



# Half Yearly Report December 2023

Finder Energy Holdings Limited  
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# Corporate Directory

**FINDER ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
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## Directors

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*Independent Non-Executive Chairman*

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*Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer*

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## Directors Report

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'consolidated entity') consisting of Finder Energy Holdings Limited (referred to hereafter as the 'Company' or 'Parent entity') and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the half year ended 31 December 2023 ('Finder' or 'Group').

### Directors

The directors of the Company at any time or since the end of the financial period were:

#### Directors for Finder Energy Holdings Limited Appointment / Resignation

Bronwyn Barnes	Appointed 25 January 2022
Damon Neaves	Appointed 25 January 2022
Shane Westlake	Appointed 25 January 2022
Frederick Wehr	Appointed 25 January 2022

### Principal activities

The principal activities of Finder during the course of the financial year were oil and gas exploration in the North Sea in the United Kingdom and the North West Shelf (NWS) off the coast of Western Australia.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of Finder during the half year ended 31 December 2023.

### Dividends

There were no dividends paid or declared by the Company to shareholders during or since the end of the period.

## Review of Operations

Net cash outflows for the six months ended 31 December 2023 were \$1,138,532. Closing cash and term deposits were \$8,370,181. The Group's loss from operations after income tax for the period amounted to \$2,112,643 (2022: Loss \$1,112,940).

An update on activities in each region during the period is provided below.

### Regional overview

#### UK North Sea

Finder continues to build on its high quality portfolio in the North Sea where we are pursuing an Infrastructure-Led Exploration (ILX) Strategy which targets prospects close to existing infrastructure to facilitate industry partnerships and farmouts and to accelerate the pathway to first production.

Finder is Operator of each of its UK licences and has established partnerships with key strategic partners, including owners of nearby infrastructure. Finder is actively running farmout processes to secure partners to fund drilling activity within its UK portfolio.

During the period interpretation was completed on the newly reprocessed Big Buzz 3D data with exceptional results leading to the announcement of mean prospective resources of 150 MMbbl for Whitsun, the leading prospect in P2528 (refer ASX announcement 7 December 2023). Whitsun is an analogue to the nearby giant Buzzard Field which contains over a billion barrels of oil.

Finder was successful in its joint bid for P2610 with Equinor in the 33<sup>rd</sup> UK Offshore Licensing round. The P2610 licence contains the large Boaz gas/condensate prospect located close to the UK/Norway Median Line.

This places Boaz on the doorstep of lucrative European gas markets with a potential route to market via existing Equinor operated infrastructure around the Sleipner Area.

In late 2023, FINDER released mean prospective resources for the Boaz prospect of 748 Bcf of gas and 81 MMbbl of condensate, refer to ASX announcement of 18 December 2023.

Changes in the UK portfolio during the period include the award of a 50% interest in P2610 and the surrender of P2502 and P2524.

### **Australia – North West Shelf**

FINDER has two projects in the NWS, both of which are 100%-owned and are currently being marketed to attract a partner to fund exploration activity.

AC/P 61 is located within the prolific Vulcan Sub-basin and is surrounded by a number of oil discoveries. The permit contains the Gem prospect which is defined on 3D data acquired in 2020 and is drill-ready. The Gem prospect was independently estimated by ERCE to contain gross best case prospective resources of 137 MMbbls (refer Prospectus).

During the period, FINDER continued planning for the environmental approvals required for the Superbowl 3D seismic in WA-547-P. This includes additional stakeholder consultation in line with recent guidance issued by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA). Additional time is required to complete stakeholder engagement in accordance with that guidance. As the EP approval process draws to a close, FINDER will assess vessel availability and survey timing.

Refer to note 20 to the financial statements for further detail on FINDER's licence portfolio.

### **New Ventures**

During the period management actively progressed new venture opportunities consistent with FINDER's strategy to pursue low entry cost opportunities with high value creation potential. FINDER was pleased to announce in November 2023 that it was successful in its joint bid for P2610 with Equinor in the 33<sup>rd</sup> UK Offshore Licensing Round. Boaz is an exciting opportunity with potential to access European gas markets in the event of discovery and the partnership with Equinor, the largest energy provider in Europe, provides a rapid development pathway via existing operated infrastructure. FINDER awaits the outcome of further bids in the 33<sup>rd</sup> round as well as other new venture opportunities that are under evaluation.

### **Review of prospects for future financial years**

FINDER's strategy is to create value in the exploration stage of the oil and gas asset lifecycle. FINDER will continue to progress its activities in the NWS and the UK North Sea where FINDER has built a position proximate to existing infrastructure as part of its ILX strategy focused on low cost rapid tie-back potential. FINDER is seeking to further grow and diversify its portfolio through acreage releases and new ventures where it is focused on low entry cost opportunities with high value creation potential.

### **Significant changes in the state of affairs**

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group that occurred during the half year under review.

### **Matters subsequent to the end of the half year**

FINDER has been granted a 3-year suspension and extension of the primary term of WA-547-P, extending the end date to 4 January 2027 with no additional commitments. In addition, Beagle No.1 Pty Ltd as holder of WA-542-P was awarded an extension for a period of two years to 9 October 2025. Other than these extensions, there are no other material developments impacting the Company since the end of the half year.

## Environmental regulation

The operations of the Group are subject to environmental regulation under relevant Australian, Western Australian and UK legislation in relation to its exploration activities.

NOPSEMA is the primary regulator for offshore petroleum operational activities in Australian Commonwealth waters and the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) regulates the exploration and development of the UK's offshore and onshore oil and gas resources.

The Group complies with relevant environmental regulations with no breaches having occurred in relation to environmental issues up to the date of this report.

## Indemnity and insurance of officers

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

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

## Indemnity and insurance of auditor

The Company has not, during or since the end of the half year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the Company or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

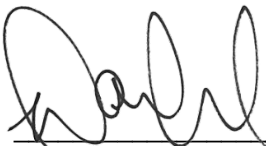
During the period ended 31 December 2023, the Company has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the Company or any related entity.

## Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out immediately after this directors' report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors



Damon Neaves  
Director

14 March 2024  
Perth

# Auditor's Independence Declaration



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## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY PHILLIP MURDOCH TO THE DIRECTORS OF FINDER ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED

As lead auditor for the review of Finder Energy Holdings 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 Finder Energy Holdings Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

**Phillip Murdoch**  
Director

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd**  
Perth  
14 March 2024

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2023 \$	31 December 2022 \$
Other Income	5	16,376	2,613,248
Evaluation and exploration expenditure		(1,420,463)	(2,524,069)
Corporate expenses	6	(174,266)	(358,301)
Share-based payment expense	7	(457,284)	(905,537)
<b>Operating Loss</b>		<b>(2,035,637)</b>	<b>(1,174,659)</b>
Finance income	8	84,720	99,062
Finance costs	8	(161,726)	(37,343)
<b>Net finance (loss)/income</b>		<b>(77,006)</b>	<b>61,719</b>
<b>Loss before tax</b>		<b>(2,112,643)</b>	<b>(1,112,940)</b>
Income tax benefit/(expense)		-	-
<b>Loss for the period</b>		<b>(2,112,643)</b>	<b>(1,112,940)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Foreign operations – foreign currency translation differences, net of tax		99,508	7,003
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		99,508	7,003
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>		<b>(2,013,135)</b>	<b>(1,105,937)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss attributable to Owners of the Company</b>		<b>(2,013,135)</b>	<b>(1,105,937)</b>
<b>Loss per share</b>			
Basic loss per share	9	(0.01)	(0.01)
Diluted loss per share	9	(0.01)	(0.01)

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



**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
FOR THE HALF YEAR AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	31 December 2023 \$	30 June 2023 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	8,292,916	9,431,448
Cash term deposits	11	77,265	75,000
Other receivables	12	230,018	581,502
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>8,600,198</b>	<b>10,087,950</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>8,600,198</b>	<b>10,087,950</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	13	294,572	329,736
Employee benefits	14	238,346	221,823
Loans and borrowings	15	137,176	50,436
Provisions	16	-	9,247,926
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>670,094</b>	<b>9,849,921</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Provisions	16	9,247,926	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>9,247,926</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>9,918,020</b>	<b>9,849,921</b>
<b>Net (liabilities)/ assets</b>		<b>(1,317,822)</b>	<b>238,029</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	17	29,474,893	29,474,893
Reserves	18	(22,366,441)	(22,923,233)
Retained earnings / (accumulated losses)		(8,426,274)	(6,313,631)
<b>Total (deficit)/ equity</b>		<b>(1,317,822)</b>	<b>238,029</b>

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

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Share Capital \$	Retained earnings/ (accumulated losses) \$	Share- Based Payment Reserve \$	Foreign exchange reserve \$	Other Reserve \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>	29,474,893	(6,313,631)	2,453,234	27,360	(25,403,827)	238,029
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>						
Loss for the period	-	(2,112,643)	-	-	-	(2,112,643)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	99,508	-	99,508
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	-	<b>(2,112,643)</b>	-	<b>99,508</b>	-	<b>(2,013,135)</b>
<b>Share-based payment</b>	-	-	<b>457,284</b>	-	-	<b>457,284</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>29,474,893</b>	<b>(8,426,274)</b>	<b>2,910,518</b>	<b>126,868</b>	<b>(25,403,827)</b>	<b>(1,317,822)</b>
	Share Capital \$	Retained earnings/ (accumulated losses) \$	Share- Based Payment Reserve \$	Foreign exchange reserve \$	Other Reserve \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>	29,474,893	(3,830,399)	1,090,413	10,170	(25,403,827)	1,341,250
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>						
Loss for the period	-	(1,112,940)	-	-	-	(1,112,940)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	7,003	-	7,003
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	-	<b>(1,112,940)</b>	-	<b>7,003</b>	-	<b>(1,105,938)</b>
<b>Share-based payment</b>	-	-	<b>905,537</b>	-	-	<b>905,537</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>29,474,893</b>	<b>(4,943,339)</b>	<b>1,995,950</b>	<b>17,173</b>	<b>(25,403,827)</b>	<b>1,140,850</b>

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

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2023 \$	31 December 2022 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from exploration and evaluation services		-	243,250
Joint operation reimbursements		907,074	548,040
Payments for suppliers and employees		(2,168,955)	(3,391,533)
<b>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>(1,261,881)</b>	<b>(2,600,243)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		101,096	29,294
Term deposit		(2,265)	(5,075,000)
Proceeds from disposal of tenements		-	2,348,481
<b>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>		<b>98,831</b>	<b>(2,697,225)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from loans and borrowings		86,737	67,250
<b>Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>		<b>86,737</b>	<b>67,250</b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(1,076,313)	(5,230,218)*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		9,431,448	10,699,419
Exchange rate effects		(62,219)	(30,340)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	10	<b>8,292,916</b>	<b>5,438,861*</b>

\* The Company deposited \$5,075,000 in term deposits during the period ended 31 Dec 2022, this is shown as a cash outflow under 'Cash flows from investing activities' as the term of the deposit is greater than 3 months. With the inclusion of this term deposit, net decrease in cash for the period is \$185,558 and cash at the end of the period is \$10,513,861.

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

**Note 1. Reporting entity**

Finder Energy Holdings Limited is a Company domiciled in Australia.

The Company's registered office at the date of this report is Suite 1, Level 4, South Shore Centre, 85 South Perth Esplanade, South Perth, WA 6151. These consolidated financial statements comprise the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Group is a for-profit entity and is primarily involved in oil and gas exploration in the NWS in Western Australia and North Sea in the United Kingdom.

**Note 2. Basis of preparation****Statement of compliance**

The consolidated interim financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with *Corporations Act 2001* and *AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting'*, Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'). Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with *IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'*.

These interim financial statements do not include full disclosures of the type normally included in an annual financial report. It should be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial report and any public announcements made during the period.

These consolidated interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 14 March 2024.

**Functional and presentation currency**

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

**Use of judgements, estimates and assumptions**

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

*Going concern*

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Group will be able to satisfy its liabilities as and when they become due. The Group has recognised a net loss after tax of \$2,112,643 for the period ended 31 December 2023 and, as at that date, current assets exceed current liabilities by \$7,930,104 and total liabilities exceed total assets by \$1,317,822. The Group incurred net cash outflows from operations of (\$1,261,881).

The Company continues to have expected expenditure across its permits and licences and for corporate purposes, which are expected to be funded in part by its agreements under existing joint operation agreements and existing cash reserves. Forecast expenditure relating to WA-542-P, including the provision of \$9,247,926, relates to Beagle No.1 Pty Ltd which is a controlled entity as a result of a call option the Group holds over the entity, refer to notes 16 and 19. No immediate cash outflow in relation to this provision is expected by the Group unless the call option is exercised.

The Group monitors its cash flow requirements to ensure it has sufficient funds to meet its expected expenditure. Supported by the cash assets at 31 December 2023 of \$8,292,916, the Group forecasts that it will have sufficient funds to meet its commitments and continue to pay its debts as and when they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of these financial statements.

Based on these factors, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group has and will have adequate funding and accordingly the interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

**Note 3. Significant accounting policies**

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied by the Company in the interim financial statements are the same as those applied by the Company in its financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Group has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

- (a) New standards and interpretations applicable for the half-year ended 31 December 2023

In the period ended 31 December 2023, the Company has reviewed all of the new and revised standards and interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to the Company and effective for the current reporting period. As a result of this review, the Company has determined that there is no material impact of the new and revised standards and interpretations on the Company and, therefore, no material change is necessary to the Company's accounting policies.

#### Note 4. Operating segments

##### Basis for segmentation

An operating segment is a component of a Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components.

All operating segments operating results are reviewed regularly by the Group's management team to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and to assess its performance and for which discrete financial information is available. Segment results include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items comprise mainly corporate assets and head office expenses. The Group has identified its operating segments based upon the internal management reports that are reviewed and used by the executive management team in assessing performance and that are used to allocate the Group's resources.

The Group has a strategic division for exploration, which is its reportable segment. The operations of the exploration segment are oil and gas exploration on the NWS of Australia and North Sea in UK.

The corporate balances below represent a reconciliation of reportable segments revenues, profit or loss, assets and liabilities to the consolidated figures.

	Reportable Segments		
	Exploration \$	Unallocated* \$	Total \$
<b>31 December 2023</b>			
Other income	16,376	-	16,376
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	(1,420,463)	-	(1,420,463)
Corporate expenses	-	(174,266)	(174,266)
Share-based payment expense	-	(457,284)	(457,284)
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	<b>(1,404,087)</b>	<b>(631,550)</b>	<b>(2,035,637)</b>
Interest income	-	84,720	84,720
Other finance costs	-	(161,726)	(161,726)
<b>Reportable segment profit/(loss) before tax</b>	<b>(1,404,087)</b>	<b>(708,556)</b>	<b>(2,112,643)</b>
<b>Income tax benefit (expense)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Reportable segment profit/(loss) after tax</b>	<b>(1,404,087)</b>	<b>(708,556)</b>	<b>(2,112,643)</b>
<b>Segment assets - 31 December 2023</b>	<b>108,193</b>	<b>8,492,006</b>	<b>8,600,198</b>
<b>Segment liabilities - 31 December 2023</b>	<b>9,334,246</b>	<b>583,772</b>	<b>9,918,019</b>

\* Unallocated represents a reconciliation of reportable segments to IFRS measures.

**31 December 2022**

Other income
Exploration and evaluation expenditure
Corporate expenses
Share-based payment expense
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>
Interest income
Other finance costs
<b>Reportable segment profit/(loss) before tax</b>
<b>Income tax benefit (expense)</b>
<b>Reportable segment profit/(loss) after tax</b>
<b>Segment assets - 30 June 2023</b>
<b>Segment liabilities - 30 June 2023</b>

**Reportable Segments**

	<b>Exploration</b>	<b>Unallocated*</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
2,613,248	-	2,613,248	
(2,524,069)	-	(2,524,069)	
-	(358,301)	(358,301)	
-	(905,537)	(905,537)	
<b>89,179</b>	<b>(1,263,838)</b>	<b>(1,174,659)</b>	
-	99,062	99,062	
-	(37,343)	(37,343)	
<b>89,179</b>	<b>(1,202,119)</b>	<b>(1,112,940)</b>	
-	-	-	
<b>89,179</b>	<b>(1,202,119)</b>	<b>(1,112,940)</b>	
<b>161,236</b>	<b>9,926,714</b>	<b>10,087,950</b>	
<b>9,369,322</b>	<b>480,599</b>	<b>9,849,921</b>	

\* Unallocated represents a reconciliation of reportable segments to IFRS measures.

**Geographic information**

The Group operates in the NWS of Australia and North Sea in the UK and has no customers. All assets held by the Group are also located within Australia (\$5,749,641) and United Kingdom (\$2,850,557) as at 31 December 2023.

**Major customer**

The Group has no external customers.

**Note 5. Other Income**

	<b>31 December 2023</b>	<b>31 December 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Permit fees from partners	-	262,500
Farm out proceeds	-	2,348,481
Other income	16,376	2,267
<b>16,376</b>	<b>2,613,248</b>	

**Note 6. Corporate expenses**

	<b>31 December 2023</b>	<b>31 December 2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Corporate fees	174,266	358,301
<b>174,266</b>	<b>358,301</b>	

Corporate fees relate to the expenses associated with maintaining the Company as a listed entity.

**Note 7. Share-based payment expense**

The share-based payment expense recognized for employee services received during the half year period is set out below:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	\$	\$
Performance rights	457,284	905,537
	<b>457,284</b>	<b>905,537</b>

**Note 8. Finance (loss)/income**

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	\$	\$
Interest income	84,720	99,062
<b>Finance income</b>	<b>84,720</b>	<b>99,062</b>
Foreign currency losses	(161,726)	(37,343)
<b>Finance costs</b>	<b>(161,726)</b>	<b>(37,343)</b>
<b>Net finance costs</b>	<b>(77,006)</b>	<b>61,719</b>

**Note 9. Loss per share****Basic loss per share**

The following reflects the income and share data used in the calculations of basic and diluted loss per share.

**(i) Loss used in calculating loss per share**

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	\$	\$
Loss attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company used in calculating		
- Basic loss	(2,013,135)	(1,105,937)
- Diluted loss	(2,013,135)	(1,105,937)

**(ii) Weighted average number of shares**

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Weighted-average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	157,500,000	157,500,000

**Diluted loss per share**

The calculation of diluted loss per share has been based on the following profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and weighted-average number of ordinary shares outstanding.

**Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents**

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	18	18
Cash at bank	8,292,898	9,431,430
	<b>8,292,916</b>	<b>9,431,448</b>

**Note 11. Cash term deposits**

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Cash term deposits	77,265	75,000
	<b>77,265</b>	<b>75,000</b>

**Note 12. Other receivables**

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Prepayment	121,825	420,266
Other receivables	108,193	161,236
	<b>230,018</b>	<b>581,502</b>

**Note 13. Trade and other payables**

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Trade payables	88,711	221,323
Other payables	205,861	108,413
	<b>294,572</b>	<b>329,736</b>

**Note 14. Employee benefits**

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Annual leave provision	95,121	79,350
Long service leave provision	143,225	142,473
	<b>238,346</b>	<b>221,823</b>



**Note 15. Loans and borrowings**

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Related party loans		
Longreach Capital Investment Pty Ltd	137,176	50,436
	<b>137,176</b>	<b>50,436</b>

**Note 16. Provisions**

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	9,247,926	9,247,926
Provision made during the period	-	-
	<b>9,247,926</b>	<b>9,247,926</b>
<b>Current</b>	-	<b>9,247,926</b>
<b>Non-current</b>	<b>9,247,926</b>	-
	<b>9,247,926</b>	<b>9,247,926</b>

On 1 June 2021 Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd executed a Sale and Purchase agreement with Equinor Australia B.V (Equinor) to acquire its 100% interest in WA-542-P. On completion of the transfer, Equinor paid Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd base consideration of US\$6.8 million (AUD\$9.2 million) for Beagle to undertake work commitments relating to the permit as required by NOPTA. Hence the provision reflects the constructive obligation for Beagle to carry out the minimum work program from the acquired WA-542 permit. All of the issued capital of Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd, together with the consideration received from Equinor, was transferred to Longreach Investment Capital Pty Ltd (Longreach) as part of the pre-IPO restructure. The work program remaining on WA-542-P rests with Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd which is wholly owned by Longreach. The provision is recorded in the Group financial statements due to the consolidation of Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd consistent with the call option the Group holds over Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd (refer to note 20).

Beagle No.1 Pty Ltd has been awarded for a two-year extension on the Permit Years 1-3 work program of WA-542-P to 9 October 2025, resulting in the provision classified as non-current liability at 31 December 2023.

As Finder does not currently intend to exercise the option, Finder has no expected exposure to the cost of the work program commitment or costs under the terms of the option. Accordingly, the provision is recognised only due to the consolidation of Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd and does not represent any financial exposure to Finder unless it exercises the available call option.

**Note 17. Share capital****(a) Share capital**

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
On issue at the start of the period	29,474,893	29,474,893
Issue of fully paid ordinary shares	-	-
<b>On issue at the end of period</b>	<b>29,474,893</b>	<b>29,474,893</b>

On issue at the start of the period  
Initial public offering  
**On issue at the end of the period**

No. of ordinary shares	
31 December 2023	30 June 2023
\$	\$
157,500,000	157,500,000
-	-
<b>157,500,000</b>	<b>157,500,000</b>

The Group does not have par value in respect of its issued shares. All shares issued are fully paid. The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote at meetings of the Company. In the event of winding up of the Company, ordinary shareholders rank after credits and are fully entitled to any proceeds on liquidation.

#### (b) Dividends

No dividends were declared and paid by the Company for the period.

#### Note 18. Reserves

Foreign currency Translation Reserve  
Other reserve  
Share-based Payment Reserve

31 December 2023	30 June 2023
\$	\$
126,868	27,360
(25,403,827)	(25,403,827)
2,910,518	2,453,234
<b>(22,366,442)</b>	<b>(22,923,233)</b>

#### Note 19. List of subsidiaries

Subsidiary	Country	31 December 2023 Ownership Interest	30 June 2023 Ownership Interest
Finder No 1 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 3 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 4 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 7 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 9 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 10 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 11 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 13 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 14 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder No 16 Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd**	Australia	-%**	-%**
Finder Operations Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Finder Energy UK Limited	UK	100%	100%
Inde Carbon Limited	UK	50%	50%

\*\* The Group has a call option to acquire 100% of the issued capital of Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd. As such the Group is deemed to control Beagle No.1 Pty Ltd and therefore, continues to record the entity as a subsidiary for accounting purposes. Refer to note 20 for further information on the call option.

**Note 20. Interest in exploration licenses**

The Group had interests in the following exploration licenses as at 31 December 2023, whose principal activities were oil and gas exploration and development.

Exploration permits and licences	Country	31 December 2023 Ownership Interest	30 June 2023 Ownership Interest
AC/P 61	Australia	100%	100%
WA-547-P	Australia	100%	100%
WA-542-P	Australia	-% <sup>1</sup>	-% <sup>1</sup>
P2502 <sup>2</sup>	UK	-% <sup>3</sup>	50%
P2527 <sup>2</sup>	UK	60%	60%
P2528 <sup>2</sup>	UK	60%	60%
P2530 <sup>2</sup>	UK	60%	60%
P2524 <sup>2</sup>	UK	-% <sup>4</sup>	40%
P2610 <sup>2</sup>	UK	50% <sup>5</sup>	-%

<sup>1</sup> On 22 March 2022, the Group sold Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd to a related party Longreach Capital Investment Pty Ltd for nil consideration. The Group retained a call option over Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd to acquire all the issued capital of Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd for nil consideration. This option is available to the Group until 9 October 2026, as the same may be extended from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 (Cth). As a result of this transaction the Group is deemed to retain control of Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd which continues to hold a 100% interest in WA-542-P. At 31 December 2023, the Group has recorded nil total assets, liabilities of \$9,385,101 and loss after tax of \$86,737 associated with its investment in Beagle No. 1 Pty Ltd. If exercised, the Group would be responsible for \$80,325 of geotechnical and geophysical studies prior to the permit end date.

<sup>2</sup> These licences are held with other parties under joint contract and accounted as joint operations based on controlled ownership percentage.

<sup>3</sup> UK licence P2502 was relinquished as planned on 30 November 2023.

<sup>4</sup> UK licence P2524 was relinquished as planned on 30 November 2023.

<sup>5</sup> UK licence P2610 was awarded to Finder through the 33<sup>rd</sup> UK Offshore Licensing Round with a licence start date of 1 December 2023.

**Note 21. Exploration commitments**

In order to maintain current rights of tenure to exploration permits, the Group has certain obligations to perform minimum exploration work and expend minimum amounts of money. These commitments may be varied as a result of negotiations, relinquishments, farmouts, sales or carrying out work in excess of the permit obligations. The following exploration expenditure requirements have not been provided for in the financial report and are payable.

	31 December 2023 \$	30 June 2023 \$
Exploration expenditure commitments		
Less than one year*	767,275	1,753,867
Between one and five years*	27,436,242	27,400,936
	<b>28,203,517</b>	<b>29,154,803</b>

\* Excludes the commitments related to WA-542-P. Refer to note 16 for the provision related to WA-542-P.

**Note 22. Subsequent events**

Finder has been granted a 3-year suspension and extension of the primary term of WA-547-P, extending the end date to 4 January 2027 with no additional commitments. In addition, Beagle No.1 Pty Ltd as holder of WA-542-P was awarded an extension for a period of two years to 9 October 2025. Other than these extensions, and unless disclosed elsewhere in the half year report, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group, in future financial years.

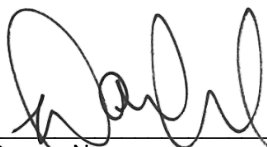
## Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of Finder Energy Holdings Limited (the "Company"):

- (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 6 to 18:
  - (i) presents fairly the financial position of the Company and the Group as at 31 December 2023 and of their performance for the period ended on that date in accordance with the basis of preparation described in Notes 1 to 3; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) to the extent described in Notes 1 to 3; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company and the Group will be able to pay their debts as and when they become due and payable.

The directors draw attention to Note 2 to the consolidated interim financial statements, which includes a statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



Damon Neaves  
Director

14 March 2024  
Perth

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of Finder Energy Holdings Limited

### Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Finder Energy Holdings 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.

#### Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

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



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

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

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

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phillip Murdoch', is written over a horizontal line. Above the signature, the letters 'BDO' are written in a smaller, handwritten font.

**Phillip Murdoch**

**Director**

Perth, 14 March 2024

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