluation assets Accrued expenses Tax losses Capital expenditure deductible over 5 years	(361,251) 23,140 4,398,701 764,152	(261,883) 6,973 2,061,976 955,190
Total deferred tax assets not recognised	4,824,742	2,762,256

The above potential tax benefit, which includes tax losses, for deductible temporary differences has not been recognised in the statement of financial position as the recovery of this benefit is uncertain.

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# NOTE 7. CURRENT ASSETS - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Consolid	Consolidated	
	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$	
Cash at bank Cash on deposit	5,096,806 2,044,752	4,516,491 10,824,997	
	7,141,558	15,341,488	

Cash on deposit has a term of one month and is automatically renewed each month. Cash on deposit earns interest at 1.85% per annum.

# NOTE 8. CURRENT ASSETS - GST RECEIVABLE

	Consolidated	
	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$
GST receivable	74,708	125,239

# NOTE 9. CURRENT ASSETS - OTHER

	Consolida	Consolidated	
	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$	
Prepayments	77,241	10,945	
Other current assets	98,236	105,172	
	175,477	116,117	

# NOTE 10. NON-CURRENT ASSETS – INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD

	Consolid	Consolidated	
	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$	
Investment in the Maricunga Joint Venture	25,074,882	30,124,002	
<b>Reconciliation</b> Reconciliation of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:			
Opening carrying amount Share of loss after tax Additional investment Foreign exchange differences	30,124,002 (3,786,864) 5,173,466 (6,435,722)	33,232,609 (9,107,997) 5,296,978 702,412	
Closing carrying amount	25,074,882	30,124,002	

Refer to note 25 for further information on interests in joint venture.

The consolidated entity, through the Company's subsidiary entity Lithium Power Inversiones Chile S.p.A ('LPI Chile'), has a 51% (30 June 2019: 51%) interest in the Maricunga lithium brine project in Chile (the Maricunga Joint Venture ('JV')). The JV is constituted by the JV Shareholder Agreement of the Joint Venture Company, Minera Salar Blanco S.A. ('MSB'). The consolidated entity's interest in MSB is deemed to be a joint venture pursuant to accounting standards as the appointment of MSB's directors and the allocation of voting rights for key business decisions requires the unanimous approval of its venturers.

The funds contributed by the consolidated entity to date (US\$34.5 million) have been used by MSB to acquire additional tenements and to fund the exploration and development of the Maricunga Lithium Brine project to the Definitive Feasibility Study ('DFS') stage (DFS issued during January 2019).

During the financial year ended 30 June 2020, all MSB shareholders contributed to 3 separate capital calls. The consolidated entity's pro rata share of the capital calls was US\$3.5m in total, comprising:

- US\$1.3m paid in July 2019
  - US\$1.3m paid between December 2019 and January 2020
- US\$893k paid between April 2020 and May 2020

Key milestones have been achieved by MSB which are detailed in the Review of Operations.

# NOTE 11. NON-CURRENT ASSETS - EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION

2	Consoli	Consolidated	
)	<b>2020</b> \$	2019 \$	
Exploration and evaluation expenditures – at cost	4,199,446	2,885,805	

# RECONCILIATIONS

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

Consolidated	Exploration and evaluation expenditures \$
Balance at 1 July 2018	1,933,503
Additions	952,302
Balance at 30 June 2019	2,885,805
Additions	1,313,641
Balance at 30 June 2020	4,199,446

Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditures are comprised of the costs incurred to acquire the consolidated entity's lithium tenements in Western Australia and Argentina and exploration and evaluation activities incurred to date.

# NOTE 12. CURRENT LIABILITIES - TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Consolida	Consolidated	
	<b>2020</b> \$	2019 \$	
Trade payables Accrued expenses	209,623 84,144	225,017 25,357	
	293,767	250,374	

Refer to note 17 for further information on financial instruments.

# NOTE 13. CURRENT LIABILITIES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	Consolidated	
	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$
Employee benefits	42,238	58,271

# NOTE 14. EQUITY - ISSUED CAPITAL

		Consoli	dated	
	<b>2020</b> Shares	<b>2019</b> Shares	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$
Ordinary shares – fully paid	263,013,903	262,513,903	69,612,965	69,512,965

# MOVEMENTS IN ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL

Details	Date	Shares	Issue price	\$
Balance	1 July 2018	260,713,903		69,512,965
Issue of shares	30 August 2018	1,800,000	\$0.00	_
Balance	30 June 2019	262,513,903		69,512,965
Issue of shares on exercise of options	21 February 2020	500,000	\$0.20	100,000
Balance	30 June 2020	263,013,903		69,612,965

# **ORDINARY SHARES**

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on the winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held. The fully paid ordinary shares have no par value and the Company does not have a limited amount of authorised capital.

On a show of hands every member present at a meeting in person or by proxy shall have one vote and upon a poll each share shall have one vote.

# CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The consolidated entity's objectives when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimum capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

Capital is regarded as total equity, as recognised in the statement of financial position, plus net debt. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings less cash and cash equivalents.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the consolidated entity may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

The consolidated entity would look to raise capital when an opportunity to invest in a business or company was seen as value adding relative to the Company's share price at the time of the investment. The consolidated entity is not actively pursuing additional investments in the short-term as it continues to integrate and grow its existing businesses in order to maximise synergies.

The consolidated entity is not subject to any financing arrangement covenants.

The capital risk management policy remains unchanged from the 30 June 2019 Annual Report.

# NOTE 15. EQUITY - RESERVES

Consolida	ated
<b>2020</b> \$	2019 \$
483,705 2,998,699	478,611 2,241,525
1,283,458	3,198,553 1,283,458 7,202,147
	2020 \$ 483,705 2,998,699 3,198,553

## FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION RESERVE

The reserve is used to recognise exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations to Australian dollars. It is also used to recognise gains and losses on hedges of the net investments in foreign operations.

### SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS RESERVE

The reserve is used to recognise the value of equity benefits provided to employees and directors as part of their remuneration, and other parties as part of their compensation for services.

## **OPTIONS RESERVE**

The reserve is used to recognise the value of equity benefits provided to shareholders who received a one for one attaching option for each share acquired in the Company.

## OTHER RESERVE

This reserve is used to recognise the difference between the fair value of consideration received and the fair value of the net assets and foreign currency translation reserve transferred to non-controlling interests.

### MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

Movements in each class of reserve during the current and previous financial year are set out below:

Consolidated	Foreign currency \$	Share-based payments \$	Options \$	Other \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2018	426,562	1,664,925	3,198,553	1,283,458	6,573,498
Foreign currency translation	52,049	_	-	_	52,049
Share-based payments	-	576,600	-	_	576,600
Balance at 30 June 2019	478,611	2,241,525	3,198,553	1,283,458	7,202,147
Foreign currency translation	5,094	-	_	_	5,094
Share-based payments	-	757,174	_	_	757,174
Balance at 30 June 2020	483,705	2,998,699	3,198,553	1,283,458	7,964,415

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# NOTE 16. EQUITY - DIVIDENDS

There were no dividends paid, recommended or declared during the current or previous financial year.

# NOTE 17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

## FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

The consolidated entity's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The consolidated entity's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rate, foreign exchange and other price risks and ageing analysis for credit risk.

Risk management is carried out by senior finance executives (finance) under policies approved by the Board of Directors (the Board). These policies include identification and analysis of the risk exposure of the consolidated entity and appropriate procedures, controls and risk limits. Finance identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks within the consolidated entity's operating units. Finance reports to the Board on a monthly basis.

# **MARKET RISK**

#### FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK

The consolidated entity operates internationally and is exposed to foreign currency risk from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the US dollar.

Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency and US dollar denominated loans between the parent entity and its subsidiaries. The risk is measured using sensitivity analysis and cash flow forecasting and the consolidated entity does not have a hedging policy.

The carrying amount of the consolidated entity's foreign currency denominated financial assets and financial liabilities at the reporting date were not significant. However, as at the 30 June 2020, there exists a US dollar denominated intercompany loan granted by Lithium Power International Limited to its wholly owned subsidiary, Lithium Power Inversiones Chile S.p.A. The loan balance at 30 June 2020 is US\$37.2 million (30 June 2019: US\$34.9 million).

The sensitivity analysis for foreign exchange risk of the consolidated entities intercompany loans is as follows:

	A	UD strengthene	ed		AUD weakened	I
	% change	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity	% change	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity
<b>Consolidated – 2020</b> US Dollar	5%	2,581,375	2,581,375	5%	(2,853,099)	(2,853,098)
<b>Consolidated – 2019</b> US dollar	1%	492,720	492,720	1%	(502,674)	(502,674)

### PRICE RISK

The consolidated entity is not exposed to any significant price risk.

### INTEREST RATE RISK

The consolidated entity is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

### CREDIT RISK

The consolidated entity is not exposed to any significant credit risk.

#### LIQUIDITY RISK

Vigilant liquidity risk management requires the consolidated entity to maintain sufficient liquid assets (mainly cash and cash equivalents) to be able to pay debts as and when they become due and payable.

The consolidated entity manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves by continuously monitoring actual and forecast cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

#### REMAINING CONTRACTUAL MATURITIES

The following tables detail the consolidated entity's remaining contractual maturity for its financial instrument liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the financial liabilities are required to be paid. The tables include both interest and principal cash flows disclosed as remaining contractual maturities and therefore these totals may differ from their carrying amount in the statement of financial position.

Consolidated – 2020	Weighted average interest rate %	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 2 years \$	Between 2 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
Non-derivatives Non-interest bearing Trade payables		209,623				209,623
Total non-derivatives		209,623	-	-	-	209,623

Consolidated – 2019	Weighted average interest rate %	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 2 years \$	Between 2 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
Non-derivatives Non-interest bearing Trade payables	-	225,017	-	-	_	225,017
Total non-derivatives		225,017	_	_	_	225,017

# NOTE 18. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

The fair value of financial liabilities is estimated by discounting the remaining contractual maturities at the current market interest rate that is available for similar financial liabilities.

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# NOTE 19. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES

## COMPENSATION

The aggregate compensation made to directors and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity is set out below:

۲ U	Consolida	ated
	<b>2020</b> \$	2019 \$
Short-term employee benefits Post-employment benefits Share-based payments	920,000 56,644 638,674	1,057,640 57,000 576,600
	1,615,318	1,691,240

# NOTE 20. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Ernst & Young, the auditor of the Company:

	Consolidated	
	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Audit services – Ernst & Young		
Audit or review of the financial statements	78,684	98,820
Other services – Ernst & Young		
Taxation and advisory services	24,000	85,909
	102,684	184,729
NOTE 21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
There were no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019.		
NOTE 22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
PARENT ENTITY		
Lithium Power International Limited is the parent entity.		
SUBSIDIARIES		
Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 24.		
JOINT VENTURES		

# NOTE 22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### JOINT VENTURES

Interests in joint ventures are set out in note 25.

### **KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 19 and the remuneration report included in the directors' report.

# TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	Consoli	dated
D	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$
Payment for other expenses: Rental expense paid to director related entity*	153,000	126,000

This relates to rental expenditure for 3 offices in a shared office space. Rent is charged at \$9,000 (excluding GST) per month and the lease may be cancelled or the terms varied on 3 months notice.

#### RECEIVABLE FROM AND PAYABLE TO RELATED PARTIES

There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

#### LOANS TO/FROM RELATED PARTIES

# NOTE 23. PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Paren	ıt
	<b>2020</b> \$	2019 \$
Loss after income tax	(2,228,275)	(1,821,336)
Total comprehensive income	(2,228,275)	(1,821,336)

QD	LOANS TO/FROM RELATED PARTIES		
$\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}$	There were no loans to or from related parties at the current and previous reporting date.		
00	TERMS AND CONDITIONS		
	All transactions were made on normal commercial terms and conditions and at market rates	5.	
	NOTE 23. PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION		
	Set out below is the supplementary information about the parent entity.		
GD	STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
YU	STATEMENT OF PROFIL OR E035 AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Pare	ant
		2020	2019
		\$	\$
$\bigcirc$	Loss after income tax	(2,228,275)	(1,821,336)
	Total comprehensive income	(2,228,275)	(1,821,336)
00			
	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
(a))		Pare	ent
		<b>Pare</b> 2020	ent 2019
	Total current assets	2020	2019
	Total current assets Total assets	<b>2020</b> \$	2019 \$
		2020 \$ 61,986,784	<b>2019</b> \$ 64,819,005
	Total assets	2020 \$ 61,986,784 65,833,253	<b>2019</b> \$ 64,819,005 67,179,402
	Total assets Total current liabilities	2020 \$ 61,986,784 65,833,253 1,171,501	2019 \$ 64,819,005 67,179,402 1,146,549
	Total assets Total current liabilities Total liabilities Equity Issued capital	2020 \$ 61,986,784 65,833,253 1,171,501 1,171,501 69,612,965	2019 \$ 64,819,005 67,179,402 1,146,549 1,146,549 69,512,965
	Total assets Total current liabilities Total liabilities Equity Issued capital Share-based payments reserve	2020 \$ 61,986,784 65,833,253 1,171,501 1,171,501 69,612,965 2,998,699	2019 \$ 64,819,005 67,179,402 1,146,549 1,146,549 69,512,965 2,241,525
	Total assets         Total current liabilities         Total liabilities         Equity         Issued capital         Share-based payments reserve         Options reserve	2020 \$ 61,986,784 65,833,253 1,171,501 1,171,501 69,612,965 2,998,699 3,198,553	2019 \$ 64,819,005 67,179,402 1,146,549 1,146,549 69,512,965 2,241,525 3,198,553
	Total assets Total current liabilities Total liabilities Equity Issued capital Share-based payments reserve	2020 \$ 61,986,784 65,833,253 1,171,501 1,171,501 69,612,965 2,998,699	2019 \$ 64,819,005 67,179,402 1,146,549 1,146,549 69,512,965 2,241,525

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# NOTE 23. PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION CONTINUED

## GUARANTEES ENTERED INTO BY THE PARENT ENTITY IN RELATION TO THE DEBTS OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES

The parent entity had no guarantees in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries as at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019.

## CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The parent entity had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019.

### CAPITAL COMMITMENTS - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The parent entity had no capital commitments for property, plant and equipment as at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019.

### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the parent entity are consistent with those of the consolidated entity, as disclosed in note 2, except for the following:

- Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost, less any impairment, in the parent entity.
- Dividends received from subsidiaries are recognised as other income by the parent entity and its receipt may be an indicator of an impairment of the investment.

# NOTE 24. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following wholly-owned subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2:

ソ			Ownershi	ip interest
_	Name	Principal place of business/ Country of incorporation	<b>2020</b> %	<b>2019</b> %
]]))	Lithium Power Inversiones Chile S.p.A Lithium Power WA Holdings Pty Ltd	Chile Australia	100.00 100.00	100.00 100.00

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries with non-controlling interests in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2:

		Principal place		Par	ent	Non-controlling interest	
))	Name	of business/ Country of incorporation	Principal activities	Ownership interest 2020 %	Ownership interest 2019 %	Ownership interest 2020 %	Ownership interest 2019 %
)	Lithium Power International (Argentina) Pty Ltd	Australia	Holding company	70.00	70.00	30.00	30.00
ク	Lithium Power S.A.	Argentina	Exploration	70.00	70.00	30.00	30.00

# NOTE 25. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURE

Interests in joint venture is accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Information relating to joint ventures that are material to the consolidated entity are set out below:

		Ownersh	ip interest
Name	Principal place of business/ Country of incorporation	<b>2020</b> %	<b>2019</b> %
Maricunga Joint Venture	Chile	51.00	51.00
	Ma	aricunga Joint	Venture
	2	2020	2019

	Maricunga Joi 2020	nt Venture 2019
	\$	\$
Summarised statement of financial position		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,382,632	2,254,140
Other current assets	1,392,792	1,411,033
Exploration and evaluation assets	30,616,374	36,011,302
Total assets	33,391,798	39,676,475
Current liabilities	627,129	1,136,154
Total liabilities	627,129	1,136,154
Net assets	32,764,669	38,540,321
Summarised statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income		
Expenses	(7,425,224)	(18,473,169)
Loss before income tax	(7,425,224)	(18,473,169)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	(7,425,224)	(18,473,169)
Reconciliation of the consolidated entity's carrying amount		
Opening carrying amount	30,124,002	33,232,609
Share of loss after income tax	(3,786,864)	(9,107,997)
Additional investment	5,173,466	5,296,978
Exchange differences	(6,435,722)	702,412
Closing carrying amount	25,074,882	30,124,002

# CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The consolidated entity has no contingent liabilities relating to the joint venture as at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019.

### COMMITMENTS

The consolidated entity has no commitments relating to the joint venture as at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019 other than those disclosed in note 10.

#### SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS

As at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019 there are no significant restrictions on the ability of the joint venture to transfer funds to the consolidated entity.



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# NOTE 26. RECONCILIATION OF LOSS AFTER INCOME TAX TO NET CASH **USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	Consolid	Consolidated			
D	2020 \$	<b>2019</b> \$			
Loss after income tax expense for the year	(13,067,922)	(10,211,919)			
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation and amortisation	10,030	8,584			
Share of loss – joint ventures	3,786,864	9,107,997			
Share-based payments	757,174	576,600			
Foreign exchange differences	6,503,313	(635,986)			
Change in operating assets and liabilities:					
Decrease/(increase) in income tax refund due	67,751	(67,783)			
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments	(66,296)	40,400			
Increase in GST receivable	50,531	(21,185)			
Decrease in other operating assets	6,936	2,308			
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	43,393	(312,421)			
Decrease in provision for income tax	-	(142,020)			
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(16,033)	29,386			
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,924,259)	(1,626,039)			

	Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(16,033)	29,386
	Net cash used in operating activities	(1,924,259)	(1,626,039)
	NOTE 27. EARNINGS PER SHARE		
		Consoli	dated
$\bigcirc$		<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$
	Loss after income tax Non-controlling interest	(13,067,922) 95,745	(10,211,919) 57,480
	Loss after income tax attributable to the owners of Lithium Power International Limited	(12,972,177)	(10,154,439)
		Number	Number
$\bigcirc$	Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	262,692,865	262,213,902
7	Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	262,692,865	262,213,902
		Cents	Cents
	Basic loss per share Diluted loss per share	(4.94) (4.94)	(3.87) (3.87)

44,506,668 (30 June 2019: 80,835,615) options on issue have been excluded from the weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted loss per share as they are considered anti-dilutive.

# NOTE 28. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

# OPTIONS AND SHARE APPRECIATION RIGHTS GRANTED TO OTHER KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND EXTERNAL PARTIES

- On 27 November 2019, 6,000,000; 4,000,000 and 2,500,000 share appreciation rights ('SARs') were granted to Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R, Richard A Crookes and Andrew G Phillips respectively. The SARs vest are equally allocated to 2 tranches, the first tranche vests on 31 December 2020 and the second tranche vests on 30 June 2022. The SARs have an exercise price of \$0.40 and can be converted into ordinary shares of the Company or cash at the discretion of the Company.
- On 23 August 2019, the Company granted 750,000 options to RK Equities. The options vested immediately, have an exercise price of \$0.60 and expire on 31 March 2022.
- On 28 November 2018, the Company granted 2,000,000 options to each of the newly appointed directors Cristobal Garcia-Huidobro R, Richard A Crookes and Martin Jose Domingo Borda M as a sign-on incentive. The options vested immediately, have an exercise price of \$0.60 and expire in 36 months.
- On 2 March 2018, Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Ltd, was granted 2,000,000 options and 1,000,000 options at an exercise price of \$0.60 and \$0.80 respectively and with an expiry date of 6 July 2020 as a management fee for coordinating the November 2017 underwritten capital raise and option conversion.
- On 2 March 2018, Technical Consultant Murray R Brooker was issued 2,000,000 options for the achievement of pre-agreed milestones. These options vested immediately and have an exercise price of \$0.40 and expired on 6 July 2019.
- On 6 July 2017 the Company granted 2,000,000 options to each of the newly appointed directors David R Hannon and Russell C Barwick as a sign-on incentive. The options vested immediately, have an exercise price of \$0.60 and expire in 36 months.
- On 5 April 2016, the Company granted 3,916,667 options to certain key management personnel and external advisors, for services provided in connection with the successful completion of the IPO. Each option entitles the holder to purchase one ordinary share for between \$0.20 and \$0.60 per share. Options were granted at the time the shares were initially issued and vest upon listing on the ASX or over a 2 year period, with an expiry date of five years from listing, without restrictions.
- On 21 and 25 September 2015, as an incentive for agreeing to provide initial funding to the company, the company granted each founder and pre-seed equity purchaser with 1 option for every 2 shares acquired. Each option entitles the holder to purchase one ordinary share for \$0.20. All of the options were granted at the time the shares were initially issued and became exercisable upon listing on the ASX, with an expiry five years from listing, without restrictions.

### OPTIONS GRANTED WITH SHARE PLACEMENT

During the financial year ended 30 June 2018, on 6 July 2017, 34,578,947 listed options were granted in relation to the share placement where all shares issued had a one for one attaching option. Each option entitles the holder to subscribe for one share in the Company. The options vested immediately, had an exercise price of \$0.55 and expired on 6 July 2019.

# **OPTIONS**

)	2020			Balance at			Expired/	Balance at
	Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	the start of the year	Granted	Exercised	forfeited/ other	the end of the year
))	21/09/2015	24/06/2021	\$0.20	25,400,001	-	(500,000)	_	24,900,001
	25/09/2015	24/06/2021	\$0.20	1,940,000	_	_	_	1,940,000
1	05/04/2016	24/06/2021	\$0.20	3,500,000	_	_	-	3,500,000
2	05/04/2016	24/06/2021	\$0.40	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
	05/04/2016	24/06/2021	\$0.60	166,667	_	_	-	166,667
	06/07/2017	06/07/2019	\$0.55	34,578,947	_	_	(34,578,947)	-
	06/07/2017	06/07/2020	\$0.60	4,000,000	_	_	-	4,000,000
	02/03/2018	06/07/2019	\$0.40	2,000,000	-	-	(2,000,000)	-
	02/03/2018	06/07/2020	\$0.60	2,000,000	_	_	-	2,000,000
))	02/03/2018	06/07/2020	\$0.80	1,000,000	_	_	-	1,000,000
	28/11/2018	27/11/2021	\$0.60	6,000,000	_	_	-	6,000,000
	23/08/2019	31/03/2022	\$0.60	_	750,000	-	-	750,000
				80,835,615	750,000	(500,000)	(36,578,947)	44,506,668
	Weighted avera	age exercise price		\$0.42	\$0.60	\$0.20	\$0.54	\$0.33

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NOTE 28. SI	HARE BASED P	AYMENT	S CONTINUED				
2019		<b>F</b> ormalise	Balance at			Expired/	Balance
Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	the start of the year	Granted	Exercised	forfeited/ other	the end of the yea
21/09/2015	24/06/2021	\$0.20	25,400,001	_	_	_	25,400,0
25/09/2015	24/06/2021	\$0.20	1,940,000	_	_	-	1,940,0
05/04/2016	24/06/2021	\$0.20	3,500,000	_	-	-	3,500,0
05/04/2016	24/06/2021	\$0.40	250,000	_	_	-	250,0
05/04/2016	24/06/2021	\$0.60	166,667	_	_	-	166,6
06/07/2017	06/07/2019	\$0.55	34,578,947	_	-	-	34,578,9
06/07/2017	06/07/2020	\$0.60	4,000,000	_	_	_	4,000,0
02/03/2018	06/07/2019	\$0.40	2,000,000	_	_	_	2,000,0
02/03/2018	06/07/2020	\$0.60	2,000,000	_	-	-	2,000,0
02/03/2018	06/07/2020	\$0.80	1,000,000	_	_	_	1,000,0
28/11/2018	27/11/2021	\$0.60	_	6,000,000	-	-	6,000,0
			74,835,615	6,000,000	_	_	80,835,6
Weighted aver	age exercise price		\$0.41	\$0.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.
Set out below a	re the options exerci	sable at the	end of the financial	year:			
			2020	2019			
Grant date	Expiry da	ite	Number	Number			
21/09/2015	24/06/202	21	24,900,001	25,400,001			
25/09/2015	24/06/202	21	1,940,000	1,940,000			
05/04/2016	24/06/202	21	3,916,667	3,916,667			
06/07/2017	06/07/20		-	34,578,947			
02/03/2018	06/07/202		4,000,000	4,000,000			
02/03/2018	06/07/20		4,000,000	2,000,000			
			-				
02/03/2018	06/07/202		2,000,000	2,000,000			
02/03/2018	06/07/202		1,000,000	1,000,000			
28/11/2018	27/11/202		6,000,000	6,000,000			
27/11/2019	31/03/202	22	750,000	-			
			44,506,668	80,835,615			

Grant date	Expiry date	2020 Number	2019 Number
21/09/2015	24/06/2021	24,900,001	25,400,001
25/09/2015	24/06/2021	1,940,000	1,940,000
05/04/2016	24/06/2021	3,916,667	3,916,667
06/07/2017	06/07/2019	-	34,578,947
02/03/2018	06/07/2020	4,000,000	4,000,000
02/03/2018	06/07/2019	-	2,000,000
02/03/2018	06/07/2020	2,000,000	2,000,000
02/03/2018	06/07/2020	1,000,000	1,000,000
28/11/2018	27/11/2021	6,000,000	6,000,000
27/11/2019	31/03/2022	750,000	-
		44,506,668	80,835,615

)	2020 Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Balance at the start of the year	Granted	Exercised	Expired/ forfeited/ other	Balance at the end of the year
	27/11/2019	30/06/2023	\$0.40	_	12,500,000	_	_	12,500,000
				-	12,500,000	-	-	12,500,000
)	Weighted avera	ge exercise price		\$0.00	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.40

No SARs are exercisable at 30 June 2020.

The weighted average remaining contractual life of performance rights outstanding at the end of the financial year was 3 years (2019: N/A years).

For the options granted during the current financial year and previous financial year, the valuation model inputs used to determine the fair value at the grant date, are as follows:

Grant date	Expiry date	Share price at grant date	Exercise price	Expected volatility	Dividend yield	Risk-free interest rate	Fair value at grant date
28/11/2018	27/11/2021	\$0.26	\$0.60	80.00%	-	1.75%	\$0.096
23/08/2019	31/03/2022	\$0.40	\$0.60	80.00%		1.75%	\$0.158

For the share appreciation rights granted during the current financial year, the valuation model inputs used to determine the fair value at the grant date, are as follows:

Grant date	Expiry date	Share price at grant date	Exercise price	Expected volatility	Dividend yield	Risk-free interest rate	Fair value at grant date
27/11/2019	30/06/2023	\$0.28	\$0.40	80.00%	-	1.75%	\$0.133

# NOTE 29. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The impact of COVID-19 is ongoing and it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The situation is rapidly developing and is dependent on measures imposed by the Australian Government and other countries, in particular Chile, such as maintaining social distancing requirements, quarantine, travel restrictions and any economic stimulus that may be provided.

On 15 July 2020 the Company completed a sales transaction with Carnaby Resources Ltd (ASX: CNB) covering the Strelley tenement, E45/4638, in the north of Western Australia. The Company was issued 1,250,000 fully paid ordinary shares in Carnaby, a 1% Net Smelter Return royalty for any gold produced from the tenement by Carnaby and the Company retains all mineral rights for lithium, caesium, tantalum and tin contained within the tenement.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2020 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the consolidated entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

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# Directors' Declaration

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as described in note 2 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The directors have been given the declarations required by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

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

On behalf of the directors

David R Hannon Chairman

29 September 2020

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# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Lithium Power

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

# Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Lithium Power International Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, 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:

- giving a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2020 and of its consolidated financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- 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 (including Independence Standards)* (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 judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.



We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial report.

# 1. Valuation of equity accounted investment

not limited to) significant changes to the market, economic or the legal environments in which the

Group and the JV operate. This assessment

This was considered a key audit matter due to

the value of the investment relative to total assets and the significant judgments and assumptions involved in the assessment of

determines whether a full impairment

assessment is required.

indicators of impairment.

Why significant	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
The Group's equity accounted investment in the Maricunga Joint Venture (the "JV") of \$25.1 million as at 30 June 2020, represents 68% of total assets.	<ul> <li>Our audit procedures included the following:</li> <li>Recalculated the Group's share of equity accounted losses during the year.</li> </ul>
Subsequent to initial recognition at cost, the	<ul> <li>Assessed whether the methodology used by the</li></ul>
value of the investment in the consolidated	Group to identify indicators of impairment met
financial statements includes the Group's share	the requirements of Australian Accounting
of the profit or loss and other comprehensive	Standards.
income of the equity accounted investment.	<ul> <li>Evaluated the Group's assessment of indicators of</li></ul>
As disclosed in the financial report, the	impairment at year-end.
Directors' assess the Group's equity accounted	<ul> <li>Considered market announcements made by the</li></ul>
investment for indicators of impairment at each	Group and Board meeting minutes throughout the
balance date. This involves assessment of any	year and through to the date of this report for
potential indications of impairment including (but	any facts or circumstances that would indicate

 Evaluated the adequacy of the related disclosures in the financial report including those made with respect to judgements and estimates.

any indicators of impairment.

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# 2. Carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets

# Why significant

At 30 June 2020 the Group held capitalised exploration and evaluation assets of \$4.2 million.

The carrying value of exploration and evaluation expenditure is assessed for impairment when facts and circumstances indicate the capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure may exceed its recoverable amount.

The determination as to whether there are any indicators to require the Group's exploration projects to be assessed for impairment involves judgment, including:

- whether the Group has tenure;
- the Group's ability and intention to continue to evaluate and develop the projects; and
- whether the results of the Group's exploration and evaluation work to date are sufficiently progressed for a decision to be made as to the commercial viability or otherwise of the project.

Given the value of the asset and the judgmental nature of impairment indicator assessments associated with exploration and evaluation assets, we considered this a key audit matter. How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Our audit procedures included the following:

- Considered the Group's right to explore in the relevant exploration area, which included obtaining and assessing relevant documentation such as license agreements.
- Considered the Group's intention to carry out significant exploration and evaluation activity in the relevant exploration area which included assessment of the Group's cash-flow forecast models and discussions with senior management and Directors as to the intentions and strategy of the Group.
- Assessed whether any exploration and evaluation evidence exists that would indicate that the carrying value of capitalised exploration and evaluation is unlikely to be recovered through development or sale.
- Evaluated the adequacy of the related disclosures in the financial report including those made with respect to judgements and estimates.

# Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's 2020 Annual Report, 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, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

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 Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating 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 have 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 the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. 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.
  - Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- 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.

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- 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.
  - 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.

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, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current year and are therefore the 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 Audit of the Remuneration Report

# Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 19 to 25 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Lithium Power International Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



# Responsibilities

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.

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Scott Nichols Partner Sydney 29 September 2020

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# Shareholder Information

The shareholder information set out below was applicable as at 26 August 2020.

# DISTRIBUTION OF EQUITABLE SECURITIES

Analysis of number of equitable security holders by size of holding:

	Number of holders of ordinary shares	% of ordinary shares held	Number of holders of options over ordinary shares	% of options over ordinary shares held	Number of holders of rights over ordinary shares	% of rights over ordinary shares held
1 to 1,000	202	0.02	_	_	_	_
1,001 to 5,000	610	0.68	_	_	_	_
5,001 to 10,000	378	1.17	_	-	_	_
10,001 to 100,000	679	9.28	_	-	-	-
100,001 and over	196	88.85	18	100.00	3	100.00
	2,065	100.00	18	100.00	3	100.00
Holding less than a						
marketable parcel	520	0.25	-	-	-	-

# EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS

## TWENTY LARGEST QUOTED EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS

		Ordinar	y shares
	] ] ]	Number held	% of total shares issued
	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	23,317,817	8.87
),	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	21,335,589	8.11
$\smile$	Chifley Portfolios Pty Ltd (David Hannon A/Cs)	20,716,800	7.88
	Arma Trust Pty Ltd (Arma A/C)	17,823,347	6.78
75	Minera Salar Blanco Spa	16,000,000	6.08
JV,	UBS Nominees Pty Ltd	11,875,206	4.52
$\sim$	Yarandi Investments Pty Ltd (Griffith Family No 2 A/C)	9,360,403	3.56
()	CS Fourth Nominees Pty Limited (HSBC Cust Nom Au Ltd 11 A/C)	9,111,167	3.46
リリ	HSBC Custody Nominees	7,234,409	2.75
	J P Morgan Nominees Australia Pty Limited	6,909,878	2.63
	CS Third Nominees Pty Limited (HSBC Cust Nom Au Ltd 13 A/C)	6,756,413	2.57
	G Harvey Nominees Pty Ltd (Harvey 1995 Disc A/C)	6,498,576	2.47
	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	4,271,513	1.62
	Merrill Lynch (Australia) Nominees Pty Limited	2,927,158	1.11
	Brispot Nominees Pty Ltd (House Head Nominee A/C)	2,791,033	1.06
$ \rangle$	Sarah Guy Pty Ltd (Phillips Family A/C)	1,800,000	0.68
	Allowah HH Pty Ltd (Griffith Super Pension A/C)	1,685,000	0.64
	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited - A/C 2	1,496,539	0.57
	Est Mr Peter Morris	1,357,096	0.52
	Mr Geoffrey Ross Bazzan	1,199,111	0.46
$\bigcirc$	Total Securities of Top 20 Holdings	174,467,055	66.34

	Number on issue	Number of holders
Options over ordinary shares	37,506,668	18
Share appreciation rights over ordinary shares	12,500,000	3

The following persons hold 20% or more of unquoted equity securities:

Name	Class	Number held
Holland International Pty Ltd (Holland Family A/C)	Options over ordinary shares	9,500,001
Cristobal Garcia Huidobro R	Share appreciation rights over ordinary shares	6,000,000
Richard A Crookes	Share appreciation rights over ordinary shares	4,000,000
Andrew G Phillips	Share appreciation rights over ordinary shares	2,500,000

# SUBSTANTIAL HOLDERS

Substantial holders in the company are set out below:

	Ordinary shares	
D	Number held	% of total shares issued
Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd	29,892,538	11.37
Chifley Portfolios Pty Ltd (David Hannon A/Cs)	20,716,800	7.88
Arma Trust Pty Ltd (Arma A/C)	17,823,347	6.78
Credit Suisse Holdings (Australia) Limited	16,960,762	6.45
Minera Salar Blanco Spa	16,000,000	6.08

# **VOTING RIGHTS**

The voting rights attached to ordinary shares are set out below:

# ORDINARY SHARES

On a show of hands every member present at a meeting in person or by proxy shall have one vote and upon a poll each share shall have one vote.

There are no other classes of equity securities.

The information contained in this Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020, relating to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results and Resources has been compiled by Murray R Brooker. Mr Brooker is a Geologist and Hydrogeologist and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) and the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH). Mr Brooker has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and 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 of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code). The Resource estimation was undertaken by FloSolutions of Santiago, Chile.

Mr Brooker is an employee of Hydrominex Geoscience Pty Ltd and an independent consultant to the Company. Mr Brooker consents to the inclusion in this announcement of this information in the form and context in which it appears. The information in this announcement is an accurate representation of the available data from initial drilling at the Maricunga project. The information contained in this Annual Report for the year ended 30 June, 2020, relating to Reserves has been compiled by Frits Reidel. Mr Reidel is a Hydrogeologist and is a Certified Professional Geologist of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). Mr Reidel is the Principal Hydrogeologist of FloSolutions (Chile) and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and 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 of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (the JORC Code). The Reserve estimation was undertaken by FloSolutions of Santiago, Chile working with DHI of Lima, Peru.

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 release.

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