

ioneer

Half-year Financial Report

For the six months ended 31 December 2020

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Directors' report

The directors of Ioneer Ltd present their report together with the consolidated financial statements of Ioneer Ltd ('Ioneer' or the 'Company') and its controlled entities (collectively the Group) for the six months ended 31 December 2020 ('half-year') and the Auditor's review report thereon.

Directors

Mr J. D. Calaway (Non-executive Director and Chairman) – *Appointed 5 April 2017*

Mr B. Rowe (Managing Director) – *Appointed 1 July 2016*

Mr J. Babarczy (Non-executive Director) – *Appointed 1 June 2020*

Mr A. Davies (Non-executive Director) – *Appointed 22 May 2017*

Mr P. Elliott (Non-executive Director) – *Resigned 30 November 2020*

Mr J. Hofmeister (Non-executive Director) – *Appointed 22 May 2017*

Except for Mr P. Elliott, all other directors held office during and since the end of the half year.

Two new directors, Ms R. McKinney-James and Ms M. Walker have been appointed post period end.

Results and review of operations

The Group reported a consolidated net loss of \$5.8 million for the half year ending 31 December 2020 (2019: loss \$2.4 million), after income tax expense.

Further details of the Group's Summary of performance can be found in the 'Summary of Performance and financial position' review on page 4.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Group continues to be the development of the Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project ('Rhyolite Ridge' or 'Project') in Nevada, United States of America.

Rhyolite Ridge is one of the largest lithium and boron deposits in the world and has the potential to become a strategic, long-life and low-cost source of lithium and boron. The Project is located close to existing infrastructure and is well positioned to become a major US domestic lithium producer capable of supplying a meaningful portion of future American lithium demand.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the half year.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the group during the half year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial period

There have been three matters subsequent to period end which may have an effect on the financial and operating performance or results of the Group. These are:

- The appointment of Ms R. McKinney-James and Ms M. Walker as directors of the Company.
- The company has undertaken an underwritten institutional placement of \$80 million to assist in accelerating construction of the 100% owned Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project in Nevada, USA.

Dividends

The directors have determined that there will be no dividend paid in respect of the half year ending 31 December 2020 (2019: \$nil). No dividends have been proposed or paid since the start of the financial year.

Operating and financial performance

The operating and financial performance review forms part of the Directors' Report and has been prepared in accordance with section 299A of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). The information provided aims to assist users better understand the operations and financial position of the Group.

Summary of performance and financial position

Half year ended	Unit	31 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2019	% Change
Total operating cash flows	A\$'000	(4,428)	(3,714)	19%
Investing cash flows	A\$'000	(12,307)	(24,766)	(50%)
Financing cash flows - equity	A\$,000	(13)	38,609	>100%
Total cash increased/(decreased) in the half year	A\$'000	(16,748)	10,129	(265%)
Net profit /(loss) after tax	A\$,000	(5,764)	(2,399)	(140%)

Balance as at	Unit	31 Dec 2020	30 Jun 2020	% Change
Net cash	A\$'000	19,707	38,268	(49%)
Capitalised exploration for period	A\$,000	12,937	44,362	(71%)
Net assets	A\$,000	114,188	130,046	(12%)

The Group recorded a Loss from Ordinary activities for the period of \$5.8 million (2019: loss \$2.4 million).

The net assets of Ioneer decreased to \$114.2 million as at 31 December 2020, from \$130.05 million at 30 June 2020, due primarily to the stronger Australian Dollar to US Dollar exchange rate.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure for the first half of FY2021 was \$12.9 million (first half FY2020 \$25.7 million) advancing the engineering and permitting of the Project.

Cash on hand at 31 December 2020 was \$19.7 million (30 June 2020: \$38.3 million).

Highlights of the half year ended 31 December 2020

- State & Federal permitting process
 - The Plan of Operations was deemed complete and accepted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initiating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.
 - State Water pollution control and Air quality permit applications are progressing to plan.
 - Tiehm's buckwheat preservation – soon after period end, in January 21 the university of Nevada, Reno (UNR) announced the results of a 13-month study. The study yielded success in advancing the understanding of Tiehm's buckwheat and directing future research, preservation, and conservation efforts.
- Engineering and Vendor packages
 - Engineering work advanced with design increasing and engineering packages being prepared, issued for bid and awarded.
 - Procurement activities have focused on long lead items and items required for initial construction with circa 25% of the procurement budget in process.
- Sales & Marketing
 - The Ioneer sales and marketing team, having successfully marketed early year boric acid production, have pivoted to focus on selling lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide volumes.
- Strategic Partnering and funding discussions
 - During the half-year the Company continued to engage with potential industrial and financial strategic partners.
- Corporate
 - Ioneer announced the retirement of Mr Patrick Elliott as a non-executive director after 17 years of service to the Company.

Environmental performance

The Group holds exploration licences issued by the relevant government authorities which specify guidelines for environmental impacts in relation to exploration activities. The licence conditions provide for the full rehabilitation of the areas of exploration in accordance with regulatory guidelines and standards. There have been no known breaches of the licence conditions.

Following completion of environmental baseline studies and other work undertaken over the past two years, Ioneer announced in August 2020, that its Plan of Operations (Plan) had been deemed complete and accepted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), initiating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. In accordance with that process, the Plan remains under environmental review, the findings of which will inform the subsequent preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by Stantec. The Plan will be updated to reflect outcomes from the NEPA analysis before being finalised.

Ioneer has now completed submissions on all final Supplementary Environmental Reports (SER) after responding to BLM comments on draft SERs. The Company awaits BLM acceptance of these SERs, then preparation of the Notice of Intent (NOI). The publishing of the NOI in the Federal Register is anticipated within the next 60 days. The NEPA process culminates in the BLM's Record of Decision (ROD), expected to be made in the fourth quarter of 2021, and represents the BLM's final decision on Ioneer's application for an approved Plan. An approved Plan will allow the Company to commence construction at the site.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* forms part of this report and is set out on page 6.

Rounding off

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (rounding in Financial / Directors' Report) Instrument 2016/191 and in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the financial statements and directors' reports have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors made pursuant to s.306(3) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the Directors.



James D Calaway
Chairman
Sydney, 10 March 2021

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the directors of Ioneer Limited

As lead auditor for the review of the interim financial report of Ioneer Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 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 review; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

This declaration is in respect of Ioneer Limited and the entities it controlled during the financial period.



Ernst & Young



Scott Nichols
Partner
Sydney
10 March 2021

Interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the six months ended 31 December 2020

	Note	31 Dec 2020 A\$'000	31 Dec 2019 A\$'000
Exploration expenditure written off		(63)	(80)
Other income	2.2	-	138
Employee benefits expensed	2.3	(2,617)	(2,033)
Other expenses	2.4	(1,296)	(1,617)
Results from operating activities		(3,976)	(3,592)
Finance income	2.5	66	1,204
Finance costs	2.5	(1,854)	(11)
Net finance income		(1,788)	1,193
Profit/ (Loss) before tax		(5,764)	(2,399)
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit/ (Loss) for the year		(5,764)	(2,399)
Profit/ (Loss) attributable to members of the company		(5,764)	(2,399)

Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss

Foreign currency translation difference on foreign operations		(11,478)	765
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)		(11,478)	765
Total comprehensive profit / (loss) for the year		(17,242)	(1,634)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) attributable to the owners of the company		(17,242)	(1,634)

	31 Dec 2020 Cents	31 Dec 2019 Cents
Earnings per share		
Basic profit/(loss) per ordinary share	(0.342)	(0.161)
Diluted Profit/(loss) per ordinary share	(0.342)	(0.161)

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

Interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	31 Dec 2020 A\$'000	30 Jun 2020 A\$'000
Current assets			
Cash assets	3.1	19,707	38,268
Receivables		410	58
Total current assets		20,117	38,326
Non-current assets			
Receivables		173	337
Plant and equipment		6	9
Right of use asset		187	322
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	3.2	97,432	94,824
Total non-current assets		97,798	95,492
Total assets		117,915	133,818
Current liabilities			
Payables	3.3	3,419	3,097
Provisions		249	271
Total current liabilities		3,668	3,368
Non-current liabilities			
Payables	3.3	59	404
Total non-current liabilities		59	404
Total liabilities		3,727	3,772
Net assets		114,188	130,046
Equity			
Contributed equity	4.1	154,133	153,290
Reserves		(1,100)	9,837
Accumulated losses		(38,845)	(33,081)
Total equity		114,188	130,046

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

Interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

For the six months ended 31 December 2020

	Note	31 Dec 2020 A\$'000	31 Dec 2019 A\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Payment to suppliers and employees		(4,428)	(3,714)
Net cash flows used in operating activities		(4,428)	(3,714)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Expenditure on mining exploration		(12,332)	(25,071)
Purchase of equipment		(3)	(9)
Interest received		28	314
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(12,307)	(24,766)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from the issue of shares		-	40,000
Proceeds from exercise of options		-	406
Equity raising expenses		(13)	(1,797)
Net cash flows received from financing activities		(13)	38,609
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(16,748)	10,129
Opening cash balance		38,268	48,603
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on balances of cash held in USD		(1,814)	801
Closing cash carried forward	3.1	19,707	59,533

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

Interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

For the six months ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Issued capital A\$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve A\$'000	Equity compensation reserve A\$'000	Accumulated losses A\$'000	Total equity A\$'000
As at 1 July 2019		113,013	1,566	8,711	(27,634)	95,656
Loss for the half year ended 31 December 2019		-	-	-	(2,399)	(2,399)
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-
Foreign currency translation differences on foreign operations		-	765	-	-	765
Total other comprehensive income		-	765	-	-	765
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	765	-	(2,399)	(1,634)
Issue of share capital						
Ordinary shares cash	4.1	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Exercise of unlisted options	4.1	407	-	-	-	407
Share-based payments		-	-	623	-	623
Unlisted options exercised	4.1	706	-	(706)	-	-
Performance rights exercised	4.1	377	-	(377)	-	-
Share issue costs	4.1	(1,797)	-	-	-	(1,797)
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As at 31 December 2019		152,706	2,331	8,251	(30,034)	133,254
As at 1 July 2020		153,290	1,391	8,446	(33,081)	130,046
Loss for the half year ended 31 December 2020		-	-	-	(5,764)	(5,764)
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-
Foreign currency translation differences on foreign operations		-	(11,478)	-	-	(11,478)
Total other comprehensive income		-	(11,478)	-	-	(11,478)
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	(11,478)	-	(5,764)	(17,242)
Issue of share capital						
Ordinary shares non-cash	4.1	374	-	-	-	374
Exercise of unlisted options	4.1	-	-	-	-	-
Share-based payments		-	-	1,023	-	1,023
Unlisted options exercised	4.1	-	-	-	-	-
Performance rights exercised	4.1	482	-	(482)	-	-
Share issue costs	4.1	(13)	-	-	-	(13)
						-
As at 31 December 2020		154,133	(10,087)	8,987	(38,845)	114,188

The interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements

Section 1. Basis of preparation and changes to the Groups accounting policies

1.1. Corporate information

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Ioneer Ltd and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group” or the “Company”) for the six months ended 31 December 2020 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 10 March 2021.

Ioneer Ltd is a for profit company limited by shares and incorporated in Australia whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange (“ASX”) under the ticker code “INR”. The registered office of the Company is suite 5.03, 140 Arthur Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060 Australia.

1.2. Basis of preparation

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2020 have been prepared in accordance with AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting.

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors Reports) Instrument 2016/191, and as such, consistently with the 30 June 2020 financial report, amounts presented in the financial and directors report for 31 December 2020 have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 (where rounding is permitted), unless otherwise stated.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2020.

1.3. New standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Group

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020. The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Section 2. Financial performance

2.1. Operating segments

Description of segments

The Group operates predominantly as a mineral exploration and development company. The operating segments are based on the reports reviewed by the Managing Director for assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources and strategic decision making within the Group. The following summary describes the operations in each of the Groups reportable segments:

North America	Represents activity in the US, primarily in relation to Rhyolite Ridge.
Australia	Represents head office expenditure, exchange gains and losses and corporate assets (predominantly cash).

The following table presents segment information for the six months ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, respectively:

Segment information	North America		Australia		Total	
	31-Dec 2020	31-Dec 2019	31-Dec 2020	31-Dec 2019	31-Dec 2020	31-Dec 2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Other income	-	138	-	-	-	138
Exploration expenditure - non core	(63)	(80)	-	-	(63)	(80)
Reportable segment profit / (loss)	(63)	58	-	-	(63)	58
Other expenses	(1,455)	(1,058)	(2,458)	(2,592)	(3,913)	(3,650)
Net financing (expense) / income	(6)	1	(1,782)	1,192	(1,788)	1,193
Net profit/(loss) before income tax	(1,524)	(999)	(4,240)	(1,400)	(5,764)	(2,399)
	31-Dec 2020	30-Jun 2020	31-Dec 2020	30-Jun 2020	31-Dec 2020	30-Jun 2020
Segment assets						
Exploration assets	97,432	94,824	-	-	97,432	94,824
Other assets	4,618	9,764	15,865	29,230	20,483	38,994
Total assets	102,050	104,588	15,865	29,230	117,915	133,818
Segment liabilities						
Payables	3,300	2,095	119	1,002	3,419	3,097
Provisions	92	189	157	82	249	271
Total current liabilities	3,392	2,284	276	1,084	3,668	3,368
Payables	59	404	-	-	59	404
Total non-current liabilities	59	404	-	-	59	404
Total liabilities	3,451	2,688	276	1,084	3,727	3,772
Net assets	98,599	101,900	15,589	28,146	114,188	130,046

2.2. Other income

	Half year ended	
	31 Dec 2020 \$'000	31 Dec 2019 \$'000
Write-back of reclamation bonds	-	138
Total other income	-	138

2.3. Employee benefits expense

	Half year ended	
	31 Dec 2020 \$'000	31 Dec 2019 \$'000
Directors fees	438	404
Employee benefits expense	1,221	1,272
Share-based payments	958	357
Total employee benefits expensed	2,617	2,033

2.4. Other expenses

	Half year ended	
	31 Dec 2020 \$'000	31 Dec 2019 \$'000
General and administrative expenses	403	339
Consulting and professional costs	425	486
Corporate overhead	462	784
Depreciation and amortisation	6	8
Total other expenses	1,296	1,617

2.5. Net finance income

	Half year ended	
	31 Dec 2020 \$'000	31 Dec 2019 \$'000
Interest income	28	373
Other revenue	38	-
Net foreign exchange gain	-	831
Finance income	66	1,204
Bank charges	(8)	(7)
Lease interest	(8)	(4)
Net foreign exchange loss	(1,838)	-
Finance expense	(1,854)	(11)

Section 3. Invested and working capital

3.1 Cash assets

	31 Dec 2020 \$'000	30 Jun 2020 \$'000
Cash at bank	10,297	17,386
Short term deposits	9,410	20,882
Total cash assets	19,707	38,268

Cash assets in the consolidated statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and deposits with an average maturity of three months or less.

3.2 Exploration and evaluation expenditure

	31 Dec 2020 \$'000	30 Jun 2020 \$'000
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	97,432	94,824
Reconciliation of movement		
Opening balance	94,824	49,366
Additions - Rhyolite Ridge	12,937	44,362
Exploration expenditure - non core	63	81
Exploration expenditure - written off	(63)	(81)
Foreign exchange translation difference	(10,329)	1,096
Carrying amount at the end of the period	97,432	94,824

3.3 Payables

	31 Dec 2020 \$'000	30 Jun 2020 \$'000
Current		
Trade creditors and other payables	3,202	1,557
Accrued expenses	73	1,335
Lease Liabilities	144	205
Total current payables	3,419	3,097
Non-current		
Trade creditors and other payables	-	276
Lease Liabilities	59	128
Total non-current payables	59	404
Total current and non-current payables	3,478	3,501

Section 4. Funding and risk management

4.1 Share capital

Ordinary shares

	31 Dec 2020		30 Jun 2020	
	\$'000		\$'000	
1,685,898,867 (June 2020: 1,680,202,466) ordinary shares, fully paid	154,133		153,290	
	Half year ended	Year ended	Half year ended	Year ended
	31 Dec 2020	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2020	30 Jun 2020
	Number	Number	\$'000	\$'000
Reconciliation of movement:				
Balance at the beginning of the period	1,680,202,466	1,474,983,509	153,290	113,013
Ordinary shares	2,766,272	200,000,000	374	40,000
Exercise of unlisted options	-	3,750,000	-	1,654
Performance rights vested	2,930,129	1,468,957	482	422
Share issue costs	-	-	(13)	(1,799)
Balance at the end of the period	1,685,898,867	1,680,202,466	154,133	153,290

4.2 Financial risk management

Framework

The Group is involved in activities that expose it to a variety of financial risks including:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Capital management risk
- Market risk related to commodity pricing, interest rates and currency fluctuations.

The board of directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the financial risk management framework of the Group. Management is responsible for monitoring the financial risks.

The objective of the financial risk management strategy is to minimise the impact of volatility in financial markets on the financial performance, cash flows and shareholder returns. This requires the identification and analysis of relevant financial risks and possible impact on the achievement of the Group's objectives.

The Group does not undertake any hedging activities.

Fair value measurement

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

All financial instruments for which fair value is recognised or disclosed are categorised within the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole. The following outlines the Group's fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Quoted market prices in an active market (that are unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Valuation techniques (for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable).

Level 3 – Valuation techniques (for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable).

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values. During the 6 months ended 31 December 2020, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, and no transfers into or out of Level 3 fair value measurements. (31 December 2019: Nil)

The Group measures share-based payments at fair value at the grant date using the Binomial formula taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted.

Section 5. Other

5.1 Contingent liabilities

Settlement of Rhyolite Ridge

The Company entered an option agreement to purchase Rhyolite Ridge from Boundary Peak Minerals LLC on 3 June 2016. The Company has made 4 progress payments to Boundary Peak under the agreement. A final payment will fall due following the board of directors making a 'decision to mine' the Rhyolite Ridge property. Once this decision is made, the Company is required under the terms of the contract to either:

- Pay Boundary Peak LLC USD \$3 million, or
- Issue shares (or a mix of both shares and cash) to Boundary Peak LLC, to the equivalent of USD \$3 million at a fixed exchange rate of USD \$0.75 = AUD\$1.00.

At the date of this report the decision to mine has not yet been made by the Company.

There are no other known contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2020.

5.2 Events after reporting date

There have been three matters subsequent to year end which may have an effect on the financial and operating performance or results of the Group. These are:

- The appointment of Ms R. McKinney-James and Ms M. Walker as directors of the Company.
- The company has undertaken an underwritten institutional placement of \$80 million to assist in accelerating construction of the 100% owned Rhyolite Ridge Lithium-Boron Project in Nevada, USA.

Directors' declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Ioneer Ltd, I state that:

- (1) In the opinion of the directors:
 - (a) The financial statements and notes of the Group are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and the performance for the half year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James D Calaway', with a large, stylized flourish on the left side.

James D Calaway
Chairman
Sydney, 10 March 2021

Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Members of **ioneer Limited**

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

Conclusion

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

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the half-year financial report of the Group is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2020 and of its consolidated financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the Group's consolidated financial position as at 31 December 2020 and its consolidated financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of the Group, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



Ernst & Young



Scott Nichols
Partner
Sydney
10 March 2021