# EVÖLUTION ENERGY MINERALS

ABN 53 648 703 548

# INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

# **Corporate Information**

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### **Directors**

Mr Henk Ludik (Interim Non-Executive Chairman)

Mr Phil Hoskins (Managing Director)

Mr Michael Spreadborough (Non-Executive Director)

Mr Cameron Dowling (Non-Executive Director)

Mr Stephen Dennis (Non-Executive Director)

# **Company Secretary**

Mr Stuart McKenzie

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# **Website Address**

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# **ASX Code**

Shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange under stock code EV1.

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Your Directors present their report on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the **Group** or **Company**) comprising Evolution Energy Minerals Limited (**Evolution** or the **Company**) and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the six months ended 31 December 2023 and the auditor's report. Evolution is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

### **Directors and Company Secretary**

The following persons were Directors of Evolution (**Directors**) during the half-year ended 31 December 2023 and up to the date of this report:

Mr Henk Ludik (Interim Non-Executive Chairman) (Appointed 2 June 2022)

Mr Phil Hoskins (Managing Director) (Appointed 15 March 2021)

Mr Michael Bourguignon (Executive Director) (Appointed 19 July 2021, resigned 12 September 2023)

Ms Amanda van Dyke (Non-Executive Director) (Appointed 24 September 2021, resigned 12 September 2023)

Mr Cameron Dowling (Non-Executive Director) (Appointed 12 September 2023)

Mr Michael Spreadborough (Non-Executive Director) (Appointed 12 September 2023)

Mr Stephen Dennis (Non-Executive Director) (Appointed 12 September 2023)

The Company Secretary is Mr Stuart McKenzie. He was appointed on 15 March 2021. Unless otherwise stated, directors were in office for the entire period.

### **Principal activities**

During the period, the principal continuing activities of the Group related to the exploration and development of the Company's Chilalo Graphite Project in southern Tanzania and pursuing the vertical integration into downstream products including expandable graphite, graphite foil and battery anode materials.

# Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group other than as referred to elsewhere in this condensed interim financial report and in the financial statements and notes attached thereto.

### **Review of operations**

During the period, the Company continued to carry out activities that were directed to positioning Chilalo for development and progressing its strategy of vertical integration, with the completion of a series of key transactions with BTR New Materials Group Co. Ltd (BTR), the global leader in the manufacture of anode materials.

# Chilalo Project

During the period, the Company refreshed its tenure at Chilalo, confirmed the opportunity for resource growth at Chilalo and continued implementing the resettlement action plan (RAP).

The Government of Tanzania issued a new mining licence, ML716/2023 (New Mining Licence) and a new Prospecting Licence (New Prospecting Licence), with a nine-year refreshed term.

The New Mining Licence covers the area of the previous mining licence, and the New Prospecting Licence covers the area of the previously held four prospecting licences (Figure 1).

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Figure 1. Area of the New Mining Licence and New Prospecting Licence

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During the period, the Company received the final assay results from its 5,440 metre, 44-hole reverse circulation (RC) drilling program at Chilalo. The drilling identified high-grade mineralisation proximate to the existing Mineral Resource. Chilalo currently hosts a high-grade Mineral Resource of 20.1Mt at 9.9% TGC for 1,991Kt of contained graphite.<sup>1</sup>

The results of the final five holes confirmed three new zones of high-grade graphite mineralisation (Figure 2). Significant intercepts included:<sup>2</sup>

- 18m at 7.3% TGC from 18m and 12m at 7.9% TGC from 46m (NRC 22-188)
- 20m at 9.6% TGC from 74m and 16m at 6.5% TGC from 98m (NRC 22-189
- 12m at 8.4% TGC from 14m and 8m at 5.3% TGC from 30m (NRC22-207)
- 12m at 4.8% TGC from 14m and 30m at 6.1% TGC from 70m (NRC22-208)

Together with the discoveries at Chilalo East and Chilalo E2, both of which remain open with significant strike potential, there is scope to materially grow the Chilalo mineral resource and thereby potentially enable a production expansion, extension to mine life and reduction in mining costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Prospectus lodged with ASX on 12 November 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See ASX announcement dated 28 September 2023.

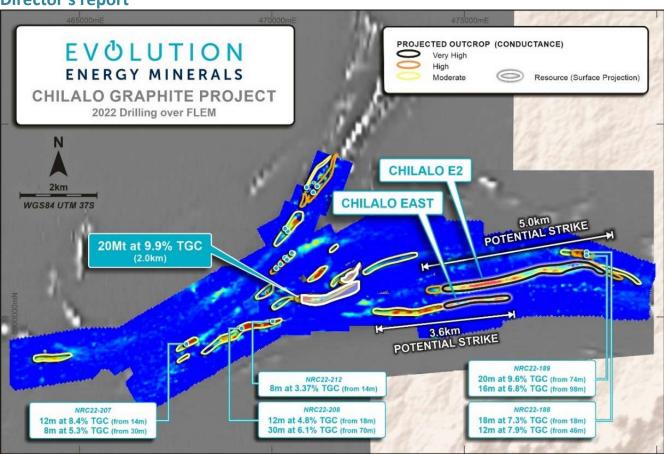


Figure 2. Reverse circulation drilling results.

### **Resettlement Action Plan**

The RAP process is used to assess land and property values in connection with the relocation of people and properties. The RAP is being undertaken in accordance with IFC Performance Standards on Social and Environmental Sustainability, which is generally a condition precedent to project finance. Effective implementation of the RAP is fundamental to the Company's social license to develop and operate the Chilalo Project.

In March 2024, a third and final compensation payment under the RAP is expected to be made, which will complete the compensation component of the RAP. In order to ensure that the compensation payments have the best prospects of enhancing well-being in the areas surrounding Chilalo, the Company has held financial training sessions with the local communities.

As part of the RAP, the Company has committed to a five-year livelihood restoration program (LRP) that consists of several initiatives targeted at delivering sustainable benefits to the local communities, including conservation agriculture, tree nurseries, vegetable programs, youth skills training programs and the establishment of a livelihood restoration centre.

During the period, progress was made with several aspects of the LRP, including:

- Cashew trees are an important commercial crop in south-east Tanzania. Over 3,000 cashew seedlings were
  planted to support community cashew farm projects and to replace losses for planting that was not successful last
  season.
- Establishment of a demonstration plot for sesame farming, which is expected to support crop diversification over time
- Further training sessions were held at the Chilalo bee nursery as part of the development of a commercial bee keeping enterprise for the local communities and a honey processing area has been put in place.

• Continued development of the tree nursery, not only for growing new cashew trees, but also to provide training for basic agriculture practices, rotational crops, vegetable gardening for personal subsistence and planting for putrition

To support these programs, a significant amount of training continues to be carried out with the local communities, which during the half-year, included:

- Rotational crop and sesame harvesting training, to support food security among local communities.
- Baiting of bee boxes, transferring bee hives and ongoing beehive maintenance.



Figure 3. Local community donation

# Vertical integration – strategic agreements with BTR

During the period, Evolution executed a strategic investment agreement (Investment Agreement), binding offtake agreement (Offtake Agreement) and an MOU for downstream collaboration (Downstream MOU) with BTR New Materials Group Co. Ltd (BTR), the world's leading battery anode producer with a market capitalisation of US\$3.4 billion.

Under the Investment Agreement, BTR agreed to subscribe for 25,860,000 Evolution shares (BTR Shares) to acquire a 9.9% interest in the Company. A general meeting was held on 29 February 2024 at which Evolution shareholders approved the issue of the BTR Shares, thereby satisfying the remaining condition precedent to completion of the Investment Agreement, with the proceeds of \$3.62M (before costs) expected to be received on 15 March 2024.

The Downstream MOU covers a proposed downstream processing collaboration between BTR and Evolution to produce battery anode materials, with an initial focus on an economic assessment of downstream processing options in North America but will also include consideration of other jurisdictions outside of China.

Under the Offtake Agreement, Evolution will sell 100% of its fine flake graphite from the Chilalo Project for three years (with an option to extend for an additional three years) to BTR. The Offtake Agreement is subject to certain conditions, including a binding agreement for downstream collaboration being executed prior to 31 March 2024. The Company is currently working with BTR to amend the timeframes associated with the satisfaction of the conditions.

Upon establishing a downstream processing facility pursuant to the Downstream MOU, the Offtake Agreement will be assigned to the entity conducting the downstream processing collaboration.

### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307 of the *Corporation Act 2001* is set out on page 8.

This interim report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Henk Ludik

Interim Chairman of the Board

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On the 14th day of March 2024



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# DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY DEAN JUST TO THE DIRECTORS OF EVOLUTION ENERGY MINERALS LIMITED

As lead auditor for the review of Evolution Energy Minerals Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

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

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Director

BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd

Perth

14 March 2024

# Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

for the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	31 December 2023 \$	31 December 2022 \$
Continuing operations			
Other income		15,432	23,581
Foreign currency gain / (loss)		(286,192)	125,554
Corporate and administration expense		(710,828)	(515,556)
Employee benefits		(1,256,266)	(1,033,384)
Business development and marketing expense		(1,583,668)	(1,660,091)
Environment, social and governance expense		(432,496)	(1,997,262)
Finance costs		(220,294)	(90,000)
Exploration and evaluation expense		(1,916,526)	(3,028,771)
Share based payments		(254,077)	(443,869)
Loss before income tax		(6,644,915)	(8,619,798)
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit / (loss) for the half-year after tax		(6,644,915)	(8,619,798)
Other comprehensive income Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period		619,744 (6,025,171)	69,187 (8,550,611)
Loss for the half year is attributable to:			
Owners of Evolution Energy Minerals Limited		(6,406,101)	(8,619,798)
Non-controlling interest		(238,814)	
		(6,644,915)	(8,619,798)
Total comprehensive loss for the half year is attributable to:			
Owners of Evolution Energy Minerals Limited		(6,000,437)	(8,550,611)
Non-controlling interest		(24,734)	-
	-	(6,025,171)	(8,550,611)
Loss per share attributable to owners of the Company		\$	\$
Basic EPS		(0.03)	(0.05)
Diluted EPS		(0.03)	(0.05)
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The above consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the interim financial report.

# **Consolidated statement of financial position**

# as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023	30 June 2023
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		1,476,058	4,441,568
Trade and other receivables		344,800	233,348
Total current assets		1,820,858	4,674,916
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		59,255	63,085
Exploration and evaluation assets	4	5,330,248	5,443,248
Total non-current assets	_	5,389,503	5,506,333
Total assets		7,210,361	10,181,249
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	597,558	1,018,525
Provisions		57,939	75,513
Total current liabilities		655,497	1,094,038
Total liabilities		655,497	1,094,038
Net assets	_	6,554,864	9,087,211
EQUITY			
Issued capital	6	40,910,504	37,671,757
Reserves	7	3,736,984	2,838,429
Accumulated losses		(37,829,076)	(31,422,975)
Equity attributable to owners of Evolution Energy	_	•	•
Minerals		6,818,412	9,087,211
Non-controlling interest		(263,548)	-
Total equity		6,554,864	9,087,211

The above consolidated statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the interim financial report.

# **Consolidated statement of changes in equity**

for the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Contributed equity	Foreign currency translation reserve	Share based payment reserve	Accumulated losses	Non- controlling interest	Total equity
		\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
Balance at 1 July 2022		25,348,523	31,112	2,511,599	(17,531,187)	-	10,360,046
Total comprehensive income for the period:							
Loss for the period		-	-	-	(8,619,798)	-	(8,619,798)
Foreign exchange translation differences	_	-	69,187	-	-		69,187
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	69,187	-	(8,619,798)	-	(8,550,611)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:							
Issue of shares	6	13,000,000	-	-	-	-	13,000,000
Share placement costs	6	(672,306)	-	-	-	-	(672,306)
Options issued under the employee share scheme	_	-	-	443,869	-	-	443,869
Balance at 31 December 2022	_	37,676,217	100,299	2,955,468	(26,150,985)	-	14,580,998

# **Consolidated statement of changes in equity**

for the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Contributed equity	Foreign currency translation reserve	Share based payment reserve	Accumulated losses	Non- controlling interest	Total equity
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023		37,671,757	(204,403)	3,042,832	(31,422,975)	-	9,087,211
Total comprehensive income for the period:							
Profit / (loss) for the period		-	-	-	(6,406,101)	(238,814)	(6,644,915)
Foreign exchange translation differences	_	-	644,478	-	-	(24,734)	619,744
Total comprehensive profit / (loss) for the period		-	644,478	-	(6,406,101)	(263,548)	(6,025,171)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:							
Issue of shares	6	3,463,284	-	-	-	-	3,463,284
Share placement costs Expensing of options issued under the employee share	6	(224,537)	-	-	-	-	(224,537)
scheme	7 _	-	-	254,077	-	-	254,077
Balance at 31 December 2023		40,910,504	440,075	3,296,909	(37,829,076)	(263,548)	6,554,864

The above consolidated statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the interim financial report.

# **Consolidated statement of cash flows**

for the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	31 December 2023 \$	31 December 2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		Ψ	Ψ_
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,404,748)	(1,368,745)
Payments for business development and marketing		(1,803,961)	(1,848,647)
Payment of exploration and evaluation expenditure		(1,891,103)	(4,348,306)
Payment of environmental, social and governance		, , , , ,	
expenditure		(432,496)	-
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities		(6,532,308)	(7,565,698)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(5,501)	(1,607)
Net cash inflow from investing activities		(5,501)	(1,607)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from the issue of ordinary shares	6	3,463,284	13,000,000
Share issue transaction costs	6	(224,537)	(672,306)
Net cash inflow from financing activities		3,238,747	12,327,694
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(3,299,062)	4,760,389
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		4,441,568	5,370,037
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash			
equivalents	_	333,552	106,691
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	_	1,476,058	10,237,117

The above consolidated statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the interim financial report.

# Notes to the financial statements

# 1. Corporate information

Evolution Energy Minerals Limited (**Evolution** or the **Company**) is a company incorporated in Australia and limited by shares. Evolution shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange under the stock code EV1. The consolidated interim financial statements of the Company as at, and for the half-year ended, 31 December 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together the **Group**).

During the period, the principal continuing activities of the Group related to the exploration and development of the Company's Chilalo Graphite Project in southern Tanzania. The Company was also focused on further progressing downstream opportunities namely the performance of Chilalo graphite as a battery anode material.

This financial report was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 14 March 2024.

# 2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

This general purpose interim financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 has been prepared in accordance with AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are important to an understanding of the Group's financial position and performance for the half-year.

It is recommended that this interim financial report be read in conjunction with any public announcements made by the Company during the half-year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with the Company's continuous disclosure obligations.

The Financial Information has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

# (a) Going concern

The half-year financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis, which assumes continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

During the year the consolidated entity (also referred to as 'Company or Group') incurred net losses after tax of \$6,644,915 (31 December 2022: \$8,619,798) and experienced net cash outflows from operating activities of \$6,532,308 for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: \$7,565,698). As at 31 December 2023, the Group had cash assets of \$1,476,058 (30 June 2023: \$4,441,568) and net assets of \$6,554,864 (30 June 2023: \$9,087,211).

Management have estimated the minimum exploration commitments within the next 12 months (for maintaining its exploration tenements) to be \$550,000.

These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast a significant doubt about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, that it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

The Board and Management believes that there are sufficient funds available to continue to meet the Group's working capital requirements as at the date of this report. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity, the realisation of assets, settlement of liabilities through the normal course of business including the presumption that sufficient funds will be available to finance the operations of the Group for the following reasons:

• Subsequent to period end, the conditions precedent for the BTR investment have been fully satisfied, with the proceeds of \$3.62M (before costs) expected to be received by 15 March 2024.

# Notes to the financial statements

- The Group has the ability to issue additional equity securities under the Corporations Act 2001 to raise further working capital: and
- The Group has the ability to curtail administrative, discretionary exploration and overhead cash outflows as and when required.

The Directors have an appropriate plan to raise additional funds as and when required. The Company has a track record of successfully securing additional funding as and when required. Accordingly, the Directors are satisfied that the going concern basis of preparation for the financial statements is appropriate.

The ability of the Group to continue as a going concern and to fund its operational activities is dependent on the above assumptions.

Should the entity not be able to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business, and at amounts that differ from those stated in the financial statements. The financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or liabilities that might be necessary should the entity not continue as a going concern and meet its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The Directors have reviewed the business outlook and are of the opinion that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.

# 3. Accounting policies

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the interim financial report are consistent with Australian Accounting Standards.

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# Notes to the financial statements

# 4. Exploration and evaluation expenditure

(a) Passensiliation of exploration and evaluation expanditure	31 December 2023 \$	30 June 2023 \$
(a) Reconciliation of exploration and evaluation expenditure		
Carrying amount at beginning of the period	5,443,248	5,246,108
Foreign exchange movement	(113,000)	197,140
Carrying amount at the end of the period	5,330,248	5,443,248
5. Trade and other payables		
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Creditors	337,862	449,656
Accruals	235,975	457,551

# 6. Share capital

Other payables

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•	31 Decem	30 June 2023		
	Shares \$		Shares	\$
(a) Issued and paid up capital				
Ordinary fully paid shares	227,237,744	40,910,504	202,500,000	37,671,757
(b) Movement in ordinary shares				
Opening balance at 1 July	202,500,000	37,671,757	161,875,000	25,348,523
Issue of equities				
Issue of shares Oct 23 Placement	24,737,744	3,463,284	-	-
Tranche One Placement	-	-	24,281,250	7,770,000
Tranche Two Placement	-	-	16,343,750	5,230,000
Less: Equity raising cost	-	(224,537)	-	(676,766)
	227,237,744	40,910,504	202,500,000	37,671,757

# 7. Share based payments

During the half year ended 31 December 2023, no share based payment were issued to Directors, Officers and other employees of the Company. All options were issued under the Company's Employee Share Scheme which was last approved in November 2021.

# 8. Related party transactions

During the half year ended 31 December 2023, the Company on-charged certain management and administrative expense to Marvel Gold limited for office lease and accounting services. The total value of these on-charges for the half year period was \$40,016.

# 9. Events since the end of the half-year

Subsequent to 31 December 2023, the follow events have occurred:

- Completion of tranche 2 of the October 2023 share placement, issuing 8,119,339 shares to ARCH Sustainable Resources Fund at \$0.14 per share to raise total proceeds of \$1.13M.
- The conditions precent to the BTR investment have been satisfied.
- The resignation of the Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Company secretary.

# Notes to the financial statements

# 10. Contingent liabilities

As at 31 December 2023, the Company is a party to the Net Sales Return Royalty Deed. Under the terms of this deed the Company must pay ARCH SRF a royalty of 1.7% of future sales from the Chilalo Graphite Project less allowable deductions. Allowable deductions include the costs of processing, freight, handling, marketing, and administration costs. The royalty is uncapped and is for the life of the project.

# 11. Operating segments

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Board of Directors that are used to make strategic decisions. The Group does not have any material operating segments with discrete financial information. The Group does not have any customers and all its assets and liabilities are primarily related to the mining industry and are located within Tanzania. The Board of Directors review internal management reports on a regular basis that is consistent with the information provided in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position and statement of cashflows. As a result, no reconciliation is required because the information as presented is what is used by the Board to make strategic decisions.

# 12. Commitments

There are no material commitments that the Company has entered into during the period under review.

# **Directors' declaration**

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Evolution Energy Minerals Limited (the Directors), I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) The financial statements and notes of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
  - (i) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the performance for the half-year ended on that date of the consolidated entity
  - (ii) comply with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to Section 303(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Board

Henk Ludik

Interim Chairman of the Board

**PERTH** 

On this 14th March 2024



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of Evolution Energy Minerals Limited

# Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Evolution Energy Minerals Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

# Basis for conclusion

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

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

# Material uncertainty relating to going concern

We draw attention to Note 2 in the financial report which describes the events and/or conditions which give rise to the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore the Group may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.



# Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

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

# Auditor's responsibility for the review of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

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

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Director

Perth, 14 March 2024