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Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

for the half year ended 31 December 2025

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This Interim Report covers Core Lithium Ltd ("Core", the "Parent" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries, collectively referred to as "the Group".

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

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Directors' Report

Your Directors present their report together with the financial statements of the consolidated entity being Core Lithium Ltd ("Core" or "the Company") and its controlled entities ("the Group") for the half year ended 31 December 2025 ("Half Year").

Directors

The Directors of the Group who held office during the Half Year and up to the date of this report are stated below. Directors were in office for this entire period unless otherwise stated.

Greg English	Non-Executive Chair
Heath Hellewell	Non-Executive Director
Malcolm McComas	Non-Executive Director
Alicia Sherwood	Non-Executive Director
Jarek Kopias	Company Secretary

Review of operations and financial results for the period

Core is the 100% owner of the Finniss Lithium Operation ("Finniss" or the "Project"), an established low-cost, long-life restart opportunity located 88km by road from the Port of Darwin in the Northern Territory. Finniss is a multi-mine, hard-rock lithium operation with a modern processing plant and existing infrastructure, 100% Core-owned.

Finniss Operations

During the half-year ended 31 December 2025, Core made significant progress across both operational and corporate workstreams to advance the planned restart of lithium operations at the Finniss Project.

Following the release of the Finniss Restart Study ("Restart Study") on 14 May 2025[1], the Group has continued to de-risk and optimise the Finniss Restart Plan, underpinned by a substantial body of technical, design and engineering work that has further strengthened Finniss' pathway back to production.

Updated Carlton Ore Reserve and Exploration Target

An updated Ore Reserve Estimate ("ORE") was declared at Carlton in September 2025, along with an Exploration Target of between 1.2 and 1.8Mt at a grade of 1.2 and 1.4% Li_2O below the existing Carlton Mineral Resource (ML31726)[2].

The new Exploration Target is in addition to the Mineral Resource Estimate of 48.5Mt @ 1.26% Li_2O already defined by Core at Finniss, and the combined BP33 and Blackbeard Exploration Target[3] of 10.9Mt – 16.5Mt at a grade of between 1.5% and 1.7% Li_2O.

Cautionary statement: the potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Targets is conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to estimate a Mineral Resource, and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of a Mineral Resource.

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[1] Refer to ASX announcement "Restart Study Repositions Finniss Operations" on 14 May 2025.
[2] Refer to ASX announcement "Updated Ore Reserve at Carlton" on 10 September 2025.
[3] Refer to ASX announcement "Updated Finniss Lithium Project Reserve and Resource" on 14 May 2025
The Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) is comprised of 6.33Mt @ 1.41% Li_2O Measured MRE, 21.9Mt @ 1.29% Li_2O Indicated MRE and 20.3Mt @ 1.18% Li_2O Inferred MRE.

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Table 1 Exploration Targets – Regional

Exploration Target	Tonnage (Mt)		Li_2O (%)	
	Low	High	Low	High
Blackbeard	7.0	10.0	1.5	1.7
BP33	3.9	6.5	1.5	1.6
Carlton	1.2	1.8	1.2	1.4

Updated Grants Mine Plan and Ore Reserve

Based on the outcomes of an updated geotechnical assessment for the Grants deposit, Core identified a significant opportunity to bring forward revenue and reduce Grants pre-production capital costs. This resulted in the delivery of an updated Mine Plan and Ore Reserve for Grants in November 2025.

Under a revised mine plan, Grants will now be initially mined as an open pit and will transition later to an underground mine. This will reduce the re-establishment costs for Grants and bring first ore and revenue forward. Pre-production capital for Grants is expected to be reduced by $35 - $45 million from the Restart Study estimate.

Underground mining recovery is also maximised by a change to the underground mining method to include waste backfilling that can be sourced from underground development in Grants and Carlton link.

The updated Ore Reserve Estimate for Grants has been completed based on this revised plan, delivering a 33% increase in overall tonnage and an increase in contained metal of 44%. The declaration of an upgraded Ore Reserve at Grants leverages the substantial body of study work that has been conducted.

The overall Finniss Project ORE now sits at 15.6Mt @ 1.27% Li_2O (refer Table 2 below).

Table 2 Finniss Ore Reserve Estimate, including contained metal

Deposit	Category	Ore Tonnes (Mt)	Li_2O (%)	Contained Li_2O kt
BP33 Underground	Proved	2.6	1.27	32
	Probable	6.7	1.32	89
	Total	**9.3**	**1.31**	**121**
Grants Open Pit and Underground	Proved	1.18	1.43	17
	Probable	0.35	1.41	5
	Total	**1.53**	**1.42**	**22**
Carlton Underground	Proved	1.7	1.19	20
	Probable	2.8	1.19	34
	Total	**4.5**	**1.19**	**53**
TSF/Stockpiles	Probable	0.3	0.68	2
	Total	**0.3**	**0.68**	**2**
Total	**Proved**	**5.4**	**1.28**	**69**
	Probable	**10.2**	**1.27**	**129**
	Total	**15.6**	**1.27**	**198**

1. Effective date of the Grants Ore Reserves is 30 October 2025
2. Effective date of the Carlton Ore Reserves is 5 September 2025 ("Updated Ore Reserve at Carlton" released on 10 September 2025).
3. Effective date of the BP33 and TSF/Stockpiles Ore Reserves is 30 April 2025. ("Updated Finniss Lithium Project Reserve and Resource" released on 14 May 2025)
4. Ore Reserves are the total for the Grants, BP33, TSF/Stockpiles and Carlton Mines.

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5. The long-term SC6 Spodumene price used for calculating the financial analysis is US$1,330/t. The financial analysis has been estimated with assumptions for crushing, processing and treatment charges, deductions and payment terms, concentrate transport, metallurgical recoveries, and royalties.
6. The breakeven cut-off net Smelter Return (NSR) for underground mining at BP33 and Grants Underground is $110/t NSR and $125/t NSR for Carlton Underground.
7. Measured Mineral Resources were used to estimate Proved Ore Reserves; Indicated Mineral Resources were used to estimate Probable Ore Reserves.
8. Tonnage and grade estimates include dilution and recovery allowances.
9. The tonnage and grade for TSF/Stockpile are estimated from the operations reconciled monthly production records.
10. The Reserves are defined at the point where the ore is delivered to the processing plant.
11. The Ore Reserves reported above are not additive to the Mineral Resources.
12. Totals within this table are subject to rounding.

The Grants and Carlton OREs and related assumptions were developed and supported by independent consultants in conjunction with Core's Competent Persons. Supporting information and the relevant JORC tables can be found in Core's ASX announcements "*Updated Grants Mine Plan and Ore Reserve*" released on 10 November 2025, and "*Updated Ore Reserve at Carlton*" released on 10 September 2025.

Site and Environmental Activities

Care and Maintenance activities continued across multiple areas at Finniss during the period, with Core maintaining a strong focus on safety performance. There were no recordable injuries or safety or environmental incidents during the half-year period.

Environmental compliance remained a priority, underpinned by ongoing monitoring and reporting of water management and pollutant inventories. Minor works were completed during the dry season at BP33 and Grants, including targeted repairs to dam infrastructure and desilting of sediment basins. Water management activities included the transfer of 166 ML from the Grants pit to surface storage.

In preparation for the wet season, drains and sediment basins at both sites were cleaned and reinstated in October to ensure optimal performance. Legislative changes gazetted in September required the incorporation of revised water extraction licences into the Mining Management Plans for Grants and BP33, permitting groundwater extraction associated with open-pit or underground operations.

Water discharge at Grants commenced in November following early-season rainfall that increased creek flows to sustainable release levels. Additional siphons were installed to increase short-term discharge volumes during rainfall events, providing the ability to fully dewater the Grants pit if required during the current wet season.

In December, discharge infrastructure was also installed at BP33 along with pumping systems to enable transfer of water from the box cut to the mine water dam. This infrastructure will support full dewatering of the box cut when required.

Exploration

Lithium Exploration

At Blackbeard, planning for a diamond drilling program in FY26 remains ongoing. This program is designed to test the geology and lithium mineralisation associated with the Exploration Target at depth. The objective is to gather sufficient geological data to assess the potential for a future Mineral Resource Estimate.

Gold Exploration

Surface geochemical sampling was conducted during the half year period at the Mt Shoobridge prospect (part of Core's wholly owned Shoobridge Gold Project) to assess prospective regional gold targets. A total of 345 soil samples were collected, with samples submitted to Intertek Genalysis for analysis.

Mt Shoobridge is strategically located approximately 10km from the Stuart Highway and 60km from the Union Reefs gold processing plant, within the Pine Creek Orogen – a region that hosts multiple multi-million-ounce gold deposits. With gold prices trading around record highs, Shoobridge presents a strategic opportunity alongside Core's primary focus on lithium.

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Results of Operations

Total consolidated comprehensive loss of the Group for the six months to 31 December 2025 was $19.4 million (31 December 2024: total consolidated comprehensive loss of $17.2 million).

The Company's basic loss per share was 0.80 cents per share (31 December 2024: loss of 0.82 cents per share). No dividend has been paid during or is recommended for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 in line with the previous period.

Financial Position

As at 31 December 2025, Core had a cash balance of $48.7 million. Significant cash flows during the half-year include:

- Exploration expenditure of $1.0 million
- Finniss site maintenance costs of $1.8 million, primarily related to DMS plant care and maintenance for operational readiness, and site salaries
- Expenses relating to employee and other corporate-related expenses of $5.6 million
- The final payment for the crushing plant acquisition of $9.5 million
- One-off non-recurring payment of $3.0 million (US$2.0 million) in relation to the termination of the Ganfeng offtake agreement
- One-off cash receipt from the sale of non-core uranium assets to Elevate Uranium $2.5 million
- Payment of $1.0 million relating to the outstanding mineral royalty liability with the NT government
- Key technical workstreams progressed to conclusion to support Final Investment Decision (FID) costs of $1.7 million

Core has made strategic decisions that have contributed to a significant reduction in liabilities, strengthening its financial position and enhancing its balance sheet with all offtake, contingent liabilities and onerous contracts from the operating period at Finniss resolved.

All material exploration activities and initiatives related to FID are evaluated in the context of current funding and their relevance to advancing the Finniss project towards FID. Core continues to evaluate its broader asset portfolio, including non-core tenements, to ensure capital and management focus remain aligned with the Group's development strategy and near-term priorities.

Core also continues to maintain a stockpile of approximately 5,000 tonnes of spodumene concentrate and 75,000 tonnes of lithium fines, which remain available for sale. In the context of improved market conditions, the Group continues to monitor potential opportunities to monetise these stockpiles where it is commercially attractive.

Corporate

Successful capital raising

In late August 2025, the Company initiated a capital raising, whereby it received firm commitments to raise gross proceeds of $50 million at a price of $0.105 per share through a two-tranche Placement (Placement) and Share Purchase Plan ("SPP").

The Placement received strong support from new institutional investors, including a selection of high-quality cornerstone investors from the Americas and Australia.

Tranche 2 of the Placement was completed following receipt of shareholder approval at the Company's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") held on 10 October 2025.

The SPP was conducted at an issue price of $0.105 per share, the same price as the Placement, to eligible shareholders in Australia and New Zealand. The SPP raised ~$4.3 million through the issue of approximately 41.3 million new CXO shares on 29 September 2025.

The capital raising will enable Core to accelerate the advancement of FID and undertake operational readiness activities, and strengthening Core's balance sheet to support the ongoing strategic funding process.

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Settlement of offtake contracts and related obligations

In September 2025, Core made a one-off payment of $3.0 million (US$2.0 million) in cash to terminate the existing offtake agreement with Ganfeng Lithium Co. in relation to the sale of spodumene concentrate.[4]

Core refers to its previous announcements[5] and to disclosures in the 2025 Annual Report regarding ongoing discussions concerning a potential offtake agreement with Tesla, Inc.

Consistent with the stated strategy to support a future restart of the Finniss Lithium Operation, the Company has agreed with Tesla to formally discontinue offtake discussions through the execution of a comprehensive, legally binding settlement agreement. The precise terms of the settlement are confidential; however, as part of the agreement, both parties have agreed to fully and finally release each other from all potential claims related to the previously disclosed dispute.

The settlement resolves all offtake contracts and related obligations, leaving all future production from Finniss unencumbered.

Sale of non-core uranium assets

In December 2025, Core entered into an unconditional Share Sale Agreement with Elevate Uranium Ltd (ASX:EL8) ("Elevate") for the sale of its 100% interests in the Napperby, Fitton and Entia Uranium Projects (collectively "the Uranium Assets") which comprise four mineral exploration tenements in the Northern Territory (EL31449, EL29347, EL29389 and EL30793) and two mineral exploration tenements in South Australia (EL6445 and EL6574).

In consideration for the sale of the Uranium Assets, Core received:

- cash consideration of $2.5 million;
- 8,923,738 million fully paid ordinary shares in Elevate, valued at $2.5 million based on the 15-day volume weighted average price of Elevate shares prior to the date of the Agreement with 4,461,869 Elevate shares subject to a six-month voluntary escrow period; and
- a Net Smelter Royalty ("NSR") of 1.0% on any metals or minerals produced from EL31449, which hosts Napperby Project area.

Small share sale facility

Core completed a small shareholding share sale facility ("Facility") for shareholders whose holding of fully paid ordinary shares ("Shares") were valued at less than $500.

The number of Shares sold under the Facility was 35,100,871 Shares (representing approximately 1.3% of the issued capital) held by 21,817 shareholders were sold at the sale price of $0.2375 per Share.

NT Royalty agreement

During the half year period, Core entered into an instalment agreement with the NT government for the payment of its Mineral Royalty liability.

The Northern Territory Revenue Office ("TRO") issued Core with a Notice of Assessment for additional royalties payable for FY23 of approximately $6.4 million[6]. Through proactive engagement, Core worked with the Northern Territory Government to correct an over-estimation in historical royalty assessments, resulting in a $1.0 million adjustment and a $0.9 million amount due to Core, with an outstanding balance (excluding interest) of approximately $3.8 million.

Under this agreement, Core has agreed to make three payments of $1 million on a semi-annual basis starting in December 2025, with a fourth and final payment of the remaining balance due on 31 March 2027. Core paid the first instalment in mid-December 2025.

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[4] *Refer to ASX announcement "Termination of Final Offtake Agreement for Finniss" on 25 September 2025.*
[5] *Refer to ASX announcement "Core Lithium and Tesla enter into binding Term Sheet for the supply of lithium" on 2 March 2022 and ASX announcement "Core and Tesla extend Offtake Term Sheet" on 29 August 2022.*
[6] *Refer to ASX announcement "Quarterly Activities and Cashflow Report" on 17 July 2024.*

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Project and Strategic Funding

Key technical workstreams, including geotechnical, water management, mine design and operational sequencing, have advanced significantly and remain on schedule to support a Final Investment Decision. These activities continue to de-risk the restart plan and are fully aligned with the scope defined in the Restart Study.

The strategic funding process is progressing as planned, with strong interest from high-quality counterparties. Recent improvements in lithium market conditions has provided increased flexibility and optionality in the process.

Significant changes to the state of affairs

There have been no changes in the state of affairs of the Group that occurred during the Half Year under review not otherwise disclosed in this Directors' Report.

Rounding of amounts

Amounts in this report and the accompanying financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars ($'000) unless otherwise stated under the option available to the Company under ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Report) Instrument 2016/191. The Company is an entity to which the instrument applies.

Events arising since the end of the reporting date

On 26 February 2026, the Group entered into a binding agreement to sell the remaining 5,100t spodumene stockpile at Finniss.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in subsequent financial years.

Forward-looking statements and competent person references

This release contains certain statements that may constitute "forward-looking statements", including statements about trends in commodity prices and currency exchange rates; demand for commodities; production forecasts; plans, strategies and objectives of management; capital costs and scheduling; operating costs; anticipated productive lives of projects, mines and operations; and provisions and contingent liabilities.

These forward-looking statements reflect expectations at the date of this report. However, they are not guarantees or predictions of future performance. They involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond our control, and which may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements contained in this report.

Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Core makes no representation, guarantee, warranty or assurance, express or implied, as to the accuracy or likelihood of the forward-looking statements or any outcomes expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements contained in this report being achieved or proved to be correct.

Except as required by applicable laws or regulations, Core does not undertake to publicly update or review any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or future events. Past performance cannot be relied on as a guide to future performance, and Core cautions against reliance on any forward-looking statements or guidance.

Core confirms that the Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the exploration results, exploration targets, Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) and Ore Reserve Estimate (ORE) included in this announcement as cross referenced in the body of this announcement, and that all technical parameters and material assumptions underpinning the MRE, ORE and production target and forecast financial information derived from the production target continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original announcements related to previously reported exploration results, exploration targets, MRE and ORE.

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Auditor 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 Interim Consolidated Report has been signed on behalf of the directors.

Greg English

Non-Executive Chair

Perth Australia

27 February 2026

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

To the Directors of Core Lithium Ltd

In accordance with the requirements of section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, as lead auditor for the review of Core Lithium Ltd for the half-year ended 31 December 2025. I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

a no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and

b no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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Chartered Accountants

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Partner – Audit & Assurance

Perth, 27 February 2026

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Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	31 Dec 2025 $'000	31 Dec 2024 $'000
Interest income		651	542
Other income	11	2,367	120
Operating expenses	12	(11,031)	(10,276)
Gain on revaluation of royalty provision	13	753	1,030
General and administration expenses	14	(9,224)	(7,296)
Loss on disposal of right of use assets	15	(2,253)	–
Inventory net realisable movement		–	(678)
Finance costs		(500)	(926)
Foreign currency gain		3	363
Loss before income tax expense		**(19,234)**	**(17,121)**
Income tax expense		–	–
Net loss for the year		**(19,234)**	**(17,121)**
Other comprehensive income:			
Fair value changes recognised in OCI		657	(84)
Total comprehensive (loss) for the year		**(18,577)**	**(17,205)**
Loss per share from continuing operations attributable to ordinary equity holders:			
Basic loss per share (cents)		(0.77)	(0.82)
Diluted loss per share (cents)		(0.77)	(0.82)

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		48,656	23,486
Other receivables		532	1,121
Financial assets	2	3,562	571
Other assets	3	1,446	1,620
Inventories	4	5,446	5,462
Total current assets		**59,642**	**32,260**
Non-current assets			
Other assets	3	11,581	11,581
Financial assets	2	1,140	406
Inventories	4	4,013	4,013
Exploration and evaluation assets	5	83,739	85,286
Plant, equipment and mine development assets	6	127,064	134,888
Total non-current assets		**227,537**	**236,174**
TOTAL ASSETS		**287,179**	**268,434**
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	3,973	9,438
Financial liabilities		–	9,500
Lease liabilities	8	801	484
Provisions	9	678	685
Total current liabilities		**5,452**	**20,107**
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	1,035	–
Lease liabilities	8	2,914	2,427
Provisions	9	11,093	11,621
Total non-current liabilities		**15,042**	**14,048**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**20,494**	**34,155**
NET ASSETS		**266,685**	**234,279**
EQUITY			
Issued capital	10	530,468	479,240
Reserves		1,761	1,349
Accumulated losses		(265,544)	(246,310)
TOTAL EQUITY		**266,685**	**234,279**

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2025

2025	Issued Capital $'000	Reserves $'000	Accumulated Losses $'000	Total Equity $'000
Balance at beginning of year 1 July 2025	479,240	1,349	(246,310)	234,279
Issue of shares – share placement	50,000	–	–	50,000
Issue of shares – Shares Purchase Plan (SPP)	4,331	–	–	4,331
Issue costs net of tax	(3,103)	–	–	(3,103)
Performance rights and options issued to officers and employees at fair value	–	625	–	625
Forfeit of performance rights	–	(870)	–	(870)
Transactions with owners	**530,468**	**1,104**	**(246,310)**	**285,262**
Comprehensive income:				
Loss for the period	–	–	(19,234)	(19,234)
Total other comprehensive income	–	657	–	657
Balance 31 December 2025	**530,468**	**1,761**	**(265,544)**	**266,685**

2024	Issued Capital $'000	Reserves $'000	Accumulated Losses $'000	Total Equity $'000
Balance at beginning of year 1 July 2024	478,632	1,620	(223,380)	256,872
Issue of shares – share placement	608	–	–	608
Performance rights and options issued to officers and employees at fair value	–	321	–	321
Lapse of options and performance rights	–	(440)	440	–
Forfeit of performance rights	–	(104)	–	(104)
Transactions with owners	**479,240**	**1,397**	**(222,940)**	**257,697**
Comprehensive income:				
Loss for the period	–	–	(17,121)	(17,121)
Total other comprehensive income	–	(84)	–	(84)
Balance 31 December 2024	**479,240**	**1,313**	**(240,061)**	**240,492**

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the half year ended 31 December 2025

Notes	31 Dec 2025 $'000	31 Dec 2024 $'000
Operating activities		
Receipts from customers	–	468
Repayments to customers	–	(3,496)
Interest received	651	542
Payments to suppliers and employees	(20,409)	(27,518)
Interest paid	(663)	(38)
Net cash used in operating activities	**(20,421)**	**(30,042)**
Investing activities		
Payments for plant, equipment, and mine development assets	(6,271)	(1,508)
Payments for capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure	(982)	(5,676)
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment	2,500	–
Payments for financial assets	(76)	(76)
Government co-funding grants repaid	–	(918)
Proceeds from environmental and security bonds	–	341
Payments for environmental and security bonds	(270)	
Net cash used in investing activities	**(5,099)**	**(7,837)**
Financing activities		
Proceeds from the issue of share capital	54,331	–
Payments of share issue transaction costs	(3,364)	–
Payments of lease liabilities	(278)	(316)
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	**50,689**	**(316)**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	25,169	(38,195)
Net foreign exchange gain	1	319
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	23,486	87,606
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**48,656**	**49,730**

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the half year ended 31 December 2025

1 Statement of significant accounting policies

a) Reporting entity

Core Lithium Ltd (the "Company") is a listed public company registered and domiciled in Australia. These interim consolidated financial statements ("interim financial statements") as at and for the 6 months ended 31 December 2025 comprising the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group").

The Group is an Australian hard-rock lithium mining company that owns and operates the Finniss Lithium Project on the Cox Peninsula, 88km south-west of the Darwin Port in the Northern Territory.

b) General information and basis of preparation

The interim consolidated financial statements of the Group are for the six months ended 31 December 2025 and are presented in Australian dollars ($) which is the functional currency of the Group. The amounts contained in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest $1,000 (where rounding is applicable) where noted ($000). These general purpose interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* and *AASB 134 - Interim Financial Reporting*.

They do not include all the information required in annual financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASB) and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2025 and any public announcements made by the Group during the Half Year in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements arising under the Australian Securities Exchange Listing Rules and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). The Group is a for profit entity for the purposes of preparing its financial statements.

The interim consolidated financial statements have been approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 27 February 2026.

c) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the interim financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends of economic data, obtained both externally and within the Group.

The significant judgments made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty are consistent with those described in the most recent annual financial statements.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the half year ended 31 December 2025

2 Financial assets

Other assets include the following:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Current		
Term deposits	840	571
Equity investments	2,722	–
	3,562	571
Non-current		
Equity investments	1,140	406
	1,140	406
Total other financial assets	**4,702**	**977**

Short-term deposits are in place and are held as security for bank guarantees. These guarantees primarily relate to a bond for corporate head office under a rent agreement and security bond over property. As the maturity term when entering the deposits is greater than three months, they have been recognised as a financial asset held at amortised cost. Interest is earned on a fixed interest rate and received at maturity.

The equity investments represent ordinary shares of Charge Resources (CHR) and Elevate Uranium Ltd (EL8) which are listed on the ASX and are publicly tradeable securities.

Equity investments are measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or OCI. The Group made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition of the CHR shares to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), as the equity instruments are not held for trading but rather strategic purposes. Changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and are not recycled to profit or loss upon disposal. The Group has classified the EL8 investment as a fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) financial asset, as the equity instrument and changes in fair value are recognised immediately in profit or loss for the period The fair value was based on the shares last quoted sales price (Level 1) at the end of the reporting period.

Movement in equity investments

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Opening balance	406	–
Acquisition of EL8 shares	2,500	608
Acquisition of partially paid CHR shares	76	76
Fair value (losses) recognised in OCI	880	(278)
Closing balance	**3,862**	**406**

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3. Other assets

Other assets include the following:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Current		
Prepayments	1,441	1,615
Bonds	5	5
	1,446	1,620
Non-current		
Bonds[1]	11,581	11,581
	11,581	11,581
Total other assets	**13,027**	**13,201**

1. Environmental bonds receivable represents funds held by the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Resources as security for rehabilitation for exploration and mining activities in the Northern Territory as per the Group's Mine Management Plans (MMP) for various project areas pursuant to the Mining Management Act 2001 for construction and mining activities at the Finniss Lithium Project.

4. Inventories

Inventories include the following:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Current		
Product inventory – finished goods	3,598	3,598
Consumables	1,848	1,864
	5,446	5,462
Non-current		
Consumables	4,013	4,013
	4,013	4,013
Total inventories	**9,459**	**9,475**

The Group determined that all ore stockpiles have a future economic benefit to the Group and accordingly ore is valued at lower of cost and NRV.

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5. Exploration and evaluation assets

	NOTES	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Opening balance		85,286	77,945
Expenditure on exploration during the year	a)	1,426	7,341
Disposal of tenements	b)	(2,973)	–
Closing balance		**83,739**	**85,286**

a) During the current period, the Group's exploration activity was focused on lithium drilling programs to further define and grow Mineral Resources and project mine life (Ore Reserves) as well as further exploration on lithium prospects in and around the Finniss Lithium Project.

b) During the current period, the Group entered into a sale for the 100% interest in the Napperby, Fitton and Entia Uranium Projects with Elevate Uranium Ltd. As consideration for the transaction, the Group received $2.5 million in cash and 8.9 million shares in EL8, resulting in the recognition of a gain of $2.0 million in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

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6. Plant, equipment and mine development assets

	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT $'000	RIGHT OF USE ASSETS $'000	MINE PROPERTIES $'000	STRIPPING ACTIVITY ASSETS $'000	TOTAL $'000
Gross carrying amount					
Opening balance	3,261	3,741	204,243	91,720	302,965
Additions	–	1,156	–	–	1,156
Remeasurement[3]	–	–	(745)	–	(745)
Disposals	–	(3,249)	–	–	(3,249)
Balance 31 December 2025	**3,261**	**1,648**	**203,498**	**91,720**	**300,127**
Accumulated depreciation and impairment					
Opening balance	(1,355)	(1,143)	(73,859)	(91,720)	(168,077)
Depreciation[1]	(160)	(321)	(5,501)	–	(5,982)
Disposals	–	996	–	–	996
Balance 31 December 2025	**(1,515)**	**(468)**	**(79,360)**	**(91,720)**	**(173,063)**
Carrying amount 31 December 2025	**1,746**	**1,180**	**124,138**	**–**	**127,064**

	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT $'000	RIGHT OF USE ASSETS $'000	MINE PROPERTIES $'000	STRIPPING ACTIVITY ASSETS $'000	TOTAL $'000
Gross carrying amount					
Opening balance	2,075	11,986	191,825	91,720	297,606
Additions	601	–	13,003	–	13,604
Transfer from mine properties to PPE[2]	585	–	(585)	–	–
Remeasurement[3]	–	(8,245)	–	–	(8,245)
Disposals	–	–	–	–	–
Balance 30 June 2025	**3,261**	**3,741**	**204,243**	**91,720**	**302,965**
Accumulated depreciation and impairment					
Opening balance	(1,013)	(8,760)	(64,236)	(91,720)	(165,729)
Depreciation[1]	(342)	(628)	(9,623)	–	(10,593)
Remeasurement[4]	–	8,245	–	–	8,245
Disposals	–	–	–	–	–
Balance 30 June 2025	**(1,355)**	**(1,143)**	**(73,859)**	**(91,720)**	**(168,077)**
Carrying amount 30 June 2025	**1,906**	**2,598**	**130,384**	**–**	**134,888**

1. *Depreciation of plant and equipment and right-of-use assets which are used for exploration or mine properties activities is charged to exploration and evaluation and mine properties assets in the Statement of Financial Position.*
2. *Transfer reflects the reclassification of capital work in progress from mine development to plant and equipment upon meeting the criteria for recognition as a depreciable asset under AASB 116.*
3. *Remeasurement in FY25 reflects derecognition of right of use assets due to termination of leases with no net impact to the balance sheet. Remeasurement in FY26 reflects adjustments to rehabilitation assets.*

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7. Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables recognised in the statement of financial position can be analysed as follows:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Current		
Trade payables	554	808
Royalties	2,000	5,693
Accrued expenses	1,419	2,936
Other payables	–	1
	3,973	9,438
Non-current		
Royalties	1,035	–
	1,035	–
Total trade and other payables	**5,008**	**9,438**

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the reporting period which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months from the reporting date. They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Royalties

The royalty provision relates to royalties amounting to $3.0 million based on the finalised Mineral Royalty Instalment Arrangement from the Northern Territory Revenue Office (TRO) inclusive of interest accrued to reporting date less any payments made prior to the reporting date.

8. Lease liabilities

A lease is defined as a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys that the Group has the right to direct the use of an identified asset which is not substitutable and to obtain substantially all economic benefits from the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. The Group separates the lease and non-lease components of the contract and accounts for these separately. The Group recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets. The Group has lease contracts for minor site infrastructure and buildings used in its operations and exploration activities.

Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities recognised in the Statement of Financial Position can be analysed as follows:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Current		
Lease liabilities	801	484
	801	484
Non-current		
Lease liabilities	2,914	2,427
	2,914	2,427
Total lease liabilities	**3,715**	**2,911**

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8. Lease liabilities (continued)

At the commencement date, the Group measures the lease liabilities at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily available or an estimate of the Group's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in-substance fixed), variable payments based on an index or rate, amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee and payments arising from options reasonably certain to be exercised.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the lease liabilities will be reduced for payments made and increased for interest. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or modification, or if there are changes in in-substance fixed payments. When the lease liabilities are remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset, or in the Statement of Profit and Loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

Set out below are the carrying values of lease liabilities recognised and the movements during the reporting period:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Carrying amount as at 1 July 2025	2,911	3,534
Additions	1,156	–
Repayments	(470)	(882)
Interest	118	258
Carrying amount as at 31 December 2025	**3,715**	**2,911**

9. Provisions

Provisions can be analysed as follows:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Current		
Employee leave benefits	678	685
Total current provisions	**678**	**685**
Non-current		
Employee leave benefits	30	31
Mine rehabilitation	11,057	11,585
Office restoration	6	5
Total non-current provisions	**11,093**	**11,621**
Total provisions	**11,771**	**12,306**

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10. Issued capital

31 December 2025	NUMBER OF SHARES	$'000
a) Issued and paid up capital		
Fully paid ordinary shares	2,660,515,950	530,468
	2,660,515,950	**530,468**
b) Movements in fully paid shares		
Opening balance	2,143,015,544	479,240
Share placements	476,190,476	50,000
Share purchase plan	41,309,930	4,331
Issue costs	–	(3,103)
Balance as 31 December 2025	**2,660,515,950**	**530,468**

30 June 2025	NUMBER OF SHARES	$'000
a) Issued and paid up capital		
Fully paid ordinary shares	2,143,015,544	479,240
	2,143,015,544	**479,240**
b) Movements in fully paid shares		
Opening balance	2,136,935,544	370,940
Issuance of shares	6,080,000	608
Balance as 30 June 2025	**2,143,015,544**	**479,240**

11. Other income

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	31 Dec 2024 $'000
Rental income	118	120
Net change in fair value of equity investment[1]	2,249	–
Total other income	**2,367**	**120**

1. During the current period, the Group entered into a sale for the 100% interest in the Napperby, Fitton and Entia Uranium Projects with Elevate Uranium Ltd. As consideration for the transaction, the Group received $2.5 million in cash and 8.9 million shares in EL8, resulting in the recognition of a gain of $2.0 million in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

12. Operating expenses

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	31 Dec 2024 $'000
Site care and maintenance expenses[1]	7,294	7,855
Contract expense[2]	3,737	–
Quotation period adjustments[3]	–	2,421
Total operating expenses	**11,031**	**10,276**

1. Site care and maintenance expense relates to the costs associated with maintaining site infrastructure restart ready and compliant.
2. Contract expense refers to settlement of long-term offtake agreements and settlement agreement with Tesla, Inc. to formally discontinue offtake discussions.
3. Quotational period adjustments reflect changes in the provisional sales price based on movements in the market index between shipment and final pricing, with these changes recognised in profit or loss as the fair value of provisionally priced trade receivables fluctuates.

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13. Royalties

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	31 Dec 2024 $'000
Gain on revaluation of royalty provision	(753)	(1,030)
Total royalties	**(753)**	**(1,030)**

In 2024, The Northern Territory Revenue Office (TRO) advised The Company by a Notice of Assessment that the expected royalty payable relating to the year ended 30 June 2023 was reduced by $1.03 million. In addition, a separate Notice of Assessment relating to the year ended 30 June 2024 indicated a royalty refund of $0.9 million. In 2025, the Group and the TRO agreed to a Mineral Royalty Instalment Agreement whereby the Group will repay the liability in full by 31 March 2027 including interest.

14. General and administrative expense

Expenses recognised for general, and administration are analysed below:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	31 Dec 2024 $'000
Salaries and wages expense	2,541	1,672
Superannuation expense	261	359
Director fees	242	196
Other employee benefits	682	805
Consulting expenses	2,601	1,591
Travel costs	171	64
Administration costs	2,926	2,140
Non-site depreciation expense	258	252
Share-based payment (income) / expense	(458)	217
Total general and administration expense	**9,224**	**7,296**

15. Loss on disposal of right of use assets

During the reporting period, the Group relocated its principal administrative office. Following this relocation, the right-of-use asset relating to the previous premises was derecognised. In accordance with AASB 16, the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset relating to the former office was reassessed, and loss on disposal of right of use assets of $2.3 million was recognised.

16. Dividend

There were no interim dividends paid or provided for Core Lithium Ltd during the Half Year up to the date of this report (half year ended 31 December 2024: $nil).

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17. Operating segments

Management has determined the operating segments based on internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM), to make strategic decisions.

The Group has identified two operating segments of its business:

- Finniss Lithium Project mining, crushing and processing operations.
- Exploration: exploration and evaluation of primarily Lithium mineralisation.

The CODM monitors performance in these areas separately. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts reported to the CODM are determined in accordance with accounting policies that are consistent to those adopted in the annual financial statements of the Group. Operating segment performance details for six-month periods ended 31 December 2025 and 31 December 2024 are set out below:

Segment results

31 Dec 2025 SEGMENT RESULTS	FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT – OPERATIONS $'000	EXPLORATION $'000	TOTAL $'000
Segment revenue (net of QP)	–	–	–
Cost of sales	–	–	–
Gross loss	–	–	–
Exploration and evaluation assets and impairment	–	–	–
Impairment of non-financial assets	–	–	–
Operating expenses	(10,278)	–	(10,278)
Segment margin	(10,278)	–	(10,278)
Interest income			651
Other income			2,367
General and administration expense			(9,224)
Impairment of right of use assets			(2,253)
Finance costs			(500)
Foreign currency gain/(loss)			3
Loss before tax			(19,234)

31 Dec 2024 SEGMENT RESULTS	FINNISS LITHIUM PROJECT – OPERATIONS $'000	EXPLORATION $'000	TOTAL $'000
Segment revenue	(2,421)	–	(2,421)
Cost of sales	–	–	–
Gross loss	(2,421)	–	(2,421)
Exploration and evaluation assets and impairment	–	–	–
Impairment of non-financial assets	(678)	–	(678)
Operating expenses	(6,825)	–	(6,825)
Segment margin	(9,924)	–	(9,924)
Interest income			542
Other income			120
General and administration expense			(7,296)
Finance costs			(926)
Foreign currency gain/(loss)			363
Loss before tax			**(17,121)**

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17. Operating segments (continued)

Operating segment assets are reconciled to total assets as follows:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Segment assets		
Finniss Lithium Project – operations	159,902	167,308
Exploration	71,184	72,902
Total	**231,086**	**240,210**
Unallocated assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	48,656	23,486
Other receivables	412	189
Other financial assets	4,702	570
Other assets	977	844
Plant and equipment assets	1,346	2,736
Total assets	**287,179**	**268,035**

Operating segment liabilities are reconciled to total liabilities as follows:

	31 Dec 2025 $'000	30 Jun 2025 $'000
Segment liabilities		
Finniss Lithium Project – operations	15,270	28,101
Exploration	–	58
Total	**15,270**	**28,159**
Unallocated liabilities:		
Trade and other payables	954	2,613
Financial liabilities	–	–
Lease liabilities	3,669	2,777
Provisions	601	618
Total liabilities	**20,494**	**34,167**

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18. Commitments and contingencies

Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities are possible obligations whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events, and therefore the Group has not provided for such amounts in these financial statements.

Contingencies

In July 2019, the Group received an advance payment of $6.88 million from Lithium Royalty Corp (LRC) for the right to receive 2.115% of gross revenue from product sales from the Finniss Lithium Project. The agreement included an additional $1.25 million contingent on two milestones: announcement of a 15 million tonne JORC Mineral Resource (achieved in July 2022) and continuous operation of the processing plant for more than 14 consecutive days (achieved in May 2023).

Following the achievement of both milestones, the remaining $1.25 million was received in June 2023. The royalty rate increased to 2.50% upon completion of Stage 2. The Finniss Lithium Project assets are held as security for the transaction.

In 2021, Core Lithium Ltd and Bynoe Lithium Pty Ltd entered into a Call Option Deed with Outback Metals Pty Ltd, Victory Polymetallic Pty Ltd (the Grantors), and Australia New Zealand Resources Corporation Pty Ltd (the Landowner) to acquire up to six Mineral Leases adjacent to the Finniss Lithium Project. The option was exercised during the current period and the tenements were acquired.

Contingent consideration of up to $5.00 million is payable to the Grantors, comprising $0.50 million ($0.15 million in cash and $0.35 million in cash or Core Lithium Ltd shares, at the Group's discretion) for each 1 million tonne JORC resource identified by Bynoe. Any shares issued will be subject to a 3-month and 14-day escrow period.

As part of the transaction, the Landowner entered into a Covenant in Gross with Bynoe, granting a right of first refusal over the underlying land and requiring any future purchaser to be bound by the Covenant. Bynoe is obligated to pay:

a) $500 per hectare per annum for land subject to the Mineral Titles, until the Mine Development Date; and
b) $1.90 million (indexed to Darwin CPI) on the Mine Development Date.

Core Lithium Ltd guarantees Bynoe's financial obligations under the Call Option Deed and the Covenant.

19. Events arising since the end of the reporting date

On 26 February 2026, the Group entered into a binding agreement to sell the remaining 5,100t spodumene stockpile at Finniss.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in subsequent financial years.

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Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Core Lithium Ltd:

a) the interim consolidated financial statements and notes of the Company and it subsidiaries (collectively the Group) are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), including:
   i) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting, the Corporation regulations 2001; and
   ii) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date; and
b) there are reasonable grounds to believe the Company and Group will be able to pay its debts when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

Greg English
Non-Executive Chair

27 February 2026

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Independent Auditor's Review Report

To the Members of Core Lithium Ltd

Report on the half-year financial report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Core Lithium Ltd (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the half year ended on that date, including material accounting policy information, other selected explanatory notes, 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 Core Lithium Ltd does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

a giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2025 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 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 our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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Directors' responsibility for the half-year financial report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that 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. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, 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 2025 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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Perth, 27 February 2026

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