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A global lithium producer

## PROFILE

Orocobre is building a substantial Argentine based industrial chemicals company through its portfolio of lithium, potash and boron assets.

In partnership with Toyota Tsusho Corporation and JEMSE, Orocobre has built and is now operating the world's first commercial, brine-based lithium operation constructed in over 20 years with Stage One design production rate of 17,500tpa lithium carbonate for sale to industrial and battery markets.

The Company also owns Borax Argentina, a well-established boron chemical and mineral producer with extensive operations and a fifty year production history.

Orocobre is dual listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: ORE) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: ORL) and is included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index.

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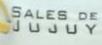
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# 2014-2015 HIGHLIGHTS

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### **Salar de Olaroz** Lithium Facility

- Construction and commissioning completed and commercial sales commenced
- Debottlenecking is in the final stages following a slower than expected ramp up. Nameplate production run rate is expected to be reached in December 2015 with the Olaroz Lithium Facility sold out of production for calendar year 2015
- Excellent market fundamentals for lithium with strong demand growth, tightening supply and rising prices
- Sales de Jujuy received accreditation for ISO 9001:2008 (Quality Management), ISO 1400:2004 (Environmental Management) and OHSAS 18001:2007 (Safety and Occupational Healthcare) management systems



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### **Borax Argentina S.A.**

- EBITDA was (A\$1.725M) (FY2014 A\$3.152M) due to challenging market conditions, particularly in Brazil, and impacts from a slower than expected ramp up of the borax decahydrate plant following its relocation to Tincalayu resulting in a higher proportion of lower value mineral sales
- Tincalayu upgraded to JORC compliant with a considerably larger resource with considerable exploration potential
- Successfully produced boric acid from hydroboracite feed which will result in significantly lower boric acid production costs



### Corporate

- In November 2014 Sales de Jujuy was awarded "Mining Company of the Year" by Argentina Mining Magazine Panorama Minero and the Fundacion para el Desarrollo de la Mineria Argentina (Foundation for Development of Argentina Mining)
- The Orocobre Group received an award in September 2014 for being an "Outstanding CSR Mining Company" by the Committee of Argentina Mining
- Raised over A\$82 million during the 2015 calendar year and in early FY16

# Lithium



# and the market

From our home to our office

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BUILDS | glass, ceramics

DRIVES cars, busses, drones, bikes, forklifts

**POWERS** phones, laptops, power tools, grid storage

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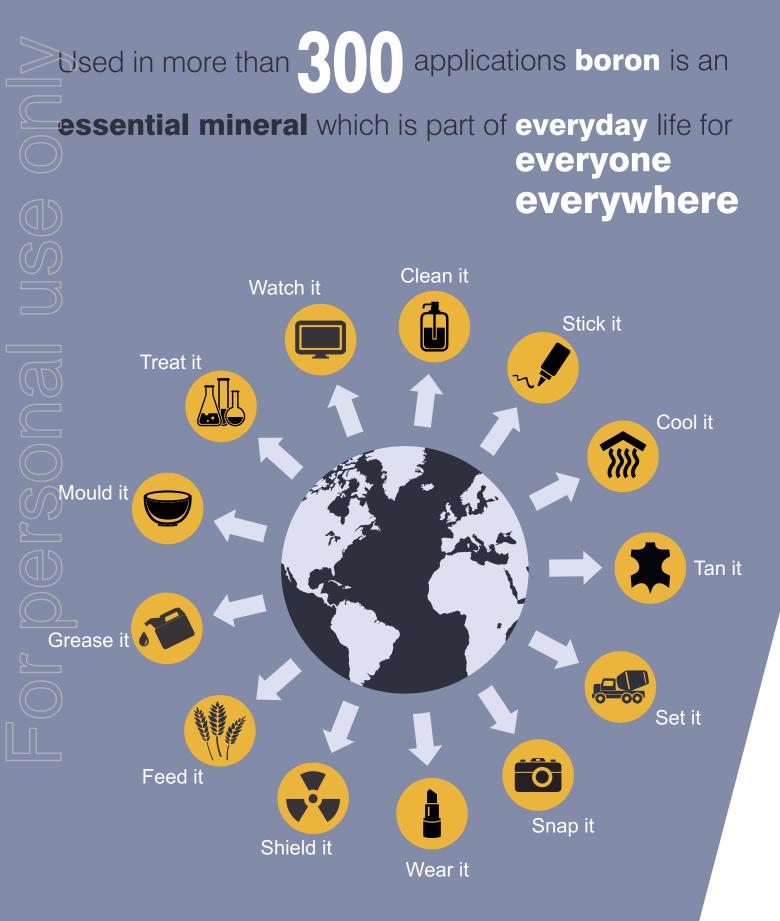
### market **growth** in the battery sector

Zesla, BYD, Foxconn, Boston Power. Panasonic are all planning to expand or build large scale battery plants

> **OVERALL MARKET** GROWTH

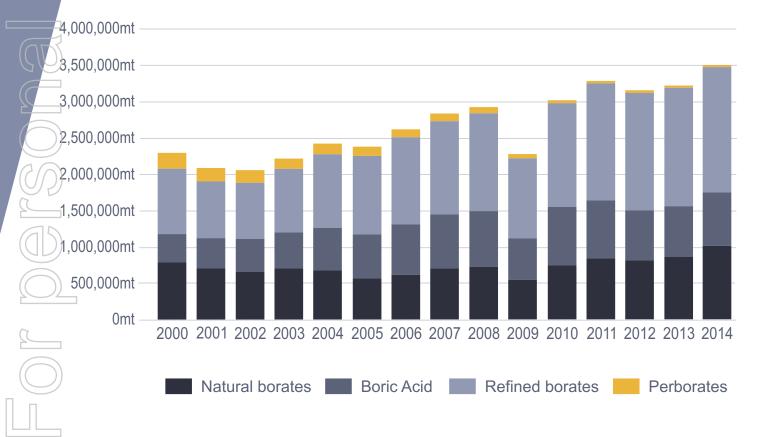
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### Global imports of borates **2014 grew** to a record year in **2014** at **3 4 9** million tonnes



With future growth GDP forecast in line with

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Shareholders,

It is once again time to reflect on another year at Orocobre and look back at the milestones achieved as we grow our industrial chemicals company.

During the past twelve months we have achieved our fundamental goal of becoming a lithium carbonate producer, joining the ranks of only a handful of established lithium companies. By the end of 2014 the Company had materially finalised the construction of the Olaroz Lithium Facility and by the end of January 2015 all circuits had been commissioned. Since then, our focus has been on achieving nameplate production run rate by the end of calendar year 2015, and continuing to develop robust supply relationships with a global network of customers. The project has experienced a number of challenges in ramping up, but we believe we now have a clear pathway to achieving full production by the end of the year. In our opinion, given the reality of supply and demand, there has never been a better time to enter the lithium market. The effect of supply tightening and demand growing, has created an ideal market environment for Orocobre with customers becoming less price sensitive and placing increased value in securing long-term supply.

Our Borax Argentina Company began the financial year with the relocation of their borax chemical plant from Campo Quijano to Tincalayu. Unfortunately, tough conditions in our main market, Brazil, and a slower than expected ramp-up at the relocated Tincalayu plant has had negative effect on Borax Argentina's financial results during the year. Our market diversification strategy which was being developed in prior years has mitigated some of the impact. After the success of the Tincalayu resource upgrade, we will continue with our plans to bring the remainder of the Borax Argentina deposits into JORC compliance, with an aim to grow the business in the most suitable and cost-effective manner possible.

Orocobre remains committed to upholding a strong culture of corporate responsibility in the way we conduct business and how we progress our operations. We were very proud to be presented in September 2014 with Mining Argentina's annual award for "Outstanding CSR Mining Company". Additionally in November 2014 the Orocobre group of companies was once again awarded "Mining Company of the Year" by Argentina mining magazine Panorama Minero and the Fundacion para el Desarrollo de la Mineria Argentina. Orocobre understands the importance of creating a sustainable future for our Company and for the communities in which we operate. The mutually beneficial relationships which we have formed with local stakeholders, communities and workers has been one of the major contributing factors behind the success we have achieved at our Olaroz Lithium Facility.

would like to express my sincere appreciation to the executive management team and my fellow directors who have shown the greatest amount of support, strength and wisdom in this challenging but rewarding year. I would also like to thank the continuing support and ongoing engagement from our shareholders, and in particular the support provided by our shareholders during capital raising, who without, we would not be where we are today.

My Best Regards,

James Calaway Chairman

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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

This year has been both a challenging and satisfying year for Orocobre. The Olaroz Lithium Facility made its first commercial dispatch of lithium carbonate in late April and continues to ramp up production. Borax Argentina has had a challenging year with the slower than anticipated Tincalayu plant ramp up and unfavourable market conditions but the focus continues on production optimisation projects and market diversification.

The last twelve months at the Olaroz Lithium Facility have been focused on commissioning and early operation. Moving from construction into production always presents challenges and we have experienced our own set of unique challenges in getting into production, identifying and rectifying production issues and bottlenecks and developing good operational practice. Our success is not only about equipment performance, mechanics and chemistry of running a plant but also the human element. The Olaroz Lithium Facility is the first of its kind in almost 20 years and operates at an elevation of nearly 4000m. Gaining an operational understanding of the process and the interrelating circuits of the plant, diagnosing and rectifying deficiencies and bottlenecks, documenting operational processes and educating operational management and staff is a learning experience.

Significant progress has been made in the learning journey and we are now in the final stages of de-bottlenecking and improvement in the monthly production ramp up performance. The management and staff at Olaroz have demonstrated tremendous commitment over the past year and we look forward to achieving nameplate production run rate by the end of this calendar year. We recognise the role of our Shared Value policy and the engagement and support of local stakeholders who are now firm partners in our projects. The Olaroz Lithium Facility is recognised as providing a significant long term economically and environmentally sustainable benefit to the community.

The financial result for Borax Argentina was down on last year due to the slower ramp up of the relocated borax decahydrate plant and tough market conditions, particularly in Brazil. It has been a year of hard work by all employees and management at Borax Argentina and the result would have been worse without the diversification of the customer base and the benefits of lower Borax decahydrate operational costs in the second half, after production ramp up. We will see more benefits of these initiatives and others recently announced in FY16 and beyond.

Over the past year the Company has continued on the course set for Borax Argentina with production ramping up at the relocated borax decahydrate plant at Tincalayu. The slower than anticipated ramp up did impact on the sales performance of the business. Unlike Olaroz's lithium markets that were robust, Borax Argentina's main markets, like so many other commodity markets around the world, were not favourable this year, with the economic downturn in Brazil and a poor local agricultural season significantly impacting on the business' expected results. However, we recognise that these are cyclical events and we continue to work on structuring the business to be able to manage through the cyclical downturns and take advantage of the cyclical peaks. Globally the boron market is growing strongly and our exposure to Brazil has been ameliorated by a diversification strategy that has been developed over previous years both in terms of geography and application split. For example, Borax Argentina is now supplying products into the oil and gas industry.



Following upgrade of the Porvenir resource in the previous year, the Tincalayu resource was upgraded to a JORC compliant resource during the year. The resource size was much larger than the previous historical estimate and has the potential to support a much larger project, on which studies have commenced. The Company will continue the process of upgrading the geological interpretation and re-estimation of the other Borax Argentina deposits and will consider the priorities for investment into additional production capacity and down-stream product development.

A project came to fruition in recent months which aimed to improve the efficiency and lower the cost per unit of production at the boric acid plant by using hydroboracite rather than ulexite as the feedstock mineral. This has resulted in the plant now using 100% hydroboracite feed. The hydroboracite used are tailings produced from the Sijes concentrator with stockpiles of tailings at the mine suitable for 3 to 4 years feed. We will continue to focus on identifying low input, high output operational efficiency improvements as well as step change opportunities.

#### **Strategy and Growth**

At the Olaroz Lithium Facility, our focus is to implement good operating practice, deliver product to customers within specification and achieve the nameplate monthly production run rate by the end of the calendar year.

The strategy for growth is still to consider:

- 1) expanded production of lithium carbonate at Olaroz in line with the projected growth profile of the lithium market
- 2) the potential for new products such as lithium hydroxide and
- **3)** extracting other chemicals from the brine such as boron and potassium.

At Borax Argentina our strategy over time is to significantly increase the business scale, based around a hub in the Tincalayu, Sijes and Diablillos area and at the same time decreasing unit costs with economies of scale and modern practices. In particular, we see potential for growth from increased production of sodium borate refined chemicals from Tincalayu, hydroboracite minerals from Sijes and boric acid production from lower grade beds of hydroboracite from Sijes. Our objective is to establish Borax Argentina as a sustainable and growing enterprise, making a material contribution to Orocobre's bottom line.

#### Health Safety and Community

During the year Sales de Jujuy joined Borax Argentina in receiving ISO accreditation for ISO 31000 Risk Management, ISO 9001 Quality Control and ISO 14001 Environmental Management. Both subsidiary companies have also implemented the OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System.

The Company fosters a "zero harm" approach when it comes to the safety of our employees and project contractors. Orocobre's goal regarding the safety of our operations is to continuously improve the reporting of and reduction in workplace risks and incidents. The safety statistics for Borax Argentina and Sales de Jujuy employees and contractors is presented in the table below (TRIFR = Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate):

	2015 Employee TRIFR	2014 Employee TRIFR	2015 Contractor TRIFR	2014 Contractor TRIFR
Borax Argentina	7.4	14.2	7.4	16.5
Sales de Jujuy	10.1	24.6	3.7	33.3

This is a significant improvement on the prior year and a result of a major focus by management.

Within Argentina, the Company operates a wide range of programs aimed at improving the health and education of our personnel and that of the local communities, as well as fostering the entrepreneurial skills of local businesses. Year-round health care programs are conducted that provide dentistry, ophthalmology, cardiology and paediatric services for both our employees and the local community. Additionally, the Company has undertaken a number of campaigns which focus on creating awareness for the prevention and early-detection of conditions such as breast cancer and substance dependency. The Company has also been actively involved in community initiatives which focus on improving the formal education graduation rate at primary, high school and speciality levels.

#### **Partnerships**

Orocobre is supported by our valuable partnerships with Toyota Tsusho Corporation ("TTC"), Japan Oil Gas and Metals National Corporation ("JOGMEC"), Mizuho Bank, the Jujuy Provincial Government Energy and Mining Company ("JEMSE"), and the local people and local businesses who provide services for our projects. I would like to acknowledge the importance of our partners who contribute to our success and thank them for all their ongoing support and involvement.

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#### Market Outlook

The current market environment for lithium carbonate producers is extremely favourable. Independent consultants (such as Roskill and Benchmark Mineral Intelligence) are predicting overall growth in the lithium industry at  $\sim$ 10% year-on-year, for at least the next 2 to 3 years. Demand for lithium is largely being driven by the growth of the rechargeable lithium-ion battery market, which alone is growing at 20% annually. Large-scale lithium-ion battery factories have been announced by numerous multinationals including Tesla, BYD, Foxconn, Samsung and LG. Lithium demand for use in industrial applications such as in glass and ceramics is also optimistic, growing at above GDP levels. With supply of lithium products beginning to tighten due to delays in bringing new production on stream and harket demand growing, the industry is seeing an increase in product prices with customers placing increased importance on the security of supply.

 $\exists$  he market for boron is very diverse with over 300 uses for the mineral. However, the largest market by far is in glass and ceramics which account for almost two-thirds of global boron consumption. Other common applications include use in the manufacturing of insulation and as an agricultural fertiliser. Despite the market diversity, demand for boron is largely driven by two major factors, these being an increase in population and political and societal pressures for environmental sustainability. While Borax Argentina has experienced some challenging market conditions as a result of the downturn in the Brazilian market, the Company remains focused on a diversification strategy for our boron business in terms of both geography and application in order to minimise the impact of cyclical market movements.

Globally, the outlook for both the lithium market and the boron market is positive in the short and long term. However, the Company understands the importance of creating a sustainable business based on low-cost operations and strategic expansions. With growing global population, strong political and societal agendas for the reduction of pollution and improvements to energy efficiency we expect to see growing demand for lithium and boron for many years to come.

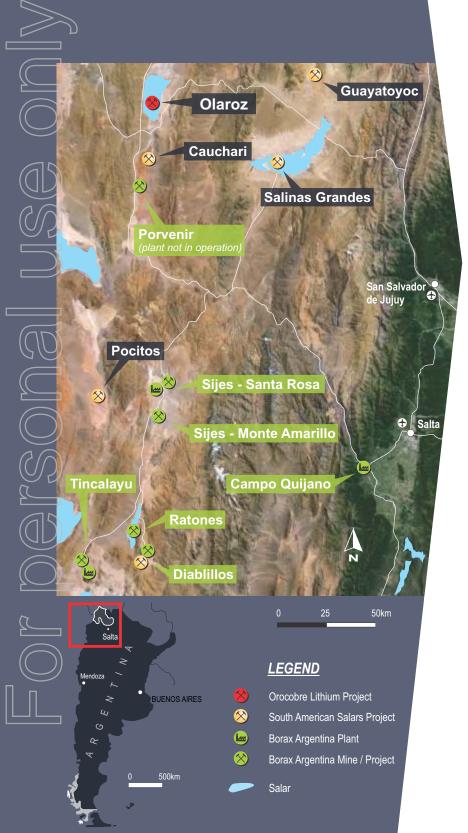
#### Acknowledgements

It is with great appreciation that I give thanks to the many parties who have individually and collectively contributed to our Company this year. I acknowledge the amazing efforts of employees, contractors and service providers, who are the boots on the ground responsible for turning our grand visions into reality. Thank you also, to our respected Chairman, board members and executive management team who have always provided strong leadership and support even in the most challenging times. My appreciation to our esteemed project partners, with whom we thank for sharing in our vision and believing in our future. And finally, thank you to our shareholders, who have remained patient, devoted and supportive throughout this year as we have edged ever closer to achieving profitability.

Best Regards,

**Richard Seville** CEO & Managing Director

# **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**



Orocobre has interests in a portfolio of large brine exploration groupings in Argentina as well as mines and processing plants for boron minerals and lithium carbonate production.

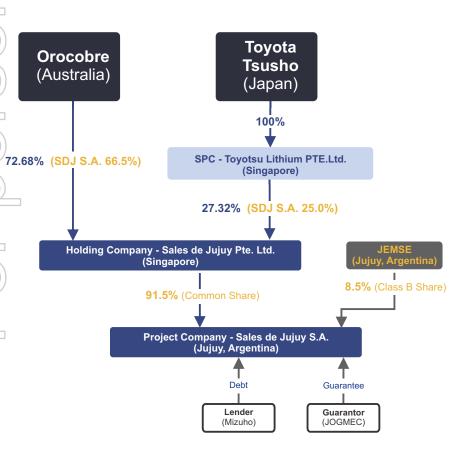
The Company's brine assets can be split into two groups. The first group of properties is owned and held by 66.5% (effective) Argentine operating company, Sales de Jujuy S.A ("SDJ") and contain those properties associated with the Olaroz Lithium Facility. Orocobre's partners in SDJ are Toyota Tsusho Corporation (25%) and JEMSE (8.5%). The ownership structure is explained in the following description of the Olaroz Lithium Facility. The second group of brine assets is owned by South American Salar S.A (85% effective owned by the Company) which has properties in a number of salt lakes in Salta and Jujuy provinces, including the Salar de Cauchari lithiumpotash project and Salar de Salinas Grandes potash-lithium project. The Company's boron mineral assets are held through its 100% owned subsidiary, Borax Argentina S.A.

## **Olaroz Lithium Facility**

Orocobre 66.5%

The Olaroz Lithium Facility is located in the Puna region of Jujuy Province in northern Argentina, approximately 230 kilometres northwest of the capital city of Jujuy at an altitude of 3,900 metres above sea level.

Together with partners, TTC and JEMSE, Orocobre is in the early operations and production stage of the first large scale "green fields" lithium brine project in approximately 20 years. It has a design capacity of 17,500tpa of battery grade lithium carbonate and is forecast to achieve the nameplate monthly production run rate by the end of CY2015. The Olaroz Lithium Facility Joint Venture is managed through the operating company, SDJ. The shareholders are Sales de Jujuy Pte Ltd ("SDJ PTE", a Singaporean company that is the joint venture vehicle for Orocobre and TTC and JEMSE, the mining investment company owned by the provincial government of Jujuy, Argentina. The effective equity interest in the Olaroz Lithium Facility Joint Venture is Orocobre 66.5%, TTC 25.0% and JEMSE 8.5%.





#### Toyota Tsusho Corporation Equity and Project Financing

In October 2012, the Joint Venture Agreement between Orocobre Limited and Toyota Tsusho Corporation to finance and build the flagship Olaroz Lithium Project was signed. The companies executed the finance documentation for the Olaroz Lithium Project in December 2012.

Under the terms of the Joint Venture Agreement, TTC and Orocobre have contributed project equity of US\$82.8 million (A\$107.7 million) (inclusive of JEMSE contribution), equating to approximately 30% of the loan facility with Mizuho Bank of US\$191.9M. TTC's investment in the project was approximately US\$55 million net of adjustments made to take into account financing support arrangements to be provided by TTC to Orocobre prior to completion of construction. Orocobre has funded JEMSE through an interest free loan for its capital contribution and will be re-paid with one-third of the anticipated dividend stream to JEMSE. TTC has a 25% indirect interest in the Olaroz project, JEMSE 8.5% and Orocobre 66.5%.

TTC, as part of its obligations under the January 2010 agreement also arranged project debt funding for the Olaroz Lithium Project. The finance documents were executed in December 2012 and provided a facility of US\$191.9 million (A\$249.6 million) which has been fully drawn. The term is 10 years with a 2 year grace period on principal repayments and the borrower may pay dividends bi-annually after meeting debt service provisions to Mizuho Bank Ltd. Upon completion, JOGMEC will provide guarantees for 82.4% of the outstanding debt upon satisfaction of the completion tests under the project financing arrangements. Standby Letters of Credit (SBLCs) to the value of approximately US\$50m have been provided to fund the joint venture through the commissioning and early operations stage by the joint venture shareholders on a pro-rata basis. In addition shareholder loans from TTC and Orocobre totalling US\$7.8M (A\$10.1 million) had been provided to fund working capital as of June 30, 2015. The SBLCs to provide working capital to SDJ SA are denominated in USD. A SBLC allows Orocobre to provide working capital to SDJ SA by depositing funds in USD as security in a restricted term deposit. This allows a SBLC to be issued which in turn allows SDJ SA to draw down funds in Argentina to the equivalent ARS value. After payment of project debt commitments the ARS drawn down amount in Argentina will begin to be repaid from free cash flow which will in turn allow the SBLCs to be released back to the Company. Continued ARS devaluation against the USD would allow SDJ to either have further funds available on the US\$ SBLCs backed facility it has in Argentina or the ARS devaluation would reduce the amount required to be held in the US\$ SBLCs, subsequently releasing US\$ back to the Company. However, should the ARS strengthen any time against the USD additional funds may need to be provided through the SBLCs.

### Terms of the Shareholder Agreement

The joint venture with TTC is being operated as an incorporated joint venture through the Singaporean holding company, SDJ PTE. The board of the holding company is responsible for the delivery of the Olaroz Project. Both parties can appoint three board members with Orocobre appointing the Chairman. Voting on normal matters is according to equity shareholding interest. The agreement also provides for certain matters which are "Reserved Matters" and require more than 80% of the vote, or TTC approval, whilst there is a liability under any guarantee. The agreement includes various mechanisms for budget approvals, budget variations and for deadlock. The agreement also provides the parties with pre-emptive rights on each other's interests in the event of a sale.

Existing management in the Argentine operating company, SDJ, operates the Olaroz Lithium Facility according to set authorisation limits and reports regularly to the joint venture company's Chairman. In addition, Orocobre has entered into a service arrangement with SDJ.

TTC acts as exclusive agent to market the lithium carbonate production from Stage One of the development for a period of 10 years.

### **Olaroz Resource Estimate**

In 2011, the Company announced a measured and indicated resource of 1,752 million cubic metres of brine at 690 mg/L lithium, 5,730 mg/L potassium and 1,050 mg/L boron at the Olaroz Project, which is equivalent to 6.4 million tonnes of lithium carbonate and 19.3 million tonnes of potash (potassium chloride) based on 5.32 tonnes of lithium carbonate being equivalent to 1 tonne of lithium and 1.91 tonnes of potash being equivalent to one tonne of potassium.

Details of the measured and indicated resources are given in the table below.

	1		Brine Body Parameters				oncentration		Tonnes of Contained Metal			
$\left \right $	Resource Category	Area	Thickness	Mean specific	Brine volume	Lithium	Potassium	Boron	Lithium	Potassium	Boron	
		km²	metres	yield %	cubic kms	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	Million Tonnes	Million Tonnes	Million Tonnes	
	Measured Resource	93	54	8.5%	0.42	632	4,930	927	0.27	2.08	0.39	
	Indicated Resource	93	143	10.0%	1.33	708	6,030	1,100	0.94	8.02	1.46	
	Measured and Indicated Resource	93	197	9.6%	1.75	690	5,730	1,050	1.21	10.10	1.85	

### **Olaroz Defined Exploration Target**

The exploration target described below is between 1.6 and 7.5 million tonnes of lithium carbonate equivalent between 197m and 323m depth. The basin is potentially 600m deep and additional targets to the north and the south of the exploration target area. It must be stressed that an exploration target is not a mineral resource. The potential quantity and grade of the exploration target is conceptual in nature, and there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource in the volume where the Exploration Target is outlined. It is uncertain if further exploration drilling will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource in this volume.

It is anticipated that additional drilling would be conducted after nameplate production run rate is achieved, to further evaluate the exploration target and to assist longer term development planning.

As part of the bore field development during construction, one bore was drilled to 304m, the deepest hole to date by the Company in Olaroz. Resource drilling was previously only carried out to a maximum depth of 200m, with the resource only extending to a depth of 197m below surface. This hole (P301) intersected a continuous sand plus halite aquifer from 255m to the end of the hole at 304m.

Because of the results of P301, a final production bore P302 was drilled to a depth of 323m. The hole intersected a continuous sand unit from 220m to 323m. These results are highly significant as this thick sand sequence may extend laterally beneath much of the defined brine resource and also to greater depths. Sands of this type have free draining porosity of between 20% and 25% based on previous test work and the sand unit could hold significant volumes of lithium-bearing brine which could be added to the resource base by future drilling. In addition, due to the thickness of the sand, any production bore drilled into this unit will be high yielding compared to bores only in the top 200m.

There is the potential for additional brine from 323m to the bottom of the basin which geophysical surveys suggest is up to 600m deep and additional targets to the north and the south of the exploration target area.

The deeper sand unit has the characteristics to support high volume brine production, with lithium concentrations and chemistry comparable to other operating wells. This will significantly reduce the capital cost for additional brine supply and pipeline systems which will be needed for the first expansion at Olaroz.

Area km²	Thickness metres (to 323m depth)	Mean specific yield %	Brine volume cubic kms	<b>Li</b> mg/L	Contained Li Million Tonnes	Li Carbonate Million Tonnes	<b>K</b> mg/L	Contained K Million Tonnes	Potash Million Tonnes	Boron mg/L	<b>Boron</b> Million Tonnes
Upper Assumption Estimate											
80	126	20%	2,000	700	1.4	7.5	5,400	10.9	20.8	1,200	2.4
Lower Assumption Estimate											
80	126	6%	605	500	0.3	1.6	4,000	2.4	4.6	900	0.5

### Project Progress

Construction of the Olaroz lithium project officially began on 21 November, 2012. Sinclair Knight Merz, with the assistance of INFA, a well-respected Argentine engineering group, completed detailed engineering for all areas of the operation including brine extraction, transport and evaporation, the lithium carbonate plant and key areas of the re-purification and micronizing circuits. The project implementation has been through an EPCM (Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management) approach with INFA as the construction manager. The strategy involved using a high proportion of local involvement through construction and supply contracts and local employment. The community and Shared Value policy has been and continues to be a key success factor.

The construction phase was complete at the end of 2014 and by the end of January 2015 commissioning had occurred on all circuits. Over the past two years, a substantial brine inventory has been built, equivalent to approximately 30,000 tonnes of lithium carbonate equivalent. At a 75% recovery rate this is equivalent to approximately 22,500 tonnes of lithium carbonate tonnes as finished product.

During recent months, while debottlenecking the facility, we have continued to manage the distribution of brine inventory towards what will be required to sustain nameplate production over the long term.

The first sale of lithium carbonate from the Olaroz Lithium Facility occurred in late April. Production ramp up has been slower than anticipated with 126 tonnes of saleable lithium carbonate produced in the June quarter, 93 tonnes produced in July and 143 tonnes produced in August.

Over the past months, priority has been given to the identification and implementation of long term solutions for operational challenges and debottlenecking rather than maximizing daily production. This approach has necessitated periods of test work and equipment trials with consequent reduced flowrates through the Facility. This has had a direct impact on the production performance of the plant versus forecast.

Significant progress has been made in the de-bottlenecking program.

- Heat Exchangers: Elevated temperatures in the return solutions had made the absorption part of the purification circuit approximately 10 degrees higher than target, thus limiting lithium carbonate dissolution. Design engineering work for the required cooling system in the purification circuit have been completed. Modifications to the circuit were effected using existing heat exchangers rather than using cooling towers as originally considered.
- Polishing Filters and Centrifuges: Work undertaken to improve the operational performance of the polishing filters in the primary circuit, which remove calcium and magnesium precipitates, did not increase the filtering capacity to a sufficient level. Flow rates were being further reduced by higher crystal loads caused by colder weather restricting flow rates through the plant. A solution to this capacity constraint was found with the successful trialling of a centrifuge sourced from Borax Argentina's Tincalayu plant, which has the capacity to separate lithium solids from liquids by its rapid spinning and use of centrifugal force without clogging. This centrifuge has a capacity of 40m3/hr. and was quickly installed on an existing platform. To reach the nameplate flowrate a second centrifuge, which is already on site, will be installed in October.

The installation of both centrifuges will allow the flow rates through the Facility to reach nameplate capacity.

The Outotec polishing filters are being reassigned to provide additional filtering capacity in the recovery of lithium carbonate solids remaining in the circuit prior to their discharge from the plant, thus improving overall recovery rates for the Facility. The change in piping has been completed.

• Boiler Increase: Engineering studies undertaken during the design of the cooling requirements in the absorption part of the purification circuit discussed above identified heat deficiency on the crystallizer end of the circuit. Additional boiler capacity will be added during November to address this deficiency. The increase in boiler capacity will permit the crystallizers to meet full capacity.

The centrifuges and additional boiler will cost approximately US\$1m bringing the total cost for rectification work to US\$8m (A\$10.4M).

The progress in debottlenecking through the quarter to date has been very pleasing and the Company is now confident that all significant issues have been identified with solutions to the problem either having been made or in the process of being implemented.

### **Reaching Nameplate Production**

The following key factors will enable the planned ramp up in the production profile to be achieved:

- Completion of debottlenecking activities which will allow the Facility to operate at its design flow rates.
- Brine profile as disclosed in the June quarterly report it is expected that by October 2015 there will be sufficient quantities of concentrated brine to supply the Facility at full capacity. In particular, during October, the brine feeding the plant is forecast to reach the design grade of approximately 0.7%, enhanced by increasing evaporation rates.
- Recoveries of lithium carbonate from the plant are directly proportional to the feed grade. Consequently, lithium recovery in the plant will increase as grades rise to the designed 0.7%. Ongoing engineering improvements such as the reassignment of the polishing filters to bolster existing filters will increase recovery of lithium carbonate solids from the plant discharge.
- Ongoing operational improvements being achieved from a workforce becoming increasingly experienced and knowledgeable in plant processes.

Taking into account the aforementioned drivers, ramp up will continue to accelerate to reach nameplate run rate in December.

The Olaroz Lithium Facility will reach breakeven point on an operating cost basis (net of taxes paid or reimbursed), when production reaches approximately 650 tonnes per month, subject to variability in sales price. This level of production is expected to be achieved in October 2015.

The Olaroz Lithium Facility is producing both battery grade and technical grade lithium carbonate to fulfil sample and customer order requirements. By the end of July, samples for final approval and sales orders had been supplied to a total of 32 customers, including 19 battery market customers and 13 industrial market customers.

Commercial shipments of lithium carbonate have continued to be dispatched from the Olaroz Lithium Facility to Europe, Japan and the USA. Samples have also been sent to battery and industrial sector customers as the final stage of product qualification. The median specification values achieved for lithium carbonate ( $Li_2CO_3$ ) in the months of May and June was 99.98% - 99.99%.

All forecast production for CY2015 has now been fully committed and customers are awaiting delivery.

### Market Conditions

Lithium market conditions continue to tighten. Supply side constraints coupled with strong market demand is resulting in upward pressure on market prices for lithium carbonate. Prices in recent times have been steadily increasing over US\$6,000/tonne. The traditional annual fixed price contracts are now being replaced by shorter bi-annual, quarterly and even monthly (load by load) pricing arrangements. FMC Corporation, one of the world's largest producers of lithium products, has announced a 15% price increase effective from 1 October 2015, noting that "continued market growth is outpacing current industry supply capabilities for most of our product lines".

The market growth rate projected by independent consultants is  $\sim$ 10% year on year for at least the next few years (Roskill forecast to 2017, IHS forecast to 2025). These market growth rate projections were published prior to announcements by Tesla, Foxconn, Samsung LG and BYD for new and expanded battery factories.

There is increasing momentum in the electric vehicle (EV) sector with increasing participation by mainstream brands, a growing focus on grid power storage at a commercial and residential scale, improving viability of solar-lithium battery systems and continued growth in the demand for mobile devices, underpinned by the growth in emerging markets.



### **Joint Venture Reporting**

The following statements detail the Joint Venture Company (SDJ Pte) key financials, Profit and Loss, Cash Flow and Balance Sheet.

SDJ PTE Key Financials SDJ Pte Profit & loss	AUD							
	2015			2014		Change		
Total revenue		259,208		194		259,014		
COGS and operating expenses	-	258,712		-	-	258,712		
Corporate and admin expenses	-	73,678	-	34,577	-	39,101		
Finance Income/(Costs)		150		74,833	-	74,683		
Foreign Currency Gain/(loss)	-	269,356	-	514,363		245,007		
Net loss after tax	-	342,388	-	473,913		131,525		
(Subtract)/add back: Income tax (credit)/charge		-		-		-		
Add back: Depreciation		997		1,381	-	384		
(Subtract)/add back: Net interest	_	150	-	74,833		74,683		
EBITDA	-	341,541	-	547,365		205,824		

SDJ	PTE	Cash	Flow
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SDJ PTE Cash Flow						
				AUD		
65	2	2015		2014		Change
Revenue (Sales, Interest)		271,305		80,653		190,652
Costs (Corporate, Interest, etc)		555,909	-	9,741	-	546,169
Cash from operating activities	- 2	84,604		70,913	-	355,517
Capitalised Exploration Expenditure	- 129,5	548,271	-	159,799,950		30,251,678
Acquisition of subsidiary		682,313	-		-	1,682,313
Cash from investing activities	- 131,2	30,584	- 1	59,799,950		28,569,365
Proceeds from issue of shares	1,6	686,579		676,688		1,009,891
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	,	970,699		149,285,475	-	83,314,776
C Proceeds from overdraft facility	57,0	)48,501	-			57,048,501
Funds provided under joint venture agreement	,	189,916		1,089,675		7,100,241
Repayment of borrowings	-	170,057	-		-	1,470,057
Cash from financing activities	131,4	25,638	1	51,051,838	-	19,626,201
Net increase in cash held	-	89,551	-	8,677,199		8,587,648
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of year	-	714,937		5,062,203	-	4,347,266
Effect of exchange rates on cash holdings in foreign currencies	1,	173,887		4,329,933	-	3,156,046
Cash at year end	1,7	99,273		714,937		1,084,336

The HSBC overdraft is backed by USD 37.5m Standby Letters of Credit (SBLC's) provided by Orocobre Ltd to cover a portion of the bank overdraft facility.

# SDJ PTE Balance Sheet

AUD

		AUD	
615	2015	2014	Change
Cash, cash equivalents	1,799,273	714,937	1,084,336
Receivables	1,419,309	850,414	10,583,481
Intangible assets	35,268,267	32,185,754	3,082,513
Inventories	31,719,642	-	14,793,149
Property, plant & equipment	483,503,195	217,886,161	282,543,527
Exploration & Evaluation asset	-	94,038,278	- 94,038,278
VAT Receivable	35,550,791	11,531,580	14,004,625
Other assets	7,607,718	22,144,001	- 14,536,283
Total assets	596,868,195	379,351,125	217,517,070
Short term borrowings	21,490,157	647,368	81,747,629
Payables	23,916,933	21,710,365	2,206,568
Taxes payable and deferred	35,268,386	32,185,863	3,082,523
Related Party Ioans	93,583,914	20,873,308	11,805,766
Long term debt	228,251,618	143,881,946	84,369,672
Derivative	12,259,938	5,966,494	6,293,444
Other liabilities	29,714,523	10,783,872	18,930,651
Total liabilities	444,485,469	236,049,216	208,436,253
Equity	152,382,726	143,301,909	9,080,817

The funds for the project during the construction phase were drawn down in US\$ as required by the operating company SDJ, the project company in Argentina and held in US\$ until required. This allowed the Company to limit the funds held in Argentine Peso (ARS) and successfully manage the impact of inflation and ARS devaluation.

The Standby Letters of Credit (SBLCs) to provide working capital to SDJ are also denominated in US\$. A SBLC allows Orocobre to provide working capital to SDJ by depositing funds in US\$ as security in a restricted term deposit. This allows a SBLC to be issued, which in turn allows SDJ to draw down funds in Argentina to the equivalent ARS value.

Once SDJ becomes cash flow positive, the funds drawn down will begin to be repaid and the amount required to be held as security in the SBLC facility will also begin to reduce, resulting in cash flow in US\$ back to Orocobre. Such repayment in Argentina and release of the SBLC in Australia will always occur after project debt commitments have been met. Therefore, the funds are restricted but recoverable and also earn a nominal rate of interest while held as security in the term deposit.

Shareholder loans and sales contracts for lithium carbonate ex-Olaroz are also denominated in US\$.

Continued ARS devaluation against the US\$ would allow SDJ to either have further funds available on the US\$ SBLC backed facility it has in Argentina or the ARS devaluation would reduce the amount required to be held in the US\$ SBLCs, subsequently releasing US\$ back to the Company. However, should the ARS strengthen at any time against the USD additional funds may need to be provided through the SBLCs.

A devaluing ARS benefits SDJ as ARS costs become cheaper in US\$ and US\$ sales revenues translate to more ARS. A downside of a devaluing ARS is that recoverable VAT reduces in US\$ terms.

Value Added Tax (VAT) is charged on services and goods (including capital) goods at rates between 10.5% and 27%, with 21% being the standard charge. VAT is claimed back based on 21% of export sales and can also be recouped against VAT on local sales, if any. Hence the recovery of VAT, that has been paid on CAPEX and expenses to date, will be recovered in coming years. The delays in recovery of the VAT has required funding from the shareholders. VAT recoverable is A\$35.5M (US\$27.3M) which has been fair valued and hence discounted. Nominal value of VAT was US\$40M.



### **Cauchari Project**

Orocobre 85%

The Cauchari Lithium-Potash Project has an inferred resource estimated to contain approximately 470,000 tonnes of lithium carbonate equivalent and 1.6 million tonnes of potash based on 5.32 tonnes of lithium carbonate being equivalent to one tonne of lithium and 1.91 tonnes of potash being equivalent to one tonne of potassium.

Details are given in the table below.

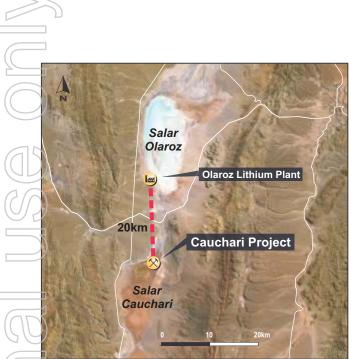
The maiden resource is based on five diamond holes in Orocobre's eastern Cauchari properties and is only to an average depth of 170m in the northern resource area and 50m in the southern resource area.

Lithium and potassium mineralisation was encountered to the base of drilling at 249m in hole CAU001D. An adjacent property owner, Lithium Americas Corp (TSX:LAC), drilled to a 464m depth and therefore future Orocobre drilling could substantially increase the maiden resource.

An exploration target of between 0.2 million and 2.6 million tonnes of lithium carbonate equivalent and 0.5 million and 9.2 million tonnes of potash has been estimated beneath the maiden resource based on a range of porosity and grade possibilities to between 220m and 350m depth.

Whilst a lower grade than Olaroz, the brine chemistry is similar to that at Olaroz, with an attractive low Mg/Li ratio (2.8) and high K/Li ratio (10). Initial evaluation of the process route suggests the brine could be processed in an expanded Olaroz plant. Cauchari is located approximately 20kms south of the Olaroz Lithium Facility.

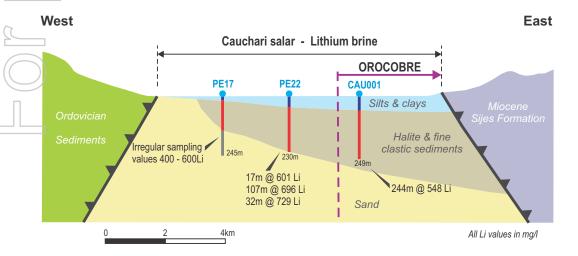
	1		Brine Body	Parameter	s	Average Resource Concentrations			Tonnes of Contained Metal		
$\sum$	Inferred Resource Area	<b>Area</b> km²	Average Thickness metres	Mean specific yield %	Brine volume million m <sup>3</sup>	<b>Lithium</b> mg/L	Potassium mg/L	<b>Boron</b> mg/L	<b>Lithium</b> Tonnes	Potassium Tonnes	<b>Boron</b> Tonnes
	North 170m deep	19.69	170	6.1%	204.5	399	3,833	547	81,497	783,829	111,901
	South 50m deep	11.35	50	4.6%	26.0	264	2,502	421	6,851	64,932	10,916
	Combined	31.05	-	-	230.4	383	2,683	533	88,348	848,761	122,817





Considering the similarities between the Cauchari and Olaroz projects and their close proximity, there are compelling synergies between the projects, including the expected use of shared infrastructure and processing plants and the likelihood that any future development of the Cauchari brine would use the Olaroz facilities at a relatively low incremental capital cost. Consequently, the Company considers the Cauchari project and its brine body to be part of the larger Olaroz project.

This information in regard to Cauchari was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.





### Salinas Grandes Potassium-Lithium Project

Orocobre 85%

Salinas Grandes is located 70 kilometres southeast of he Olaroz Lithium Facility in Salta province. Through South American Salar SA, Drocobre holds an 85% nterest in the project. The proximity of Salinas Grandes to the Olaroz Facility provides potential operating synergies, including the option to process concentrated Salinas Grandes lithium brine at an expanded lithium carbonate plant at Olaroz.

Salinas Grandes has an inferred resource, to a depth of 13.3m, estimated to contain 56.5 million cubic metres of brine at 795 mg/L lithium and 9,550 mg/L potassium, which is equivalent to 239,200 tonnes of lithium carbonate and 1.03 million tonnes of potash (potassium chloride) based on 5.32 tonnes of lithium carbonate being equivalent to 1 tonne of lithium and 1.91 tonnes of potash being equivalent to one tonne of potassium. Details are provided in the table below.

The shallow brine body has attractive grades and chemistry with a low magnesium to lithium ratio of 2.5, a high potassium to lithium ratio of 12.5 and a low sulphate to lithium ratio of 5.8 in the central area of drilling, rising to 10.6. Test work since late 2010 suggests high recoveries of both potassium and lithium could be expected using a simple, low operating cost, process route. Laboratory scale testing has produced potassium (82%-89% KCl), prior to washing to obtain +95% KCl.

The low sulphate levels of the Salinas Grandes brine indicate that potash recovery would be high as a co-product of lithium carbonate production with potentially eight tonnes of potash produced for each tonne of lithium carbonate.

The work completed at Salinas Grandes to date confirms the potential that brine can be extracted from the shallow resources at potentially commercial rates and with stable grades that could allow for modest annual production of potassium and lithium to augment the Olaroz project.

This information in regard to Salinas Grandes was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

Brine Body Parameters						oncentration		Tonnes of Contained Metal		
Resource Category	<b>Area</b> km²	Average thickness metres	Mean specific yield %	Brine volume million m <sup>3</sup>	<b>Lithium</b> mg/L	Potassium mg/L	<b>Boron</b> mg/L	<b>Lithium</b> Tonnes	Potassium Tonnes	<b>Boron</b> Tonnes
Inferred Resource	116.2	13.3	4.1%	56.5	795	9,547	283	44,960	539,850	12,100

Together with partners, TTC and JEMSE, Orocobre is in the early operations and production stage of the first large scale "green fields" lithium brine project in approximately 20 years.



### **Borax Argentina**

Orocobre 100%

Borax Argentina has operated in the Salta-Jujuy region for over 50 years and is well established as a reliable supplier of boron products to the industrial and agricultural sectors in Brazil, Argentina, Chile and now into new more distant international markets.

Orocobre considers that Borax Argentina has promising organic growth prospects given its large asset base, strong production infrastructure and local community support. The healthy long-term market outlook for boron related minerals is a strategic fit with the objective of being a substantial industrial chemicals and industrial minerals company.

Borax Argentina's operations, include three open pit mines, concentrators, refining capacity and significant land holdings. The mining operations are located in Tincalayu, Porvenir and Sijes. The Company announced the upgrade of historical estimates to a Measured and Indicated Resource for the Porvenir borate deposit in April 2014 and the Tincalayu deposit in November 2014. Work is currently underway on the Sijes deposits to be followed by Diablillos.

The products produced by Borax Argentina can be divided into three groups being: minerals, refined products and boric acid. The minerals produced are ulexite, colemanite and hydroboracite. Ulexite has traditionally been used as a feedstock for the production of boric acid, whereas hydroboracite and colemanite are supplied into the ceramic market and more recently hydroboracite into agricultural and oil and gas markets. The refined products comprise of borax decahydrate, borax pentahydrate and borax anhydrous. These refined products have applications in a wide range of markets from agriculture, ceramics,

glass, insulation fibreglass, textile fibreglass, gold assay and smelting fluxes, wood protection and a number of specialty applications. The production of boric acid was traditionally achieved through the acidification of ulexite using sulphuric acid but ulexite has now been replaced with hydroboracite tailings from Sijes.

### Combined Product Sales Volume Year on Year∗

Sales volume was up 10.7% on last year, however this includes sales of lower value tincal ore to compensate for lower sales of refined products due to the slower than anticipated ramp up of the relocated borax decahydrate plant. EBITDA was (A\$1.725M) (FY14 –A\$3.152M)

$\frac{2}{2}$	Financial Year	Combined Product Sales (tonnes)
	June 2014	40,098
5	June 2015	44,398
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\*Combined product sales volumes include borax chemicals, boric acid and boron minerals and includes sales of tincal ore of 4,021 tonnes in September 2014 quarter, 4,225 tonnes in the December 2014 quarter and 2,061 tonnes in the June 2015 quarter.

Sales, which are US\$ denominated or US\$ pegged, reduced 13.1% on a US\$ basis from the prior year whilst cost of goods sold and corporate and administration expenses reduced by 4.9% and 7.4% respectively. A substantial portion of Borax's costs are Argentine based and hence the devaluation of the \*average ARS rate against the US\$ during FY2015 of 29% only flowed through to some extent given inflation was of a similar order. The average rate for the current is ARS8.59:US\$1 (FY14 ARS6.66:US\$1). (\*Opening and closing rate of each month divided by two and then all summed and divided by twelve). In A\$, there are substantial dollar increases versus the prior year on all categories due to the weakening by 22.4% of the A\$ against the US\$ on a spot basis. The A\$ has also weakened 8.7% against the ARS on a spot basis versus the prior year.

A devaluing ARS benefits Borax as ARS costs become cheaper in US\$ and \$A, and US\$ sales revenues translate to more ARS. A downside of a devaluing ARS is that recoverable VAT reduces in US\$ and \$A terms.

The relocation of the Tincalayu borax decahydrate plant was completed in July 2014. However, the ramp up of production was slower than expected which resulted in a shortage of inventory and the need to sell an increased volume of tincal mineral in order to offset the softer sales of refined products from the Tincalayu facility, particularly in the September and December quarters. The Tincalayu plant has more recently been operating at 70 tonnes per day and building inventory of borax decahydrate. As a result of the borax plant relocation significant benefits are expected to be achieved over time in both the reduction of operating unit costs and an increase in overall mineral recovery from the mine. Previously, run-of-mine ore at 17%  $B_2O_3$  was concentrated at Tincalayu using dry magnetic separation at about 60% recovery to produce a 21%  $B_2O_3$  grade, which was then transported 350kms to Campo Quijano for further production into borax chemicals. Relocating the borax plant to the Tincalayu mine site allows for the direct processing of run-of-mine ore at a 15%  $B_2O_3$  head grade without the need for magnetic separation and associated mineral losses, plus it improves transport efficiency and cost by carting a 37%  $B_2O_3$  refined product rather than the 21%  $B_2O_3$  grade concentrate.

Borax Argentina has been experiencing some challenging market conditions as a result of soft economic conditions in Brazil, historically its largest market. The downturn in the Brazilian economy and a poor agriculture season has resulted in increased competition and downward pressure on market prices for all borates products.

Borax Argentina has been pursuing an ongoing geographic and product diversification strategy in order to better insulate the business from localised economic and market cycles and this has lessened the impact of the economic challenges in Brazil. In addition to its traditional markets, the Company now has customers in USA, Australia, New Zealand, UK, Colombia, Spain, Egypt, Canada, Portugal, Thailand and Bangladesh. The diversification is not only geographical but also application specific with Borax Argentina now selling into the oil and gas industries. Borax Argentina sales contracts are denominated in, or pegged to, the US\$.

#### Initiatives

Borax Argentina has now successfully produced boric acid at the Campo Quijano boric acid plant using hydroboracite in place of ulexite. The hydroboracite used was tailings from the Sijes concentrator, grading approximately 28%-30%  $B_2O_3$ , which is a higher grade than the ulexite mined at Porvenir.

The objective of the trial was to confirm previous test work and produce boric acid from hydroboracite without affecting kinetics and production rate. Hydroboracite has lower chloride levels than ulexite thus reducing the bleed of mother liquor from the plant while increasing recoveries and environmental benefits. The lower chloride levels in hydroboracite will also reduce plant maintenance. The cost of producing boric acid from ulexite is relatively high cost because the mining involves extraction of thin beds, with drying and screening taking place before transporting to the plant. To be able to use tailings in the future will result in significantly lower boric acid costs with estimated savings of approximately US\$200/tonne. The plant is now running on 100% hydroboracite feed. The current boric acid plant at Campo Quijano has a production capacity of 9,000tpa. Work has commenced on increasing production by an estimated 20% through modest changes to the circuit. These changes involve the introduction of press filters subsequently making a boiler and centrifuge redundant. The boiler and centrifuge can be relocated to Tincalayu to increase the capacity of borax decahydrate production by 30tpd. The pentahydrate conversion circuit at Campo Quijano will also be relocated to Tincalayu.

### **JORC Compliance Programme**

Following the upgrading of the Porvenir historical estimate to a JORC compliance Measured and Indicated resource in 2014, the Tincalayu resource upgrade was completed this year. The program is continuing with the Sijes deposit to be followed by Diablillos.

The Tincalayu resource estimate was much larger than expected. An Indicated and Inferred Resource of 6.5 million tonnes at 13.9%  $B_2O_3$  is estimated at the marginal cut-off of 5.6%  $B_2O_3$  appropriate to the current production capacity of 30,000tpa borax decahydrate. At a marginal cut-off of 2.8%  $B_2O_3$ , appropriate for a possible expanded production rate of 100,000tpa borax decahydrate there is an Indicated and Inferred Resource of 17.8 million tonnes at 11%  $B_2O_3$ . This compares to a superseded historical estimate of 1.85 million tonnes at 17.2%  $B_2O_3$  estimated at a 12%  $B_2O_3$  cut-off and adjusted for mining depletion to 2011. The superseded historical estimate was originally reported on the 21st of August 2012 at the time of the announcement of the Company's purchase of Borax Argentina.

Whittle 4D modelling indicates that for both scenarios there is a potential mining life in excess of 30 years based on optimum discounted cash flow criterion. Technical studies are underway to investigate expansion options.

	Current	Production	30 Ktpa	Expanded	l Production	100 Ktpa			
Resource Category	Cut-off	Tonnes (Mt)	Soluble B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	Cut-off	Tonnes (Mt)	Soluble B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)			
Global Resources (not limited to a pit shell) – with Marginal Cut-off									
Indicated	5.6	6.9	13.9	2.8	6.9	13.8			
Inferred	5.6	9.9	10.2	2.8	13.8	8.5			
Indicated + Inferred	5.6	16.8	11.7	2.8	20.7	10.3			
Μ	aximum DCF	In-pit Reso	urce – with M	larginal Cut-c	off				
Indicated	5.6	5.1	14.7	2.8	6.8	13.8			
Inferred	5.6	1.4	11.0	2.8	11.0	9.3			
Indicated + Inferred	5.6	6.5	13.9	2.8	17.8	11.0			

Summary of resource estimate figures and cut-offs used:

#### **Properties**

Borax Argentina also owns the tenure on all or parts of the lithium projects being progressed by other lithium exploration companies, including Lithium Americas Corporation Ltd. (TSX:LAC) at Salar de Cauchari, Rodinia Lithium Ltd. (TSX-V: RM) at Diablillos, and Galaxy Resources Ltd (ASX:GXY) at Sal de Vida, (formerly Lithium One's project). As one of the conditions to extract brines, these companies are required to make payments to Borax Argentina either as fixed annual payments or a royalty related to production. The terms of these agreements are detailed below.

	Company	Project Affected	Areas of Properties (hectares)	Date of Contract	Type of Contract	Remaining Payments	Royalty Payable on brine extraction	Period of Usufruct* (end of date term)	Comments
	Lithium Americas Corporation	Cauchari	4,130	19 May 11	Usufruct	\$5,400,000	None	18 May 41	\$200,000 per annum payable until 18 May 2041 irrespective of production. Remaining period of 26 years and 9 months, at which time the brine rights revert to Borax Argentina
	Rodinia Lithium	Diablilos	2,700	14 Jan 10	3yr Exploration right & option to usufruct	None	n/a		
	Rodinia Lithium	Diablilos	2,700	14 Jan 10	Usufruct	None	1.5%	40yrs plus 40yrs	Royalty can be purchased by Rodinia at any time for \$1,500,000
	Rodinia Lithium	Centenario & Ratones	630	14 Jan 10	Purchase	None	1.0%	Indefinite	Royalty can be purchased by Rodinia for \$1,000,000
	Rodinia Lithium	Los Ratones	600	14 Jan 10	Purchase	None	1.0%	Indefinite	Royalty can be purchased by Rodinia for \$1,000,000. Borax Argentina has the right to mine borates.
	Galaxy Resources/ Lithium One	Sal de Vid	la 1,100		Exploration & Usufruct	None	1.0%	Indefinite	Royalty can be purchased by Galaxy for \$1,000,000
	Lithea Inc	Pozuelos	2,488	14 Jan 10	Purchase	None	1.0%	Indefinite	Royalty can be purchased by Lithea for \$1,000,000. Borax Argentina has the right to mine borates.

\*Usufruct - legal right afforded to a person or party that confers the temporary right to use and derive income or benefit from someone else's property.

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# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Orocobre 's Corporate Social Responsibility forms a key part of the Company's management strategy. This is reflected in various relationships the Company maintains with employees, business partners, local communities and government and regulatory authorities.

Sales de Jujuy S.A and Borax Argentina are now both accredited for ISO 9001 Quality Control, ISO 14001 Environmental Management and OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management with each company also operating on the ISO 31000 Risk Management System. Additionally, Sales de Jujuy has received accreditation for the European REACH management system.

Orocobre aims to sustainably develop the Company's assets in a responsible and committed manner, compatible with the local communities in which we operate. In order to achieve our goals of sustainability, the Company abides by a number of policy measures which promote mutual benefit for our Company and the local communities. Additionally, the local operating companies in Argentina run regular programs in the areas of education, health, employment, business development and environmental conservation which promote community engagement and participation.

### **Community Relationships**

The Company works on fostering long-term relationships with the local communities in order to provide support based on 5 fundamental pillars, these are: Education, Health, Production, Transparency and Empowerment. Orocobre aims to improve the quality of life for the local population and enhance their workplace skills and experience in order to drive regional development and joint progression.

### Education

Orocobre's adult education programs, which aim at improving education completion rates within the local community, continued to run during the financial year. Personnel from both the Olaroz Lithium Facility and Borax Argentina who have not completed their formal education are invited to enrol in the free program run by the Company in conjunction with qualified teaching staff, community representatives and corporate volunteers. The program is operated at various education levels and, once completed, provides formal recognition for completion of study. There are currently 96 Orocobre Group employees who are enrolled in the program, which represents a 57% participation rate of those eligible. 71 Participants are enrolled at a speciality or university level, 15 at a secondary level and 10 at a primary level.

The Company also runs workshops and training programs with the local communities and schools. One such program is the "Junior Achievement" program which provides supplementary, education-enriching classes to young school-aged children as well as provides donations of schooling materials to assist pupils and teachers.

### **Business Development**

The Company continues to work with the local communities and organisations to run courses which teach entrepreneurial skills and sustainable business practices. This year, Sales de Jujuy partnered with the National Agricultural Technology Institute ("INTA" or Instituto Nacionel de Tecnología Agropecuaria) and members of the Olaroz Chico community in a project called "Proyecto Quinoa", which aims to further the local agricultural market. Sales de Jujuy was able to donate tools, supplies, labour and logistics to the project which involved planting new crops of quinoa on donated land using a variety of preparation, growing and harvesting methods to analyse crop yield and quality. The project hopes to expand the agricultural industry in the region and also promote a network of shared information and experience to improve the skills, expertise and business of local growers.

The Company's promise to continuously deliver mutually beneficial relationships with the local communities was boosted this year with creation of a new logistics company. The company, which was formed in partnership with local businesses will eventually be responsible for transporting the finished lithium carbonate from the Olaroz Lithium Facility to various export hubs and warehouses.



### Labour Exchange

The Company previously developed a Labour Exchange in collaboration with the communities of Susques (Jujuy). This programme is intended to proportionately distribute the labour available in local communities among the local suppliers. This assesses the needs of these communities and current skill sets in order to implement appropriate training courses. Additionally, the Company works with COPRETI ("La Comisión Provincial para la Erradicación del Trabajo Infantil") to promote awareness and undertake actions to prevent the use of child labour in the region.

### Health

The Company fosters a "zero harm" approach when it comes to the safety of our employees and project contractors. Orocobre's Argentina based projects operate on a self-derived OH&S management system which incorporates the accredited ISO system principles. Orocobre's goal regarding the safety of our operations is to continuously improve the reporting of and reduction in workplace risks and incidents.

The Company has also been active in the area of preventive health, jointly with the "Beñen Hospital" in Susques (Jujuy Province) and the Hospital of San Antonio de los Cobres, Salta Province. The "Programa de Prevencion en Salud" (Prevention Program in Health) offers local towns and villages' paediatric, ophthalmology, dentistry, audiology and nutrition services previously not available. The program is also run internally within Orocobre's Argentina operations. During the period the health care program saw 277 cases handled relating to dental care, resulting in a 48% decrease in tooth decay, 187 cases handled relating to cardiology, with 12% of cases requiring treatment and 235 cases relating to ophthalmology of which 65% of cases required and received treatment.

The Company also provides preventative health education programs such as the "Calidad de Vida" (Quality of Life) program which promotes the prevention and treatment of alcohol and substance addiction. addiction.

### Volunteering

The Company offers a variety of volunteering opportunities for Orocobre Group personnel to participate. The volunteering opportunities range from accompanying tutors and doctors in the health, community and schooling education programs to ad hoc participation in sporting, religious or community events. Overall, the Company has a 44% participation rate in volunteering programs.

This year the Company's Jujuy IT department lead a program which assisted the local Olaroz High School students with their study by donating a number of laptops as well as utilising their expertise and equipment to establish an internet connection at the school.

### Environment

Environmental monitoring program are regularly conducted with the contribution of local suppliers and is open to Jujuy community participation. In schools, Orocobre Group Companies provide workshops on environmental care, treatment of waste and its reprocessing. There have been no reportable environmental events under the regulations in Jujuy or Salta due to the Company's activities. Further detail is available in the Directors Report under Environmental Regulation and Performance.

Orocobre aims to improve the quality of life for the local population and enhance their workplace skills and experience in order to drive regional development and joint progression

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# DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report and financial statements of the Group, being the Company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June, 2015.

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless indicated otherwise.



James D. Calaway Non-Executive Chairman



Richard P. Seville Managing Director & CEO



John W. Gibson, Jr. Non-Executive Director



Courtney Pratt Non-Executive Director



Federico Nicholson Non-Executive Director



Fernando Oris de Roa Non-Executive Director



Robert Hubbard Non-Executive Director



The Company's directors have significant public company management experience, together with a strong background in mineral exploration and management, project development, financial markets, accounting and finance. Their experience covers many resource sectors within Australia and internationally. The names and qualifications of the Directors in office during or since the financial year are summarized below:

#### James D. Calaway

#### BA (Econ), MA (PP&E)

### Non-Executive Chairman

Mr Calaway was appointed a Director in May 2009 and has served as Chairman since. Mr Calaway is a respected businessman and civic leader in Houston, Texas. He has considerable experience and success in building young companies into successful commercial enterprises. Mr Calaway and his family have played major roles in the development of both public and private companies in the United States, including companies engaged in oil and gas exploration and production and alternative energy development. Mr Calaway currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Distributed Power Partners, a leader in clustered distributed solar power development, and has served as a Director on several other U.S. corporate boards.

Mr. Calaway is active in the Houston community recently serving as the Chairman of the Board of the Centre for Houston's future, and the Chairman of the Houston independent School District Foundation, among others.

Mr Calaway is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Oxford. He is a member of the Remuneration

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years:

Elementos Limited (Jan 2011 – Oct 2013)

Richard P. Seville

### BSc (Hons) Mining Geology, MEngSc Rock Engineering, MAusIMM, ARSM

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Seville was appointed a Director in April 2007. Mr. Seville is a mining geologist and geotechnical engineer with over 30 years' minerals sector experience covering exploration, mine development and mine operations. He has had significant corporate experience, having had many years in the role of Operations Director and/or CEO in ASX/AIM listed mining companies. Mr. Seville is a graduate of the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College and James Cook University North Queensland.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years:

Leyshon Resources Ltd (Feb 2007 - Present)

Elementos Limited (Nov 2013 - Present)

### John W. Gibson

#### BSc Geology, MSc Geology

#### Non-Executive Director

Mr. Gibson was appointed a Director in March 2010. Mr. Gibson, is a recognised leader in the energy technology and services industry with more than 25 years of global energy experience. Mr. Gibson was until recently the Chief Executive Officer of Tervita Corporation and is currently a Director of Tervita, a major Canadian environmental and oil field services company.

Prior to joining Tervita, Mr. Gibson served as Chief Executive Officer of an enterprise software solutions company serving oil and gas industry clients and has held senior positions with the Halliburton Group of Companies, most recently as President of Halliburton's Energy Services Group. Mr. Gibson serves on the Boards of Directors for Tervita, Blue Spark Energy Inc., and I-Pulse Inc. He is a member of the University of Houston Energy Advisory Committee, and Houston Baptist University Board of Trustees.

Mr. Gibson holds a Bachelor of Science from Auburn University and a Master of Science from the University of Houston and is a member of several professional societies. He is a member of the Audit Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Nil

### Courtney Pratt

#### Non-Executive Director/Lead Independent Director

Mr. Pratt was appointed a Director in March 2010. Mr. Pratt has enjoyed a 40-year career at the helm of some of Canada's top industrial businesses, particularly in the energy, minerals, and mining sectors. From 2004 to 2006, he was President and CEO of Stelco, a major Canadian steel producer, guiding it through a court supervised restructuring, and then served as Stelco's Chairman until the company's sale to the US Steel Corporation in 2007. Earlier, Mr. Pratt served as the President and CEO of Toronto Hydro, North America's largest municipally owned electricity distributor. He also served as President and subsequently as Chairman of Noranda Inc., a global diversified natural resource company headquartered in Toronto. In this capacity he served as a Director of Noranda Minerals Inc., Falconbridge Ltd., Battle Mountain Gold Company, Noranda Forest Inc., (Chairman), Norcen Energy Resources Limited and Canadian Hunter Exploration Limited. Mr. Pratt served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Region Research Alliance to March 2010. He is also a board member of MD Financial Holdings and Chairman of CMA Holdings, the physician services arm of the Canadian Medical Association. Mr. Pratt was awarded the Order of Canada in January 1999. He is Lead Independent Director, Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and was previously a member of the Audit Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Nil

**MPA** 

#### Fernando Oris de Roa

#### Non-Executive Director

Mr Oris de Roa was appointed a Director in June 2010. Mr Oris de Roa is a highly successful business leader with a history of developing and operating large enterprises within Argentina and has a reputation for upholding integrity and social

responsibility in his business practices. In 1970, Mr Oris de Roa began his career with large trading company Continental Grain, working in the USA, Spain, Switzerland, Brazil and Argentina eventually rising through the ranks to be responsible for all of Latin America. As Chief Executive of S.A. San Miguel, Mr. Oris de Roa was widely credited with turning the company into the largest and most profitable lemon products company in the world. The process of restructuring included listing S.A. San Miguel on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange in 1997.

Mr Oris de Roa was Chief Executive and significant shareholder of Avex S.A. from 2004 to 2012. He has also held the role of Director of Patagonia Gold Ltd. He holds a Masters of Public Administration from The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

During 2015, Mr. Oris de Roa has been leading the turnaround of the largest fruit exporter Expofrut S.A. (apples, pears and grapes) implementing a new business model and redesigning the organization accordingly.

Mr. Oris de Roa is a member of the Audit Committee and was previously a member of the Remuneration Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Nil

### Federico Nicholson

#### LLB

Non-Executive Director

Mr. Nicholson was appointed Director in September, 2010. From 1991 until June 2014 Mr. Nicholson served as Executive Director and is presently a member of the board for Ledesma S.A.A.I. (Ledesma), a diversified Argentine agro-industrial producer of sugar, alcohol, bioethanol, paper, notebooks, corn syrups and starches, fruits, juices, livestock and grains.

Mr. Nicholson was Vice President of the Argentine Industrial Union (UIA), the country's leading business advocacy group, for fourteen consecutive years (1999-2013) and currently serves as President of the Argentine North Regional Sugar Centre. Mr. Nicholson also occupies the position of First Vice President of CEADS (Consejo Empresario Argentino para el Desarrollo Sustentable) an Argentinian local division of WBCSD (World Business Council for Sustainable Development). Mr. Nicholson is also a member of the board for several other Argentina based companies. Additional positions held during his career include, Vice President of the Argentine Pulp and Paper Association, Deputy Secretary of the Food Industries Association, President of the National Industrial Movement and Vice President of the Argentine Corn Starch and Syrups Chamber.

Mr Nicholson is a law graduate from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is a member of the Remuneration Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Nil

### Robert Hubbard

### BA (Hons), FCA, MAICD

### Non-Executive Director

Mr. Hubbard was appointed a Director in November 2012. Mr Hubbard was a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers for over 20 years until 2013. During his time as a PwC partner, he served as auditor and adviser for some of Australia's largest resource companies with activities throughout Australia, Papua New Guinea, West Africa and South America. His experience has covered a range of commodities including base metals, gold, oil and gas and thermal and metallurgical coal.

Mr. Hubbard also serves as a non-executive Director in various community and commercial focussed organisations. He is currently Chairman of Opera Queensland, a Director of JK Tech Pty Ltd and MS Research Australia and Council member of the University of the Sunshine Coast. Mr Hubbard is a non-executive Director of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, Primary Health Care Limited and Chairman of Central Petroleum Limited.

Mr Hubbard chairs the Company's Audit Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years:

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd (Apr 2013 - Present)

Central Petroleum Limited (Dec 2013 - Present)

Primary Health Care Limited (December 2014 – Present)

Company Secretaries

Neil Kaplan

BAcc, CA

Chief Financial Officer and Joint Company Secretary

Mr. Kaplan was appointed Chief Financial Officer on 7 January 2013 and Company Secretary on 1 July 2013. Mr. Kaplan is a Chartered Accountant and brings a wealth of knowledge to the Company with over 20 years of experience in managerial and finance positions obtained on four different continents. Mr. Kaplan's experience in the resources sector was achieved working in executive financial roles for Glencore International and formerly TSX listed company Coalcorp Mining, both based in Colombia. Mr. Kaplan holds a Bachelor of Accountancy degree from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa and is a member of both the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) and South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA).

### Rick Anthon

### BA LLB FAIM MAICD

Joint Company Secretary and General Counsel

Mr Anthon was appointed Joint Company Secretary on 10 March 2015. Mr Anthon is a practicing lawyer with over 30 years' experience in both corporate and commercial law. Mr Anthon also has extensive experience in the resource sector, as a director of a number of resource companies and as legal adviser, including project acquisition and development, capital raising and corporate governance.

### Dividends

No dividend has been proposed or paid since the start of the year.

### Shares and Share Options

The relevant interest of each Director held directly or indirectly in shares and options issued by The Company at the date of this report is as follows:

Directors	Shares	Options
J. Calaway	8,841,563	150,000
R.P. Seville	5,076,500	See below
J.W. Gibson	25,000	100,000
C. Pratt	-	100,000
F. Oris de Roa	-	100,000
F. Nicholson	-	100,000
R. Hubbard	22,183	-

# Performance Rights and Options

Employee	Year Granted	Performance Rights	Options
RP Seville	FY2013	140,792	301,092
RP Seville	FY2014*	160,658	
RP Seville	FY2015	150,039	
Total		451,489	301,092

\*Such grant took place in FY2015 however related to FY2014.

Further detail on Performance Rights and Options is available in the Remuneration Report.

#### Unissued Shares

As at 30 June 2015 there were 1,901,092 unissued ordinary shares under options and 1,200,673 unissued ordinary shares under performance rights (PR). Since the end of the financial year, there have been no unissued ordinary shares under performance rights or options that have lapsed in accordance with the terms of their grant. Refer to the Remuneration Report for further details of the options outstanding and to Additional Information for further details on the unissued ordinary shares under options and the corresponding lapse dates. Option and PR holders do not have any right, by virtue of the instrument, to participate in any share issue of the Company or any related body corporate.

### Shares Issued as a Result of the Exercise of Options

During the financial year, employees and executives have not exercised any options.

### Directors

The Directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the financial year are listed below. During the year there were 15 Board meetings. The Board and Committee meetings attended by each Director were:

Directors	Board		Audit C	ommittee	Remuneration Committee	
Directors	Meetings	Attendance	Meetings	Attendance	Meetings	Attendance
James Calaway	15	15	-	-	2	2
Richard Seville	15	15	-	-	-	-
John Gibson	15	14	3	3	-	-
Courtney Pratt	15	15	-	-	2	2
Fernando Oris de Roa	15	13	3	3	-	-
Federico Nicholson	15	12	-	-	2	2
Robert Hubbard	15	12	3	3	-	-

### committee Membership

At the date of this report the Company has an Audit Committee and a Remuneration Committee. Members are as follows:

Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee
R. Hubbard (c)	C. Pratt (c)
J. Gibson	J. Calaway
F. Oris de Roa	F. Nicholson

(c) Designed the Chairman of the committee

### Indemnification of Officers

During the financial year the Company paid an insurance premium in respect of a contract insuring the Company's past, present and future Directors, secretary or officer of the Company against liabilities arising as a result of work performed in their capacity as Director, secretary or officer of the Company. The Directors have not included details of the nature of the Liabilities covered or the amount of the premium paid in respect of Directors and officers liability insurance contracts as such disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contract. The Company Constitution also contains an indemnity provision in favour of each Director, Company Secretary and executive officers (or former officers) against liability incurred in this capacity, to the extent permitted by law.

### Indemnification of auditors

The Company's auditor is Ernst & Young. The Company has agreed with Ernst & Young, as part of its terms of engagement, to indemnify Ernst & Young against certain liabilities to third parties arising from the audit engagement. The indemnity does not extend to any liability resulting from a negligent, wrongful or wilful act or omission by Ernst & Young.

During the financial year, the Company has not paid any premium in respect to any insurance for Ernst & Young or a body corporate related to Ernst & Young and there were no officers of the Company who were former partners or directors of Ernst & Young, whilst Ernst & Young conducted audits of the Company.

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Group during the year were in the commissioning of the Company's flagship Olaroz Lithium Facility and the operation of Borax Argentina SA.

### Operating and Financial Review

The group's operating profit/(loss) for the year, after applicable income tax and non-controlling interests was (\$1,014,689) (2014:(\$5,459,041)). Group exploration and evaluation expenditure for the year totalled \$376,653 (2014:\$386,025). The Olaroz Joint Venture is operated through SDJ a 91.5% owned subsidiary of SDJ PTE, a Singaporean company that both Orocobre (72.68%) and TTC (27.32%) are shareholders in directly and indirectly respectively. The effective Olaroz Lithium Facility equity interest is Orocobre 66.5%, TTC 25.0% and Jujuy Energia y Minera Sociedad del Estado (JEMSE) 8.5%. A diagram of the joint venture is contained in the Review of Operations.

Since the creation of the joint venture between the Company and TTC, the Company has recognised its interest in the joint venture as an equity accounted investment. Under the equity method of accounting, Orocobre's interest in the joint venture is recognised on the balance sheet at fair value. This carrying amount is then adjusted for subsequent equity investments, the Company's share of profit or loss of the joint venture and any dividends received. As a result capital expenditure by the joint venture and draw downs on the project financing facility will not be recognised directly in the Groups financial statements.

### Financial Position

The net assets of the Orocobre group increased to \$211,820,906 (2014:\$159,586,253) during the year to 30 June 2015, including cash balances of \$9,439,319 (2014:\$26,302,392). The main reasons for the increase in net assets is due to Capital Raising which took part during the year as well as the upswing in book values of assets in Argentina being accounted for in Argentine pesos and these values then being converted to Australian dollars, and the devaluation of the \$A against the US\$ please see the Company's foreign currency translation policy as detailed in Note 1 "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies").

### Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

Other than matters mentioned in this report, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the financial year.

### Pending Arbitration

The Company has advised Rio Tinto PLC that it considered Rio Tinto PLC to be in breach of certain warranties provided by Rio Tinto PLC to the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of the shares of Borax Argentina S.A. The quantum of any damages that the Company may have suffered is currently being quantified. Rio Tinto PLC has referred the matter to arbitration. The hearing of the arbitration has been set for 14th December 2015. As a result of

the alleged breach of warranties by Rio Tinto PLC the Company declined to make a payment to Rio Tinto PLC of US\$ 1,000,000 due on 21 August 2014, and a payment of US\$ 629,013 due 21 August 2015.

### Significant Events after Balance Sheet Date

Th June 2015, the Company raised \$32.3M through placement to institutional and sophisticated investors. Such funds were received post year end on 3 July 2015.

Post year end, Borax Argentina received a loan of ARS \$29m (approximately US\$ 3M) to fund productive asset improvements including the expansion of the boric acid plant.

### Likely Developments and Expected Results

The main area of the Company's activity is the ramp up of production at the Olaroz Lithium Facility. There are a number of mechanical bottlenecks still to be overcome and the operation also needs to develop good operating practice to achieve its objectives. The relocation of the Borax Argentina refining plant to the Tincalayu mine was completed. During the coming year it is expected that the borax decahydrate to pentahydrate plant will also be relocated to Tincalayu and decahydrate production capacity increased by 30tpd. A modest expansion of the boric acid plant by 6tpd is also planned. Local financing has been procured for both of these projects.

The Company has been conducting a program in Borax Argentina to bring the historical estimates into line with JORC compliance. The program was completed at Porvenir in FY2014 and at Tincalayu this year. The focus has now turned to Sijes and will then lastly consider Diablillos which has been affected by flooding resulting from drilling by the local subsidiary of Rodinia Lithium undertaken prior to the purchase of Borax Argentina from RTM. Studies have commenced into a significant production expansion at Tincalayu based on the new resource. The significance of this program is that the upgrading of resources from historical estimates to JORC compliant resources and the development of an understanding of the overall geological setting, allows the Company to rank the growth options for the Company as well as allowing the reporting of studies.

Following commissioning and achieving steady state production at the Olaroz lithium carbonate plant, the development of the strategy for the next stage of expansion will be considered. The Company has a number of organic growth opportunities to consider in addition to expansion of production at Olaroz. These include the production of lithium hydroxide and the extraction of boron and potash from the brine at Olaroz. All of these potential organic growth opportunities need to be assessed and prioritised in order to deliver the best strategic outcome for the Company and to maximise return to shareholders.

The Company is also cognisant of continuing to be aware of growth opportunities outside of organic growth opportunities. The cyclical nature of markets creates opportunities for acquisition and joint venture arrangements when asset values and capital availability are in the low point of the cycle.

### **Risk Management**

Orocobre's business faces certain risks that could affect the success of the strategies and the outlook for future financial years. These include, but are not limited to, rectification of bottlenecks and development of good operating practice and the associated production ramp up and production of product within the required specification at the Olaroz Lithium Facility and the timing thereof; the achievement of the design production rate for lithium carbonate, the expected brine grade and the expected operating costs and recoveries at the Olaroz Lithium Facility and the comparison of such costs to expected global operating costs, the ongoing working relationship between Orocobre and the Province of Jujuy (JEMSE), TTC and Mizuho Bank. With respect to Borax Argentina the risks associated with the business are the weaknesses in the company's traditional markets and strong competition from other producers in these markets, challenges in developing new markets, and the implementation of unit cost reduction measures, local inflation and production. Other risks include Argentina sovereign risk, changes in government regulations, policies or legislation, fluctuations or decreases in product prices and currency, the impact of inflation on local costs, the impact of devaluation of the AR\$, risks associated with weather patterns and the impact on production rate. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used. Please also refer to the Caution Regarding Forward Looking Information statement.

The Company has in place risk management policies and systems to mitigate these risks wherever possible, including monitoring ongoing exploration results, monthly construction progress against timeframes and cost, monthly review of operational results for Borax Argentina SA and continued discussions with JV partners and the government of Argentina. Within its' operations in Argentina, the Company has instituted ISO 31000, Risk Management, to act comprehensively on all its areas of activity.

### Environmental Regulation and Performance

The Company has operations in two provinces in Argentina, Jujuy and Salta.

In Salta, the applicable legislation is Provincial Constitution (art.30), Environmental Protection Provincial Law No. 7070 and Provincial Decree No 3097/00 and 1587/03, Provincial Law No 7141 of the Mining Procedure Code, National Constitution (art 41), General National Environmental Law No. 25.675 and National Law 24.585. The applicable authority in Salta is the Mining Secretary of the Province of Salta and Environmental Secretary of the Province of Salta.

In Jujuy there are both provincial and national environmental regulations: Provincial Constitution (art.22), Water Code of Jujuy, Law 3820 Wildlife Reserve of Fauna & Flora, Law 6002 Dangerous Residues Regulation, Decree 5772-P-2010, Provincial Environmental Law No. 5063, National Constitution (art 41), General National Environmental Law No. 25.675, National Law 24.585 and National Law 24.051 Dangerous Residues Regulation.

The applicable authority in Jujuy is the Provincial Department of Mining and Energy Resources (Dirección Provincial de Mineria y Recursos Energeticos) and the Provincial Department of Environmental Quality (Dirección Provincial de Calidad Ambiental).

There have been no reportable environmental events under the regulations in Jujuy or Salta due to the Company's activities. However, surface water has accumulated at Diablillos from the flow of brine from drill holes which were drilled prior to the purchase of Borax Argentina by the local operating subsidiary of Rodinia Lithium Ltd. Rodinia's subsidiary has received a

fine from the Salta government and has been stopped from exploring until the issue is rectified. Rodinia has advised the Company that it is attending to remediation of the drill holes.

Within its' operations in Argentina, the Company has instituted ISO 31000, Risk Management. This complements ISO 9001, Quality Assurance, ISO 14001 Environmental Management BS OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System which had already been implemented in FY2012. Borax Argentina is already accredited under ISO 9001.

### Non-audit Services

f he Group's auditor, Ernst & Young, did not undertake any non-audit services for Orocobre Limited during the current or prior year.

### Auditor Independence

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 75 of the report.

### Corporate Governance Statements

The Company's Corporate Governance Statement is available to view publically on the Company's website at www.orocobre.com.

### Remuneration Report - Chairman's Letter

Dear Shareholder,

We are writing this letter to provide some introductory comments to this year's report. I want to start by saying that we were again pleased with the 99% yes vote for last year's report. Following the 99% yes vote the previous year, we now feel confident that our work has addressed past concerns and that we have your support for our remuneration philosophy, plans and practices.

Once again, we engaged I. Crichton & Associates Pty Ltd ("Crichton") to assist us in our work during the past year. The work of Crichton's and the associated compensation are outlined in the report. Following the remuneration adjustments made in FY14, it was the view of the Committee, supported by our advisors, that no significant adjustments were required in FY15. We continue with a philosophy that our KMP's and our non-executive directors should be remunerated at the median level of our analysis for relatively sized companies. Our goal is to provide the appropriate reward and incentive to ensure that we continue to retain the best talent available for our Company. We did increase the size of our KMP group this year with the valuable addition of Rick Anton, General Counsel and Joint Company Secretary, as of 1 January 2015.

We continue to be committed to communicating KMP and non-executive director remuneration arrangements in a simple, clear and transparent fashion. We consider the question and answer format to be particularly effective in this respect. This year, we have added detail on our LTI PROP plan, with an emphasis on clarifying goals and vesting arrangements. The latter are in line with ASX best practices.

We again assure you that the responsibility for governance and remuneration lies solely with the Board, supported by the Remuneration Committee. The objectives of this governance approach are to ensure that the practices and processes of the Company are sound and are driven by our guiding principles to deliver a world class, low cost industrial minerals and chemicals company for the benefit of our shareholders and other stakeholders.

The 2015 Remuneration Report follows this letter. The report forms part of the Directors' Report and has been audited in accordance with Section 308(C) of the Corporations Act 2001. In addition to the statutory requirements, sections summarising remuneration for the year ended 30 June 2015 and anticipated changes for FY2016 have been included where appropriate.

The Board remains strongly committed to remuneration philosophy, policies and practices that are fair, competitive and responsible and to their transparent and clear communication. We will continue to work diligently to ensure that these standards are met.

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Courtney Pratt Non-Executive Director Chairman, Remuneration Committee/ Lead Independent Director

### Remuneration Report (Audited)

This Remuneration Report outlines the overall remuneration strategy, framework and practices adopted by Orocobre Limited ("Orocobre or the Company"). It has been prepared in accordance with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001. Details of remuneration are disclosed for Non-Executive Directors and for executive Key Management Personnel (KMP). In addition to the Non-executive Directors, the executive KMP had the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Orocobre, directly or indirectly, during the year ended 30 June 2015.

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

- A Remuneration overview
- B Role of the Remuneration Committee
- C Non-executive Directors' Remuneration
- D Managing Director and other executive KMP remuneration
- E Relationship of incentives to Orocobre operating and financial performance
- F Service agreements
- G Details of remuneration
- H Share-based compensation issues to the Managing Director and other executives

The format of this Remuneration Report is consistent with the format first adopted for year ended June 2013. In particular:

- A "question and answer" format. This provides a mechanism by which the Company can answer questions which have been asked previously by shareholders and other stakeholders.
- Remuneration information for executive KMP is reported in A\$.
- The executive team has increased in 2015 with the appointment of Rick Anthon as General Counsel on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and Joint Company Secretary from 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The current KMP are;
  - Richard Seville CEO / Managing Director
  - Neil Kaplan CFO / Joint Company Secretary
  - David Hall Business Development Manager
  - Rick Anthon General Counsel / Joint Company Secretary
- The Non-Executive Directors remain the same for FY15;
  - James Calaway Board Chairman and Remuneration Committee Member
  - John Gibson Audit Committee Member
  - Courtney Pratt Remuneration Committee Chairman
  - Fernando Oris de Roa Audit Committee Member
  - Federico Nicholson Remuneration Committee Member
  - Robert Hubbard –Audit Committee Chairman

### Remuneration Overview

Orocobre's remuneration philosophy is articulated in Orocobre's Corporate Governance Charter Section D -

Remuneration Committee Charter which provides that the Remuneration Committee will in accordance with clause D4 (a) of this Charter, ensure that the remuneration policies:

 Motivate Directors and Management to pursue the long-term growth and success of the Company within an appropriate control framework; and

(2) Demonstrate a clear relationship between key executive performance and remuneration.

Under clause D3(b) paragraph (1) and (3) the Charter also state that:

- (1) Management should be remunerated at an appropriate balance of fixed remuneration and performance based remuneration; and
- (3) Any performance based remuneration should be clearly linked to specific performance targets which aligned to the Company's short and long-term performance objectives.

During the last 3 years the Remuneration Committee has undertaken a detailed evaluation of its remuneration practices. The Committee engaged the services of CRA Plan Managers Pty Limited (CRA) until October 2014 and then from October 2014 onwards Crichton & Associates Pty Ltd to advise on all aspects of Board and executive KMP remuneration, including equity incentive strategies.

Key initiatives included:

- an independent assessment and evaluation of the Remuneration Report;
- an independent benchmarking review of Board and KMP remuneration; and
- the design of the STI and LTI plans for the KMP's.

Following this comprehensive review process a number of changes were adopted. A summary of these changes are as follows:

- 1. Appropriate performance conditions were adopted as an integral component of all executive KMP LTI.
- 2. A minimum three (3) years' service vesting condition was confirmed for executive KMP LTI.
- 3. STI awards for executive KMP are based on a financial year.
- 4. Non-executive Directors will not participate in any incentive programs including the LTI program.
- 5. Non-executive Director fees were <u>not</u> increased.
- 6. The key performance indicators (KPI) applied to the KMP's STI and LTI's have been disclosed.
- 7. Percentage limits of base salary related to the LTI have been disclosed.

Procobre endeavours to adopt a fair and equitable approach to all remuneration decisions, mindful of the complexities of retaining and motivating an experienced team operating across diverse geographies in a complex operating environment. In implementing this philosophy, Orocobre needs to consider many variables, including:

- (a) the remuneration paid by the Company's peers (by reference to industry, market capitalisation and where relevant geographic location);
- (b) the Company's performance over the relevant period;
- (c) how to link remuneration to successful implementation of the Company's strategy, including the annual targets which need to be achieved to implement that strategy;
- (d) internal relativities and differentiation of pay based on performance;
- (e) the size, scale, location and complexity of the operations of the Company; and
- (f) market developments and changes in remuneration practices.

In 2015 the Company undertook a review of the remuneration levels for directors and KMPs.

### B. Role of the Remuneration Committee

In accordance with best practice, the Remuneration Committee is comprised of Non-Executive Directors of which a majority are independent. It is chaired by an Independent Non-Executive Director other than the Chairman. The membership of the committee is comprised of Mr Courtney Pratt – Committee Chair, Mr James Calaway and Mr Federico Nicholson as detailed in the Directors' Report. The Remuneration Committee's role and interaction with the Board, internal and external advisors, is further illustrated below:

Table 1

#### The Board

Reviews, applies judgment and, as appropriate, approves the Remuneration Committee's recommendations

#### The Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee operates under the delegated authority of the Board. The Remuneration Committee is able to source internal resources and to obtain independent professional advice it considers necessary to enable it to make recommendations to the Board on the following:

- Remuneration Policy, strategy, quantum and mix of remuneration for executive KMP
- Remuneration policy for Non-Executive Directors
- People and talent management, policies and practices
- Superannuation arrangements
- Performance target setting and measurement for executive KMP
- Design and approval of employee and executive short and long term incentive programs



External Consultants

Internal Resources

For each annual remuneration review cycle, the Remuneration Committee considers whether to appoint a remuneration consultant and, if so, their scope of work. The table below provides details with respect to the remuneration consultant who provided remuneration recommendations and other remuneration related advice in relation to the remuneration outcomes set out in this Remuneration Report.

Question	Response
Did a remuneration consultant provide a remuneration recommendation in relation to any of the KMP for the financial year?	Ian Crichton, remuneration consultant, with Crichton & Associates Pty Ltd (Crichton), formerly with CRA, and CRA Plan Managers Pty Limited (CRA) provided remuneration recommendations and remuneration related advice to the Remuneration Committee, including in relation to: the structure of remuneration packages, the proportion of different components of remuneration, benchmarking against the Company's peers, the maximum aggregate fee pool for Non-Executive Directors, valuation of long term incentives and advice on market trends relating to remuneration practices. The Remuneration Consultant has advised that there was no undue influence from any Committee Member or executive KMP on any of their work during the year (Crichton & Associates Pty Ltd is an Australian proprietary company experienced in Board and Executive remuneration).
What was the remuneration consultant paid by the Company for remuneration related services?	Crichton was paid a total of A\$14,393.56. CRA was paid a total of A\$1,268.44
Did the remuneration consultant provide any other advice to the Company?	Yes, CRA / Boardroom and Crichton provided other advice to the Company.
What was the remuneration consultant paid by the Company for other advice (not related to remuneration)?	<ul> <li>CRA/Boardroom was paid A\$127,348.29 for other services. These services related to the provision of;</li> <li>Maintenance of Plan Register</li> <li>Hosting of Orocobre Performance Rights and Options Plan data on CRA database</li> <li>Preparation of work files for external audit and tax returns</li> <li>Institutional shareholder advice</li> <li>Mailing of AGM material</li> <li>Shareholder Placement Plan &amp; DVP settlement of share placement</li> <li>Share registry services for shares listed on the ASX</li> <li>Crichton was paid A\$761.06 for advice relating to offshore employees.</li> <li>(CRA and Boardroom are wholly owned subsidiaries of Boardroom Limited, a Singaporean Company listed on SGX). From October 2014 Crichton was used for remuneration issues.</li> </ul>
What arrangements did the Company make to ensure that the making of the remuneration recommendation would be free from undue influence by the KMP?	<ul> <li>The Company made the following arrangements:</li> <li>The recommendations are solely made by the Remuneration Committee with limited liaison between Crichton and the CEO.</li> <li>The Company has implemented a procedure requiring the Remuneration Committee to have direct contact with Crichton for procuring advice relating to KMP remuneration. The procedure contained a process whereby the Remuneration Committee is responsible for the engagement, formally and in writing, of any remuneration consultants, the provision of information to the remuneration consultant, and the direct communication of remuneration recommendations, in writing.</li> <li>The remuneration consultant agreed to adhere to the protocol procedures and was required to advise the Remuneration Committee whether or not it had been subjected to undue influence.</li> </ul>
Is the Board satisfied that the remuneration recommendation was free from any such undue influence? What are the reasons for the Board being so satisfied?	<ul> <li>Yes, the Board is satisfied. The reasons are as follows:</li> <li>The protocol with respect to the procurement of remuneration related advice was adhered to, including with respect to engagement of the remuneration consultant, the provision of information to the remuneration consultant and the communication of remuneration recommendations.</li> <li>The Remuneration Committee consulted on several occasions with the remuneration consultant in the absence of the executive KMPs. There were no concerns raised by the remuneration consultant with respect to any undue influence being exerted by the executive KMP.</li> <li>The Remuneration Committee did not observe any evidence that undue influence had been applied.</li> </ul>

### C. Non-Executive Director's Remuneration

### Objective

The objective is to set remuneration at a level which attracts and retains Non-Executive Directors of the requisite expertise and experience at a cost acceptable to shareholders.

### Structure

The maximum aggregate remuneration of Non-Executive Directors is determined by the shareholders at a general meeting. The current aggregate fee pool is A\$600,000 which was established and approved at the 2012 AGM.

Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 the board, mindful of Orocobre's business transition and the increasing demands and time commitment placed on the Directors, approved an increase in Chairman, Non-Executive Directors, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) fees and salaries. The Chairman fee increased from A\$75,000pa. to A\$150,000pa. The Non-Executive Directors increased from A\$40,000pa. to A\$80,000pa. These increases, while substantial, are within the current aggregate fee pool as detailed above. The CEO and CFO increases are detailed in Section D of this report. All increases moved fees and salaries to about the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile level identified in the peer benchmarking exercise. Previous fees were under market reflecting the early stage nature of Orocobre's business.

In addition to his Director remuneration the Chairman is paid a fee per annum for the performance of special functional duties additional to the normal scope of a Non-Executive Chairman. These duties include corporate development and investor relations services, particularly in North America where the Company is listed and has substantial shareholder and analyst coverage. Details of additional duties are shown below.

Other Non-Executive Directors are paid a base fee only.

In 2013 the Board decided that in future Non-Executive Directors would not participate in any short or long term incentive schemes, including the LTI, of the Company.

On appointment to the Board, all Non-Executive Directors enter into a service agreement with the Company in the form of a letter of appointment which details remuneration arrangements.

### Fees

Annualised fees for the relevant periods were as follows:

	From 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015	From 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014
Position – Non-Executive Directors		
Chairman	A\$150,000	A\$112,500
Other Non-Executive Directors	A\$80,000	A\$60,000
Committee fees		
Committee Chairman	A\$NIL	A\$NIL
Committee member	A\$NIL	A\$NIL
Additional Fees		
Chairman	A\$100,000	A\$112,5001

<sup>1</sup> The additional fees paid to the Chairman would be considered unusual for a Chairman under normal corporate governance. However the Board considers that, at this stage of development of the Company and taking into account the geographical spread of the Company's activities, the complex nature of its business and the challenging political environment in which its operations occur, a more active involvement of the Chairman is warranted. The additional fee is to compensate Mr. James Calaway for his time, skills and expertise in undertaking a range of tasks on behalf of Orocobre, including:

- 1. Mr. Calaway was actively involved with the management team in the process of obtaining the approvals and agreements in Argentina which allowed the Olaroz Lithium Facility to proceed. Since then, Mr Calaway continues to be the principal relationship for the Company with a number of key government officials within Argentina, building on the strong relationships developed in the prior years.
- 2. Due to the fact that the Company is dual listed in Canada and Australia, Mr. Calaway has been the primary Investor relations person supporting the North American markets. Mr. Calaway's extensive knowledge of the Company and his proximity to North American markets has allowed the CEO to spend considerably less time and expense to support the Company's dual listing while having a principal interface (Mr. Calaway) with this important market.
- 3. Mr Calaway also has provided leadership on a number of possible corporate development opportunities which have arisen from the North American business sector.

These tasks are in addition to Mr Calaway's responsibilities as Chairman. During the last year, the executive management team has continued to develop as the Company has advanced the Olaroz Lithium Facility from construction to production and the restructure of its Borax operations. Mr. Calaway has increasingly focused on the growing demands of Chairmanship, corporate development and investor relations in North America. The change to the structure of Mr Calaway's remuneration reflects these changes.

The table below provides further information in relation to fees paid to Non-Executive Directors and other relevant issues.

	Question	Response
aggregate from A\$400	ne maximum fee pool increased 0,000 to A\$600,000	The aggregate fee pool was first established at the August 2007 AGM at a value of A\$200,000. This was reviewed and increased to A\$400,000 at the November 2010 AGM. Since then, the Company has graduated into the S&P/ASX 300 Index, expanded in South America through the acquisition of Borax Argentina SA, commenced joint venture partnership with Toyota Tsusho and continued to advance a number of existing projects in South America. The previous fee pool limit of A\$400,000 left no room for an increase in Non-Executive Director fees or for the appointment of additional directors based on existing fees.
the fees pa	been an increase in aid to Non-Executive considered since	No. There has been no change to the fees in FY2015.
determine of fees?	the Company the appropriate level	The Company obtained external advice from a remuneration consultant, CRA Plan Managers Pty Ltd / Crichton, in relation to Non-Executive Director fees. The Board considered the fees paid by selected relevant comparator companies in determining Non-Executive Director fees. This is the correlated with the skills, expertise and time commitment of each Director to ensure it is appropriate.
Mon-Execu	Chairman's fee the base fee for itive Directors?	The Chairman's fee also incorporates a component for duties which are considered more onerous than a Non-Executive Director. The responsibilities and time commitments of the other Non-Executive Directors are less onerous than those of the Chairman.
Directors p equity base	n-Executive aid any incentive or ed payments or n/ retirement	No. The Non-Executive Directors were not entitled to any short term incentives, long term incentives, equity based remuneration or termination/retirement benefits in FY2015. The Non-Executive Directors do not participate in such schemes.
Duties fees Chairman i the aggreg	ecial Functional paid to the included as part of ate fee pool for itive Directors?	No. The additional special function fees paid in accordance with the Company's constitution are considered as "special exertion" fees under the definition of ASX Listing Rule 10.17 and are excluded from the aggregate fee pool.
Directors b incentive o	Ion-Executive been paid any r equity based or termination/ benefits?	In accordance with the shareholder approved 2011 AGM Resolutions 6 to11 the Non- Executive Chairman and certain Directors were granted options for no consideration so as to better align the interests of the Company and these directors by providing an incentive to them to remain with the Company and increase Shareholder value. All Options issued have vested and will expire 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016 unless exercised. The Non-Executive Directors have not since participated in any further issues and were not entitled to any short term incentives, long term incentives, equity based remuneration or termination/retirement benefits.
paid additi these addi calculated		From time to time, Non-Executive Directors may be requested to provide additional services. In any such case, these additional fees are paid to the Non-Executive Director in accordance with the expected additional days deemed necessary to perform these services and only after approval by the CEO and the Remuneration Committee.
FY2016?	to increase in	No. There are no plans to increase the Director's fees during this coming financial year.
Non-Execu	nuation included in itive Director fees?	Yes. Statutory superannuation is paid to Australian resident Non-Executive Directors and included in total fees paid up to the statutory maximum.
entitled to Orocobre's schemes?	xecutive Directors participate in s equity incentive	The Board is aware that the provision of equity incentives is contrary to the ASX Corporate Governance guidelines. Accordingly, the Non-Executive Directors do not participate in such schemes.
	benefits are Non-Executive	Non-Executive Directors receive reimbursement for any costs incurred directly related to Orocobre business on an approved basis.

### Minimum shareholding guidelines

The Board has no approved minimum shareholding guidelines for Non-Executive Directors at the date of this Report.

### D. Managing Director and Other Executive KMP Remuneration

### Objective

As indicated in Table 1, Orocobre's objective in structuring its remuneration for executive KMPs is to cultivate a performance based culture where competitive remuneration, benefits and rewards are aligned with Orocobre's objectives and where merit forms the basis of performance based pay and promotion. In addition, Orocobre seeks to attract, engage and retain high-calibre employees to meet the Company's current and future business needs.

### Structure

Remuneration consists of the following key elements:

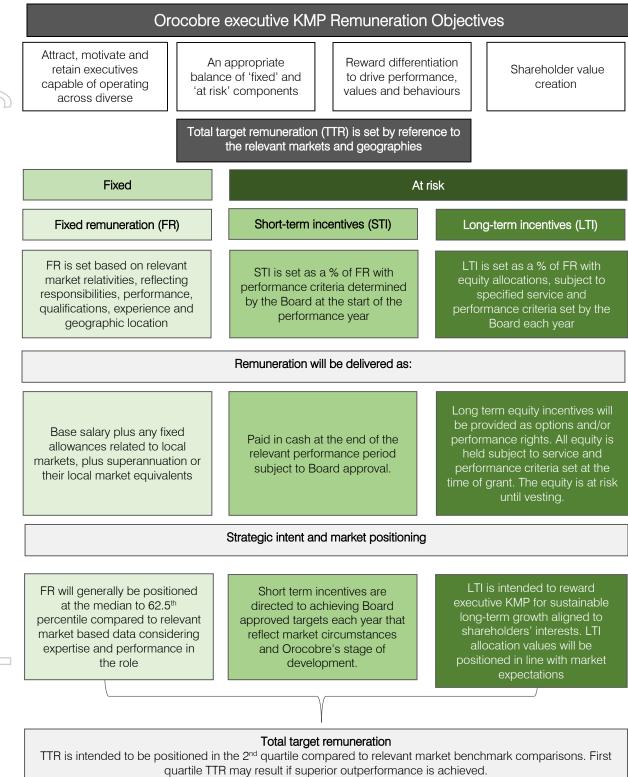
- (i) Fixed Remuneration (FR);
- (ii) Short Term Incentive (STI); and
- (iii) Long Term Incentive (LTI).

The amount and relative proportion of Fixed Remuneration (which includes superannuation contributions), STI and LTI is established for each executive following consideration by the Remuneration Committee of market levels of remuneration for comparable executive roles and the internal relativities between executive roles.

For the annual remuneration review which resulted in the outcomes detailed in this remuneration report, the Remuneration committee received expert advice from Crichton and CRA as its independent external remuneration consultant.

### Objectives

Procobre's executive KMP remuneration objectives and their interactions can be illustrated as follows:



### Remuneration Mix

As set out in the remuneration objectives above Orocobre intends to provide an appropriate mix of remuneration components balanced between fixed and 'at risk' components. The broad remuneration composition mix for Orocobre executive KMP in FY2015 and proposed for FY2016 can be illustrated as follows:

### Current Remuneration Mix – FY15

Position	FR	STI	LTI
CEO / Managing Director	40%	30%	30%
Other Executives <ul> <li>Chief Financial Officer</li> </ul>	53%	16%	31%
Business Development Manager	55%	17%	28%
General Counsel	53%	16%	31%

### Proposed Remuneration Mix – FY16

Position	FR	STI	LTI
CEO / Managing Director	50-80%	20-40%	20-40%
Other Executives	50-80%	10-25%	20-40%

The remuneration mix will be assessed each year to ensure an appropriate weighting between fixed and variable 'at risk' elements and to ensure executive KMP remuneration is aligned to Orocobre's short, medium and long term objectives.

An explanation of the individual elements of executive KMP remuneration is as follows:

### Fixed Remuneration (FR)

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(ii)

At Orocobre, the purpose of Fixed Remuneration is to provide a base level of remuneration which is market competitive and appropriate. Fixed Remuneration is inclusive of superannuation. Executive KMP are given the opportunity to receive their Fixed Remuneration as either base salary (if based overseas) or base salary and superannuation.

Fixed Remuneration is reviewed annually. Any adjustments to the Fixed Remuneration for the CEO and executive KMP must be approved by the Board which considers the recommendations of the Remuneration Committee.

### Short Term Incentives (STI)

Question	Response
What is the STI?	The STI is the annual cash component of the "at-risk" reward opportunity, based predominantly on a mix of Company, operational and individual targets. The purpose is to link the achievement of the Company's annual targets with the remuneration received by the responsible executive KMP.
When is the STI paid?	The STI is calculated based on a financial year and the resulting value of the STI will be paid in October 2015 to all eligible participants who satisfied specific performance measures and hurdles set for FY2015 following the assessment process. For the FY2015 year, no STIs were paid to KMPs as KPIs were not met.
How does the Company's STI structure support achievement of the Company's strategy?	The STI strengthens the link between pay and performance. Annual targets are established by reference to the Company's strategy of: growth through discovery, acquisition and development, operations that meet performance targets, optimisation of shareholder value and adherence to core values.

How are the performance conditions determined?	At the beginning of each financial year, a number of critical tasks linked to the Company's strategy, including financial and non-financial measures of performance, are identified. The extent to which those targets are achieved determines the amount of STI paid.
Is a portion of STI deferred? Has the Board considered proposing claw-back provisions?	No. At this stage, the Board does not consider it appropriate to defer a portion of the STI. This is because key performance indicators are largely objective. However, the matter is considered on an annual basis. For similar reasons, the Board has thus far considered it unnecessary to include any claw-back arrangements.
What were the performance conditions under the STI for executive KMP in FY2015?	<ul> <li>The STI performance hurdles (and weighting %) for FY15 are set out in the table below for the applicable KMP.</li> <li>Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director – Richard Seville</li> <li>Chief Financial Officer / Joint Company Secretary – Neil Kaplan</li> <li>Business Development Manager – David Hall</li> <li>General Counsel / Joint Company Secretary– Rick Anthon</li> </ul>
How are actual results measured	For each performance hurdle the Remuneration Committee assesses the actual performance against the set targets and allocates the achieved percentage. Further information is provided

against the performance hurdles?

#### Table 2

STI Performance Conditions	Weighting %			
	Richard Seville	Neil Kaplan	David Hall	Rick Anthon
OLÁROZ – Achieve a defined OPEX unit cost for the period Jan'15 to Jun'15	20%	20%	20%	20%
OLAROZ – Produce a defined number of tonnes of Lithium Carbonate during FY15	20%	20%	20%	20%
BORAX Argentina - EBITDA	20%	20%	20%	20%
Discretionary <sup>1</sup>	40%	40%	40%	40%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

<sup>1</sup> The discretionary conditions incorporate an assessment of progress towards the achievement of a number of sub-conditions that work towards greater development and maintenance of the operations of Orocobre Limited.

Note - For the FY2015 year, no STIs were paid to KMPs as KPIs were not met.

### Long Term Incentives (LTI)

The LTI is the equity component of the at-risk reward opportunity of total remuneration. The objective of the LTI is:

- to provide an incentive to executive KMPs which promotes both the long term performance and growth of the Company;
- encourages the retention of the Company's executives ,and

in table 2 below.

the attraction of new executives and/or officers to the group.

For FY2015, the Company provided the LTI to executive KMPs through the Performance Rights and Option Plan (PROP).

This plan was approved by shareholders at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. The Managing Director's LTI grant was approved at a General Meeting of shareholders held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Table 7 in section H provide details of LTI grants to executive KMPs. The tables also detail the vesting periods and lapses under the PROP. The Table under E below summarises the key features of the LTI issued to the executive KMPs for the year ended 30 June 2015.

### Table 3

Table 3	Deservers
Question	Response
What is the PROP?	Introduced in November 2012, the PROP is a contemporary equity incentive plan which allows the Company to provide either Performance Rights or Options to eligible and invited employees, subject to the terms of the plan. PROP is supported by the Orocobre Employee Share Scheme Trust which has been established to facilitate and manage the issue or acquisition of shares on the settlement of vested Rights or Options, if any.
How does the PROP align the interests of shareholders and executives?	The PROP links rewards for executives to the Company's strategy which drives the creation of long term shareholder wealth – the greater the performance of the Company, the greater the return to the executives; and vesting of shares only occurs with the successful completion of performance requirements and time based conditions as determined by the Board.
How does the PROP support the retention of executives?	An objective of offering equity incentives under the PROP is to assist in the reward, retention and motivation of eligible and invited key executives. If an executive resigns they would forfeit the benefit of those unvested rewards unless the Board determines otherwise. There is a 3 year vesting period.
What are the principal terms of the issue made under the PROP in 2015?	Under the PROP in 2015 the KMP's were invited to apply for Performance Rights. The rights were granted on 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2015. The vesting date for the performance rights is the later of 31 August 2017 or date of release of the company's financial results for the 2016/2017 financial year. Vesting of the January 2015 Performance Rights are subject to the matrix of outcomes as set out in the tables below. The shares acquired on vesting of Performance Rights, if any, will be at no cost to the KMP's as long as they meet the conditions.
Can performance conditions be retested?	No. Performance conditions will be tested at the vesting date and if the performance conditions have not been met, the Options and/or Rights will lapse.
Can participants secure or mortgage Rights or Options under PROP?	No. Participants cannot secure, mortgage or create a lien in respect of their interests in PROP.
Does the executive obtain the benefit of dividends paid on shares issued under the PROP?	No. Options and Performance Rights are not entitled to dividends or other distributions. Shares acquired on vesting and exercise of Performance Rights or Options will be ordinary securities and entitled to dividends, if any. No dividends apply before vesting and exercise.
In what circumstances would the PROP entitlements be forfeited?	<ol> <li>Unless the Board otherwise determines, the Rights and Options will lapse on the earlier of:         <ol> <li>The cessation of the employment of the participant.</li> <li>The vesting conditions are not achieved or are incapable of being achieved by the participant.</li> <li>The Board determines that the vesting conditions have not been met prior to the expiry date.</li> <li>The expiry date (last exercise date).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
What happens to LTI entitlements upon a change of control in the Company?	In the event of a takeover or change of control, any unvested Performance Rights will vest immediately.
Do shares issued under the PROP dilute existing shareholders' equity?	The issue of shares can have a small dilutionary impact upon other shareholders. The number of Performance Rights or Options granted under this Plan must not exceed when aggregated with any shares issued during the previous 5 years pursuant to any other employee share scheme operated by the Company, a maximum of 5% of the total issued capital of the Company at the time of the grant, excluding unregulated offers. The new Class Order 14/1000 (effective from October 2014) issue limits may also apply.
Are the shares issued on exercise of Options or Rights under the PROP bought on market?	Whether the Company settles Options or Rights from a new issue or by on-market purchase will usually be determined by the Board, at the time of vesting and exercise.
What other rights does the holder of the shares have?	Subject to the conditions and restrictions attaching to the shares, acquired on vesting and exercise of Rights and Options, the holder of the shares has the same rights as any other holder of ordinary shares. This includes voting rights, a right to dividends, dividend reinvestment, bonus shares, rights issues and notice of meetings.

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Does the Company have Executive Share Ownership Guidelines?	The Company does not have a formal policy requiring executives to own shares.
Can executive KMP hedge to ensure that they obtain a benefit from unvested LTI's?	No. All executive KMP have been advised that under section 206J of the Corporations Act it is an offence for them to hedge unvested grants made under the PROP.

### E. Relationship of Incentives To Orocobre's Operating and Financial Performance

The fundamental aim of Orocobre is to create benefit for shareholders by establishing operations that produce high quality products from relatively low capital and low operating cost operations. The Company is equally committed to achieving excellence in sustainability practices ensuring the safety, health and wellbeing of its employees, and responsibly managing the impacts to the communities and the environment within which it operates. Accordingly, remuneration is linked to sustainability performance at all levels of the organisation to reinforce sustainability as a core value.

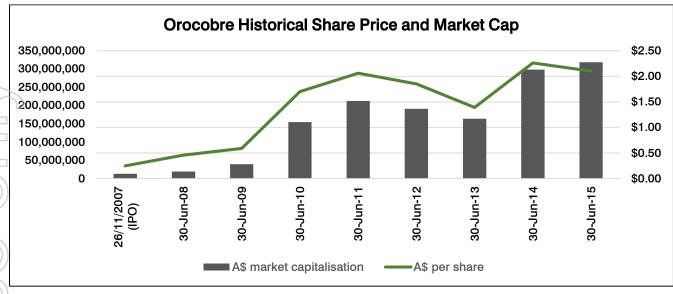
In terms of Orocobre's performance over the course of FY2015, the following should be noted:

- Orocobre's share price fluctuated over the course of FY15, ending the year at A\$2.10 per share and the 52 week daily closing share price ranged from A\$2.00 to A\$3.20 per share.
- Construction of the Olaroz project under a joint venture agreement of Orocobre, Toyota Tsusho Corporation (TTC) and Jujuy Energia y Mineria Sociedad del Estado (JEMSE) concluded in FY15. The Olaroz Lithium Facility has experienced a number of bottlenecks resulting in production below expectations requiring the raising of additional equity capital.
- The relocation and construction of Borax Argentina's chemical plant from Campo Quijano to Tincalayu Mine was also finalised during FY15. The ramp up in production from the relocated plant was slower than expected which reduced saleable Borax product inventories and associated sales.

Table 4 below shows the performance for the Company as measured by its share price and market capitalisation over the last nine financial years. The graph below shows the complete historical movement in the share price and market capitalisation. Over the past 12 months the market capitalisation has increased by 7% and closing share price has decreased by 7% in comparison to the prior year. A capital raising was completed in February /March 2015 with the issue of 19,611,766 ordinary shares at an issue price of \$2.55. The Company has taken a conservative approach to remuneration and no increases were awarded in FY15.

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Year	26-Nov- 07 (IPO)	30- Jun- 08	30- Jun- 09	30- Jun- 10	30- Jun- 11	30- Jun- 12	30- Jun- 13	30- Jun- 14	30- Jun- 15
A\$ per share	\$0.25	\$0.46	\$0.59	\$1.70	\$2.06	\$1.85	\$1.39	\$2.26	\$2.10
A\$ market capitalisation ('000)	13.030	19.230	39.409	154.762	212.291	190.911	163.666	298.415	318.473
Basic Earnings/Loss Per Share (EPS) (A cents)*	N/A	\$(1.04)	\$(2.80)	\$(5.56)	\$(1.88)	\$(2.74)	\$85.26	\$(4.32)	(0.73)
A\$ profit/(loss) ('000)	N/A	\$(435)	\$(1,486)	\$(4,164)	\$(1,790)	\$(2,830)	\$95,685	\$(5,459)	\$(1,015)
S&P ASX 300	6486	5219	3949	4293	4608	4084	4759	5339	5401

\* Basic EPS is calculated as net profit / (Loss) after tax and non-controlling interests (statutory profit / (loss)) divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares



### Relationship of executive KMP remuneration and performance

The CEO / Managing Director, Mr Richard Seville, the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Neil Kaplan, the Business Development Manager, Mr David Hall and the General Council, Mr Rick Anthon are the executive KMP who are to receive performance based remuneration for FY15. The relationship between their 'at risk' remuneration and Orocobre's performance can be explained as follows:

### Short Term Incentives

Please note that 2015 is a year of transition and that the periods differ for each executive differ, as noted.

-				%			
Position	FY	STI Opportunity	STI Accrued /Paid	Achieved	Forfeited		
Seville (CEO)	2015	\$408,750 (75% of FR)	\$0 <sup>1</sup>	0%	100%		
	2014	\$331,875 (75% of FR)	\$199,125 <sup>2</sup>	60%	40%		
Kaplan (CFO)	2015	\$96,000 (30% of FR)	\$0 <sup>1</sup>	0%	100%		
	2014	\$144,000 ** (30% of FR)	\$96,600 <sup>3</sup>	67%	33%		
Hall (BDM)	2015	\$72,000 (30% of FR)	\$0 <sup>1</sup>	0%	100%		
	2014	\$108,000 ** (30% of FR)	\$72,900 <sup>3</sup>	67%	33%		
Anthon (GC)	2015	\$47,250 *(30% of FR)	\$0 <sup>1</sup>	0%	100%		
	2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

<sup>1</sup> Due to STI KPIs not being met, no bonuses for FY2015 will be paid to KMPs

<sup>2</sup> Actual STI for FY14 represented a 12 month period

<sup>3</sup> FY2014 accrued bonus was paid during FY2015

\* STI Opportunities represent 6 month period

\*\* STI Opportunities represent 18 month period

#### Basis of assessment of performance - FY2015

- Olaroz Achieve an OPEX unit cost of US\$2,700/t for the period January to June 2015 (CEO, CFO, BDM,GC);
- Olaroz Produce 7,500 metric tonnes of Lithium Carbonate during FY 2015 (CEO, CFO, BDM, GC);
- Borax Argentina Results achieved against EBITDA FY15 (CEO, CFO, BDM,GC); and
- Achievement of specific objectives and strategies set by the Board (CEO, CFO, BDM, GC).

#### Basis of assessment of performance - FY2014

- Olaroz Construction Results achieved against budgeted threshold of US\$229.4M (excluding finance, marketing and Brisbane charges (CEO, CFO, BDM);
- Olaroz Production Results achieved against target of first processing of brine through plant to produce primary lithium carbonate (CEO, BDM);
- Borax Argentina Results achieved against EBITDA FY14(CEO, CFO, BDM);
- Borax Argentina Results achieved based on successful relocation of the plant on time and on budget (CEO, CFO, BDM);
- SDJ/Borax ERP Results achieved based on successful implementation of SAP on time and on budget (CFO only);
- Borax Argentina Results achieved on the development of specific marketing initiatives (BDM only); and
- Achievement of specific objectives and strategies set by the Board (CEO, CFO, BDM).

#### Long Term Incentives

Long term equity incentive grants to selected key executives, including executive KMP, are considered on an annual basis.

The Fair Value of LTI grants are calculated on a set percentage of FR (excluding superannuation). LTI grants outstanding at

the date of this report to executive KMP are summarised as follows:

Position	FY	Fair Value of LTI Granted during the year	Maximum LTI as a % of FR	Value as a % of FR
	2015	\$666,779 (1)	75%	68%
Seville (CEO)	2014	-	75%	-
Kaplan (CFO)	2015	\$125,519	60%	39%
	2014	\$379,481 (3)	60%	82%
	2015	\$78,449	50%	33%
Hall (BDM)	2014	\$250,988 (3)	50%	70%
Anthon (CC)	2015	\$123,559	60%	78% (2)
Anthon (GC)	2014	-	-	-

1. LTI granted to the CEO was for a 2 year period (FY14 & FY15). The LTI granted for FY14 was not approved until the Nov'14 AGM and allocated in FY15 along with the FY15 LTI.

2. The value of FR for the GC is for a 6 month period.

3. The LTI granted in FY14 was based on FR for an 18 month period.

Position	Date of Grant	Туре	Exercise Price	Number	First Available Date	Performance Conditions
Seville (CEO)	21/3/13	Option	\$2.20	301,092	31/8/15	(1)
Seville (CEO)	21/3/13	Right	\$0.00	140,792	31/8/15	(2)
Seville (CEO)	21/11/14	Right	\$0.00	160,658	31/8/16	(3)
Seville (CEO)	21/1/15	Right	\$0.00	150,039	31/8/17	(5)
Kaplan (CFO)	30/4/14	Right	\$0.00	197,080	31/8/16	(4)
Kaplan (CFO)	21/1/15	Right	\$0.00	70,477	31/8/17	(5)
Hall (BDM)	30/4/14	Right	\$0.00	131,387	31/8/16	(4)
Hall (BDM)	21/1/15	Right	\$0.00	44,048	31/8/17	(5)
Anthon (GC)	21/1/15	Right	\$0.00	69,376	31/8/17	(5)

#### LTI and Company performance

At the date of this report the 2013 LTI grants have vested. All grants remain subject to demanding service and performance conditions set down and which are in-line with contemporary market standards. The performance conditions applicable to each grant are summarised as follows:

(1) 100% - ORE TSR outperformance relative to the S&P/ASX 300 Index;

(2) 75% - Complete construction of Olaroz Project within 10% of Development Budget and achieve satisfactory completion tests in accordance with Banking Agreements, and 25% - Achieve Group NPAT of \$5M or more in FY15;

(3) 8.33% - Olaroz construction cost results achieved against defined thresholds;
 8.33% - Olaroz operating cost results achieved against defined thresholds;
 8.34% - Olaroz design production rates achieved against defined thresholds;
 25% - Borax Argentina results achieved against EBITA for FY16
 50% - ORE TSR outperformance relative to the ASX 300 Resources Index,

- (4) 50% ORE TSR outperformance relative to the ASX 300 Resources Index, and 50% Achievement of specific cost, production and earnings hurdles for Olaroz and Borax projects.
- (5) 50% ORE TSR performance over the measured period and subject to meeting compound annual rate thresholds, and

50% - ORE TSR outperformance relative to the constituent companies of the ASX 300 Resource Index and subject to set thresholds

Achievement against the targets set will be independently assessed at the first available dates to determine the vesting percentages, if any.

The amounts are included in the remuneration tables at G. Details of remuneration reflect the assessed 'fair value' of these equity LTI expensed over the relevant service period determined in accordance with AASB-2 and therefore may represent an accumulation of multiple years.

### F. Service Agreements

Remuneration and other key terms of employment for the CEO and other executive KMP are formalised in a service agreement. Table 8 below provides a high level overview of conditions relating to the term of the contract, the notice period to terminate and the termination benefit.

### Table 5

Name and Title	Term of Agreement	Notice Period by Either Party	Termination Benefit
Richard Seville, CEO/Managing Director	Open	3 months	12 months fixed remuneration
Neil Kaplan, Chief Financial Officer	Open	3 months	3 months fixed remuneration
David Hall, Business Development Manager	Open	1 month	1 month fixed remuneration
Rick Anthon, General Counsel	Open	3 months	3 months fixed remuneration

Terms of agreement and associated benefits were agreed at the time the executive KMP commenced with Orocobre or upon promotion. Termination Benefits are voided when termination arises due to breach of agreement, serious misconduct, criminal offence or negligence.

### G. Details of Remuneration

Details of the nature and amount of each major element of the remuneration of each KMP stated in A\$ is as follows:

$\bigcirc$		Short-te	rm Employe	e Benefits	Sub-total	Non-cash	Benefits A	ccrued	
Name		Directors' Fees/Base Salary A\$ (1)	Short Term Incentive A\$ (1) (5)	Retirement Benefits/ Superannuation A\$ (1)	Cash Benefits Received A\$ (1)	Annual Leave/LSL/ Termination Benefits A\$(1)/(2)	Equity Settled Options A\$ (1)	Long Term Incentives A\$ (1)/(3)	Total Remuneratior A\$ (1)
			/	Von-Executive Dire	ectors				
	2015	250,000	-	-	250,000	-		-	250,000
Jamés Calaway	2014	225,000	-	-	225,000	-	12,386	-	237,386
Court Drott	2015	80,000	-	-	80,000	-		-	80,000
Courtney Pratt	2014	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	8,258	-	68,258
John Gibson	2015	80,000	-	-	80,000	-		-	80,000
John Gibson	2014	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	8,258	-	68,258
Fernando Oris de	2015	80,000	-	-	80,000	-		-	80,000
Roa	2014	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	8,258	-	68,258
Federico Nicholson	2015	80,000	-	-	80,000	-		-	80,000
	2014	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	8,258	-	68,258
( Robert Hubbard	2015	65,409	-	6,941 (4)	72,350	-	-	-	72,350
Robert Hubbald	2014	60,000	-	-	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
fotal Non-Executive	2015	635,409	-	6,941	642,350	-	-	-	642,350
Directors	2014	525,000	-	-	525,000	-	45,418	-	570,418
10			(	CEO/Managing Di	irector				
(f, f)	2015	570,888	_	25,887	596,775	14,684	_	438,093	1,049,552
Richard Seville	2014	465,085	199,125	18,346	682,556	63,923	-	119,716	866,195
		,	,	Other Executive		,		,	,
	2015	325,450	_	24,950	350,400	13,545	_	195,724	559,669
Veil Kaplan	2010	313,683	96,600	24,992	435,275	14,213	_	26,892	476,380
$\bigcirc$	2014	240,000	-	22,800	262,800	5,543	_	129,032	397,375
David Hall	2013	240,000	72,900	22,200	335,100	2,774	_	17,928	355,802
Rick Anthon	2015	157,500	-	9,392	166,892		-	34,272	201,164
Appointed 1 January	2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Total Managing Director & Other	2015	1,293,838	-	83,029	1,376,867	33,772	-	797,121	2,207,760
Exec. KMP	2014	1,018,768	368,625	65,538	1,452,931	80,910	-	164,536	1,698,377

Notes to previous tables:

The CEO received an increase in base salary to effective January 2014 to reflect the growth and increasing complexity of the Company. This increase was only proposed by the Board after careful consideration, including external independent assessment and in recognition of the increasing complexity of the role. The uplift brings the CEO's fixed remuneration in line with approximately the median of the market and takes into account the success of the incumbent CEO in the role, the broader and "deeper" workload required as a result of moving through very exacting transitions in a complex geographical environment and the Company now being on the cusp of production at Olaroz. The Board believes the revised level of remuneration for the CEO is both fair and reasonable, all things considered

 Payments to the Non-Executive Directors, the CEO and other senior executives are paid in Australian dollars. The Company has followed a conservative remuneration strategy, especially whilst in the development stage, and such increases are due to the complex transitions and challenges the Board and executive KMP have overcome in reaching the cusp of production, whilst ensuring the levels of remuneration are at or about the midpoint of comparative companies. The Directors and KMP base salaries FY 2014 and related

superannuation and annual leave benefits reflect the half year impact of this change in base salaries effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.
Annual leave/LSL/Termination benefits represent the net movement in amounts provided for annual leave during the year ended 30 June 2015. LSL are the net movement in amounts recorded for LSL when they become applicable. Termination benefits are those referred to under Section F Service Agreements of this Remuneration Report. Termination benefits are payable when an executive KMP leaves the employment of the Company (other than for gross misconduct) are included in the table when applicable.

The value for Long Term Incentives presented in the tables above is calculated in accordance with AASB 2 Share Based Payments and represents securities issued under the LTI equity plans that have been expensed during the current year. The fair values of long term incentives have been calculated by an independent third party.

The Non-Executive Director fees paid to Robert Hubbard have been adjusted by \$5,550 for FY14 and \$2,100 for FY13 as a result of an overpayment. These amounts were repaid by Mr Hubbard within the first quarter of FY15.

The STI for FY15 is nil, based on STI KPIs not being met. The STI for FY14 accrued in total was \$368,625. The actual total STI for FY14 achieved was \$413,860 and this was paid in FY15.

Table 6 below shows the proportion of the total actual remuneration that is linked to performance and the proportion that is fixed:

### Table 6

	Fixed At risk - STI At risk - LTI		k - LTI	TI Total				
Name	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	%	%	%	%	%	%	\$	\$
Non-executive Directors								
James Calaway	100%	95%	-	-	-	5%	100.00%	100.00%
John Gibson	100%	88%	-	-	-	12%	100.00%	100.00%
Courtney Pratt	100%	88%	-	-	-	12%	100.00%	100.00%
Fernando Oris de Roa	100%	88%	-	-	-	12%	100.00%	100.00%
Federico Nicholson	100%	88%	-	-	-	12%	100.00%	100.00%
Rob Hubbard	100%	100%	-	-	-	-	100.00%	100.00%
		CL	EO/Manag	ing Directo	r			
Richard Seville	58%	63%	-	23%	42%	14%	100.00%	100.00%
		(	Other exec	utive KMP				
Neil Kaplan	65%	74%	-	20%	35%	6%	100.00%	100.00%
David Hall	67%	74%	-	21%	33%	5%	100.00%	100.00%
Rick Anthon	83%	-	-	-	17%	-	100.00%	-

#### H. Share-Based Compensation Issues to the Non-Executive Directors and Executive KMP

Table 7 below highlights the movement in rights for the Non-executive Directors and executive KMP in 2015.

Table 7										
			Moveme	ent during t	the year			As at	: 30 June 201	15
	Grant Date	Туре	Balance at 1 July 2014	Rights granted (ii)/(v)	Rights exercised (i)/(iii)	Rights lapsed (iv)	Balance at 30 June 2015	Vested & Exercisable	Unvested	Loan Amount \$A
James Calaway	30/11/11	Options	150,000	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	-	Nil
Total number			150,000				150,000	150,000		
Total value			\$113,850				\$113,850	\$113,850		
John Gibson	30/11/11	Options	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	Nil
Total number			100,000				100,000	100,000		
Total value			\$75,900				\$75,900	\$75,900		
Courtney Pratt	30/11/11	Options	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	Nil
Total number			100,000				100,000	100,000		
Total value			\$75,900				\$75,900	\$75,900		
Fernando Oris de Roa	30/11/11	Options	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	Nil
Total number			100,000				100,000	100,000		
Total value			\$75,900				\$75,900	\$75,900		
Federiço Nicholson	30/11/11	Options	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	-	Nil
Fotal number			100,000				100,000	100,000		
Total value			\$75,900				\$75,900	\$75,900		

#### Table 7 (cont.)

			Movement	: during the y	/ear			As a	it 30 June 20	15
	Grant Date	Туре	Balance at 1 July 2014	Rights granted (ii)/(v)	Rights exercised (i)/(iii)	Rights lapsed (iv)	Balance at 30 June 2015	Vested & Exercisable	Unvested	Loan Amount \$A
	21/03/13	Options	301,092	-	-	-	301,092	-	301,092	Nil
	21/03/13	Performance Rights	140,792	-			140,792		140,792	Nil
Richard Seville	23/01/15	Performance Rights	-	160,658	-	-	160,658	-	160,658	Nil
	30/01/15	Performance Rights	-	150,039			150,039		150,039	Nil
Total number			441,884	310,697			752,581		752,581	
Total value			\$292,893	\$666,779			\$959,672		\$694,538	
Neil Kaplan	30/04/14	Performance Rights	197,080	-	_	_	197,080	_	197,080	Nil
	30/01/15	Performance Rights	-	70,477			70,477		70,477	Nil
Total number			197,080	70,477			267,557		267,557	
Total value			\$376,482	\$125,519			\$502,001		\$502,001	
David Hall	30/04/14	Performance Rights	131,387	-	-	-	131,387	_	131,387	Nil
	30/01/15	Performance Rights	-	44,048	-	-	44,048		44,048	Nil
Total number			131,387	44,048			175,435		175,435	
Total value			\$250,988	\$78,449			\$329,437		\$329,437	
Rick Anthon	30/01/15	Performance Rights	-	69,376	-	-	69,376	-	69,376	Nil
Total number				69,376			69,376		69,376	
Total value				\$123,559			\$123,559		\$123,437	

\*Section 300(1) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) requires additional disclosure for the KMP executives which is detailed in Table 9.

No amounts are unpaid on any shares issued on the exercise of Options. (i)

The value at grant date reflects the fair value of the right multiplied by the number of Rights granted during the period converted using (ii) the rate at the date of grant.

(iii) The value at exercise date of the securities that were granted as part of remuneration and were exercised during the year, being the value of the share at the date of exercise less the exercise price and less the fair value of the right at grant date multiplied by the number of rights exercised converted using the rate at the date of exercise.

The value at lapse date of the securities that were granted as part of remuneration and that lapsed during the year because a vesting (iv) condition was not satisfied.

The fair values of long term incentives have been calculated by Crichton, an independent third party. This table below summarises the (v) details of the grants and assumptions that were used in determining the fair value of PROP, options and rights on the grant date.

#### Table 8

Input Variable	Options	Performance Rights	Options	Performance Rights	Performance Rights
Issue Date	21/3/13	21/3/13	30/4/14	30/4/14	30/4/14
Vesting Date	31/8/15	31/8/15	11/10/16	31/8/16	31/8/16
Valuation Model	Monte Carlo Simulation	Binomial Approximation	Binomial Approximation	Binomial Approximation	Monte Carlo Simulation
Exercise Price	\$2.20	\$0.00	\$2.53	\$0.00	\$0.00
Share Price (Date terms agreed)	\$1.36	\$1.36	\$2.23	\$2.23	\$2.23
Expected Life (Days)	893	893	1,250	854	854
Expected Volatility	60%	60%	50%	50%	50%
Expected Dividend Yield	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Expected Risk Free Rate	3.03%	3.03%	2.84%	2.84%	2.84%
Performance Conditions	Market	Non-Market	Non-Market	Non-Market	Market
Fair Value (Average)	\$0.3365	\$1.36	\$0.774	\$2.23	\$1.59

Input Variable	Performance Rights	Performance Rights	Performance Rights	Performance Rights	Performance Rights	Performance Rights
Issue Date	31/8/13	31/8/13	31/8/14	31/8/14	31/8/14	31/8/14
Vesting Date	31/8/16	31/8/16	31/8/17	31/8/17	31/8/17	31/8/17
Valuation Model	Binomial Approximation	Monte Carlo Simulation				
Exercise Price	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Share Price (Date terms agreed)	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.74	\$2.74
Expected Life (Days)	1,095	1,095	1,095	1,095	1,095	1,095
Expected Volatility	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Expected Dividend	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Expected Risk Free	2.50%	2.50%	2.53%	2.53%	2.09%	2.09%
Performance Conditions	Non-Market	Market	Market (TSR Absolute)	Market (TSR Relative)	Market (TSR Absolute)	Market (TSR Relative)
Fair Value (Average)	\$2.67	\$2.33	\$1.58	\$1.95	\$1.59	\$1.98

#### Table 9

#### Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel

	>	Opening Balance 1/07/2014	Options Converted	Compensation	Purchased/Sold	Closing Balance 30/06/2015
	James D. Calaway	8,574,000	-	-	267,563	8,841,563
	Richard P. Seville	4,976,500	-	-	100,000	5,076,500
$( \square$	John W. Gibson	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
	Courtney Pratt	-	-	-	-	-
$\bigcirc$	Fernando Oris de Roa	-	-	-	-	-
	Federico Nicholson	-	-	-	-	-
615	Robert Hubbard	-	-	-	22,183	22,183
UIJ	Neil Kaplan	20,000	-	-	5,883	25,883
RE	David Hall	-	-	-	-	-
$\mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{Z}}$	Rick Anthon	665,378	-	-	37,149	702,527
	Total	14,260,878	-	-	432,778	14,693,656

The Director's Report incorporating the Remuneration Report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

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Richard P. Seville

James D Calaway

Chairman

Managing Director

Signed: 23rd September 2015



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# Auditor's independence declaration to the Directors of Orocobre Limited

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Orocobre Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2015, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* or any applicable code of professional conduct.

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the period ended 30 June 2015

		Consolidated	Group
	Note	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
		\$	\$
Sale of goods		23,312,235	23,166,834
Cost of goods sold	_	(23,074,407)	(20,943,300)
Gross profit/(loss)		237,828	2,223,534
Other income	2a	3,767,986	3,601,156
Corporate & administrative expenses		(14,739,754)	(10,895,217)
Finance income	2b	1,288,841	1,145,781
Einance costs	2c	(2,752,574)	(1,029,847)
Share of net losses of joint venture	14	(227,696)	(315,162)
Foreign currency gain/(loss)		10,418,510	(410,064)
Profit/(Loss) before income tax		(2,006,859)	(5,679,819)
Income tax benefit/(expense)	3	961,905	124,305
Profit/(Loss) for the year	_	(1,044,954)	(5,555,514)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) (Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss)			
Translation gain/(loss) on foreign operations		9,421,445	(45,309,563)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of derivative	19	(3,294,730)	(2,566,737)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of tax	_	6,126,715	(47,876,300)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	_	5,081,761	(53,431,814)
Profit/(Loss) attributable to:			
Members of the parent entity		(1,014,689)	(5,459,041)
Non-controlling interest		(30,265)	(96,473)
		(1,044,954)	(5,555,514)
Fotal comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:			
Members of the parent entity		4,997,806	(52,266,849)
Non-controlling interest		83,955	(1,164,965)
		5,081,761	(53,431,814)
	_		
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	4	(0.73)	(4.32)
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	4	(0.73)	(4.32)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2015

		Consolidated	
	Note	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	9,439,319	26,302,392
Trade and other receivables	7	9,533,299	7,388,112
Inventory	8	11,076,850	5,514,244
Other	9	16,685	502,822
Total Current Assets	_	30,066,153	39,707,570
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	10	48,806,955	24,464
Rroperty, plant and equipment	11	17,104,429	13,364,136
Exploration and evaluation asset	12	11,148,806	10,065,419
Investment in joint ventures	14	100,536,358	94,454,572
Inventory	8	150,901	318,934
Deferred tax asset	3	2,715,790	1,466,917
Trade and other receivables	7	41,271,924	27,840,216
Total Non-Current Assets		221,735,163	147,534,658
TOTAL ASSETS		251,801,316	187,242,228
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	15	18,034,456	8,881,373
Loans and borrowings	10	2,716,050	1,362,116
Employee benefit liabilities	17	1,134,867	507,987
Total Current Liabilities	_	21,885,373	10,751,476
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	15	1,477,299	2,896,815
Loans and borrowings	10	797,006	1,352,063
Employee benefit liabilities	17	2,036,276	626,459
Deferred tax liability	3	1,531,382	2,158,194
Provisions	16	12,253,075	9,870,968
Total Non-Current Liabilities		18,095,038	16,904,499
TOTAL LIABILITIES		39,980,411	27,655,975
NET ASSETS	_	211,820,905	159,586,253
EQUITY			
Issued capital	18	176,488,844	130,139,019
Reserves	19	(41,662,893)	(48,478,454)
Retained profits		78,060,177	79,074,866
Parent interest		212,886,128	160,735,431
Non controlling interest		(1,065,223)	(1,149,178)
TOTAL EQUITY		211,820,905	159,586,253

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the period ended 30 June 2015

	Issued Capital	Retained Profits/ (Accumulated Losses)	Option Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Wealth Tax Reserve	Cash Flow Hedge Reserve	Non controlling Interests	Total
	Note 18 \$	¢	Note 19 \$	Note 19 \$	Note 19 \$	Note 19 \$	\$	\$
	φ	\$	ð	¢	ð	¢	Þ	Þ
Balance at 1 July 2013	101,712,005	84,533,907	1,344,180	(3,397,720)	-	-	15,787	184,208,159
Profit/(loss) attributable to members								
of the company	-	(5,459,041)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,459,041)
Profit/(loss) attributable to non							()	()
controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(96,473)	(96,473)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year				(44,241,071)		(2,566,737)	(1,068,492)	(47,876,300)
Total comprehensive income/(loss)		(5,459,041)		(44,241,071)		(2,566,737)	(1,164,965)	(53,431,814)
		(0,400,041)		(++,2+1,071)		(2,000,707)	(1,104,000)	
Shares issued during the year	30,023,218	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,023,218
Transaction costs	(1,596,204)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,596,204)
Options expensed during the year Balance at 30 June 2014	130.139.019	79.074.866	382,894	(47,638,791)	-	(2,566,737)	- (1,149,178)	382,894 159,586,253
(072)	130,139,019	79,074,000	1,727,074	(47,030,791)	-	(2,300,737)	(1,149,170)	159,560,255
Profit/(loss) attributable to members								<i></i>
of the company	-	(1,014,689)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,014,689)
Profit/(loss) attributable to non							(30,265)	(30,265)
Controlling interests Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(30,203)	(30,203)
for the year	-	-	-	9,307,225	-	(3,294,730)	114,220	6,126,715
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(1,014,689)	-	9,307,225	-	(3,294,730)	83,955	5,081,761
Charge isound during the year	50,009,219			, ,		( ) ) )	*	50,009,219
Shares issued during the year Transaction costs	(3,659,394)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,659,394)
Options expensed during the year	(0,009,094)	-	1,135,252	_	-	-	-	1,135,252
Increase in wealth tax	-	-	-,100,202	-	(332,186)		-	(332,186)
Balance at 30 June 2015	176.488.844	78,060,177	2,862,326	(38,331,566)	(332,186)	(5,861,467)	(1,065,223)	211,820,905
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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the period ended 30 June 2015

		Canaalidatad	Crown
	Note	Consolidated 30 June	Group 30 June
	NOLE	2015	2014
		\$	\$
		Ŧ	*
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		19,336,697	20,011,557
Payments to suppliers and employees		(30,984,047)	(22,589,128)
Interest received	2b	345,857	519,229
Interest paid	2c	(1,635,656)	(1,029,847)
Other cash receipts	2a	3,575,325	3,193,248
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	6	(9,361,824)	105,059
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Capitalised exploration expenditure	12	(376,653)	(386,025)
Payment for subsidiary net of cash (acquired in 2012)		=	(1,120,699)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	11	(2,547,628)	(6,744,627)
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment	2a	192,661	147,793
Investment in joint venture		(1,109,330)	(472,133)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(3,840,950)	(8,575,691)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Standby letters of credit (SBLC's) on behalf of joint venture		(45,673,689)	-
Proceeds from issue of shares		45,850,817	28,427,014
Rayments on borrowings		(860,912)	(463,836)
Joan to joint venture		(5,255,184)	(2,147,001)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(5,938,968)	25,816,177
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(19,141,742)	17,345,545
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		25,739,532	10,609,081
Effect of exchange rates on cash holdings in foreign currencies		810,027	(2,215,094)
Cash at end of year	6	7,407,817	25,739,532
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)) The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These consolidated financial statements and notes represent those of Orocobre Limited (the "Company" or the "Parent") and Controlled Entities (the "consolidated Group" or "Group").

The separate financial statements of the parent entity, Orocobre Limited, have not been presented within this financial report as permitted by the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 23 September 2015 by the directors of the company.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in the directors' report.

**NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** 

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritive pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Australian Corporations Act 2001. The Group is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow information, the financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The Company continually monitors its cash flow requirements to ensure that sufficient funds are available to fund its activities. The working capital requirements of the Olaroz project fundamentally depend upon achieving commercial levels of production. The Directors believe that until commercial levels of production occur additional sources of funding may be necessary and should be available either through the equity markets, strategic investors or its joint venture partners. Consequently the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar unless otherwise stated.

In preparation of the financial statements the following exchange rates have been used:

Spot Rates	30 June 2015	30 June 2014	Movement (%)
Peso -> USD 1	9.0880	8.1330	(11.74%)
Peso -> AUD 1	6.9872	7.6533	8.70%
AUD -> USD 1	1.3007	1.0622	(22.44%)
Average Rates (12 months)	30 June 2015	30 June 2014	Movement (%)
Peso -> USD 1	8.5995	6.6600	(29.12%)
Peso -> AUD 1	7.1799	6.1143	(17.43%)
	1.2017	1.0897	(10.28%)

#### Compliance with IFRS

The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Basis of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Group and its subsidiaries as at 30 June 2015. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e. existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee)
- Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee, and
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns

Generally, there is a presumption that a majority of voting rights results in control. To support this presumption, and when the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- The contractual arrangement(s) with the other vote holders of the investee
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements
- The Group's voting rights and potential voting rights

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income (OCI) are attributed to the equity holders of the parent of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with the Group's accounting policies. All intra-Group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction. If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the related assets (including goodwill), liabilities, non-controlling interest and other components of equity while any resultant gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any investment retained is recognised at fair value.

#### Business combinations and goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred, measured at acquisition date fair value and the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether to measure the non-controlling interest in the acquiree at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition related costs are expensed as incurred and included in administrative expenses.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts by the acquiree.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the previously held equity interest is remeasured at its acquisition date fair value and any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer will be recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability that is a financial instrument and within the scope of AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised either in either profit or loss or as a change to other comprehensive income. If the contingent consideration is not within the scope of AASB 139, it is measured in accordance with the appropriate Australian Accounting Standard. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured and subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

Goodwill is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred and the amount recognised for noncontrolling interests, and any previous interest held, over the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If the fair value of the net assets acquired is in excess of the aggregate consideration transferred, the Group re-assesses whether it has correctly identified all of the assets acquired and all of the liabilities assumed and reviews the procedures used to measure the amounts to be recognised at the acquisition date. If the re-assessment still results in an excess of the fair value of net assets acquired over the aggregate consideration transferred, then the gain is recognised in profit or loss.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquiree are assigned to those units.

Where goodwill has been allocated to a cash-generating unit and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the disposed operation is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal. Goodwill disposed in these circumstances is measured based on the relative values of the disposed operation and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

#### Taxes

#### Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current period are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date in the countries where the Group operates and generates taxable income.

Current income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity is recognised in equity and not in the statement of comprehensive income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes at the reporting date.

#### Deferred income tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences except:

- When the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of 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 profit nor taxable profit or loss.

- In respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, when the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, the carry forward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

When the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.
In respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss. Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Tax benefits acquired as part of a business combination, but not satisfying the criteria for separate recognition at that date, are recognised subsequently if new information about facts and circumstances change. The adjustment is either treated as a reduction to goodwill (as long as it does not exceed goodwill) if it was incurred during the measurement period or recognised in profit or loss.

#### Tax consolidation legislation

Orocobre Limited and its wholly-owned Australian controlled entities implemented the tax consolidation legislation as of 1 July 2005.

The head entity, Orocobre Limited and the controlled entities in the tax consolidated Group continue to account for their own current and deferred tax amounts. The Group has applied the Group allocation approach in determining the appropriate amount of current taxes and deferred taxes to allocate to members of the tax consolidated Group.

In addition to its own current and deferred tax amounts, Orocobre Limited also recognises the current tax liabilities (or assets) and the deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits assumed from controlled entities in the tax consolidated Group.

Assets or liabilities arising under tax funding agreements with the tax consolidated entities are recognised as amounts receivable from or payable to other entities in the Group.

Any difference between the amounts assumed and amounts receivable or payable under the tax funding agreement are recognised as contribution to (or distribution from) wholly-owned tax consolidated entities.

#### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST (or overseas, Value-Added Tax (VAT)), except: - When the GST incurred on a sale or a purchase of assets or services is not payable to or recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the revenue or the expense item or as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset, as applicable - When receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST (or VAT) recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

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

#### Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead expenditure, the latter being allocated on the basis of normal operating capacity. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs. Costs of purchased inventory are determined after deducting rebates and discounts.

Net realisable value tests are performed at each reporting date and represent the estimated future sales price of the product the entity expects to realise when the product is processed and sold, less estimated costs to complete production and bring the product to sale. Where the time value of money is material, these future prices and costs to complete are discounted.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the property, plant and equipment and borrowing costs for long-term construction projects if the recognition criteria are met. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Group depreciates them separately based on their specific useful lives. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred. The present value of the expected cost for the decommissioning of an asset after its use is included in the cost of the respective asset if the recognition criteria for a provision are met.

Refer to critical accounting estimates and judgements (Note 1) and provisions (Note 16) for further information about the recognised decommissioning provision.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

- Buildings: 20 to 30 years

- Plant and equipment: 5 to 10 years

An item of property, plant and equipment and any significant part initially recognised is derecognised upon disposal or when no future conomic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the statement of comprehensive income when the asset is derecognised.

The residual values, useful lives and methods of depreciation of property, plant and equipment are reviewed at each financial year end and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

#### Exploration, Evaluation and Development Expenditure

Exploration, evaluation and development expenditures incurred are capitalised in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are only capitalised to the extent that they are expected to be recovered through the successful development of the area or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage that permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

Accumulated costs in relation to an abandoned area are written off in full against profit in the year in which the decision to abandon the area is made.

When production commences, the accumulated costs for the relevant area of interest are amortised over the life of the area according to the rate of depletion of the economically recoverable reserves.

A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to capitalise costs in relation to that area of interest. If, after expenditure is capitalised, information becomes available suggesting that the recovery of expenditure is unlikely, the amount capitalised is written off in profit or loss in the period when the new information becomes available.

#### Investment in joint ventures

A joint venture is a type of joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint venture. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The considerations made in determining significant influence or joint control are similar to those necessary to determine control over subsidiaries.

The Group's investment in its joint venture is accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method, the investment in a joint venture is initially recognised at cost. The carrying amount of the investment is adjusted to recognise changes in the Group's share of net assets of the joint venture since the acquisition date. Goodwill relating to the joint venture is included in the carrying amount of the investment and is neither amortised nor individually tested for impairment.

The statement of comprehensive income reflects the Group's share of the results of operations of the joint venture. Any change in other comprehensive income of those investees is presented as part of the Group's other comprehensive income. In addition, when there has been a change recognised directly in the equity of the joint venture, the Group recognises its share of any changes, when applicable, in the statement of changes in equity. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and the joint venture are eliminated to the extent of the interest in the joint venture.

The aggregate of the Group's share of profit or loss of a joint venture is shown on the face of the statement of comprehensive income outside operating profit and represents profit or loss after tax and non-controlling interests in the subsidiaries of the joint venture.

The financial statements of the joint venture are prepared for the same reporting period as the Group. When necessary, adjustments are made to bring the accounting policies in line with those of the Group.

After application of the equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise an impairment loss on its investment in its joint venture. At each reporting date, the Group determines whether there is objective evidence that the investment in the joint venture is impaired. If there is such evidence, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the joint venture and its carrying value, then recognises the loss as 'Share of profit of a joint venture' in the statement of comprehensive income.

Upon loss of joint control over the joint venture, the Group measures and recognises any retained investment at its fair value. Any difference between the carrying amount of the joint venture upon loss of joint control and the fair value of the retained investment and proceeds from disposal is recognised in profit or loss.

#### **Current versus Non-Current classification**

The Group presents assets and liabilities in statement of financial position based on current/non-current classification. An asset as current when it is:

- Expected to be realised or intended to sold or consumed in the Group's normal operating cycle

- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- Expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period, or
- Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

The Group classifies all other assets as non-current.

A liability is current when:

- It is expected to be settled in the Group's normal operating cycle
- It is held primarily for the purpose of trading
- It is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period, or
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

The Group classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

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

#### Financial Instruments - initial recognition and subsequent measurement

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

#### i) Financial assets

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-tomaturity investments, available-for-sale financial assets, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset.

#### Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as described below:

#### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets held for trading and financial assets designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments as defined by AASB 139.

The Group has not designated any financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value presented as finance costs (negative net changes in fair value) or finance income (positive net changes in fair value) in the statement of comprehensive income.

Derivatives embedded in host contracts are accounted for as separate derivatives and recorded at fair value if their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contracts and the host contracts are not held for trading or designated at fair value though profit or loss. These embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit and loss. Re-assessment only occurs if there is either a change in the terms of the contract that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required or a reclassification of a financial asset out of the fair value through profit or loss.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial measurement, such financial assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate (EIR) method, less impairment. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included in finance income in the statement of comprehensive income. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in finance costs for loans and finance income for receivables.

#### Held-to-maturity investments

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities are classified as held to maturity when the Group has the positive intention and ability to hold them to maturity. After initial measurement, held to maturity investments are measured at amortised cost using the EIR, less impairment. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance income in the statement of comprehensive income. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in finance costs.

#### Available for sale (AFS) financial investments

AFS financial investments include equity investments and debt securities. Equity investments classified as AFS are those that are neither classified as held for trading nor designated at fair value through profit or loss. Debt securities in this category are those that are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and that may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or in response to changes in the market conditions.

After initial measurement, AFS financial investments are subsequently measured at fair value with unrealised gains or losses recognised as other comprehensive income and credited in the AFS reserve until the investment is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss is recognised in other operating income in the profit or loss, or the investment is determined to be impaired when the cumulative loss is reclassified from the AFS reserve to the statement of comprehensive income in finance costs. Interest earned whilst holding AFS financial assets is reported as interest income using the EIR method in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a Group of similar financial assets) is primarily de-recognised (i.e. removed from the Group's consolidated statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or

The Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset.

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a passthrough arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to pay.

#### ii) Impairment of financial assets

The Group assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a Group of financial assets is impaired. An impairment exists if one or more events that has occurred since the initial recognition of the asset (an incurred 'loss event') has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the Group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the debtors or a Group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation and observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

#### Financial assets carried at amortised cost

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the Group first assesses whether impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a Group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

The amount of any impairment loss identified is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not yet been incurred). The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original EIR.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Interest income (recorded as finance income on the statement of comprehensive income) continues to be accrued on the reduced carrying amount and is accrued using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. Loans together with the associated allowance, are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realised or has been transferred to the Group. If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a write-off is later recovered, the recovery is credited to finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### Available for sale (AFS) financial investments

For AFS financial investments, the Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that an investment or a Group of investments is impaired.

In the case of equity investments classified as AFS, objective evidence would include a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the investment below its cost. "Significant" is evaluated against the original cost of the investment and "prolonged" against the period in which the fair value has been below its original cost. When there is evidence of impairment, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that investment previously recognised in the statement of comprehensive income – is removed from other comprehensive income and recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Impairment losses on equity investments are not reversed through the statement of comprehensive income; increases in their fair value after impairment are recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

The determination of what is "significant" or "prolonged" requires judgement. In making this judgement, the Group evaluates, among other factors, the duration or extent to which the fair value of an investment is less than its cost.

#### iii) Financial liabilities

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, loans and borrowings, including bank overdrafts, financial guarantee contracts, and derivative financial instruments.

#### Subsequent measurement

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, described as follows:

#### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss. Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Group that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by AASB 139. Separated embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in AASB 139 are satisfied. The Group has not designated any financial liability as at fair value through profit or loss.

#### Loans and borrowings

After initial recognition, interest bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included in finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group are those contracts that require a payment to be made to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because the specified debtor fails to make a payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Financial guarantee contracts are recognised initially as a liability at fair value, adjusted for transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issuance of the guarantee. Subsequently, the liability is measured at the higher of the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date and the amount recognised less cumulative amortisation.

#### Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled, or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### iv) Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

#### Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

#### Initial recognition and subsequent measurement

The Group uses derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, to hedge its interest rate risks. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at fair value. Derivatives are carried as financial assets when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative.

Any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of derivatives are taken directly to profit or loss, except for the effective portion of cash flow hedges, which is recognised in other comprehensive income and later reclassified to profit or loss when the hedge item affects profit or loss.

For the purpose of hedge accounting, hedges are classified as:

- Fair value hedges: when hedging the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognised asset or liability or an unrecognised firm commitment

Cash flow hedges: when hedging the exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction or the foreign currency risk in an unrecognised firm commitment
 Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation

At the inception of a hedge relationship, the Group formally designates and documents the hedge relationship to which it wishes to apply hedge accounting and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. The documentation includes identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item or transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the entity will assess the effectiveness of changes in the hedging instrument's fair value in offsetting the exposure to changes in the hedged item's fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk. Such hedges are expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows and are assessed on an ongoing basis to determine that they actually have been highly effective throughout the financial reporting periods for which they were designated.

Hedges that meet the strict criteria for hedge accounting are accounted for as described below:

#### Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in other comprehensive income in the cash flow hedge reserve, while any ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income as other operating expenses.

The Group uses interest rate swaps as hedges of its exposure to interest rate risk in forecast transactions. The ineffective portion relating to interest rate swap contracts is recognised in finance costs.

Amounts recognised as other comprehensive income are transferred to profit or loss when the hedged transaction affects profit or loss, such as when the hedged financial income or financial expense is recognised. When the hedged item is the cost of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the amounts recognised as other comprehensive income are transferred to the initial carrying amount of the non-financial asset or liability.

If the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised without replacement or rollover (as part of the hedging strategy), or if its designation as a hedge is revoked, or when the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income remains separately in equity until the forecast transaction occurs or the foreign currency firm commitment is met.

In the current period and prior periods, the Group had no direct derivative financial instrument, but recorded its share of the joint venture's cash flow hedge revaluation through other comprehensive income.

#### Fair Value Measurement

The Group measures certain financial instruments, such as, available for sale assets and derivatives, at fair value at each reporting date.

Fair value is 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. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or

- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets 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

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

At each reporting date, movements in the values of assets and liabilities which are required to be re-measured or re-assessed as per the Group's accounting policies are analysed by the audit committee.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Group has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

#### Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

The Group assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's (CGU) fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. Recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or Groups of assets. When the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded companies or other available fair value indicators.

The Group bases its impairment calculation on budgets and forecast calculations, which are prepared separately for each of the Group's CGUs to which the individual assets are allocated.

Impairment losses of continuing operations, including impairment on inventories, are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

For assets excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication that previously recognised impairment losses no longer exist or have decreased. If such indication exists, the Group estimates the asset's or CGU's recoverable amount. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case, the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and short-term deposits in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and on hand and short-term deposits with a maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and short-term deposits as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts as they are considered an integral part of the Group's cash management.

#### **Issued Capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

#### Share Based Payments - Equity-settled transactions

The cost of equity-settled transactions is determined by the fair value at the date when the grant is made using an appropriate valuation model. That cost is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in other capital reserves in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled in employee benefits expense (Note 2e). The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The statement of comprehensive income expense or credit for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period and is recognised in employee benefits expense (Note 2e).

No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for equity-settled transactions for which vesting is conditional upon a market or non-vesting condition. These are treated as vesting irrespective of whether or not the market or non-vesting condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance and/or service conditions are satisfied.

When the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, the minimum expense recognised is the expense had the terms not been modified, if the original terms of the award are met. An additional expense is recognised for any modification that increases the total fair value of the sharebased payment transaction, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification.

The dilutive effect of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of diluted earnings per share (further details are given in Note 4).

#### **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured, regardless of when the payment is being made. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account contractually defined terms of payment and excluding goods and services tax (GST). The specific recognition criteria described below must also be met before revenue is recognised.

#### Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risk and rewards of ownership shifts from seller to buyer as dictated by the Incoterms specified in the sales contract. Revenue from the sale of goods is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of returns and allowances, trade discounts, and volume rates.

#### Interest income

For all financial instruments measured at amortised cost and interest-bearing financial assets classified as available-for-sale, interest income or expense is recorded using the effective interest rate (EIR). EIR is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. Interest income is included in finance income in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. When the Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to a provision is presented in the statement of comprehensive income net of any reimbursement.

#### Environmental protection, rehabilitation and closure costs

Provision is made for close down, restoration and environmental rehabilitation costs (which include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas) in the financial period when the related environmental disturbance occurs, based on the estimated future costs using information available at the statement of financial position date. The provision is discounted using a current market-based pre-tax discount rate that reflects the time value of money and risk specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is included in interest expense. At the time of establishing the provision, a corresponding asset is capitalised, where it gives rise to a future benefit, and depreciated over future production from the operations to which it relates. The provision is reviewed on an annual basis for changes to obligations, legislation or discount rates that impact estimated costs or lives of operations. The cost of the related asset is adjusted for changes in the provision resulting from changes in the estimated cash flows or discount rate and the adjusted cost of the asset is depreciated prospectively.

#### Wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date. They are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Based on past experience, the Group does not expect the full amount of annual leave classified as current liabilities to be settled within th next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the Group does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts. Expenses for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

#### Long service leave

The Group recognises a liability for long service leave measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. 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 the applicable corporate bond with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

#### Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at the inception of the lease. The arrangement is, or contains, a lease if fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets, even if that right is not explicitly specified in an arrangement.

#### Group as a lessee

A lease is classified at the inception date as a finance lease or an operating lease. A lease that transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership to the Group is classified as a finance lease. An operating lease is a lease other than a finance lease.

Finance leases are capitalised at the commencement of the lease at the inception date fair value of the leased property or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are recognised in finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income.

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

Operating lease payments are recognised as an operating expense in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### Group as a lessor

Leases in which the Group does not transfer substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of an asset are classified as operating leases. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

#### **Borrowing Costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalised as part of the cost of the asset. All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they occur. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

#### Earnings per Share (EPS)

Basic earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing the net profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

#### **Foreign Currency Translation**

The Group's consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is also the Parent's functional currency. For each entity, the Group determines the functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency. The Group uses the direct method of consolidation and on disposal of a foreign operation, the gain or loss that is reclassified to profit or loss reflects the amount that arises from using this method.

#### Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Group's entities at their respective functional currency spot rates at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency spot rates of exchange at the reporting date.

Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in profit or loss with the exception of monetary items that are designated as part of the Group's net investment of a foreign operation. These are recognised in other comprehensive income until the net investment is disposed of, at which time, the cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss. Tax charges and credits attributable to exchange differences on those monetary items are also recorded in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on translation of non-monetary items measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of gain or loss on change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss are also recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).

#### Group companies

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into Australian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date and their statements of profit or loss are translated at the average exchange rate for each quarter of the financial year. The exchange differences arising on translation for consolidation purposes are recognised in other comprehensive income. On disposal of a foreign operation, the component of other comprehensive income relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in profit or loss.

Any goodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation and any fair value adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on the acquisition are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the spot rate of exchange at the reporting date.

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

The Group makes estimates and judgements in applying the accounting policies. Critical judgements in respect of accounting policies relate to exploration and evaluation assets, whereby exploration and evaluation expenditure is capitalised in certain circumstances, primarily where activities in the area of interest have not yet reached a stage which permits reasonable assessment of economically recoverable reserves. Otherwise expenditure is expensed.

#### Carrying value of non-current assets subject to impairment testing

The Group considers annually whether there has been any indicators of impairment and then tests whether non-current assets, including investments in joint ventures and property, plant and equipment, have suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in Note 1. The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been determined based on value in use calculations or fair value less costs to sell. These calculations require the use of assumptions. Refer to Notes 11 and 14 for more details on the carrying amounts of non-current assets subject to impairment testing.

#### Exploration, evaluation and development expenditures

Exploration, evaluation and development expenditures incurred are capitalised in respect of each identifiable area of interest. Such costs are written off when the amounts are not expected to be recovered through the successful development of the area, or through sale. The assessment of whether successful development will occur, or the amount to be recovered in a sales transaction, involves the use of judgements and estimates.

#### Income Taxes

The Group records deferred tax assets when it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the assets can be utilised. The assessment of whether taxable profit will be available requires the use of management judgements and estimates regarding future periods.

#### Share-based payments

The Group 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. Estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions requires determination of the most appropriate valuation model, which is dependent on the terms and conditions of the grant. This estimate also requires determination of the most appropriate inputs to the valuation model including the expected life of the share option, volatility and dividend yield and making assumptions about them. The assumptions and models used for estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions are disclosed in Note 23.

#### Provision for rehabilitation

As part of the identification and measurement of assets and liabilities for the acquisition of Borax Argentina S.A. in 2012, the Group has recognised a provision for rehabilitation obligations associated with Borax Argentina S.A.'s operations. In determining the fair value of the provision, assumptions and estimates are made in relation to discount rates, the expected cost to dismantle and remove the plant from the site and the expected timing of those costs. The carrying amount of the provision as at 30 June 2015 was \$12,182,537 (2014: \$9,848,800).

#### **Comparative Figures and Financial Period**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

#### New and amended standards and interpretations

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year. New accounting standards issued during the year had no impact on the Group.

The Group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

#### Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Group for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2015, outlined below:

- AASB 9 Financial Instruments (Application date of standard 1 January 2018; Application date of Group 1 July 2018) AASB 9 includes requirements for a simpler approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139. There are also some changes made in relation to financial liabilities.

The main changes are described below.

#### Financial assets

a. Financial assets that are debt instruments will be classified based on (1) the objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; (2) the characteristics of the contractual cash flows.

b. Allows an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument.

c. Financial assets can be designated and measured at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities, or recognising the gains and losses on them, on different bases.

#### Financial liabilities

Changes introduced by AASB 9 in respect of financial liabilities are limited to the measurement of liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) using the fair value option.

Where the fair value option is used for financial liabilities, the change in fair value is to be accounted for as follows:

- The change attributable to changes in credit risk are presented in other comprehensive income (OCI)
- The remaining change is presented in profit or loss

AASB 9 also removes the volatility in profit or loss that was caused by changes in the credit risk of liabilities elected to be measured at fair value. This change in accounting means that gains or losses attributable to changes in the entity's own credit risk would be recognised in OCI. These amounts recognised in OCI are not recycled to profit or loss if the liability is ever repurchased at a discount.

#### Impairment

The final version of AASB 9 introduces a new expected-loss impairment model that will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. Specifically, the new Standard requires entities to account for expected credit losses from when financial instruments are first recognised and to recognise full lifetime expected losses on a more timely basis.

#### Hedge Accounting

Amendments to AASB 9 (December 2009 & 2010 editions and AASB 2013-9) issued December 2013 included the new hedge accounting requirements, including changes to hedge effectiveness testing, treatment of hedging costs, risk components that can be hedged and disclosures.

Consequential amendments were also made to other standards as a result of AASB 9, introduced by AASB 2009-11 and superseded by AASB 2010-7, AASB 2010-10 and AASB 2014-1 - Part E.

AASB 2014-7 incorporates the consequential amendments arising from the issuance of AASB 9 in Dec 2014.

AASB 2014-8 limits the application of existing versions of AASB 9 (AASB 9 (December 2009) and AASB 9 (December 2010)) from 1 February 2015 and applies to annual reporting periods beginning on after 1 January 2015.

The Group has not yet assessed how its own hedging arrangements would be affected by the new rules, and it has not yet decided whether to adopt any parts of AASB 9 early.

In order to apply the new hedging rules, the Group would have to adopt AASB 9 and the consequential amendments to AASB 7 and AASB 139 in their entirety.

- Amendments to AASB 116 and AASB 138\*\*\*\*\* Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation (Application date of standard 1 January 2016; Application date of Group 1 July 2016)

AASB 116 Property Plant and Equipment and AASB 138 Intangible Assets both establish the principle for the basis of depreciation and amortisation as being the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits of an asset.

The IASB has clarified that the use of revenue-based methods to calculate the depreciation of an asset is not appropriate because revenue generated by an activity that includes the use of an asset generally reflects factors other than the consumption of the economic benefits embodied in the asset.

The amendment also clarified that revenue is generally presumed to be an inappropriate basis for measuring the consumption of the economic benefits embodied in an intangible asset. This presumption, however, can be rebutted in certain limited circumstances.

The Group does not believe that there will be a material financial impact to either the statement of comprehensive income or the statement of financial position once this accounting standard is adopted.

ASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Application date of standard 1 January 2017; Application date of Group 1 July 2017)

In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which replaces IAS 11 Construction Contracts, IAS 18 Revenue and related Interpretations (IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes, IFRIC 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate, IFRIC 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers and SIC-31 Revenue—Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services)

The core principle of IFRS 15 is that an entity recognises revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. An entity recognises revenue in accordance with that core principle by applying the following steps:

- (a) Step 1: Identify the contract(s) with a customer
- (b) Step 2: Identify the performance obligations in the contract
- (c) Step 3: Determine the transaction price
- (d) Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract
- (e) Step 5: Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation

The AASB issued the Australian equivalent of IFRS 15, being AASB 15, in December 2014.

Currently, these standards are effective for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2017. Early application is permitted. (Note: The IASB and the AASB have proposed a one year deferral to IFRS 15/AASB 15, which if approved, would move the effective date to annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2018).

AASB 2014-5 incorporates the consequential amendments to a number Australian Accounting Standards (including interpretations) arising from the issuance of AASB 15.

The Group has not yet assessed the impact of AASB 15, and it has not yet decided whether to adopt any parts of AASB 15 early.

- AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its associate or Joint Venture (Application date of standard 1 January 2016; Application date of Group 1 July 2016)

AASB 2014-10 amends AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* and AASB 128 to address an inconsistency between the requirements in AASB 10 and those in AASB 128 (August 2011), in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The amendments require:

(a) a full gain or loss to be recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not); and(b) a partial gain or loss to be recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary.

AASB 2014-10 also makes an editorial correction to AASB 10.

AASB 2014-10 applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. Early adoption permitted.

The Group has not yet assessed the impact of AASB 2014-10, and it has not yet decided whether to adopt any parts of AASB 2014-10 early.

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

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NOTE 2: Other Income/Expenses and Adjustments		
2a) Other Income	504 505	075 450
Export duty reimbursement	584,595	675,458
Property rental agreements Recovery from Joint Venture	240,662 1,021,779	264,020 1,607,122
Income from bonds sold (1)	1,673,937	1,007,122
Export credit income	54,352	906,763
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	192,661	147,793
Total other income	3,767,986	3,601,156
(1) Income from bonds sold relates to profits from the purchase and sale of US Dollar bo	onds on the Argentinear	n bond market.
2b) Finance Income		
Interest income on loans receivable (1)	942,984	626,552
Interest income from short term deposits Total finance income	345,857 1,288,841	519,229
(1) Interest income on loans receivable is non-cash and will be recovered on ultimate re	epayment of the loans (s	ee Note 20).
2c) Finance Costs Interest on loans and borrowings	(1,635,656)	(1 020 947
Changes in fair value of loans and borrowings	(1,116,918)	(1,029,847
Total finance costs	(2,752,574)	(1,029,847
Comprehensive Income		
Depreciation Foreign currency gain/(loss) - cash (1)	1,633,813 4,839,348 5,579,162	
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#### NOTE 3: Income Tax Expense (continued)

A reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit multiplied by Australia's domestic tax rate for the years ended 30 June 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

Gain/(Loss) from continuing operations before income tax expense         (2.006,859)         (5.677,819)           Tax expenses / (Benefit) at Australian tax rate of 30% (2014: 30%)         (602,056)         (1,703,946)           Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:         340,576         51,883           - Entertainment expense         896         1,506           - Other         (414,429)         14,083           - Share of loss of joint venture         79,694         5,200           Differences in tax rates (foreign subsidiaries)         (265,864)         12,490           Relating to prior year         (361,905)         (124,305)           Income tax sets         (265,864)         12,490           Deferred tax         (361,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax         (363,600 <th>ended 30 June 2015 and 2014 is as follows:</th> <th></th> <th></th>	ended 30 June 2015 and 2014 is as follows:		
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:         340,576         51,883           - Entertainment expense         399         1,506           - Other         (414,429)         14,083           - Share of loss of joint venture         (79,694         5,200           Utilisation on tax losses / tax credits in foreign countries         -         (372,090)           Derecognition of deferred tax balances current year         (530,295)         1,873,209           Differences in tax rates (toreign subsidiaries)         (265,864)         12,490           Relating to prior year         (429,575)         (6,640)           Income tax benefit         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax relates to the following:         -         -           Deferred tax labelities         -         -           Payable and accruals         653,943         1,237,117           Employee benefits         -         -         -           Investments	Gain/(Loss) from continuing operations before income tax expense	(2,006,859)	(5,679,819)
- Share - based payments       340,576       51,883         - Entertainment expense       896       1,506         - Other       (414,429)       14,083         - Share of loss of joint venture       79,694       5,200         Utilisation on tax losses / tax credits in foreign countries       -       (372,090)         Deferced tax balances current year       (530,295)       1,873,209         Differences in tax rates (foreign subsidiaries)       (265,864)       12,490         Relating to prior year       (429,575       (6,640)         Income tax benefit       (961,905)       (124,305)         Deferred tax       sector       29,576,663         Payable and accruals       653,943       1,237,117         Employee benefits       72,636       58,005         Inventory       -       67,577         Othered tax assets       29,576,663       149,924         Inventory       -       67,577         Othered tabtors       236,360       55,663         Interest       219,685       -         Tax losses       25,16,026       -         Share issue costs (P&L)       11,812       19,950         Share issue costs (P&L)       11,812       19,950	Tax expenses / (Benefit) at Australian tax rate of 30% (2014: 30%)	(602,058)	(1,703,946)
• Entertainment expense       896       1,506         • Other       (414,429)       14,083         • Share of loss of joint venture       78,694       5,200         Utilisation on tax losses / tax credits in foreign countries       - (372,090)         Derecognition of deferred tax balances current year       (530,295)       1,873,209         Differences in tax rates (toreign subsidiaries)       (265,864)       124,490         Relating to prior year       429,575       (6,640)         Income tax benefit       (961,905)       (124,305)         Deferred tax       653,943       1,237,117         Employee benefits       72,656       65,005         Investments       92,411       85,072         Deferred tax relates to the following:       72,656       656,005         Investments       92,411       85,072         Deferred exploration expenditures       149,924       149,924         Inventory       - 87,577       Other debtors       236,360       557,663         Interest       219,685       -       1,812       19,950         Share issue costs (P&L)       11,812       19,950       1,422,830       747,534         Unrealised foreign exchanges       4398,180       -       2(46,937)	Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
- Other         (414,429)         14,083           - Share of loss of join venture         79,694         5,200           Derecognition of deferred tax balances current year         (530,295)         1,873,209           Differences in tax rates (foreign subsidiaries)         (265,864)         12,490           Relating to prior year         (491,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax sests         92,411         85,072           Payable and accruals         553,943         1,237,117           Employee benefits         72,636         58,005           Investments         92,411         85,072           Deferred exploration expenditures         19,924         140,924           Inventory         236,360         557,663           Interest         219,685         -           Tax losses         24516,026         -           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950           Share issue costs (F&L)         11,812         19,950           Receivables         (416,0300)         (333,589)           PPE         (1,62,259)         (1,62,259)           Receivables         (460,300)         (333,589)	- Share - based payments	340,576	51,883
- Share of loss of joint venture         79,694         5,200           Utilisation on tax losses / tax credits in foreign countries         - (372,090)           Derecognition of deferred tax balances current year         (530,295)         1,873,209           Differences in tax rates (foreign subsidiaries)         (265,864)         12,490           Relating to prior year         429,575         (6,640)           Income tax benefit         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax         Deferred tax relates to the following:         -         863,943         1,237,117           Employee benefits         72,636         58,005         1         1,237,117           Chrewet exploration expenditures         92,411         86,072         0,675,777           Deferred tax relates to the following:         -         87,577         0,114         86,075           Deferred tax point expenditures         149,924         149,924         149,924         149,924           Inventory         -         87,577         0,114         86,075         -         7,577           Other debtors         236,360         557,663         -         -         1,812         19,950         -           Stare issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950         -	- Entertainment expense	896	1,506
Utilisation on tax boses / tax credits in foreign countries         (372,090)           Derecognition of deferred tax balances current year         (530,295)         1,873,209           Differences in tax rates (foreign subsidiaries)         (265,664)         12,490           Relating to prior year         (265,664)         (265,664)         (265,664)           Income tax benefit         (265,664)         (265,664)         (265,664)           Deferred tax         (372,090)         (265,664)         (265,664)         (265,664)           Deferred tax benefit         (265,664)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (265,663)         (215,60,265)         -         Share issue costs (P&L)         (216,62,56)         -         Share issue costs (P&L)         1,422,830         747,534           Unrealised foreign exchanges         23,660	- Other	(414,429)	14,083
Derecognition of deferred tax balances current year         (530,295)         1,873,209           Differences in tax rates (toreign subsidiaries)         (265,864)         12,430           Relating to prior year         (295,864)         (124,305)           Deferred tax         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax relates to the following:         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax relates to the following:         (961,905)         (124,305)           Payable and accruals         653,943         1,237,117           Employee benefits         72,636         58,005           Investments         92,411         85,072           Deferred exploration expenditures         149,924         149,924           Inventory         -         87,577           Other debtors         236,360         557,663           Interest         219,685         -           Tax losses         2,516,026         -           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950           Share issue costs (P&L)         1,422,830         747,534           Unrealised foreign exchanges         498,180         -           PPE         (1,062,259)         (1,466,917)           PPE         (3,158,017)         <	- Share of loss of joint venture	79,694	5,200
Differences in tax rates (foreign subsidiaries)         (265,864)         12,490           Relating to prior year         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax relates to the following:         (961,905)         (124,305)           Deferred tax assets         (961,905)         (124,305)           Payable and accruals         653,943         1,237,117           Employee benefits         72,636         58,005           Inventor         72,636         58,005           Inventor         149,924         149,924           Inventory         - 87,577         663           Other debtors         236,360         557,663           Interest         2,516,026         -           Tax losses         2,516,026         -           Stare issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950           Start of d deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set off provisions         2,715,790         1,466,917           Deferred tax liabilities         -         (400)         -         433,158,017         793,384           Set o	Utilisation on tax losses / tax credits in foreign countries	-	(372,090)
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Income tax benefit         (361,305)         (124,305)           Deferred tax         Deferred tax relates to the following:         (361,305)         (124,305)           Deferred tax assets         Payable and accruals         653,943         1,237,117           Employee benefits         72,636         58,005           Investments         92,411         85,072           Deferred exploration expenditures         149,924         149,924           Inventory         - 87,577         0ther debtors         236,360         557,663           Interest         219,685         -         87,577           Other debtors         2,516,026         -         5           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950         5           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950         5           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950         5           Set off of deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set off provisions         (3,158,017)         (1,475,925)           PPE         (1,062,259)         (1,824,605)         (460,390)         (333,589)           Prepayments         (460,390)         (333,589)         - (409)         - (330,057)           Unrealised foreign exchanges         (3,166,750) <td>Differences in tax rates (foreign subsidiaries)</td> <td>(265,864)</td> <td>12,490</td>	Differences in tax rates (foreign subsidiaries)	(265,864)	12,490
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Deferred tax assets           Payable and accruals         653,943         1,237,117           Employee benefits         72,636         58,005           Investments         92,411         85,072           Deferred exploration expenditures         149,924         149,924           Inventory         -         87,577           Other debtors         236,630         557,663           Interest         219,685         -           Tax losses         2,516,026         -           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,422,830         747,534           Unrealised foreign exchanges         498,180         -           Set off of deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set off provisions         (3,158,017)         (1,475,925)           Qurrealised foreign exchanges         (3,166,750)         (793,384)           Set off of deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set off provisions         3,158,017         793,793           Unrealised foreign exchanges         (3,166,750)         (7	Deferred tax		
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Employee benefits         72,636         55,005           Investments         92,411         85,072           Deferred exploration expenditures         149,924         149,924           Inventory         -         87,577           Other debtors         236,360         557,663           Interest         219,685         -           Tax losses         2,516,026         -           Share issue costs (P&L)         11,812         19,950           Share issue costs (Equity)         1,422,830         747,534           Unrealised foreign exchanges         498,180         -           Set off of deferred tax liabilities         2,715,790         1,466,917           Deferred tax liabilities         (1,062,259)         (1,824,605)           Receivables         (400,300)         (333,589)           PPE         (1,062,259)         (1,824,605)           Receivables         (3,166,750)         (793,384)           Set off of deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set off provisions         3,158,017         793,793           Unrealised foreign exchanges         (3,166,750)         (793,384)           Set off of deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set off provisions         3,158,017         793,793           (1,531,382)			
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The Group has tax losses which arose in Australia of \$18,477,672 (2014: \$19,985,399) that are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose.

#### **NOTE 4: Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing the net profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

The following reflects the income and share data used in the basic and diluted earnings per share computations:

Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	(1,044,954)	(5,555,514)
Exclude non-controlling interest	30,265	96,473
Net Profit/(Loss) used in the calculation of basic and dilutive EPS	(1,014,689)	(5,459,041)

	Consolidat	Consolidated Group	
	2015	2014	
	\$	\$	
NOTE 4: Earnings Per Share (continued)			
	No.	No.	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in the calculation of basic and diluted EPS	139,061,945	126,401,541	
As the Group incurred a loss in the current and prior years, potential ordinary shares - bein (2015: 1,788,878; 2014: 1,001,120) are considered non-dilutive.	ng options to acquire ordi	nary shares	
There are no share options excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share that per share in the future because they are anti-dilutive for the current period presented.	at could potentially dilute	basic earnings	
On 6 July 2015, Orocobre Limited issued 17,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares of \$1.90 ea \$32,300,000, for the purpose of providing project funding to the Olaroz project Joint Ventu		ion of	
NOTE 5: Auditors' Remuneration			
The auditor of Orocobre Limited is Ernst & Young.			
Remuneration of the auditor of the consolidated group for: - auditing or reviewing the financial report of the entity and any other entity in the consolidated group	194.046	309,298	
consolidated group	184,046		

	184,046	309,298
NOTE 6: Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	9,348,224	13,222,392
Short term deposits	91,095	13,080,000
	9,439,319	26,302,392

The effective interest rate on short term deposits was 2.94% (2014: 3.57%). Short term deposits held at 30 June 2015 relate to rental and other security deposits. Deposits relating to cash held in the prior year had an average maturity of 83 days.

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise of the following at 30 June:

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Cash at bank and on hand	9,348,224	13,222,392
Short term deposits	91,095	13,080,000
Total accessible cash and short-term deposits	9,439,319	26,302,392
Bank overdrafts (see Note 10)	(2,031,502)	(562,860)
Total cash and cash equivalents	7,407,817	25,739,532
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Loss after Income Tax:		
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after income tax	(1,044,954)	(5,555,514)
Non-cash flows in loss from ordinary activities:		(
Non-cash employee benefits expense - share based payments	1,135,252	382,894
Non-cash employee benefits expense	1,736,017	1,546,277
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,633,813	1,344,671
Gain on sale of assets	(192,661)	(147,793)
Share of loss of joint venture	227,696	315,162
Fair value adjustment of loans and financial assets	1,057,494	(12,231)
Finance income	(942,984)	(626,552)
Unrealised foreign exchange gain	(10,418,511)	410,064
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	(3,923,446)	(3,375,133)
(Decrease)/Increase in payables	6,508,278	6,316,302
(Decrease)/Increase in provisions	45,011	664,778
(Decrease)/Increase in provisions - taxation	(961,905)	(124,305)
(Increase)/Decrease in inventory	(4,737,441)	(524,518)
(Increase)/Decrease in prepayments	516,517	(509,043)
Cash flows from operations	(9,361,824)	105,059
NOTE 7: Trade and Other Receivables		
Current:		
Trade receivables	6,420,805	4,314,481
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I rade receivables	6,420,805	4,314,481
Related party receivables	108,302	1,556,058
Other receivables	1,909,466	1,494,488
VAT tax credits	1,094,726	23,085
	9,533,299	7,388,112

	Consolidated Group		
	2015 \$	2015	2014
		\$	
NOTE 7: Trade and Other Receivables (continued)			
Non Current:			
Trade receivables	1,450,753	2,318,144	
Receivable from joint venture - USD 23m (2014: USD 17.9m)	29,977,457	18,978,405	
		6,211,685	
Receivable from joint venture partners - USD 5.7m (2014: USD 5.8m)	7,363,486	0,211,000	
	7,363,486 2,480,228	331,982	

#### Trade and other receivables

As at 30 June 2015, no trade receivables were impaired. It is expected all balances will be received when due. There are no balances with terms that have been renegotiated but which would otherwise be past due or impaired. The amounts are non-interest bearing and generally on 120 days terms. No collateral is held over receivables. The carrying value of receivables approximate fair value

#### Credit Risk — Trade and Other Receivables

The Group has a total of \$3,574,954 (2014: \$355,067) of VAT recoveries due from the Argentine revenue authority. This amount represents a significant concentration of credit risk to the Group. On a geographical basis the Group has total receivables of A\$13,209,585 (2014: A\$8,388,757) denominated in Argentine pesos, which represents a significant concentration of credit risk to the Group.

#### Receivables from joint venture and joint venture partners

Receivables from joint venture and joint venture partners relates to amounts receivable in respect of the Olaroz project (see Note 14). All amounts are denominated in USD and A\$29,977,457 is interest bearing. The receivables will be recovered from cashflows from the Olaroz project (see Note 20).

The carrying values of the receivables from joint venture and joint venture partners approximate fair values. Fair value has been determined using a discounted cash flow valuation technique based on contractual and expected cash flows and current market interest rates (Level 3).

#### VAT Recovery

VAT is charged on services and goods (including capital) goods at rates between 10.5% and 27%, with 21% being the standard charge. VAT is generally recouped against VAT on local sales, if any, and/or up to 21% of export sales. Hence the recovery of VAT, that has been paid on capex and expenses to date, is a slow and extended process. VAT recovery has been historically slow, and is currently recouped by Borax Argentina as a percentage of local and export sales.

#### **NOTE 8: Inventory**

#### Current:

Inventory	11,076,850	5,514,244
	11,076,850	5,514,244
Non Current:		
Inventory	150,901	318,934
	150,901	318,934

Total inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Current inventories relate to borates and related products. Non current inventory relates to consumables and spare parts.

#### **NOTE 9: Other Assets**

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Current:		
Prepayments	16,685	502,822
NOTE 10: Financial Instruments		
Financial Assets Non-current - HSBC USD 37.5m Standby Letters of Credit	48,794,723	
Non-current - Shares in listed entity	12,232	24,464
·	48,806,955	24,464

The USD 37.5m Standby Letters of Credit (SBLC's) are short term deposits relating to the Company issuing SBLC's on behalf of the joint venture company Sales de Jujuy S.A.. Such deposits earn rates of between 0.29% and 0.48% and are generally held for a term of six months at a time. Such SBLC's have been provided due to a working capital requirement for Sales de Jujuy S.A. which has arisen principally due to delays in the production start up. The carrying value approximates fair value.

	Consolidated Group	
	2015	2014 \$
	\$	
NOTE 10: Financial Instruments (continued)		
Financial Liabilities		
Interest bearing loans and borrowings		
Current:		
ARS 18m HSBC Loan	684,548	799,256
Bank overdraft (Patagonia Bank)	768,121	562,860
Bank overdraft (HSBC)	1,106,045	-
Bank overdraft (Macro)	157,336	-
	2,716,050	1,362,116
Non Current:		
ARS 18m HSBC Loan	797,006	1,352,063
	797,006	1,352,063

The ARS 18m HSBC loan accrues interest at the rate of 15.25%, and has been drawn down under a four year bank facility. At 30 June 2015, the loan is repayable within 24 months and is secured by guarantee (see Note 22).

The bank overdrafts are Peso denominated, and have an indefinite term. The Patagonia Bank overdraft accrues interest at the rate of 29.5%, the HSBC overdraft accrues interest at the rate of 23.15%, and the Macro overdraft accrues interest at the rate of 26%.

The carrying amounts of the loans and borrowings approximate fair value. Fair value has been determined using a discounted cash flow valuation technique based on contractual and expected cash flows and current market interest rates (Level 2).

#### NOTE 11: Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment	Land & buildings	Work In Progress	Plant & equipment	Total
At cost	5,662,434	4,235,773	5,188,859	15,087,066
Accumulated depreciation	(779,352)	-	(943,578)	(1,722,930)
Total at 30 June 2014	4,883,082	4,235,773	4,245,281	13,364,136
At cost	12,484,173	1,134,431	6,885,839	20,504,443
Accumulated depreciation	(1,146,005)	-	(2,254,009)	(3,400,014)
Total at 30 June 2015	11,338,168	1,134,431	4,631,830	17,104,429
Property, plant and equipment			2015	2014
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts for property, plant	and equipment is set	t out below:		
Balance at the beginning of year			13,364,136	8,795,831
Additions - cash			2,547,628	6,744,627
Additions - non-cash			1,345,914	4,116,712
Depreciation expense			(1,633,813)	(1,344,671)
Foreign currency translation movement			1,480,564	(4,948,363)

Significant additions were made at Borax Argentina S.A..

#### Impairment

The recoverable amount of the Borax operations has been determined using a Value in Use methodology. The post tax cash flows expressed in real terms have been discounted using a post tax discount rate of 9.25%. The cash flows are based on management's most recent budgets and forecasts and include cash flow forecasts for the remaining mine lives based on current reserves.

In preparing the cash flows, no allowance has been made for expansion of the projects nor increases in reserves.

The material assumptions to which the Borax operation is most sensitive to are tonnage, selling prices, cost assumptions and the discount rate.

In determining there is no impairment of the Borax operations at 30 June 2015 management has forecast an improved performance in coming years with tonnage sold expected to increase 30% from FY2015 levels that were impacted by the ramp up of the Tincalayu plant and general economic conditions.

#### NOTE 12: Exploration, Evaluation and Development Asset

Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure carried forward in respect of areas of interest are:

Exploration and evaluation phase - at cost	11,148,806	10,065,419
Movement in exploration and evaluation asset:		
Opening balance - at cost	10,065,419	13,692,541
Capitalised exploration expenditure	376,653	386,025
Foreign currency translation movement	706,734	(4,013,147)
Carrying amount at the end of year	11,148,806	10,065,419

Recoverability of the carrying amount of exploration assets is dependent on the successful exploration and development of projects or alternatively through the sale of the areas of interest.

·		Consolidat	ed Group
		2015	2014
		\$	\$

#### NOTE 13: Information Relating to Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements of the Group include:

Name	Country of incorporation & principal place of business	% equity interest held by the Group	
South American Salar Minerals Pty Ltd	Australia	85.00	85.00
South American Salar S.A. (wholly owned subsidiary of	Argentina	85.00	85.00
South American Salar Minerals Pty Ltd)			
Borax Argentina Holding No 1 Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	100.00
Borax Argentina Holding No 2 Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	100.00
Borax Argentina S.A.	Argentina	100.00	100.00
Orocobre Brasil Representacoes E Assessoria Comercial LTDA (1)	Brazil	100.00	-

(1) Orocobre Brasil Representacoes E Assessoria Comercial was formed during the current financial year with the intention to be used as an importer/exporter and/or an agent of boron related products. To date the company has not yet transacted.

#### Joint venture in which the Group is a venturer

The Group has a 72.68% interest in Sales de Jujuy Pte Ltd. The country of incorporation is Singapore and the principal place of business is Singapore. Sales de Jujuy Pte Ltd owns 91.5% of Sales de Jujuy S.A., the owner and operator of the Olaroz lithium project.

Cash and short-term deposits held in Argentina are subject to local exchange control regulations.

#### NOTE 14: Investment in Joint Venture

Investment in Joint Venture

100,536,358 94,454,572

Construction of the project has been majority funded by a debt facility provided by Mizuho Bank Limited (with a maximum facility limit of US\$192 million). During the construction period TTC has provided a guarantee for its portion of the debt and also a joint guarantee with the Group for the Group's portion (together 100% of the debt). After completion of construction and after satisfying operating performance tests, the Japanese Government's Japanese Oil, Gas and Metal National Corporation ("JOGMEC") will provide a guarantee for a maximum of 82% of the project debt (to a maximum of US\$158 million). The remaining 18% of the debt will be guaranteed by TTC who will provide a guarantee for its portion (13%). To further secure the debt facility Sales de Jujuy Pte. Ltd (an entity owned by the Group and TTC) has provided security in favour of Mizuho Bank over the shares it owns in Sales de Jujuy S.A. (the entity which holds the Olaroz project).

During the financial year, overdrafts of A\$61 million (US\$47 million) were secured to fund working capital requirements for the project. These overdrafts were secured by SBLC's held by Orocobre Ltd (see Note 10).

Each of TTC and Orocobre Limited have granted cross charges on standard terms in favour of the other over their respective shareholding in Sales de Jujuy Pte. Ltd to better secure their respective performances of their obligations under the Sales de Jujuy Pte. Ltd joint venture agreement.

Under the terms of the Shareholder's Agreement, decisions over the relevant activities require the unanimous consent of both parties and as a result the arrangement is considered a joint venture and is accounted for using the equity accounting method.

#### Interest in Joint Venture

Orocobre Limited recognises its investment in the Olaroz project through equity accounting its interest in Sales de Jujuy Pte Ltd. (a joint venture entity) which owns 91.5% of the Olaroz project. The carrying value of the SDJ Pte equity accounted balance is assessed by reference to the recoverable amount of the Olaroz project.

During the financial year, Orocobre Limited provided funding to the joint venture via equity investment of \$1,109,330, loans of \$6,708,449 (Note 7), and through the provision of the placement of SBLC's of \$45,673,689 (Note 10).

The tables below provide summarised financial information for the Joint Venture of the group. The information disclosed reflects the amount presented in the financial statements of the Joint Venture and not Orocobre Limited's share of those amounts. They have been amended to reflect adjustments made by the entity when using the equity method, including fair value adjustments and modifications for differences in accounting policy.

01 11		Consolidated Group	
		2015	2014
		\$	\$
ΟΤΕ	14: Investment in Joint Venture (continued)		
	ummarised statement of financial position		
ir	Current assets, including cash and cash equivalents \$1,799,273 (2014: \$714,937), Inventory \$19,585,330 (2014: nil), and prepayments \$5,120,462 (2014: \$19,492,246) Ion-current assets, including intangible assets \$35,268,267 (2014: \$32,185,754) and	37,354,606	20,474,073
	iventory \$12,134,312 (2014: nil) (1)	559,513,589	358,877,052
C	Jurrent liabilities, including short-term borrowing \$82,503,235 (2014: \$2,233,274) lon-current liabilities, including long-term borrowing \$260,822,454 (2014: \$163,169,348)	(124,426,847)	(24,742,997
а	nd deferred tax liabilities \$35,268,386 (2014: \$32,185,863)	(320,058,622)	(211,306,219
	oint venture's non-controlling interest	(13,300,135)	(12,529,31
	iquity	139,082,591	130,772,59
	limination of unrealised intercompany transactions	<u>(755,186)</u> 138,327,405	(813,08) 129,959,51
	roportion of the Group's ownership	72.68%	72.68
	carrying amount of the investment	100,536,358	94,454,57
) Т	he major components of non-current assets as at 30 June 2015 are:		30 June 2015
	roperty, plant and equipment	_	\$
	air value uplift on creation of joint venture		110,194,17
	other assets		374,349,11
	ecoverable VAT		25,536,20
	nventory		12,134,31
C	Other assets	_	2,031,52
	otal tangible assets		524,245,32
	ntangible assets		05 000 00
	Goodwill fotal non-current assets	-	35,268,26
R	econciliation to carrying amounts	2015	2014
	Dening net assets 1 July	129,959,512	208,610,53
C	apital Investment	1,529,673	647,78
	Profit/(loss) for the period	(313,285)	(433,63
	Other comprehensive income	7,093,609	(78,052,09
	limination of unrealised intercompany transactions	57,896 138,327,405	(813,08) 129,959,51
	-		
	Group's share in % Group's share in \$	72.68% 100,536,358	72.68 94,454,57
	carrying amount	100,536,358	94,454,57
	summarised statement of comprehensive income	,,,,	
	levenue	259,208	
	Cost of sales	(258,712)	
	Other revenue	-	19
	inance income, including interest income \$12,097 (2014: \$80,459)	12,097	80,45
	inance costs, including interest expense \$11,947 (2014: \$5,626)	(11,947)	(5,62
	Corporate & administrative expenses, including depreciation \$997 (2014: \$1,381) Toreign currency gain/(loss)	(73,678) (269,356)	(34,57 (514,36
	rofit/(loss) before tax	(342,388)	(473,91
Ir	ncome tax expense	-	
	rofit/(loss) for the year from continuing operations	(342,388)	(473,91
	ncome attributable to joint venture's non-controlling interest	(29,103)	(40,28
	rofit/(loss) for the year from continuing operations Group's share of profit/(loss) for the year	(313,285) (227,696)	(433,63) (315,16)
	hare of the joint venture's other comprehensive income:		·
S		0 70 4 000	(40 540 44
	ranslation gain/(loss) on foreign operations	8,784,990	(40,518,41
T N	let gain/(loss) on revaluation of derivative	(3,294,729)	(2,566,73
T N S			(40,518,418 (2,566,737 (43,085,155 (43,400,317

Sales de Jujuy PTE LTD cannot distribute profits until it obtains the consent from the two venture partners.

VAT is charged on services and goods (including capital) goods at rates between 10.5% and 27%, with 21% being the standard charge. VAT is claimed back based on 21% of export sales and can also be recouped against VAT on local sales, if any. Hence the recovery of VAT, that has been paid on capex and expenses to date, is a slow and extended process. VAT related to Sales de Jujuy SA, is forecast to be fully recovered in the 2018-2019 financial year.

2015	2014
1010	2014
\$	\$

#### NOTE 14: Investment in Joint Venture (continued)

Operating commitments (see Note 21)

The Group's share of project development commitments which are funded through project financing:

988,919 31,399,819

#### Impairment

The recoverable amount of Orocobre's investment in the Olaroz joint venture has been determined using the fair value less costs to sell methodology (FCLTS) applying discounted cash flow techniques (DCF). The DCF has been undertaken by applying a post tax discount rate to the post tax cash flows expressed in real terms as at 30 June 2015. Cash flow forecasts consist of the 3 years to June 2018, reflecting the maximum period to commercial levels of production and operating costs, together with cash flow forecasts for the remaining life of mine based on current reserves.

In preparing the DCF no allowance has been made for expansion of the project nor increases in reserves.

The material assumptions to which the Olaroz project is most sensitive to are long term annual production rate and selling prices together with the discount rate. These assumptions and the break-even sensitivity which would generate a recoverable amount equal to the current carrying value are as follows:

Key Assumptions:	Base Case	Break Even Sensitivity	Percentage Movement
Discount rate, real terms weighted average cost of capital after tax	9.25%	16.12%	6.87%
Long term annual production level, 2018 onwards	17,500 tonnes	14,343 tonnes	(18.04%)
Long term real lithium price, 2018 onwards	US\$ 8,250	US\$ 5,426	(34.23%)
NOTE 15: Trade and other Payables	_	2015	2014
Current:			
Unsecured liabilities:			
Trade payables and accrued expenses		15,922,148	7,819,393
Subsidiary and associate instalments payable (1)		2,112,308	1,061,980
	-	18,034,456	8,881,373
Non-Current:			
Unsecured liabilities:			
Trade payables and accrued expenses		1,477,299	2,231,755
Subsidiary and associate instalments payable (1)		-	665,060
		1,477,299	2,896,815

The carrying amounts approximate fair value. Fair value has been determined using a discounted cash flow valuation technique based on contractual and expected cash flows and current market interest rates (Level 3).

(1) The Company has advised Rio Tinto PLC that it considered Rio Tinto PLC to be in breach of certain warranties provided by Rio Tinto PLC to the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of the shares of Borax Argentina S.A. The quantum of any damages that the Company may have suffered is currently being quantified. Rio Tinto PLC has referred the matter to arbitration. The hearing of the arbitration has been set for 14 December 2015. As a result of the alleged breach of warranties by Rio Tinto PLC the Company declined to make a payment to Rio Tinto PLC of USD 1,000,000 due on 21 August 2014, and a payment of USD 629,013 due 21 August 2015.

#### **NOTE 16: Provisions**

#### Non-Current:

Non ourrent.		
Provision for rehabilitation	12,182,537	9,848,800
Other provisions	70,538	22,168
	12,253,075	9,870,968
Rehabilitation provision		

The Group has recognised a provision for rehabilitation obligations associated with Borax S.A.'s operations. The rehabilitation is expected to commence in 2043.

Reconciliation of the carrying amount for provision for rehabilitation is set out below:		
Balance at the beginning of year	9,848,800	10,051,530
Arising during the year	1,345,914	4,116,712
Foreign currency translation	987,823	(4,319,442)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	12,182,537	9,848,800

#### NOTE 17: Employee Benefit Liability

#### Annual leave:

Current		242.120	193.351
ourion	-	272,120	135,551

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Ordinary shares       No.         Balance at the beginning of the reporting year       132,041,911       1         Shares issued during the year:       12 February 2015 - Australian placement at \$2.55       15,318,712         17 March 2015 - Australian placement at \$2.55       3,925,491         20 March 2015 - Australian placement at \$2.55       3,925,491         20 March 2015 - Australian placement at \$2.55       100,000         25 March 2015 - Australian placement at \$2.55       267,563         Balance at the end of the reporting year       151,653,677         Options       No.         Unlisted Share Options and Performance Rights       2,562,493         Options and rights issued during the year (see Note 23)       639,272         Options and rights lapsed during the year (see Note 23)       (100,000)         Balance at the end of the reporting year       3,101,765         Share option and performance right schemes       3,101,765         The Group has two share schemes under which options and performance rights to subscribe for the Group's shares hav granted to certain executives and senior employees (Note 23).         NOTE 19: Reserves       Foreign controlled subsidiaries       (6,598,139)         Foreign ipoint venture (Group's share)       (31,733,427)       1	Group
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The cash flow hedge reserve records the revaluation of derivative financial instruments in the joint venture that qualify for accounting. This represents the Group's share of equity accounted cash flow hedge reserves.	
Total reserves (41,662,893)	(48,478,45

#### **NOTE 20: Related Party Disclosures**

The following table provides the total amount of transactions that have been entered into with related parties for the relevant financial year. For information regarding outstanding balances at 30 June 2015 and 2014, refer to Note 7:

	Consolidated Group	
	2015	2014 \$
	\$	
NOTE 20: Related Party Disclosures (continued)		
Joint venture in which the Parent is a venturer:		
Sales de Jujuy PTE LTD		
Exploration costs reimbursed - joint venture	1,021,779	1,607,122
Amounts owed by Joint Venture	108,302	87,232

At 30 June 2015, \$29,977,457 is recorded as a receivable from the joint venture entity, and \$7,363,486 is recorded as recoverable from a joint venture partner.

\$22,362,163 of the loan to the joint venture entity is interest bearing at LIBOR +1% per annum and will be repaid during the period the joint venture is operational and after satisfaction of the minimum requirements of the project finance facility.

\$6,642,006 of the loan to the joint venture entity is interest bearing at LIBOR + 5% per annum and will be repaid in twelve consecutive monthly and equal instalments beginning March 20, 2018.

\$973,288 of the loan to the joint venture entity is interest bearing at LIBOR + .75% per annum and will be repaid in full before July 24, 2028.

The loan to a joint venture partner is non-interest bearing and will be repaid when the joint venture pays dividends, at 33.3% of dividends distribution to the joint venture partner.

#### Compensation of Key Management Personnel of the Group

Short-term employee benefits	1,929,247	1,912,394
Post-employment benefits	89,970	71,087
Other long-term benefits	33,772	80,910
Share-based payments	797,121	209,954
Total compensation	2,850,110	2,274,345

Detailed disclosures on compensation for key management personnel are set out in the Remuneration Report included in the Directors' Report.

#### Interests held by Key Management Personnel under the Share Option and Performance Right Plans

Share options and performance rights held by key management personnel under the Share Option and Performance Right Plans to purchase ordinary shares have the following expiry dates and exercise prices:

					2015 Number	2014 Number
Issue Date		Expiry Date	Exerc	ise Price	outstanding	outstanding
30/11/2011	Options	30/11/2016	\$	2.03	550,000	550,000
21/03/2013	Options	30/09/2015	\$	2.20	301,092	301,092
21/03/2013	P. Rights	30/09/2015	\$	-	140,792	140,792
30/04/2014	P. Rights	30/09/2016	\$	-	328,467	328,467
21/11/2014	P. Rights	30/09/2016	\$	-	160,658	-
21/01/2015	P. Rights	30/09/2017	\$	-	333,940	-
				-	1,814,949	1,320,351

Details of options provided as compensation for key management personnel are also set out in the Remuneration Report included in the Directors' Report.

Terms and conditions of grants made during the period are disclosed in Note 23.

#### Other related parties of the group:

Elementos Limited - Sales to related parties:

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Elementos Limited, listed on the ASX, is a related party of the Group as Mr Seville is a director of that company.

The parent entity's shareholding in the controlled entities is detailed in Note 13. The company also provides finance to its controlled entities.

The Group's contractual commitments to the joint venture regarding project development is set out in Note 21.

#### **NOTE 21: Commitments**

Not later than 1 year	70,490	64,356
- exploration commitments (1)	144,383	122,802
- operating leases (2)	<u>3,464,839</u>	<u>31,222,740</u>
- contracts (3)	<u>3,679,712</u>	31,409,898
Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	281,960	257,422
- exploration commitments (1)	382,767	-
- operating leases (2)	605,457	164,566
- contracts (3)	1,270,184	421,988

#### NOTE 21: Commitments (continued)

- (1) The economic entity must meet minimum expenditure commitments in relation to option agreements over exploration tenements and to maintain those tenements in good standing.
- The commitments exist at balance sheet date but have not been brought to account. If the relevant mineral tenement is relinquished the expenditure commitment also ceases.
- (2) The lease commitment relates to a non-cancellable lease on the office premises, with a 3 year 6 month term remaining at 30 June 2015. Rent is payable monthly in advance.
- (3) The Group has contractual commitments regarding project development.

#### **NOTE 22: Contingent Items**

The Parent has provided the following guarantee at 30 June 2015:

- Guarantee of 100% of the loan made under Loan Communication A5380 of the Central Bank of Argentina from HSBC Bank Argentina S.A. up to the loan amount of AR\$18m (2015: AR\$10.4m, A\$1.5m; 2014: AR\$16.3m, A\$2.2m). This loan was granted to Borax Argentina S.A. on 25 June 2013.

2015

2014

- Refer to Note 14 for additional guarantees provided by the Group.

#### NOTE 23: Share Based Payments

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Expense arising from equity-settled share based payment transactions	1,135,252	382,894
This relates to equity-settled share based payments in the form of grants of options under the	Employee & Officer Sha	are Option
Plan and grants of options and performance rights under the Performance Rights & Option Pla	ın.	

#### **Options and Performance Rights**

#### Employee & Officer Share Option Plan (EOSOP)

Under the Employee & Officer Share Option Plan (EOSOP), awards are made to executives and other key talent who have an impact on the Group's performance. EOSOP awards are delivered in the form of options over shares which vest over varying periods subject to the employee remaining in service.

The parent entity had 1,700,000 share options on issue at the start of the year, 400,000 with an exercise price \$2.03 expiring 30 September 2015, 650,000 with an exercise price \$1.50 expiring 30 November 2016, 350,000 with an exercise price \$1.50 expiring 31 July 2017, 200,000 with an exercise price \$1.50 expiring 31 May 2018, and 100,000 with an exercise price \$2.53 expiring 1 October 2017.

During the year, 100,000 of these options were forfeited.

#### Performance Rights & Option Plan (PROP)

Under the Performance Rights & Option Plan (PROP), awards are made to executives who have an impact on the Group's performance, and are delivered in the form of options and rights.

The parent entity had 862,493 share options and performance rights on issue at the start of the year, 301,092 options with an exercise price \$2.20 expiring 30 September 2015, 140,792 performance rights with an exercise price \$0.00 expiring 30 September 2015, and 420,609 performance rights with an exercise price \$0.00 expiring 30 September 2016.

#### i) Performance Rights & Option Plan (PROP) - 21 January 2015

PROP performance rights vest over a period of 3 years and are subject to the following Total Shareholder Return (TSR) Outperformance Conditions, and continuous service until the vesting date.

TSR Performance Condition (Absolute, 50%)	Proportion of Options which vest
If TSR falls below 7.5% return per annum	None of the Options vest
If TSR lies between 7.5% and 10% return per annum	50% of the Options vest
If TSR lies between 10% and 12.5% return per annum	75% of the Options vest
If TSR lies at or above the 12.5% return per annum	100% the Options vest
TSR Performance Condition (Relative, 50%)	Proportion of Options which vest
Greater than 75th percentile	100% of the Options vest
Equal to or greater than 50th percentile	50% of the Options vest
Less than 50th percentile	None of the Options vest

During the year, 478,614 performance right's (P.R.'s) were granted pursuant to the company's Performance Rights and Option Plan for nil consideration. Performance rights are exercisable at \$0.00 each with 478,614 expiring on 30 September 2017.

#### NOTE 23: Share Based Payments (continued)

ii) Performance Rights & Option Plan (PROP) - 21 November 2014

PROP performance rights vest over a period of 3 years and are subject to a number of various Hurdle Conditions, and continuous service from the date of grant until the first exercise date.

Hurdle Conditions	Number of Performance Rights
Olaroz: Construction Cost Hurdle - Achieve construction costs (excluding finance charges,	13,388
Olaroz: Operating Cost Hurdle - Achieve operating costs (excluding general and	13,388
Olaroz: Production Rate Hurdle - Achieve design production rates in the 2016 financial year	13,388
Borax Argentina: EBITDA Hurdle - EBITDA performance for the 2016 financial year	40,165
External Measure: TSR Outperformance - TSR outperformance relative to component	80,329
	160,658

During the year, 160,658 performance right's (P.R.'s) were granted pursuant to the company's Performance Rights and Option Plan for nil consideration. Performance rights are exercisable at \$0.00 each with 160,658 expiring on 30 September 2016.

iii) Performance Rights & Option Plan (PROP) - 30 April 2014

PROP options over shares vest over a period of 3.5 years and are subject to continuous service from the date of grant until the first exercise date.

PROP performance rights vest over a period of 2.4 years and are subject to a number of various Hurdle Conditions, and continuous service from the date of grant until the first exercise date.

Hurdle Conditions	Number of Performance Rights
Olaroz: Construction Cost Hurdle - Achieve construction costs (excluding finance charges,	
marketing and Brisbane charges)	35,051
Olaroz: Operating Cost Hurdle - Achieve operating costs (excluding general and	
administration expenses) in the 2016 financial year	35,051
Olaroz: Production Rate Hurdle - Achieve design production rates in the 2016 financial year	35,051
Borax Argentina: EBITDA Hurdle - EBITDA performance for the 2016 financial year	
(excluding Orocobre Ltd flow through)	105,153
External Measure: TSR Outperformance - TSR outperformance relative to component	
companies of the ASX 300 Resources Index	210,303
	420.609

iv) Performance Rights & Option Plan (PROP) - 21 March 2013

PROP options over shares vest over a period of 2.5 years and are subject to the following Total Shareholder Return (TSR) Outperformance Conditions, and continuous service until the vesting date.

TSR Performance Condition	Proportion of Options which vest
If TSR falls below the 50th percentile	None of the Options vest
If TSR is at the 50th percentile	50% of the Options vest
If TSR lies between the 50th and 75th percentiles	The proportion of Options that vest increases linearly from 50% and 100%
If TSR lies at or above the 75th percentile	100% the Options vest

PROP performance rights vest over a period of 2.5 years and are subject to the following Milestone Conditions, and continuous service until the vesting date.

Milestone Conditions	Number of Performance Rights which may vest
Complete construction of the Olaroz Project within 10% of the Development Budget as set	
out in the Shareholder's Agreement	
Achieve satisfaction of the completed tests for the Olaroz Project, as specified in Banking	
Agreements with Mizuho Banking Corporation	105,594
Achieve audited Net Profit after Tax of A\$5M or more in the 2015 financial year	35,198
	140,792

All options and performance rights granted are over ordinary shares, which confer a right of one ordinary share per option or performance right. The options and performance rights hold no voting or dividend rights. At the end of the financial year there are 1,814,949 options and performance rights on issue to key management personnel (2014: 1,320,351).

Movements in the year are:

Number of Options & P.R.'s	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options & P.R.'s	Weighted Average Exercise Price
No	\$	No	\$
2,562,493	1.377	2,041,884	1.604
639,272	-	520,609	0.486
(100,000)	1.500	-	-
3,101,765	1.089	2,562,493	1.377
1,437,500	1.683	1,400,000	1.670
	Options & P.R.'s No 2,562,493 639,272 (100,000) 3,101,765	Options & P.R.'s         Average Exercise Price           No         \$           2,562,493         1.377           639,272         -           (100,000)         1.500           3,101,765         1.089	Options & P.R.'s         Average Exercise Price         Number of Options & P.R.'s           No         No           2,562,493         1.377         2,041,884           639,272         -         520,609           (100,000)         1.500         -           3,101,765         1.089         2,562,493

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2014

#### NOTE 23: Share Based Payments (continued)

At the date of issue, the weighted average share price of options and performance rights granted in the current year was \$2.706. The options and performance rights outstanding at 30 June 2015 had a weighted average exercise price of \$1.089 and a weighted average remaining contractual life of 1.4 years.

The weighted average fair value of options and performance rights granted during the year was \$1.96 (2014: \$1.69).

The fair value of options and performance rights granted is deemed to represent the value of the employee services received over the vesting period. The fair value of equity settled options and performance rights are estimated at the date of grant using either a Binomial Option Valuation model or Monte Carlo Simulation with the following inputs:

Year of Issue	201	3 - PROP	20	013 - PROP	20	14 - PROP	2	014 - PROP	20	014 - PROP
Grant date		21/11/2014		21/11/2014		30/04/2014		30/04/2014		30/04/2014
Number Issued		80,329		80,329		100,000		210,302		210,307
Fair value at grant date	\$	2.33	\$	2.67	\$	0.77	\$	2.23	\$	1.59
Share price	\$	2.67	\$	2.67	\$	2.23	\$	2.23	\$	2.23
Exercise price	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2.53	\$	-	\$	-
Expected volatility		50%		50%		50.00%		50.00%		50.00%
Option life		3 years		3 years		3.25 years		2.25 years		2.25 years
Expected dividends		nil		nil		nil		nil		nil
Risk-free interest rate		2.50%		2.50%		2.84%		2.84%		2.84%
Year of Issue			2(	014 - PROP	20	14 - PROP	2	014 - PROP	20	)14 - PROP
Year of Issue Grant date			2(	21/01/2015	20	21/01/2015	2	014 - PROP 21/11/2014	20	21/11/2014
			20		20		2		20	
Grant date			20 \$	21/01/2015	20 \$	21/01/2015	2 \$	21/11/2014	20 \$	21/11/2014
Grant date Number Issued				21/01/2015 164,284	-	21/01/2015 164,291		21/11/2014 75,019		21/11/2014 75,020
Grant date Number Issued Fair value at grant date			\$	21/01/2015 164,284 1.98	\$	21/01/2015 164,291 1.59	\$	21/11/2014 75,019 1.95	\$	21/11/2014 75,020 1.58
Grant date Number Issued Fair value at grant date Share price			\$	21/01/2015 164,284 1.98	\$	21/01/2015 164,291 1.59 2.74	\$ \$	21/11/2014 75,019 1.95	\$	21/11/2014 75,020 1.58
Grant date Number Issued Fair value at grant date Share price Exercise price			\$	21/01/2015 164,284 1.98 2.74	\$	21/01/2015 164,291 1.59 2.74	\$ \$	21/11/2014 75,019 1.95 2.67	\$	21/11/2014 75,020 1.58 2.67
Grant date Number Issued Fair value at grant date Share price Exercise price Expected volatility			\$	21/01/2015 164,284 1.98 2.74 - 50.00%	\$	21/01/2015 164,291 1.59 2.74 - 50%	\$ \$	21/11/2014 75,019 1.95 2.67 - 50%	\$	21/11/2014 75,020 1.58 2.67 - 50%

Historical volatility has been the basis for determining expected share price volatility as it is assumed that this is indicative of future movements.

#### NOTE 24: Financial Risk Management

#### (a) Financial Risk Management

The Group's financial instruments comprise deposits with banks, financial assets, amounts receivable and payable, and interest bearing liabilities.

The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide finance for Group operations.

#### Risk Management Policies

Key management of the Group meet on a regular basis to analyse exposure and to evaluate treasury management strategies in the context of the most recent economic conditions and forecasts.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Group's risk management framework. Management is responsible for developing and monitoring the risk management policies and reports to the Board.

#### Financial Risks

The main risks the economic entity is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. There is a minor exposure to price risk through the financial assets. These risks are managed through monitoring of forecast cashflows, interest rates, economic conditions and ensuring adequate funds are available.

#### Equity price risk

The Group's listed equity securities are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future values of the investment securities.

At the reporting date, the exposure to listed equity securities at fair value was \$12,232. An increase or decrease of 10% on the ASX market index could have an impact of approximately \$1,223 on the profit attributable to the Group, depending on whether the variance is significant or prolonged.

#### Interest Rate Risk

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of reasonable possible changes in market interest rates arises in relation to the Group's bank balances.

This risk is managed through the use of variable rate term deposits.

#### NOTE 24: Financial Risk Management (continued)

#### Interest Rate Sensitivity

With all other variables held constant, the Group's profit after tax is affected through the impact on floating rate cash and receivables as follows:

2015	2014
9,439,319	26,302,392
29,977,457	18,978,405
48,794,723	-
88,211,499	45,280,797
617,480	316,966
	9,439,319 29,977,457 48,794,723 88,211,499

The assumed movement in basis points for the interest rate sensitivity analysis is based on the currently observable market environment.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able meet its financial obligations as they fall due. This risk is managed by ensuring, to the extent possible, that there is sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

The Group's activities are funded from equity sources and revenue.

Contractual maturities of financial liabilities:

Year ended 30 June 2015	Within 12 months	1 to 5 Years	Over 5 years	Total
- payables	18,034,456	1,477,299	-	19,511,755
<ul> <li>loans and borrowings</li> </ul>	2,970,805	892,643	-	3,863,448
	21,005,261	2,369,942	-	23,375,203
Year ended 30 June 2014	Within 12 months	1 to 5 Years	Over 5 years	Total
Year ended 30 June 2014 - payables	Within 12 months 8,881,373	<b>1 to 5 Years</b> 2,896,815	Over 5 years	<b>Total</b> 11,778,188
			Over 5 years - -	

#### Foreign Currency Risk

The group is exposed to fluctuations in the United States Dollar arising from the purchase of goods and services, and loans and receivables in currencies other than the group's measurement currency. The Group does not currently undertake any hedging of foreign currency items.

#### Foreign Currency Sensitivity

The following tables demonstrate the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in the US Dollar exchange rates, with all other variables held constant. The impact on the Group's profit after tax and equity is due to changes in the fair value of monetary assets and liabilities.

	2015	2014
United States Dollar cash & cash equivalents	8,128,311	12,362,732
United States Dollar receivables	45,212,501	25,190,090
United States Dollar financial assets	48,794,723	-
United States Dollar payables	(2,112,308)	(1,727,040)
	100,023,227	35,825,782
Effect on profit as a result of a:		
10% +/- Reasonably possible change in United States Dollar	7,001,626	2,507,805
Effect on equity as a result of a:		
10% +/- Reasonably possible change in United States Dollar	7,001,626	2,507,805

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss. The Group is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities (primarily trade receivables) and from its financing activities, including deposits with banks and financial institutions, foreign exchange transactions and other financial instruments.

Credit risk is managed and reviewed regularly by key management. It arises from exposures to certain financial instruments and deposits with financial institutions. Key management monitor credit risk by actively assessing the rating quality and liquidity of counter parties. Only banks and financial institutions with an 'A' rating are utilised.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

The Group does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or Group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the Group, other than bank balances and short term deposits (Note 6), VAT tax credits, and non current receivables (Note 7).

#### NOTE 24: Financial Risk Management (continued)

#### Commodity Price Risk

The Group's prospects and share price will be influenced by the price obtained from time to time for the commodities targeted in its exploration programs, namely lithium chemicals and potash and, to a lesser extent, other minerals. The prices of such commodities have fluctuated widely in recent years and are affected by factors beyond the control of the Group including, but not limited to, the relationship between global supply and demand for such minerals which may be affected by, among other things, development and commercial acceptance of lithium based applications and technologies and/or the introduction of new technologies that may not be based on lithium, forward selling by producers, the cost of production, new mine developments and mine closures, advances in various production technologies for such minerals and general global economic conditions. The prices of such commodities are also affected by the outlook for inflation, interest rates, currency exchange rates and supply and demand issues. Also, major lithium producers may attempt to sell lithium products at artificially low prices in order to drive new entrants out of the market. These factors may have an adverse effect on the Group's exploration and any subsequent development and production activities, as well as its ability to fund its future activities.

The Group is affected by the market forces and market price cycles of boron chemical and mineral products. In relation to boron chemical and mineral products the market price is determined largely by the market supply and demand balance. There are two significant manufacturers of boron chemicals and minerals in the global market so the supply side is relatively consolidated. Boron chemical and mineral products are used in applications such as ceramic and glass manufacture, insulation and fertiliser manufacture. Although there is a cyclic profile in these markets they are considered steady growth markets linked strongly to urbanisation and food production so volatility is not considered high. In terms of inputs, the major input is ore mined from the companies own assets so input cost risk is managed through control of cost inputs such as diesel fuel, labour and gas via forward contracts. All sales contracts are agreed in USD or USD equivalent prices and forward contracts are agreed for periods of 3-12 months.

#### Trading Commodity Price Sensitivity

The following table shows the effect of price changes in boron chemicals on Trade Debtors at 30 June 2015.

Effect on profit as a result of a:	2015	2014
10% +/- Reasonably possible change in Boron chemicals	417,669	280,588

#### Capital management

Capital includes equity attributable to the equity holders of the Parent.

The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure that it maintains a strong credit rating and healthy capital ratios to support its business and maximise the shareholder's value.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may return capital to shareholders or issue new shares.

No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes for managing capital during the years ended 30 June 2015 and 2014. The change in the gearing ratio in the current year reflects the increase in cash as a result of the capital raising during the year.

Trade and other payables (Note 15) Loans and borrowings (Note 10)	19,511,755 3.513.056	11,778,188 2,714,179
Less: cash and short-term deposits (Note 6)	(9,439,319)	(26,302,392)
Net debt	13,585,492	(11,810,025)
Equity	212,886,128	160,735,431
Capital and net debt	226,471,620	148,925,406
Gearing ratio	6%	-8%

#### (b) Net Fair Values

No financial assets or liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in a standardised form, other than shares in listed entities.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements. Fair values are materially in line with carrying values. The shares in listed entities comprise listed investments for which a level 1 fair value hierarchy has been applied (quoted price in an active market). For other assets, fair value has been determined using a discounted cash flow valuation technique based on contractual and expected cash flows and current market interest rates (Level 3).

#### (c) Financial Assets

The Group's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable, loans to and from subsidiaries, and joint ventures.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 30 June 2015

#### NOTE 24: Financial Risk Management (continued)

Consolidated 2015 9,439,319 9,533,299 41,271,924 48,794,723	Group 2014 26,302,392 7,388,112 27,840,216
9,439,319 9,533,299 41,271,924	26,302,392 7,388,112
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48,794,723	
	-
12,232	24,464
109,051,497	61,555,184
18,034,456	8,881,373
1,477,299	2,896,815
2,716,050	1,362,116
797,006	1,352,063
	14,492,367
	1,477,299 2,716,050

#### NOTE 25: Segment Reporting

The Group operates primarily in Argentina in the mining industry. The Group's primary focus is on exploration for and development of lithium, potash and salar mineral deposits. The Group also includes the operations of Borax.

The economic entity has four reportable segments, being Corporate, the Olaroz project, South American Salars and Borax.

In determining operating segments, the entity has had regard to the information and reports the chief operating decision maker uses to make strategic decisions regarding resources. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is considered to be the chief operating decision maker and is empowered by the Board of Directors to allocate resources and assess the performance of the economic entity. The CEO assesses and reviews the business using the reportable segments below. Segment performance is evaluated based on the performance criteria parameters agreed for each segment. These include, but are not limited to: financial performance, exploration activity, mine yield, production volumes and cost controls.

Transfer prices between operating segments are on an arm's length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.

#### Segment Information

The following tables present revenue and profit information about the Group's operating segments for the year ended 30 June 2015 and 2014 respectively.

Year ended 30 June			South American			
2015	Corporate	Olaroz project	Salars	Borax	Eliminations	Total Entity
REVENUE	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
External revenue	90,479	-	160,516	26,829,226	-	27,080,221
Intersegment revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total segment revenue	90,479	-	160,516	26,829,226	-	27,080,221
RESULTS						
Interest income (Note 2b)	1,281,626	-	232,842	465,662	(691,289)	1,288,841
Unterest expense (Note						
2c)	(1,852,332)	-	(470,765)	(1,850,434)	1,420,957	(2,752,574)
Depreciation (Note 2d)	(18,914)	-	(49,516)	(1,565,383)	-	(1,633,813)
Share of loss of joint						
venture (Note 14)	-	(227,696)	-	-	-	(227,696)
Options expense (Note						
23)	(1,135,252)	-	-	-	-	(1,135,252)
Revaluation on AFS						
financial assets (Note 10)	12,232	-	-	-	-	12,232
Unrealised FX gain	12,187,928	-	(26,362)	(1,743,056)		10,418,510
Segment profit/(loss)	4,361,302	(227,696)	(201,764)	(5,018,875)	42,079	(1,044,954)

Inter-segment interest of \$691,289 is eliminated on consolidation.

#### NOTE 25: Segment Reporting (continued)

orporate	Olaroz project	Coloro			
¢		Salars	Borax	Eliminations	Total Entity
ð.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
6,763	-	-	26,761,227	-	26,767,990
-	-	-	-	-	-
6,763	-	-	26,761,227	-	26,767,990
1,647,634	-	253,258	210,480	(965,591)	1,145,781
-	-	(506,516)	(1,212,200)	688,869	(1,029,847)
(22,742)	-	(62,593)	(1,259,336)	-	(1,344,671)
-	(315,162)	-	-	-	(315,162)
(382,894)	-	-	-	-	(382,894)
(12,231)	-	-	-	-	(12,231)
(1,080,187)	-	(376,644)	1,046,767	-	(410,064)
(5,028,820)	(315,162)	(643,144)	1,501,504	(1,069,892)	(5,555,514)
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Inter-segment interest of \$965,591 is eliminated on consolidation.

The following tables present segment assets and liabilities of the Group's operating segments as at 30 June 2015 and 2014:

As at 30 June 2015	Corporate \$	Olaroz project \$	South American Salars \$	Borax \$	Eliminations \$	Total Entity \$
ASSETS Segment assets	95,914,166	137,877,301	29,718,683	60,373,183	(72,082,017)	251 901 216
	95,914,100	137,077,301	29,710,003	00,373,163	(72,082,017)	251,801,316
LIABILITIES Segment liabilities	2,564,865	584,354	29,004,281	59,412,045	(51,585,134)	39,980,411
OTHER DISCLOSURES						
Investment in a JV (Note	-	100,536,358	-	-	-	100,536,358
Capital Expenditure (Note	-	-	(376,653)	(2,547,628)	-	(2,924,281)
(15)			South American			
As at 30 June 2014	Corporate \$	Olaroz project \$	Salars \$	Borax \$	Eliminations \$	Total Entity \$
ASSETS	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
Segment assets	55,657,993	119,644,662	25,649,584	40,675,171	(54,385,182)	187,242,228
LIABILITIES Segment liabilities	1,732,936	583,760	25,763,071	39,466,049	(39,889,841)	27,655,975
OTHER DISCLOSURES						
	-	94,454,572	-	-	-	94,454,572
Capital Expenditure (Note	(102,082)	-	(283,943)	(6,744,627)	-	(7,130,652)

### Segment accounting policies

Segment accounting policies are consistent with those adopted in the annual financial statements of the Group.

Reconciliation of profit	2015	2014
Segment profit	(1,044,954)	(5,555,514)
Group profit	(1,044,954)	(5,555,514)

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NOTE 25: Segment Reporting (continued)	2015	2014
Reconciliation of assets		
Segment operating assets	323,883,333	241,627,410
Inter-segment loans (eliminations)	(51,585,134)	(39,096,048)
Inter-segment investments (eliminations)	(20,496,883)	(15,289,134)
Group operating assets	251,801,316	187,242,228
Reconciliation of liabilities		
Segment operating liabilities	91,565,545	67,545,816
Inter-segment loans (eliminations)	(51,585,134)	(39,889,841)
Group operating liabilities	39,980,411	27,655,975
Geographic Information Revenues from external customers		
Australia	90,479	6,763
Argentina	26,989,742	26,761,227
Total revenue	27,080,221	26,767,990
The revenue information above is based on the locations of the origin of the sale.		
Segment Assets		
Auștralia	95,914,166	55,657,993
Argentina	155,887,150	131,584,235
Total assets	251,801,316	187,242,228
Segment Liabilities		
Australia	2,564,865	1,732,936
Argentina	37,415,546	25,923,039
Total liabilities	39,980,411	27,655,975

#### NOTE 26: Events After the Reporting Period

In June 2015, the Company raised \$32.3m through placement to institutional and sophisticated investors. Such funds were received post year end on 3 July 2015.

Post year end, Borax Argentina received a loan of ARS 29m (approximately USD 3m) to fund productive asset improvements including the expansion of the boric acid plant.

### NOTE 27: Parent Entity Information

The following information relates to the parent entity, Orocobre Limited at 30 June 2015. This information has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards using consistent accounting policies as presented in Note 1. The information is extracted from the books and records of the parent.

Total assets         272,528,128         219,241,327           Current liabilities         2,548,368         1,120,643           Non-current liabilities         584,354         583,760           Total liabilities         3,132,722         1,704,403           Contributed equity         176,488,844         130,139,019           Reserves         2,862,326         1,727,074           Accumulated profits/(losses)         90,044,236         85,670,831	Current assets	58,818,040	26,451,605
Current liabilities         2,548,368         1,120,643           Non-current liabilities         584,354         583,760           Total liabilities         3,132,722         1,704,403           Contributed equity         176,488,844         130,139,019           Reserves         2,862,326         1,727,074           Accumulated profits/(losses)         90,044,236         85,670,831	Non-current assets	213,710,088	192,789,722
Non-current liabilities         584,354         583,760           Total liabilities         3,132,722         1,704,403           Contributed equity         176,488,844         130,139,019           Reserves         2,862,326         1,727,074           Accumulated profits/(losses)         90,044,236         85,670,831	Total assets	272,528,128	219,241,327
Total liabilities         3,132,722         1,704,403           Contributed equity         176,488,844         130,139,019           Reserves         2,862,326         1,727,074           Accumulated profits/(losses)         90,044,236         85,670,831	Current liabilities	2,548,368	1,120,643
Contributed equity         176,488,844         130,139,019           Reserves         2,862,326         1,727,074           Accumulated profits/(losses)         90,044,236         85,670,831	Non-current liabilities	584,354	583,760
Reserves         2,862,326         1,727,074           Accumulated profits/(losses)         90,044,236         85,670,831	Total liabilities	3,132,722	1,704,403
Accumulated profits/(losses) 90,044,236 85,670,831	Contributed equity	176,488,844	130,139,019
	Reserves	2,862,326	1,727,074
269.395.406 217.536.924	Accumulated profits/(losses)	90,044,236	85,670,831
	Total equity	269,395,406	217,536,924
Profit/(loss) for the year 4,373,405 (5,146,350)	Profit/(loss) for the year	4,373,405	(5,146,350)
Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the year4,373,405(5,146,350)	Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the year	4,373,405	(5,146,350)

<u>Oroco</u>bre Limited has entered into a guarantee, in the current financial year, in relation to a loan for its subsidiary, Borax S.A. (see Note 22). The company had no contingent liabilities at year end. As set out in Note 21 the Company has an operating lease commitment for \$527,150 (2014: \$122,802).

#### **NOTE 28: Company Details**

The registered office and principal place of business is: Level 1, 349 Coronation Drive, Milton, Queensland 4064, Australia.

## **Directors Declaration**

### Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Orocobre Limited, I state that:

1. In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the financial statements and notes of Orocobre Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
- (b) the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

2. This declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made to the directors by the

Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer in accordance with section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

- O. Cas James D Calaway Chairman Dated this: 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2015

Richard P Seville Managing Director



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## Independent auditor's report to the members of Orocobre Limited

## Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Orocobre Limited, which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

## Directors' responsibility 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 controls as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

## Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

### Independence

In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration, a copy of which is included in the directors' report.

## Opinion

In our opinion:

a. the financial report of Orocobre Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:



- i giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations* 2001; and
- b. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

### Report on the remuneration report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2015. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Orocobre Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015, complies with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001.

Ernst & Young

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Kellie McKenzie Partner Brisbane 23 September 2015

The following is additional information required by the Australian Securities Exchange Limited and not disclosed elsewhere in this report.

## Shareholder Details

The following information	on is provided as at 21 September, 201	5.
	Distribution of	Shareholders
	Category Number (Size of Holding)	Number of Holders
$\bigcirc$	1 – 1,000	1,042
	1,001 - 5,000	1,516
	5,001 - 10,000	626
	10,001 - 100,000	691
$(\Box b)$	100,001 – and over	91
	Total	3,966

The number of shareholdings held in less than marketable parcels is 307.

The following details the twenty largest individual shareholder accounts as of 21 September 2015.

### Twenty Largest Holder Accounts - Ordinary Shares

Rank	Shareholder Name	Number of Shares Held	% of Total Capital
1	J P Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	25,339,405	15.025
2	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	24,317,895	14.419
3	National Nominees Limited	18,135,585	10.753
4	Lithium Investors LLC	8,467,563	5.021
5	BNP Paribas Noms Pty Ltd	6,102,650	3.618
6	Richard Seville & Associates Pty Ltd	4,871,500	2.888
7	UBS Nominees Pty Ltd	4,290,358	2.544
8	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	3,700,804	2.194
9	Fairground Pty Ltd	2,907,227	1.724
10	Mr Dennis Grenville Hinton & Mrs Roslyn Susanna Hinton	2,658,457	1.576
11	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	2,206,997	1.309
12	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	1,952,935	1.158
13	Mr Robert Bruce Woodland & Mrs Erika Woodland	1,617,000	0.959
14	Gaffwick Pty Ltd	1,520,289	0.901
15	RBC Investor Services Australia Nominees Pty Limited	1,260,967	0.748
16	AUST Executor Trustees Ltd < Charitable Foundation >	1,185,414	0.703
17	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	1,085,318	0.644
18	Mr John Gordon Park & Mrs Shirley Patricia Park	1,051,250	0.623
19	Merrill Lynch (Australia) Nominees Pty Limited	887,258	0.526
20	Mr Denis Grenville Hinton & Mrs Roslyn Susanna Hinton	859,206	0.509
	Total Top 20	114,418,078	67.842

Note: Shareholders may have several accounts which could affect their overall gross holdings.

The following are substantial shareholder accounts listed in the Company's register on 21 September, 2015.

### Substantial Shareholders

Rank	Shareholder Name	Number of Shares Held	% of Total Capital
1	J P Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	25,339,405	15.025
2	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	24,317,895	14.419
3	National Nominees Limited	18,135,585	10.753
4	Lithium Investors LLC	8,467,563	5.021

Note: Shareholders may have several accounts which could affect their overall gross holdings.

The following securities were on issue as at 21 September, 2015.

#### Securities on Issue

	Securities on Issue					
(15)	Number		Class			
	168,653,677	Ordinary (ORE)				
$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$	301,092	ASX Code OREAQ – Options exercise 2015 or the date of release of the Cor				
	140,792	ASX Code O REAS – Performance Ri August 2015 or the date of release of				
	400,000	ASX Code OREAK – Options exercisa	able at \$2.03 on or before 30 Ju	ne 2015		
	550,000	ASX Code OREAI – Options exercisal	ole at \$ 1.50 on or before 30 No	vember 2016		
	350,000	ASX Code OREAU – Options exercisa	able at \$1.50 on or before 31 Ma	ay 2 018		
adi	200,000	ASX Code OREAU – Options exercisa	able at \$1.50 on or before 31 Ma	ay 2 018		
60	100,000	ASX Code OREAW – Options exercisable at \$2.53. Expiry Date 1 October 2017				
	581,267	ASX Code OREAS–Performance Righ August 2016 or the date of release of				
	478,614	ASX Code OREAS–Performance Righ August 2017 or the date of release of				
	lowing unlisted o	ptions lapsed on 9 July 2014 in accord	ance with the terms of their gran	nt.		
	ASX Code	e Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Number of Options		

ASX Code	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Number of Options
OREAI	30 November, 2016	\$1.50	100,000

)the following unlisted performance rights lapsed on 30 June 2015 in accordance with the terms of their grant.

ASX Code	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Number of Performance Rights
OREAS	30 September, 2017	\$0.00	4,649

Voting Rights:

Each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each member present at a meeting has one vote on a show of hands.

There are no voting rights attached to the Options or Performance Rights, but voting rights as detailed above will attach to the ordinary shares issued when the Options or Performance Rights are exercised.

## Registers of Securities are Held at the Following Addresses:

Boardroom Pty Limited Level 12 225 George Street Sydney NSW 2000 Australia Equity Financial Trust Company 200 University Avenue Suite 400 Toronto ON M5H4H1 Canada

## Stock Exchange Listing

Quotation has been granted for all the ordinary shares of the Company on all Member Exchanges of the Australian Stock Exchange Limited, other than those classified as restricted securities and detailed below.

## **Restricted Securities**

The Company currently has no restricted securities.

## Use of Cash and Convertible Assets

During the period from admission to the official list of the Australian Stock Exchange to 30 June 2015, the Company has used cash and assets readily convertible to cash in a manner consistent with its business activities. The Company is involved in mineral exploration and development in Argentina.

## Schedule of Tenements

Tenement Name	Tenement Number	Area ( Hectares)	Orocobre Interest	Location of Tenements
Olaroz				
	1842-S-12	2988.17	66.5%	Argentina
	1274-P-2009	5972	66.5%	Argentina
	131-l-1986	100	66.5%	Argentina
	039-M-1998	98.4	66.5%	Argentina
	112-S-04	100	66.5%	Argentina
	117-A-44	100	66.5%	Argentina
2	114-S-44	100	66.5%	Argentina
	40-M-1998	100	66.5%	Argentina
	029-M-1996	100	66.5%	Argentina
	126-T-44	100	66.5%	Argentina
	393-M-44	98.4	66.5%	Argentina
	112-D-44	299,94	66.5%	Argentina
	125-S-44	100	66.5%	Argentina
	319-T-2005	1473.97	66.5%	Argentina
	056-L-1991	300	66.5%	Argentina
	519-L-2006	2000	66.5%	Argentina

	520-L-2006	1896.52	66.5%	Argentina
	521-L-2006	2000	66.5%	Argentina
	522-L-2006	2000	66.5%	Argentina
	147-L-2003	1927.92	66.5%	Argentina
	724-L-2007	3336.19	66.5%	Argentina
	725-L-2007	2940.11	66.5%	Argentina
	726-L-2007	2889.98	66.5%	Argentina
	727-L-2007	3117.26	66.5%	Argentina
	728-L-2007	3182.35	66.5%	Argentina
	503-L-2006	6200	66.5%	Argentina
	943-R-2008	563.98	66.5%	Argentina
	1136-R-2009	1199.34	66.5%	Argentina
	1137-R-2009	1195.97	66.5%	Argentina
	944-R-2008	432.3	66.5%	Argentina
78	1134-R-2009	895.70	66.5%	Argentina
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	1135-R-2009 963-R-2004		66.5%	Argentina
J.J.		1194.84	66.5%	Argentina
	964-R-2008	799.84	66.5%	Argentina
Cauchari	945-R-2008	428.08	66.5%	Argentina
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	259-R-2004	494.4	85%	Argentina
	260-R-2004	444.26	85%	Argentina
	948-R-2008	887.56	85%	Argentina
	949-R-2008	1770.51	85%	Argentina
	950-R-2004	1997.09	85%	Argentina
	1155-P-2009	1500	85%	Argentina
)	968 R 2008	703.34	85%	Argentina
	1081 P 2008	1995	85%	Argentina
·//D)	1.119-P-2009	2493.07	85%	Argentina
99	1082 P 2008	1468	85%	Argentina
	1101 P 2008	2483.9	85%	Argentina
76	966 R 2008	117.37	85%	Argentina
JU	965 R 2008	1345	85%	Argentina
	951-R-2008	795	85%	Argentina
	1083 P 2008	1445.68	85%	Argentina
	1.118-P-2009	2395.70	85%	Argentina
	1130-P-2009	1239.96	85%	Argentina
	952-R-2008	487.58	85%	Argentina
	1084 P 2008	1526.78	85%	Argentina
	1156-P-2009	66.17	85%	Argentina
Π	1086 P 2008	1716.63	85%	Argentina
	1085 P 2008	773.90	85%	Argentina

	148-Z-1996	300	85%	Argentina
	817-l-2007	1142.55	85%	Argentina
	1098 P 2008	645.26	85%	Argentina
	1099 P 2008	1393.48	85%	Argentina
	1120 P-2009	2499	85%	Argentina
$\rightarrow$	1.125 -P-2009	2429.25	85%	Argentina
	1.121-P-2009	2222	85%	Argentina
	1.122 -P-2009	2498.48	85%	Argentina
1	1.123 -P-2009	1250.58	85%	Argentina
	1124-P-2009	2499	85%	Argentina
	1129 P-2009	2300	85%	Argentina
		500	85%	Argentina
	788-M-2007	1162	85%	Argentina
	183-Z-2004	494	85%	Argentina
	184-D-1990	100	85%	Argentina
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	19391	2411.97	85%	Argentina
	18199	500	85%	Argentina
	67	100	85%	Argentina
	18834	495.82	85%	Argentina
	17734	200	85%	Argentina
	60	100	85%	Argentina
	1110	100	Nil-earning	Argentina
	1104	100	85%	Argentina
	13699	100	85%	Argentina
	18808	100	85%	Argentina
	266	100	85%	Argentina
	18183	2778	85%	Argentina
	12970	100	85%	Argentina
	19891	100	85%	Argentina
	62	100	85%	Argentina
	17681	400	85%	Argentina
	44	100	Nil-earning	Argentina
	8170	300	85%	Argentina
	1107	100	Nil-earning	Argentina
	18481	97.04	85%	Argentina
	1112	100	85%	Argentina
	13487	100	85%	Argentina
	14329	100	85%	Argentina
	57	100	85%	Argentina
	68	100	85%	Argentina
	17538	95.43	85%	Argentina
	14589	100	85%	Argentina
	18924	300	85%	Argentina
	18925	99.94	85%	Argentina
	19206	869	85%	Argentina
	11577	100	85%	Argentina
	11578	100	85%	Argentina

	11579	100	85%	Argentina
	11580	100	85%	Argentina
	1111	100	85%	Argentina
	18833	270	85%	Argentina
	17321	186	85%	Argentina
	53	100	85%	Argentina
	19742	2490.07	85% T	Argentina
	19744	2499.97	85% T	Argentina
	19766	2488.09	85% T	Argentina
	19768	2987.09	85% T	Argentina
	48	100	85%	Argentina
	203	100	85%	Argentina
	204	100	85%	Argentina
	54	100	85%	Argentina
18	63	100	85%	Argentina
	50	100	85%	Argentina
$\bigcirc$	1105	100	85%	Argentina
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	70	100	85%	Argentina
9	206	100	85%	Argentina
	86	300	85%	Argentina
	17744	500	85%	Argentina
	18533	97.03	85%	Argentina
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Diabilios				
$\square$	1190	99.65	85% (Colorado SA has an usufruct for 40 years: i) over the solid borates and ii) over the gold, copper, silver and molybdenum)	Argentina
Ď	18009	99	85% (Colorado SA has an usufruct for 40 years: i) over the solid borates and ii) over the gold, copper, silver and molybdenum)	Argentina
16	18010	200	85% (Colorado SA has an usufruct for 40 years: i) over the solid borates and ii) over the gold, copper, silver and molybdenum)	Argentina
	1187	99.7	85% (Colorado SA has an usufruct for 40 years: i) over the solid borates and ii) over the gold, copper, silver and molybdenum)	Argentina
	1189	100	85% (Colorado SA has an usufruct for 40 years: i) over the solid borates and ii) over the gold, copper, silver and molybdenum)	Argentina
	1177	100	85% (Colorado SA has an usufruct for 40 years: i) over the solid borates and ii) over the gold, copper, silver and molybdenum)	Argentina
Tincalayu				
	1271	300	100%	Argentina
	1215	300	100% (Galaxy Lithium has an usufruct on the brines)	Argentina
	1495	200	100% (Galaxy Lithium has an usufruct on the brines)	Argentina
	7772	471	100%	Argentina
	5596	300	100% (Galaxy Lithium has an usufruct on the brines)	Argentina
	5435	300	100%	Argentina
	8529	900	100%	Argentina

12670	647	100%	Argentina
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17335 (Valerio)	274,32	100% (Galaxy Lithium has an usufruct on the brines)	Argentina
1175	100	100% (Potasio y Litio de Argentina S.A. has an	Argentina
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1179	100	100% (Potasio y Litio de Argentina S.A. has an	Argentina
1180	200	100% (Potasio y Litio de Argentina S.A. has an usufruct on the brines)	Argentina
1182	100	100% (Potasio y Litio de Argentina S.A. has an usufruct on the brines)	Argentina
1195	100	100% (Potasio y Litio de Argentina S.A. has an usufruct on the brines) Argentina	Argentina
1206	100	usufruct on the brines)	Argentina
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	11802	3399	100%	Argentina
	14801	8	100%	Argentina
	14121	10	100%	Argentina
	5786	200	100%	Argentina
Pozuelos				
	1208	194	Lithea Inc (Borax has usufruct over the borates)	Argentina
	5569	300	Lithea Inc (Borax has usufruct over the borates)	Argentina
	4959	200	Lithea Inc (Borax has usufruct over the borates)	Argentina
	13171	200	Lithea Inc (Borax has usufruct over the borates)	Argentina
	13172	200	Lithea Inc (Borax has usufruct over the borates)	Argentina
Ratones				
2	62066	300	Potasio y Litio Argentina S.A. (Borax has usufruct over the borates)	Argentina
	3843	300	Potasio y Litio Argentina S.A. (Borax has usufruct over the borates)	Argentina
Cauchari				
)	394	300	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
Boroquímica Group – File No. 90-B-1994	336	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	347	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	354	160	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	340	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	444	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	353	300	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	350	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	89	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	345	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	344	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	343	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	352	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	351	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	365	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	122	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	221	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	190	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	116	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	117	300	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
	389	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina

306	24	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
402	119	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
195	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
220	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
259	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
43	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
341	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
42	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
438	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
160	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
378	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
339-C	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
377-C	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina
191-R	100	100% (Exar (LAC) has the usufruct over the brines)	Argentina

## Technical Information, Competent Persons' and Qualified Persons' Statements

The resource model and brine resource estimate on the Salar de Olaroz was undertaken by John Houston, an independent consultant employed by John Houston Consulting who is a Chartered Geologist and a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. John Houston has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101).

The Feasibility Study on the Olaroz project was prepared by John Houston and Michael Gunn, an independent consultant employed by Gunn Metals, together with Sinclair Knight Merz and the Orocobre technical group. Mr. Houston and Mr. Gunn prepared the technical report entitled "Technical Report – Salar de Olaroz Lithium-Potash Project, Argentina" dated 13 May 2011 (the "Olaroz Report") under NI 43-101 in respect of the Feasibility Study, and each of Messrs. Houston and Gunn was a Qualified Person under NI 43-101, and independent of the Company, at the date such report was prepared. Mr Gunn is a Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is consulting mineral processing engineer with approximately forty years' experience.

The information relating to the Olaroz project is extracted from the report entitled "NI 43-101 "Technical Report – Salar de Olaroz Lithium-Potash Project, Argentina", dated 13 May 2011 and is available to view on the Company website www.orocobre.com. Apart from the defined exploration target detailed in this announcement, the Company is not aware of any information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

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This information in regard to the Olaroz Project with the exception of the information pertaining to the defined exploration target was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

The resource estimate in regard to the defined exploration target at Olaroz was prepared by Murray Brooker, an independent consultant employed by Hydrominex Geoscience Pty Ltd. Murray Brooker is a geologist and hydrogeologist and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Murray has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101. The exploration target is between 1.6 and 7.5 million tonnes of lithium carbonate equivalent between 197m and 323m depth. The basin is potentially 600m deep and additional targets to the north and the south of the exploration target area. It must be stressed that an exploration target is not a mineral resource. The potential quantity and grade of the exploration target is conceptual in nature, and there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource in the volume where the Exploration Target is outlined. It is uncertain if further exploration drilling will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource in this volume.

The technical information relating to Salinas Grandes and Cauchari has been prepared by Murray Brooker in conjunction with Mr Peter Ehren regarding Salinas Grandes. Murray Brooker, an independent consultant employed by Hydrominex Geoscience Pty Ltd is a geologist and hydrogeologist and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Murray has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101.

Mr Peter Ehren, an independent consultant employed by Process and Environmental Consultancy is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Chartered Professional and is a consulting mineral processing engineer with significant experience in lithium brine deposits. Mr Ehren is responsible for the mineral processing and metallurgical testing statements in section 15 of the Technical Report on the Salinas Grandes Lithium Project effective 16 April 2012. This report was reviewed and updated to include a statement of Peter Ehren's responsibilities on 12 August 2013 as a result of a review by the Ontario Securities Commission and refiled on www.sedar.com with an accompanying media release over the Canadian disclosure network on 23 August 2013. Mr Ehren is also a "Qualified Person" as defined in NI 43-101.

The resource information in relation to Salinas Grandes and Cauchari is extracted from the report entitled NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Salinas Grandes Project dated 16 April 2012, amended 12 August 2013 and NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Cauchari Project dated 30 April 2010. Both reports are available to view on the Company website www.orocobre.com.

This information in regard to Salinas Grandes and Cauchari was prepared and first disclosed under the JORC Code 2004. It has not been updated since to comply with the JORC Code 2012 on the basis that the information has not materially changed since it was last reported.

The information in this report that relates to resources at the Borax Argentina Tincalayu site has been prepared by Mr Murray Brooker. Murray Brooker, an independent consultant employed by Hydrominex Geoscience Pty Ltd is a geologist and hydrogeologist and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Murray has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101. The information is extracted from the announcement titled Tincalayu Upgraded to JORC

Compliant Resource, dated 18 November 2014 and the NI 43-101 Report titled "Technical Report on the Tincalayu Borax Mine", dated 31 December 2014, both available to view on the Company website www.orocobre.com.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the references above and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the resource estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company also confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified. The Company also confirms that the form and confirms that the form and context in which the form and context in which the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified.

A previous announcement was made on the 21 August 2012 regarding the superseded historical resource at Tincalayu. The Company is not in possession of any new information or data relating to historical estimates that materially impacts on the reliability of the estimates or the Company's ability to verify the historical estimates as mineral resources, in accordance with the JORC Code. The supporting information provided in the initial market announcement on 21 August 2012 continues to apply and has not materially changed.

Additional information relating to the Company's projects is available on the Company's website.

### caution Regarding Forward Looking Information

This report contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. Forward-looking information may include, but is not limited to, the results of the Olaroz feasibility study, the estimation and realization of mineral resources at the Company's projects, the viability, recoverability and processing of such resources, costs and timing of development of the Olaroz project, the forecasts relating to the lithium, potash and borate markets including market price whether stated or implied, demand and other information and trends relating to any market tax, royalty and duty rates, timing and receipt of approvals for the Company's projects, consents and permits under applicable legislation, adequacy of financial resources, production and other milestones for the Olaroz project, the Olaroz project's future financial and operating performance including production, rates of return, operating costs, capital costs and cash flows, potential operating synergies between the Company's projects and the Olaroz project, other matters related to the development of the Olaroz project and the Cauchari and Salinas Grandes projects, the performance of the relocated borax plant, including without limitation the plant's estimated production rate, financial data, the estimates of mineral resources or mineralisation grade at the Tincalayu mine, the projected production rates associated with the borax plant.

Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information, including but not limited to the risk that further funding may be required, but unavailable, for the ongoing development of the Company's projects; the possibility that required concessions may not be obtained, or may be obtained only on terms and conditions that are materially worse than anticipated; changes in government regulations, policies or legislation; fluctuations or decreases in commodity prices; the possibility that required permits or approvals may not be obtained; uncertainty in the estimation, economic viability, recoverability and processing of mineral resources; fluctuations or decreases in commodity prices general risks associated with the feasibility of the Company's projects; risks associated with construction and development of the Olaroz project; unexpected capital or operating cost increases; risks associated with weather patterns and impact on production rate and the uncertainty of meeting anticipated program milestones at the Company's projects; general risks associated with the operation of the borax plant; a decrease in the price for borax resulting from, among other things, decreased demand for borax or an increased supply of borax or substitutes.

The Company believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in such forward-looking information are reasonable. Assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: the Company's ability to carry on its exploration and development activities, the timely receipt of required approvals, the prices of lithium potash and borates, the ability of the Company to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner and the ability of the Company to obtain financing as and when required and on reasonable terms. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used.

There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.



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