CuFe Ltd
ABN: 31 112 731 638

HALF-YEAR REPORT

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The information in this report, given to ASX under Listing Rule 4.2A, should be read in conjunction with CuFe Ltd's most recent annual financial report.

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CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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Country of Incorporation	Australia	
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The directors of CuFe Ltd (**CUF**, the **Company** or the **Group**) submit their report for the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

DIRECTORS

The names of CUF's directors in office during the half-year and as at the date of this report are as follows:

Antony Sage (Executive Chairman)
Mark Hancock (Executive Director)
Scott Meacock (Non-Executive Director)
David Palmer (Non-Executive Director) (Appointed 1 February 2025)
Nicholas Sage (Non-Executive Director) (Resigned 1 February 2025)

All directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

REVIEW AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

CORPORATE

Sale of JWD Iron Ore Mining Rights

On 26 August 2024 the Company announced that it had, via its wholly owned subsidiary Wiluna Fe Pty Ltd (**WFE**), entered a binding agreement to sell the iron ore rights pertaining to the JWD iron ore mine (**Iron Ore Rights**) to Newcam Minerals Pty Ltd (**Newcam Minerals**) (**JWD Iron Ore Rights Disposal**). The transaction was for the disposal of:

- 100% of its rights, title and interest in the Iron Ore Rights;
- the rights and obligations under all associated contracts, authorisations and permits required to operate the JWD mine;
- the benefit of all contributions made by CuFe and/or WFE to the rehabilitation fund established for the purpose of satisfying the rehabilitation obligations pertaining to mining at the JWD mine; and
- all of its rights, title and interest in certain stockpiles of iron ore, overburden and waste material located at the JWD mine,

(together, the **Assets**).

Sale consideration was $12m cash, with $0.5m deposit and $11.5m payable on completion of the transaction, which was subject to various conditions including approval of CuFe shareholders.

Sale proceeds would be primarily be used settle trade creditors, which remain the responsibility of WFE. WFE would retains rights to certain inventory on hand at the date of signing, existing hedges and debtors and would be responsible for costs incurred up until completion, certain of which will be reimbursed by Newcam post completion.

Upon entering the transaction, CuFe and Newcam agreed the JWD mine will move to suspend operations while the ownership transition occurs given the current challenging conditions in the iron ore market, to preserve the value of ore in the ground.

All conditions precedent to the sale were met by 31 October 2024 and settlement of the transaction completed on 1 November 2024.

Results of this discontinued operation are excluded from the results of Cufe's continuing operations and are presented as a single amount as profit or loss after tax from discontinued operations in the statement of profit or loss.

At 31 December 2024, Cufe is continuing to realise value from its residual assets (namely inventory and trade debtors) and extinguish its remaining liabilities (namely trade creditors) in respect of the JWD Project (being assets and liabilities that did not transfer to New Minerals at completion).

Sale of Crossroads Gold Royalty for A$4m

On 15 November 2024, the Company announced that its wholly owned subsidiary Jackson Minerals Pty Ltd (**Jackson**) had entered into a binding sale and purchase agreement with Northern Star (Saracen Kalgoorlie) Pty Ltd and Northern Star (KLV) Pty Ltd (collectively **Northern Star**) for the sale of Jackson's 2% Net Smelter Royalty over Northern Star's Crossroads gold project for A$4m cash consideration. The sale was completed on 20 November 2024.

Strategic Copper and Gold Alliance for Tennant Creek

On 28 October 2024, CuFe, Emmerson Resources Limited (**Emmerson**) and Tennant Minerals Limited (**Tennant**) (the **Parties**) announced they have entered into a landmark Strategic Alliance Agreement to investigate the potential for development of a single, multi-user processing facility for Copper, Gold and Critical Metals for their Mineral Resources and recent high-grade exploration discoveries in the Tennant Creek region of the Northern Territory.

The Alliance recognises that as with all of the historical high-grade deposits in the Tennant Creek district, developing the deposits independently can be economically challenging, however with collaboration the potential of the deposits can be combined, allowing the collective group to investigate larger, more meaningful and more financially attractive development options. This strategy will provide a significant shift in the scale of any potential development in the Tennant Creek district to the benefit of each of the Companies and the Tennant Creek community as a whole.

For further details, refer to ASX Announcement dated 28 October 2024.

Financial Results

The Group recorded a consolidated net profit after tax for the period of $7,702,368 (31 December 2023: net loss after tax $6,937,013), comprising of:

- Profit after tax from continuing operations of $2,339,576 (31 December 2023: net profit after tax $396,418) (**Continuing Operations**); and

- Profit after tax from discontinued operations of $5,362,792 (31 December 2023: net loss after tax $7,333,431) (**Discontinued Operations**).

The result of the Continuing Operations includes a significant $4,000,000 gain on sale of royalty asset, interest and other income of $152,780, exploration and evaluation expenditure of $1,033,270, non-cash share based payment expense of $144,935, and other general expenses totalling $634,999.

The result of the Discontinued Operations relates to the operating results of the JWD operation and the JWD Iron Ore Rights Disposal, which includes $12,000,000 cash consideration for the sale offset by total net loss of the operation of $6,637,208.

General Meetings

The Company held a General Meeting on 23 July 2024. The resolutions were passed via a poll.

The Company held a General Meeting on 10 October 2024. The resolution put to shareholders regarding the disposal of main undertaking was passed via a poll.

Annual General Meeting

The Company held its Annual General Meeting on 27 November 2024. All resolutions put to shareholders were passed via a poll.

Shares issued

During the period the Company issued the following shares:
- 1,562,500 shares issued on 18 July 2024 as part consideration of $25,000 for West Arunta tenure E80/6052.

Options issued

During the period the Company issued the following options:
- 50,000,000 listed options (ASX:CUFO) exercisable at $0.025 expiring 13 June 2027 were issued to the joint lead managers to the placement completed in the year ended 30 June 2024;

- 15,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at $0.009 expiring 27 November 2026 were issued under the Company's Employee Securities Incentive Plan (**ESIP**); and
- 40,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at $0.009 expiring 27 November 2026 were issued to directors following receipt of shareholder approval at the AGM.

Options exercised

There were no options exercised during the period.

Options lapsed

During the period, the following options expired:

- 27,750,000 unlisted options exercisable at $0.027 expired on 7 September 2024;
- 5,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at $0.06 expired on 12 October 2024; and
- 75,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at $0.10 expired on 9 December 2024.

PROJECTS

CUF is an Australian based active explorer and developer of mining projects. The Company has diversified commodity interests in various projects and tenements prospective for copper, iron ore, gold, and niobium, located in world-class mineral provinces of Australia. Key projects are located in:

- Northern Territory: Yarram Iron Ore Project, and Tennant Creek Copper Project.
- Western Australia: North Dam Project, West Arunta Project, and Tambourah Project.

The Company also has various exploration projects in the Bryah Basin which are subject to various joint venture agreements for which the Company does not have operational control.

Yarram Project – Yarram Iron JV (50%) (Northern Territory)

The Company holds a 50% interest in Gold Valley Iron and Manganese Pty Ltd, the owner of the iron ore rights over the Yarram project, located some 110km from Darwin Port.

Environmental and Heritage approval strategy reviews are ongoing to advance the project.

Tennant Creek Mining Rights (55%) (Northern Territory)

The Company owns a 55% interest in copper / gold assets which have been the subject of historical mining at Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Following the technical review of the Tennant Creek exploration (refer to ASX announcement 22nd July 2024) key data sets were prepared during the period including the drill hole data base, for the re-modelling of the Orlando Global Resources. MEC consulting were engaged to undertake modelling of the global resources independent of its spatial location (open pit or underground). This work concluded after period end, with the announcement of a resource update (refer Subsequent Events note).

The resource update will support ongoing studies and will provide a key primary input to development options and valuations, growing the project resource base. Development options are being considered on both a standalone basis and jointly with the newly formed Tennant Creek Strategic Alliance.

North Dam Lithium (100%) (Western Australia)

The North Dam Lithium tenure is located approximately 30km south of the Mt Marion lithium mine.

During the reporting period a 18 hole RC program was undertaken at North Dam. The 2,068m of drilling intercepted multiple pegmatites some of which were up to 85m in down hole thickness. The drilling yielded low grade lithium concentrations of 0.15% Li_2O and rare earth concentrations of 853ppm TREO (see ASX announcement 30 October 2024). Drilling did not intersect Niobium bearing columbite and tantalite that has been observed in rock chip sampling at surface.

Future exploration work will focus on the gold potential of the tenement.

West Arunta Niobium / Copper Project (100%) (Western Australia)

The West Arunta is an emerging exploration province with a focus on Niobium and Copper, following the success of WA1 Resources Ltd and others.

During the period, CuFe attended the board meeting of the Parna Ngururrpa Native Title Group in Balgo to present our exploration plans for the region. This was followed up with a further visit to Balgo in October to present at the group's AGM as part of progressing a Land Access Agreement. Following these meetings CuFe successfully executed a Land Access Agreement with the Parna Ngururrpa (Aboriginal Corporation), the Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Ngururrpa Native Title Determination (see ASX announcement 22 October 2024).

Execution of this agreement will facilitate CuFe's application to the Minister responsible for administration of the Mining Act for consent to conduct exploration activities on the ground, which is a condition of these licenses given they are located within an Aboriginal Reserve area.

Pilbara Gold (100%) (Western Australia)

A detailed technical review of the Tambourah Gold prospectivity was undertaken during the period (refer ASX announcement 30 October 2024). The review highlighted historical RC drilling undertaken by Mt Newman Mining that intercepted several gold intercepts with depth along the dominant NE-SW quartz reef system. Work in 2023 by the previous tenement holder also yielded several high grade gold rock chips of the same reefs at surface. It has been interpreted that prospective gold target exists within the tenement and will be a focus of upcoming work programs on this tenement.

The Company also pegged a number of prospecting licences across prospective geology in the Nullagine region. Preliminary on-ground work occurred during the period with a view to conducting further more detailed work during the 2025 field season commencing in April.

Bryah Basin Joint Venture Projects (20% rights) (Western Australia)

CUF, via its wholly owned subsidiary Jackson Minerals Pty Limited (**Jackson Minerals**), has a 20% interest in tenements in the Bryah Basin (E51/1033 and E52/1672). The Bryah Basin Project tenements are subject to joint ventures and farm-ins with Billabong Gold Pty Ltd (**Billabong**), Alchemy Resources (Three Rivers) Ltd (**ALY**), Auris Minerals Ltd (**AUR**).

Bryah Basin (E52/1613) (100%) (Western Australia)

During the period the Company announced high grade iron ore rock chips were identified on the project (refer ASX announcement of 17 July 2024), with follow up work planned after the current wet season concludes.

Morck Well Project - AUR/CUF- E51/1033, E52/1613, E52/1672

The Morck Well project is located in the eastern part of the Bryah Basin and contains approximately 20km strike length of the prospective Narracoota Volcanic Formation. The northern boundary of Morck Well is adjacent to SFR's former DeGrussa-Doolgunna projects. CUF holds a 20% interest in all minerals in three exploration licences (E51/1033, E52/1613 and E52/1672) within AUR's Morck Well JV project.

Peak Hill Project Base Metals Rights – ALY/ CUF - E52/1668, E52/1678 and E52/1730

The Peak Hill project covers approximately 45km strike of the Narracoota Volcanic Formation sequence in the Bryah Basin.

CUF holds its 20% free carried interests in all minerals to decision to mine, via wholly owned subsidiary Jackson Minerals.

Peak Hill Project All Mineral Rights - ALY/Billabong/CUF - E52/1668, E52/1678, E52/1730, P52/1538, P52/1539

Billabong, through an assignment of interests from NST, entered into a Farm-In and Joint Venture agreement with ALY (refer to ASX:ALY 24 February 2015), in regard to parts of E52/1668, E52/1678, E52/1730 (excluding those parts previously being farmed into by SFR). CUF retains its 20% free carried interests in all minerals to decision to mine, via wholly owned subsidiary Jackson Minerals.

Mt Ida Iron Ore Project - Mt Ida Gold

Mt Ida Iron Ore Project is approximately 80km northwest of the operational railway at Menzies, which offers access to existing port facilities at Esperance. The Project area covers part of the Mt Ida - Mt Bevan banded iron formation, which is currently being explored and evaluated by Jupiter Mines Limited and Legacy Iron Ore Limited.

The Mt Ida Iron Ore Project (**Mt Ida Iron Project**) provides CUF the rights to explore and mine for iron ore on exploration license E29/640 and mining leases M29/2, M29/165 and M29/422 held by Mt Ida Gold Pty Ltd, covering approximately 120km^2 in the Yilgarn Iron Province. The rights give provision for CUF to retain revenue from any iron ore product it mines from the tenure. CUF has no registered interest in these tenements.

Competent Person Statements

Yarram Project

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and data that was used to compile the Mineral Resource estimates at Yarram is based on, and fairly represents, information which has been compiled by Siobhán Sweeney is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists and a full-time employee of CuFe. Siobhán Sweeney has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that is being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Siobhán Sweeney consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

North Dam Project

The information in this report that relates to the North Dam Project geology is based on, and fairly represents, information which has been compiled by Matthew Ramsden, a Member of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists and a full-time employee of CuFe Ltd. Matthew Ramsden has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that is being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Matthew Ramsden consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which they appear.

Events after the balance date

Mr David Palmer was appointed as a Non-Executive Director on 1 February 2025.

Mr Nicholas Sage resigned as a Non-Executive Director on 1 February 2025.

On 3 February 2025, the Company announced a Mineral Resource Estimate update for the Orlando Deposit located at Tennant Creek.

On 21 February 2025, 9,900,000 shares were issued as payment for corporate advisory fees.

There have been no other events subsequent to 31 December 2024 and up to the date of this report that would materially affect the operations of the Group or its state of affairs which have not otherwise been disclosed in this financial report.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* requires CuFe Ltd's auditors, Stantons, to provide the directors with an Independence Declaration in relation to the review of the half-year financial report. This Independence Declaration follows and forms part of the Directors report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Antony Sage
Executive Chairman
Perth

14 March 2025

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14 March 2025

Board of Directors
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Dear Sirs

RE: CUFE LIMITED

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of CuFe Limited.

As Audit Director for the review of the consolidated financial statements of CuFe Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

(i) the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and

(ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours faithfully

STANTONS INTERNATIONAL AUDIT AND CONSULTING PTY LTD
(An Authorised Audit Company)

Samir Tirodkar
Director

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	31 December 2024 $	31 December 2023 $
Continuing Operations			
Interest income	3(a)	39,739	23,338
Other income	3(b)	4,113,041	1,862,743
Exploration and evaluation expenditure		(993,407)	(412,738)
Employee benefits expense and director remuneration		(112,709)	(198,704)
Finance costs		(6,492)	(9,752)
Legal costs		(88,030)	(56,120)
Share-based payments expense	16	(144,934)	(150,802)
Amortisation and depreciation expense		(2,521)	(3,781)
Accounting and audit fees		(151,903)	(158,572)
Consultancy fees		(43,500)	(54,740)
Compliance costs		(85,586)	(74,091)
Other expenses		(144,258)	(97,335)
Share of net losses of joint venture accounted for using the equity method	10	(39,864)	(273,028)
Profit before income tax from continuing operations		2,339,576	396,418
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit after tax from continuing operations		2,339,576	396,418
Discontinued Operations			
Profit/(loss) after tax for the period from discontinued operations	17	5,362,792	(7,333,431)
Profit/(loss) for the period		7,702,368	(6,937,013)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		-	-
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		7,702,368	(6,937,013)
Profit/(loss) / earnings per share from attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent:			
-basic (loss) / earnings for the period (cents per share)	22	0.58	(0.64)
-diluted (loss) / earnings for the period (cents per share)	22	0.58	(0.64)
Profit/(loss) / earnings per share from attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent for continuing operations:			
-basic (loss) / earnings for the period (cents per share)	22	0.18	0.04
-diluted (loss) / earnings for the period (cents per share)	22	0.18	0.04

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	3,659,700	7,546,861
Restricted cash	5	-	360,000
Inventory	6	746,500	5,613,374
Trade and other receivables	7	3,023,900	6,655,486
Financial assets	8	62,646	1,951,960
Other assets		61,802	166,674
Total Current Assets		7,554,548	22,294,355
Non-current Assets			
Exploration assets	9	9,076,844	9,038,292
Plant and equipment		12,566	15,087
Investments accounted for using the equity method	10	3,138,916	3,138,916
Total Non-current Assets		12,228,326	12,192,295
TOTAL ASSETS		19,782,874	34,486,650
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	5,171,449	27,551,118
Interest-bearing borrowings	12	-	-
Provisions	13	941,750	1,424,558
Total Current Liabilities		6,113,199	28,975,676
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	13	-	-
Total Non-current liabilities		-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,113,199	28,975,676
NET ASSETS		13,669,675	5,510,974
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	14	64,029,653	64,004,653
Accumulated losses		(55,323,628)	(63,025,996)
Reserves	15	4,963,650	4,532,317
TOTAL EQUITY		13,669,675	5,510,974

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	31 December 2024 $	31 December 2023 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		13,815,874	51,175,057
Payments to suppliers and employees		(35,288,118)	(42,554,960)
Interest received		57,652	32,360
Payments for exploration and evaluation costs		(870,645)	(437,929)
Payment of interest and other finance costs		(84,586)	(241,442)
Net cash flows (used in)/from operating activities		(22,369,823)	7,973,086
Cash flows from investing activities			
Receipts/(payments) on commodity collar/swaps transactions closed		3,428,276	(1,373,821)
Purchase of exploration assets		(12,185)	(32,205)
Payments for capitalised mine development		-	(409,301)
Proceeds on sale of JWD Project	17(e)	12,000,000	-
Proceeds from sale of royalty asset		4,000,000	-
Cash acquired on acquisition of control (Restructure Transaction)		-	214,046
Payment of Cash Consideration	11(c)	(1,210,000)	(500,000)
Payment of stamp duty (Restructure Transaction)		-	(314,248)
Investment in joint venture		(79,729)	(462,495)
Transfer of funds from security deposit		360,000	90,000
Transfer of funds to security deposit		(3,700)	(8,000)
Net cash flows from/(used in) from investing activities		18,482,662	(2,796,024)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from interest-bearing borrowings		4,895,692	9,671,244
Repayment of interest-bearing borrowings		(4,895,692)	(11,227,426)
Principal payments on lease liabilities		-	-
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities		-	(1,556,182)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(3,887,161)	3,620,880
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		7,546,861	3,896,360
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	4	3,659,700	7,517,240

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Contributed equity	Accumulated losses	Share-based payments reserve	Other reserve	Total
	$	$	$	$	$
At 1 July 2024	64,004,653	(63,025,996)	4,648,748	(116,431)	5,510,974
Profit for the period	-	7,702,368	-	-	7,702,368
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	7,702,368	-	-	7,702,368
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners					
Shares issued (Acquisition of tenure)	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Share-based payments	-	-	431,333	-	431,333
At 31 December 2024	64,029,653	(55,323,628)	5,080,081	(116,431)	13,669,675

	Contributed equity	Accumulated losses	Share-based payments reserve	Other reserve	Total
At 1 July 2023	58,847,052	(49,403,566)	4,477,125	(116,431)	13,804,180
Loss for the period	-	(6,937,013)	-	-	(6,937,013)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	(6,937,013)	-	-	(6,937,013)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners					
Shares issued (Restructure Transaction)	2,100,000	-	-	-	2,100,000
Shares issued (Acquisition of tenure)	510,000	-	-	-	510,000
Investment accounted for using the equity method	-	-	-	-	-
Share-based payments	-	-	150,802	-	150,802
At 31 December 2023	61,457,052	(56,340,579)	4,627,927	(116,431)	9,627,969

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General information

The half-year financial report for the period ended 31 December 2024 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 14 March 2025.

CuFe Ltd is a limited company incorporated and domiciled in Australia whose shares are publicly traded.

(b) Statement of Compliance

These consolidated financial statements are general purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, applicable accounting standards including *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*.

The half-year financial report does not include full disclosures of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Therefore, it cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the Group as in the full financial report.

It is recommended that this half-year financial report be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024 and any public announcements made by CuFe Ltd during the half-year in accordance with continuous disclosure requirements arising under the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ASX Listing Rules.

(c) Basis of preparation

The half-year financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of certain financial instruments to fair value. Cost is based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The company is domiciled in Australia and all amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

For the purpose of preparing the half-year financial report, the half-year has been treated as a discrete reporting period.

(d) Adoption of new and revised standards

Standards and Interpretations applicable to 31 December 2024

In the half-year ended 31 December 2024, the Directors have reviewed all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to the Company and effective for the half-year reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2024. As a result of this review, the Directors have applied all new and amended Standards and Interpretations that were effective as at 1 July 2024 with no material impact on the amounts or disclosures included in the financial report.

(e) Significant accounting judgments and key estimates

The preparation of the half-year financial report requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this half-year financial report, the significant judgments made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

(f) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

The Group had recorded a profit before income tax of $7,702,368 for the half year ended 31 December 2024. At balance date as at 31 December 2024, the group had cash and cash equivalents of $3,659,700 and a net working capital surplus of $1,441,349 (excluding restricted cash). During the half year, the

Group recorded net cash outflows from operations of $22,369,823, net cash inflows from investing activities of $18,482,662 and net cash outflows from financing activities of nil, resulting in a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of $3,887,161.

Additional funding may be necessary for the Group to continue its planned exploration activities associated with its projects in the next 12 months, including expenditure and commitments associated with the Company's existing projects (Yarram Project, Tennant Creek Project, and other exploration projects).

The ability of the Group to continue as a going concern is dependent on it being able to either generate sufficient cashflow from operations or successfully raise additional funding in the next 12 months, to pursue its current strategy. At the date of this report, the directors are satisfied there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to continue its planned operations and the Group will be able to meet its obligations as and when they fall due because the Directors are confident that the Group will be able to obtain the additional funding required either through a further capital raising, continued support from its existing shareholders, and through realisation of value upon sale of product from the JWD Project (being sale of residual inventory held by the Company following sale of the JWD Project).

Should the Group not achieve the matters set out above, there is uncertainty whether the Group would continue as a going concern and therefore whether it would realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the financial report. The financial statements do not include any adjustment relating to the recoverability or classification of recorded asset amounts or to the amounts or classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Group not be able to continue as a going concern.

(g) Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations

The Group classifies non-current assets and disposal groups as held for sale if their carrying amounts will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. Non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Costs to sell are the incremental costs directly attributable to the disposal of an asset (disposal group), excluding finance costs and income tax expense.

The criteria for held for sale classification is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable, and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Actions required to complete the sale should indicate that it is unlikely that significant changes to the sale will be made or that the decision to sell will be withdrawn. Management must be committed to the plan to sell the asset and the sale expected to be completed within one year from the date of the classification.

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are not depreciated or amortised once classified as held for sale.

Assets and liabilities classified as held for sale are presented separately as current items in the statement of financial position.

Discontinued operations are excluded from the results of continuing operations and are presented as a single amount as profit or loss after tax from discontinued operations in the statement of profit or loss.

Additional disclosures are provided in Note 17. All other notes to the financial statements include amounts for continuing operations, unless indicated otherwise.

2 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. The Group has one segment being mining and exploration activities in Australia.

3 REVENUE, INCOME AND EXPENSES

	31 December 2024 $	31 December 2023 $
(a) Interest income		
Bank interest	39,739	23,338
(b) Other income		
Gain on sale of royalty asset (a)	4,000,000	-
Marketing fee income	124,407	359,823
Gain on disposal of Tennant Creek project interest	-	1,486,096
Rental recharges income	8,025	9,366
Unrealised gain/(loss) of financial asset – investment (FVPL)	(19,391)	7,458
	4,113,041	1,862,743

(a) On 15 November 2024, the Company announced that its wholly owned subsidiary Jackson Minerals Pty Ltd (Jackson) had entered into a binding sale and purchase agreement with Northern Star (Saracen Kalgoorlie) Pty Ltd and Northern Star (KLV) Pty Ltd (collectively Northern Star) for the sale of Jackson's 2% Net Smelter Royalty over Northern Star's Crossroads gold project for A$4m cash consideration. The sale was completed on 20 November 2024.

4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank	3,659,700	7,546,861

5 RESTRICTED CASH

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Restricted cash	-	360,000

6 INVENTORY

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Diesel fuel	-	133,155
Work In Progress Run of Mine	-	2,818,692
Finished Goods Site	746,500	2,264,995
Finished Goods Port	-	396,532
	746,500	5,613,374

7 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Trade receivables (a)	2,731,395	5,502,453
Net GST receivable	24,779	912,169
Deposits	41,357	37,657
Other receivable	226,369	203,207
	3,023,900	6,655,486

(a) None of the receivables are past due and/or impaired.

8 FINANCIAL ASSETS

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) – equity investment	62,646	82,037
Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) – commodity collars/swaps	-	1,869,923
	62,464	1,951,960

9 EXPLORATION ASSETS

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Acquisition cost – Tenements pursuant to Tennant Creek Transaction	8,127,948	8,127,948
Acquisition cost – North Dam Project	383,530	383,530
Acquisition cost - West Arunta	431,476	395,110
Acquisition cost - Tambourah	131,704	131,704
Acquisition cost – Other	2,186	-
	9,076,844	9,038,292
Movements		
Carrying value at beginning of period	9,038,292	9,184,992
Consideration in cash (North Dam Project)	-	50,000
Other acquisition costs (North Dam Project)	-	15,390
Consideration in cash (West Arunta)	10,000	-
Consideration in shares (West Arunta)	25,000	382,500
Other acquisition costs (West Arunta)	1,366	12,610
Consideration in shares (Tambourah)	-	127,500
Other acquisition costs (Tambourah)	-	4,204
Other acquisition costs (Other projects)	2,186	-
Adjustment upon transfer of 5% of interest in project (Restructure Transaction)	-	(738,904)
Closing value at end of period	9,076,844	9,038,292

10 INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD

(a) Reconciliation of carrying amount of investments accounted for using the equity method

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Investments accounted for using the equity method - Yarram Iron JV	3,138,916	3,138,916
Movement in Investment		
Balance at beginning of period	3,138,916	2,409,727
Cost of investment (Next Carry amount - refer note 21(a))	-	500,000
Cost of investment	39,864	533,643
Share of profit/(loss) of joint venture	(39,864)	(304,454)
Balance at end of period	3,138,916	3,138,916

11 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Trade payables (a)	4,299,236	20,293,920
Unissued options (b)	-	286,399
Employee related liabilities	125,489	153,521
JWD Cash Contribution refundable to Gold Valley Group (c)	-	1,210,000
Other payables and accruals (d)	746,724	5,607,278
	5,171,449	27,551,118

(a) Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 30-day terms.

(b) As detailed in the 30 June 2024 Annual Report, Copeak Pty Ltd (**Peak**) and Evolution Capital Pty Ltd (**Evolution**) were engaged as corporate advisors and joint lead manager (**JLM**) to provide services in connection with a placement. Pursuant to the terms of their engagement, the JLM were entitled to receive 50,000,000 options on same terms as the Placement Options (**Lead Manager Options**), subject to receipt of shareholder approval. As at 30 June 2024, shareholder approval had not been received, and accordingly the value of the proposed options (determined using a Black & Scholes valuation) was reflected as a liability. Shareholder approval was received at the general meeting held 23 July 2024, upon which date the liability amount has been transferred to the share-based payment reserve. Refer to note 16(a).

(c) As detailed in the 30 June 2024 Annual Report, upon completion of the Restructure Transaction, the amount payable to GVG was $1,710,000, being cash contribution is payable via monthly instalments following Completion of the Restructure Transaction. For each month following the settlement date where the amount of net profits (of the JWD Iron Ore Project) is a positive number, the Company was obliged to pay GVIO a cash payment in immediately available funds equal to 100% of the net profits for that month (unless a payment calculated for any given month would exceed $500,000, in which case the maximum payable for any given month will be $500,000) (**Monthly Cash Payment**) until such time as the aggregate amount of the Monthly Cash Payments paid to GVIO is equal to $1,710,000. An amount of $500,000 was settled during the year ended 30 June 2024.

The remaining balance of $1,210,000 was settled during the half-year period to 31 December 2024.

(d) Other payables are non-interest bearing and have varying terms.

12 INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
USD Loan – Principal (a)	-	-
USD Loan – Interest (a)	-	-
	-	-
Movements in borrowings		
Balance at beginning of period	-	1,797,624
Receipt of loan funds	4,895,692	21,176,689
Interest accrued	84,586	161,286
Repayment of principal loan	(4,895,692)	(22,809,354)
Payment of interest	(84,586)	(161,286)
FX revaluation	-	(164,959)
	-	-

(a) *Stock Finance Facility*

As announced on 27 July 2021, the Company, via its wholly owned subsidiary Wiluna FE Pty Ltd, entered an exclusive offtake agreement with leading international trading house Glencore International AG (**Glencore**), for 100% of the JWD product (iron ore lumps and fines) over the life of CUF's operations at the mine, subject to GVIO's right (assigned by GWR Group Ltd (**GWR Group**) to GVIO in July 2022) to elect to purchase up to 50,000 tonnes of fines product at the mine gate.

As announced 12 January 2022, the agreement has been restructured to allow drawdowns of up to USD$3,000,000 against stock held at port, to assist the Company in management of working capital as required as Operator of the JWD JV (**Stock Finance Facility**).

The Stock Finance Facility has been utilised during the half-year period, and with all drawn amounts repaid at 31 December 2024.

13 PROVISIONS

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Current		
Provision for rehabilitation – JWD Project (a)	941,750	941,750
Provision for demobilisation – JWD Project	-	482,808
	941,750	1,424,558
Non-current		
Provision for rehabilitation – JWD Project (a)	-	-
Provision for demobilisation – JWD Project	-	-
	-	-
Total	941,750	1,424,558

(a) *31 December 2024*

The provision for rehabilitation at 31 December 2024 of $941,750 relates to the Wiluna Iron Project and has been calculated using the Rehabilitation Estimate Calculation pursuant to the Mining Rehabilitation Fund Regulations 2013 based on an estimate of area of disturbance (calculated at $1,741,750 at 30 June 2024), less $800,000 (project to date) which has been prepaid pursuant to an agreement.

14 CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Ordinary shares		
Issued and fully paid	64,029,653	64,004,653

	31 December 2024 No. Shares	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 No. Shares	30 June 2024 $
Movements in ordinary shares on issue				
Balance at beginning of period	1,335,112,365	64,004,653	966,112,365	58,847,052
Shares issued – consideration (West Arunta tenure E80/5062)	1,562,500	25,000	-	-
Shares issued – consideration (West Arunta and Tambourah)	-	-	30,000,000	510,000
Shares issued - consideration (Restructure Transaction)	-	-	150,000,000	2,100,000
Shares issued – Placement	-	-	187,500,000	3,000,000
Shares issued – settlement of supplier invoice	-	-	1,500,000	24,000
Share issue costs – unissued options proposed to be issued to Lead Manager to Placement	-	-	-	(286,399)
Share issue costs – cash	-	-	-	(190,000)
Balance at end of period	1,336,674,865	64,029,653	1,335,112,365	64,004,653

15 RESERVES

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Share-based payments reserve	5,080,081	4,648,748
Other equity reserve	(116,431)	(116,431)
	4,963,650	4,532,317
Movements in reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the period	4,648,748	4,477,125
Share-based payments made during the period	431,333	171,623
Balance at the end of the period	5,080,081	4,648,748

16 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

(a) Total costs arising from share-based payment transactions recognised during the period were as follows:

	31 December 2024 $	31 December 2023 $
Share-based payments expensed through profit and loss:		
Options (i)	144,934	150,802
	144,934	150,802
Share-based payments expensed through equity:		
Options – transfer from liability to reserve (refer note 11(b)) (i)	286,399	150,802
	286,399	150,802
Share-based payments – included in statement of financial position:		
Share based payments - shares (capitalised mine development) (ii)	-	2,100,000
Share-based payments - shares (exploration assets) (refer note 9)	25,000	510,000
	25,000	2,610,000
Sub-total share-based payments – Options	431,333	150,802
Sub-total share-based payments – Shares	25,000	2,610,000
Total share-based payments	456,333	2,760,802

(i) During the period, the Company issued the following options:

- 15,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at $0.009 expiring 27 November 2026 with vesting conditions issued pursuant to the Company's Employee Securities Incentive Plan (**ESIP**) (**ESIP Options**);
- 40,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at $0.009 and expiring 27 November 2026 were issued to Executive Directors Mr Tony Sage (20,000,000 options) and Mr Mark Hancock (20,000,000 options) (or their nominees) following receipt of shareholder approval at the AGM held 27 November 2024 (**Director Options**); and
- 50,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at $0.025 and expiring 13 June 2027 were issued to the JLMs following receipt of shareholder approval at the AGM held 27 November 2024 (being the JLM Options). The value of the JLM Options was recorded as a liability at 30 June 2024; which was transferred to reserve upon issue of the options during the 31 December 2024 half-year period. Refer to 30 June 2024 Annual Report for valuation of these options.

(ii) The Company issued 150,000,000 Shares valued at $2,100,000 pursuant to the Restructure Transaction (being the Consideration Shares). Refer note 21.

(b) Fair value of options issued

The fair value of unlisted options issued during the period has been determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. The following table lists the inputs to the model:

	ESIP Options[1]	**Director Options[2]**
Expiry date	27 November 2026	27 November 2026
Valuation date	27 November 2024	27 November 2024
Dividend yield (%)	Nil	Nil
Expected volatility (%)	100%	100%
Risk free interest rate (%)	4.08%	4.08%
Exercise price ($)	$0.009	$0.009
Discount (%)	Nil	Nil
Expected life of options (years)	2.0	2.0
Share price at grant date ($)	$0.007	$0.007
Value per option ($)	$0.0034	$0.0034

[1] Vest subject to employee remaining employed for 12 months from date of grant.

[2] Vest immediately.

17 DISCONTINUED OPERATION

(a) Summary of discontinued operation

On 26 August 2024 the Company announced that it had, via its wholly owned subsidiary Wiluna Fe Pty Ltd (**WFE**), entered a binding agreement to sell the iron ore rights pertaining to the JWD iron ore mine (**Iron Ore Rights**) to Newcam Minerals Pty Ltd (**Newcam Minerals**) (**JWD Iron Ore Rights Disposal**). The transaction was for the disposal of:

- 100% of its rights, title and interest in the Iron Ore Rights;
- the rights and obligations under all associated contracts, authorisations and permits required to operate the JWD mine;
- the benefit of all contributions made by CuFe and/or WFE to the rehabilitation fund established for the purpose of satisfying the rehabilitation obligations pertaining to mining at the JWD mine; and
- all of its rights, title and interest in certain stockpiles of iron ore, overburden and waste material located at the JWD mine,

(together, the **Assets**).

Sale consideration was $12m cash, with $0.5m deposit and $11.5m payable on completion of the transaction (**Sale Consideration**), which was subject to various conditions including approval of CuFe shareholders.

Sale proceeds to be primarily used to settle trade creditors, remain the responsibility of WFE. WFE retains rights to certain inventory on hand at the date of signing, existing hedges and debtors and would be responsible for costs incurred up until completion, certain of which will be reimbursed by Newcam post completion.

Upon entering the transaction, CuFe and Newcam agreed the JWD mine will move to suspend operations while the ownership transition occurs given the current challenging conditions in the iron ore market, to preserve the value of ore in the ground.

All conditions precedent to the sale were met by 31 October 2024 and settlement of the transaction completed on 1 November 2024.

Results of this discontinued operation are excluded from the results of Cufe’s continuing operations and are presented as a single amount as profit or loss after tax from discontinued operations in the statement of profit or loss.

At 31 December 2024, Cufe is continuing to realise value from its residual assets (namely inventory and trade debtors) and extinguish its remaining liabilities (namely trade creditors and provision for rehabilitation) in respect of the JWD Project (being assets and liabilities that did not transfer to Newcam Minerals at completion).

(b) Profit/(loss) from discontinued operation

	31 December 2024 $	31 December 2023 $
Revenue from iron ore sales	13,044,113	49,712,081
Cost of sales (refer note 17(c))	(20,301,641)	(44,355,409)
Gross profit/(loss)	(7,257,528)	5,356,672
Interest income	1,212	9,023
Other income (refer note 17(d))	12,979,511	(8,699,789)
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	(1,200)	(9,108)
Employee benefits expense and directors remuneration	(82,808)	(168,784)
Finance costs	(111,925)	(228,015)
Legal expenses	(26,500)	(6,441)
Amortisation and depreciation expense	-	(3,596,609)
Compliance costs	(722)	(369)
Other expenses	(137,248)	9,989
Profit/(loss) before income tax from discontinued operations	5,363,792	(7,333,431)
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit/(loss) after income tax from discontinued operations	**5,363,792**	**(7,333,431)**
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
-	-	-
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	**5,363,792**	**(7,333,431)**

	31 December 2024 $	31 December 2023 $
(c) Cost of sales		
Royalty expense	(1,450,250)	(4,971,896)
Mining and processing	(4,201,584)	(12,710,683)
Haulage	(7,426,724)	(22,038,482)
Port	(1,459,236)	(3,590,097)
Sales commission	(253,800)	(1,030,105)
Salaries, wages and other employee benefits	(250,752)	(422,449)
Inventory movement	(3,451,261)	1,542,499
Inventory impairment (write down to NRV)	(1,282,458)	-
Other operating costs	(525,576)	(1,134,196)
	(20,301,641)	(44,355,409)
(d) Other income		
Gain on sale of JWD Iron Ore Rights Disposal (cash consideration)	12,000,000	-
Marketing fee income	-	8,000
Realised gain on commodity collar/swap contracts	2,874,532	(4,112,297)
Unrealised gain on commodity collar/swap contracts	(1,895,021)	(4,513,291)
Unrealised FV gain/loss - USD Forwards Contracts	-	(82,201)
	12,979,511	(8,699,789)

(e) Cash flows from investing activities

In respect of the Sale Consideration of $12,000,000, the Company received $7,081,000 in cash payments from Newcam Minerals, with the balance agreed between the parties to be offset against trade creditor amounts owing from the Company to Newcam Minerals (or its associates). Proceeds from sale of the JWD Project have been included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows within cash flows from investing activities in the amount of $12,000,000, representing the gross amount of Sale Consideration.

18 RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

Transactions with directors, director related entities and other related parties

During the period, an aggregate amount of $3,354 (31 December 2023: $7,466) was paid or payable to Cyclone Metals Limited (**Cyclone Metals**) for reimbursement of warehouse rental costs. At 31 December 2024, nil was payable to Cyclone Metals (30 June 2024: $7,316 (plus GST)). Mr Antony Sage is a director of Cyclone Metals.

During the period, an aggregate amount of $28,500 (31 December 2023: $30,150) was paid or payable to Okewood Pty Ltd (**Okewood**) for office rent. At 31 December 2024, nil was payable to Okewood (30 June 2024: $4,750). Mr Antony Sage is a director of Okewood.

During the period, an amount of $1,383,672 (31 December 2023: $1,079,704) was paid or payable to Gold Valley Iron Ore Pty Ltd (a substantial shareholder of the Company) (**GVIO**) for royalty payments ($173,672) and payment of Cash Consideration pursuant to the Restructure Transaction ($1,210,000) (refer note 11(c)). At 31 December 2024, nil was payable to GVIO in respect of royalties (30 June 2024: $355,682).

Options issued to directors or director related entities

Following receipt of shareholder approval at the Company's Annual General Meeting, a total of 40,000,000 unlisted options were issued to executive directors (or their nominee) (being the **Director Options**). Refer note 16(a)(i) for further details.

Significant shareholders

At 31 December 2024, the GVIO and its associates (**Gold Valley Group**)[1] held a significant interest of 29.54% of CUF (30 June 2024: 25.21%). Director Scott Meacock currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel of the Gold Valley Group.

At 31 December 2024, Cyclone Metals held a significant interest of 9.93% of CUF (30 June 2024: 9.94%). Mr Antony Sage is a director of Cyclone Metals.

19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group's objective regarding financial risk management is to ensure the effective management of business risks crucial to the financial integrity of the business without affecting the ability of the Group to operate efficiently or execute its business plans and strategies.

The Board has overall responsibility for the determination of the Group's risk management objectives and policies and has the responsibility for designing and operating processes that ensure the effective management of all significant financial risks to the business. The Board may delegate specific responsibilities as appropriate.

Capital risk management

The Group's capital base comprises its ordinary shareholders equity, which was $13,669,675 at 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: $5,510,974). The Group manages its capital to ensure that the entities in the Group will be able to continue to meet its working capital requirements and operate as a going concern while seeking to maximise the return to stakeholders.

[1] Gold Valley Group refers to Gold Valley Iron Ore Pty Ltd, Gecko Mining Company Pty Ltd, Goldvalley Brown Stone Pty Ltd, Mr Yugheng Xie, and LSG Resource Pty Ltd.

In making its decisions to adjust its capital structure, either through new share issues or consideration of debt, the Group considers not only its short-term working capital needs but also its long-term operational and strategic objectives. The Board continually monitors the capital requirements of the Group.

The Group is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

Financial instrument risk exposure and management

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, financial assets, financial liabilities, trade and other payables, and lease liabilities.

The main purpose of these financial instruments is to manage short term cash flows for the Group's operations.

The Group previously entered into derivative transactions in connection with the former-held JWD operation, including commodity collar options and iron ore swaps (none remained open at 31 December 2024). The purpose of these financial instruments was to manage the commodity price risks arising from the Group's operations. The Group also previously entered into foreign currency forward contracts to manage its exposure to fluctuations in USD (none remain open at 31 December 2024).

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments were foreign currency risk, commodity price risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and liquidity risk, noting that exposure to these risks has reduced since the sale of JWD Iron Ore Mining Rights. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below.

Market risks

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. At 31 December 2024, the Group was exposed to market risks in the form of foreign currency, and interest rate risk.

Foreign currency risk

The Group has exposure to the risk of adverse movement in the AUD compared to the USD as its iron ore sales receipts and borrowings associated with former-held JWD operation are denominated in USD. At balance date, the Group's exposure to foreign currency risks on financial assets and financial liabilities, are as follows:

	31 December 2024 $	**30 June 2024 $**
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	430	1,599
Trade and other receivables	425,022	1,385,466
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables	-	(2,769,661)
Net asset/(liability)	425,452	(1,382,596)

The net exposure in USD at balance date is USD$263,936 (net asset) (30 June 2024: USD$715,003 (net liability)).

Commodity price risk

Prior to the sale of the JWD Project, the Group's operations were exposed to commodity price risk in respect of the Group's sale of iron ore to customers in USD. The majority of the Group's sales revenue is derived under an exclusive offtake agreement with leading international trading house Glencore International AG (**Glencore**) (refer 'Credit Risk' below for further details). The pricing mechanism in these contracts reflect market-based index pricing terms.

During the period, the Group closed out its collar option and swap contracts in relation to dry metric tonnes ("dmt") of iron ore. The contracts provided floor price protection in relation to sales from the JWD Project.

At 31 December 2024, no contracts remained open.

Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's cash and cash equivalents, and term deposits.

At balance date, the Group's maximum exposure to interest rate risks on financial assets and financial liabilities was as follows:

31 December 2024	**Range of effective interest rates %**	**Carrying amount $**	**Variable interest rate $**	**Fixed interest rate $**	**Total $**
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	0 – 1.5%	3,659,700	3,659,700	-	3,659,700
Restricted cash (term deposits)	-	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities					
-	-	-	-	-	-
		3,659,700	3,659,700	-	3,659,700
30 June 2024					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	0 – 1.5%	7,546,861	7,546,861	-	7,546,861
Restricted cash (term deposits)	4.75%	360,000	-	360,000	360,000
Financial liabilities					
-	-	-	-	-	-
		7,906,861	7,546,861	360,000	7,906,861

The following table details the effect on profit and other comprehensive income after tax of a 0.25% change in interest rates, in absolute terms in respect of those financial instruments exposed to variable interest rates:

	Profit/(loss) (Higher)/Lower		**Equity Higher/(Lower)**	
	31 December 2024 $	**30 June 2024 $**	**31 December 2024 $**	**30 June 2024 $**
+0.25% (25 basis points)	9,149	18,867	-	-
-0.25% (25 basis points)	(9,149)	(18,867)	-	-

The sensitivity analysis of the Group's exposure to Australian variable interest rates at balance date has been determined based on exposures at balance sheet date. A positive number indicates an increase in profit and equity.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the financial assets of the Group, including comprise cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables. The Group's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counter party, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments.

The Company, via its wholly owned subsidiary Wiluna Fe Pty Ltd, previously entered an exclusive offtake agreement with Glencore, for 100% of the JWD product (iron ore lumps and fines) over the life of CUF's operations at the mine. The Group minimises concentrations of credit risk in relation to trade receivables by use of advance payments or letters of credit. The Board are of the opinion that the credit risk arising as a result of the concentration of the Group's receivables is more than offset by the benefits gained under the offtake arrangement.

For cash balances held with bank or financial institutions, only independently rated parties with a minimum rate of 'AA' are accepted.

The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties.

In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant. Other than the cash balance with a AA credited bank, there are no other significant concentrations of credit risk within the Group.

Following the sale of the JWD Project, the Group's exposure to credit risk has reduced.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the Group's management of working capital. It is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group's objective is to ensure that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities through ensuring it has sufficient cash reserves to meet its ongoing working capital and long-term operational and strategic objectives. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate borrowing facilities and monitoring forecast and actual cash flows on an ongoing basis.

Following the sale of the JWD Project, the Group's exposure to liquidity risk has reduced.

The table below analyses the Group's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows:

	Less than 6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount of liabilities
	$	$	$	$	$	$
31 December 2024						
Trade and other payables	4,299,236	-	-	-	4,299,236	4,299,236
Cash Consideration payable to Gold Valley Group	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4,299,236	-	-	-	4,299,236	4,299,236
30 June 2024						
Trade and other payables	20,293,920	-	-	-	20,293,920	20,293,920
Cash Consideration payable to Gold Valley Group	1,210,000	-	-	-	1,210,000	1,210,000
	21,503,920	-	-	-	21,503,920	21,503,920

Fair value

All financial instruments for which fair value is recognised or disclosed 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 prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that is not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

	Carrying Amount	Fair Value Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	$	$	$	$
31 December 2024				
Financial assets				
Equity investment	62,646	62,646	-	-
Financial liabilities				
Commodity collars/swaps	-	-	-	-
Net asset / (liability)	62,646	62,646	-	-

	Carrying Amount $	Fair Value Level 1 $	Level 2 $	Level 3 $
30 June 2024				
Financial assets				
Equity investment	82,037	82,037	-	-
Commodity collars/swaps	1,869,923	-	1,869,923	-
Net asset / (liability)	1,951,960	82,037	1,869,923	-

20 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

Office Rental Commitments

The Group has entered into a 12-month lease with Okewood for office premises for a lease term expiring 30 April 2025.

Commitments of CUF in relation to the Tennant Creek Project (in which CUF has a 55% interest)

Pursuant to the terms of the original Tennant Creek acquisition, CUF is to sole fund the Tennant Creek joint venture activities for the first $10,000,000 expended by the joint venture following settlement which is not time bound. Gecko Mining Company Pty Ltd (a member of the Gold Valley Group) is not required to contribute to the joint venture expenditure until after that $10,000,000 expenditure has been met, regardless of when a decision to mine is made. Noting that $2,700,310 has been spent to 31 December 2024, the remaining commitment at 31 December 2024 is $7,299,690).

Commitments in relation to Wiluna Iron Project

Following completion of the JWD Iron Ore Rights Disposal, the Group is no longer a party to the various operating agreements previously in place in relation to the Wiluna Iron Project.

Contractual commitments at 31 December 2024 are as follows:

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Up to 1 year	-	1,449,861
Between 1 and 5 years	-	-
Later than 5 years	-	-
	-	1,449,861

Exploration Expenditure Commitments

To maintain rights to tenure to tenements, the Group is required to fulfil various minimum expenditure requirements up until expiry of licenses. The expected expenditure commitments with respect to the exploration grounds in Australia are as follows:

	31 December 2024 $	30 June 2024 $
Up to 1 year	537,301	366,921
Between 1 and 5 years	3,093,204	1,666,702
Later than 5 years	903,301	913,884
	4,533,806	2,947,507

Contingencies

Contingent Liabilities of Wiluna Iron Project

Mining Rights Agreement

Following completion of the JWD Iron Ore Rights Disposal, the Company is no longer a party to the Mining Rights Agreement and any contingent liabilities in relation to it.

Contingent Liabilities of CUF in respect to the Yarram Transaction

The 2023 Annual Report disclosed that a milestone payment will be payable by CUF to Gold Valley Brown Stone Pty Ltd (**GVBS**) if the Company discovers a JORC indicated resource of greater than 3MT with greater than 60% Fe, as follows:

- $1,500,000 cash; or
- at CUF's election, $500,000 in cash and $1,000,000 in CUF shares (calculated as 10-day VWAP upon announcement of Milestone Resource).

As part of the Restructure Transaction which completed on 1 September 2023, the Yarram milestone payment of $1.5m has been re-structured. This obligation has been restructured such that CuFe has agreed to carry the next $500k of GVBS's joint venture costs (**Next Carry**) under the Yarram Joint Venture and the $1m payable to GVBS in cash or shares at CuFe's election is deferred until a decision to mine is made on the Yarram Iron Project. At 30 June 2024, the Next Carry commitment had been met.

At 31 December 2024 there were no other contingent liabilities or contingent assets.

21 RESTRUCTURE TRANSACTION (COMPLETED 1 SEPTEMBER 2023)

Extract from 30 June 2024 Annual Report:

(a) Summary of Restructure Transaction

On 22 February 2023, the Company announced that it had entered a binding agreement (**Agreement**) with entities associated with its major shareholder, Gold Valley Group (GVG) to acquire the remaining 40% joint venture interest in the JWD Iron Ore Project and to restructure various other obligations that exist between the parties with respect to the Tennant Creek Joint Venture and the Yarram Joint Venture (**Restructure Transaction**).

Key terms of the Agreement includes the following:

- CUF to increase its interest in the iron rights over the JWD iron ore mine from 60% to 100% via the issue of 150,000,000 CUF shares (**Consideration Shares**) and refunding the historical GVG cash contributions (being $1.71m (**Cash Consideration**);
- The effective date for the transaction and determining the Cash Consideration is deemed to be 1 January 2023. The amount payable to Gold Valley Iron Ore Pty Ltd (an entity associated with GVG) (**GVIO**) will be adjusted by cash paid by GVIO offset by amounts paid to GVIO under the JWD Joint Venture, subsequent to the effective date and prior to completion of the transaction (**Net Called Sums Amount**);
- The Cash Consideration will be payable via monthly instalments following completion. For each month following the settlement date where the amount of net profits (of the JWD Iron Ore Project) is a positive number, the Company must pay GVIO a cash payment in immediately available funds equal to 100% of the net profits for that month (unless a payment calculated for any given month would exceed $500,000, in which case the maximum payable for any given month will be $500,000) (**Monthly Cash Payment**) until such time as the aggregate amount of the Monthly Cash Payments paid to GVIO is equal to the Net Called Sums Amount;
- CUF exercises its right to access a further 900,000mt of iron ore at the JWD resource, with the original exercise price of $2,225,000 to be settled via transfer of 5% of its joint venture interest in the Tennant Creek Copper Project; and

- Yarram milestone payment of $1,500,000 re-structured such that:
  - the Company has agreed to carry the next $500,000 of GVG's joint venture costs contribution under the Yarram Joint Venture (**Next Carry**); and
  - the $1,000,000 payable to GVG in cash or shares at the Company's election is deferred until a decision to mine is made rather than on announcement of indicated resource (**Yarram Contingent Liability**).

Refer to ASX Announcements dated 22 February 2023, 11 May 2023 and 4 September 2023 for further details.

Shareholder approval required in respect of the Restructure Transaction was received at the Company's General Meeting held 24 July 2023.

(b) Completion date

Completion of the Restructure Transaction settled on 1 September 2023 (**Completion**).

(c) Project interests following Completion

Upon completion, the Company held:

- 100% interest in the JWD iron ore mine;
- 55% interest in the Tennant Creek project; and
- 50% interest in the Yarram Iron Ore Project.

For further information regarding the Restructure Transaction, refer to the 30 June 2024 Annual Report.

22 EARNINGS PER SHARE

	31 December 2024 Cents	31 December 2023 Cents
Basic earnings/(loss) per share		
Continuing operations	0.18	0.04
Discontinued operations	0.40	(0.67)
Total	0.58	(0.64)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share		
Continuing operations	0.18	0.04
Discontinued operations	0.40	(0.67)
Total	0.58	(0.64)

Basic earnings/(loss) per share amounts are calculated by dividing net profit/(loss) for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of shares on issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing the net profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders by the weighted average number of shares on issue during the period (adjusted for the effects of dilutive options). Where a loss has been reported the dilutive effects of options are not adjusted for, in accordance with *AASB 133 Earnings per share*.

In the half-year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 the diluted earnings/(loss) per share was equal to the basic loss per share as the options on issue as at the respective periods were anti-dilutive and were out of the money.

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

	31 December 2024 $	31 December 2023 $
Profit/(loss) used in calculation of basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share		
Continuing operations	2,339,576	396,418
Discontinued operations	5,362,792	(7,333,431)
Total profit/(loss) for the period	7,702,368	(6,937,013)

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings/(loss) per share	1,336,529,715	1,087,423,840
Effect of dilution:		
Options	-	-
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings/(loss) per share	1,336,529,715	1,087,423,840

23 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE

Mr David Palmer was appointed as a Non-Executive Director on 1 February 2025.

Mr Nicholas Sage resigned as a Non-Executive Director on 1 February 2025.

On 3 February 2025, the Company announced a Mineral Resource Estimate update for the Orlando Deposit located at Tennant Creek.

On 21 February 2025, 9,900,000 shares were issued as payment for corporate advisory fees.

There have been no other events subsequent to 31 December 2024 and up to the date of this report that would materially affect the operations of the Group or its state of affairs which have not otherwise been disclosed in this financial report.

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of CuFe Ltd, I state that in the opinion of the directors:

(a) the financial statements and notes of the Group are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view the financial position as at 31 December 2024 and the performance for the half-year ended on that date; and

(ii) complying with Accounting Standards *AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and

(b) subject to the matters described in note 1(f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board

Antony Sage
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Perth

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
CUFE LIMITED

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of CuFe Limited ('the Company') and its controlled entities ('the Group'), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, 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, condensed notes comprising a summary of material 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 CuFe Limited does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of CuFe Limited's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and

(b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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 Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the 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* has been given to the directors of the Company on 14 March 2025.

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Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to note 1(f) of the financial report, which describes that the financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis. During the half-year ended 31 December 2024, the Group incurred a profit before tax of $7,702,368 and net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of $3,887,161. As at 31 December 2024, the Group had $3,659,700 in cash and cash equivalents and net working capital surplus of $1,441,349.

The ability of the Group to continue as a going concern and meet its exploration, administration, and other commitments is dependent upon the future successful raising of necessary funding through equity or borrowings. In the event that the Group cannot raise further equity, or funding, Group may not be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due or realise its assets 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 CuFe Limited 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 Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 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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