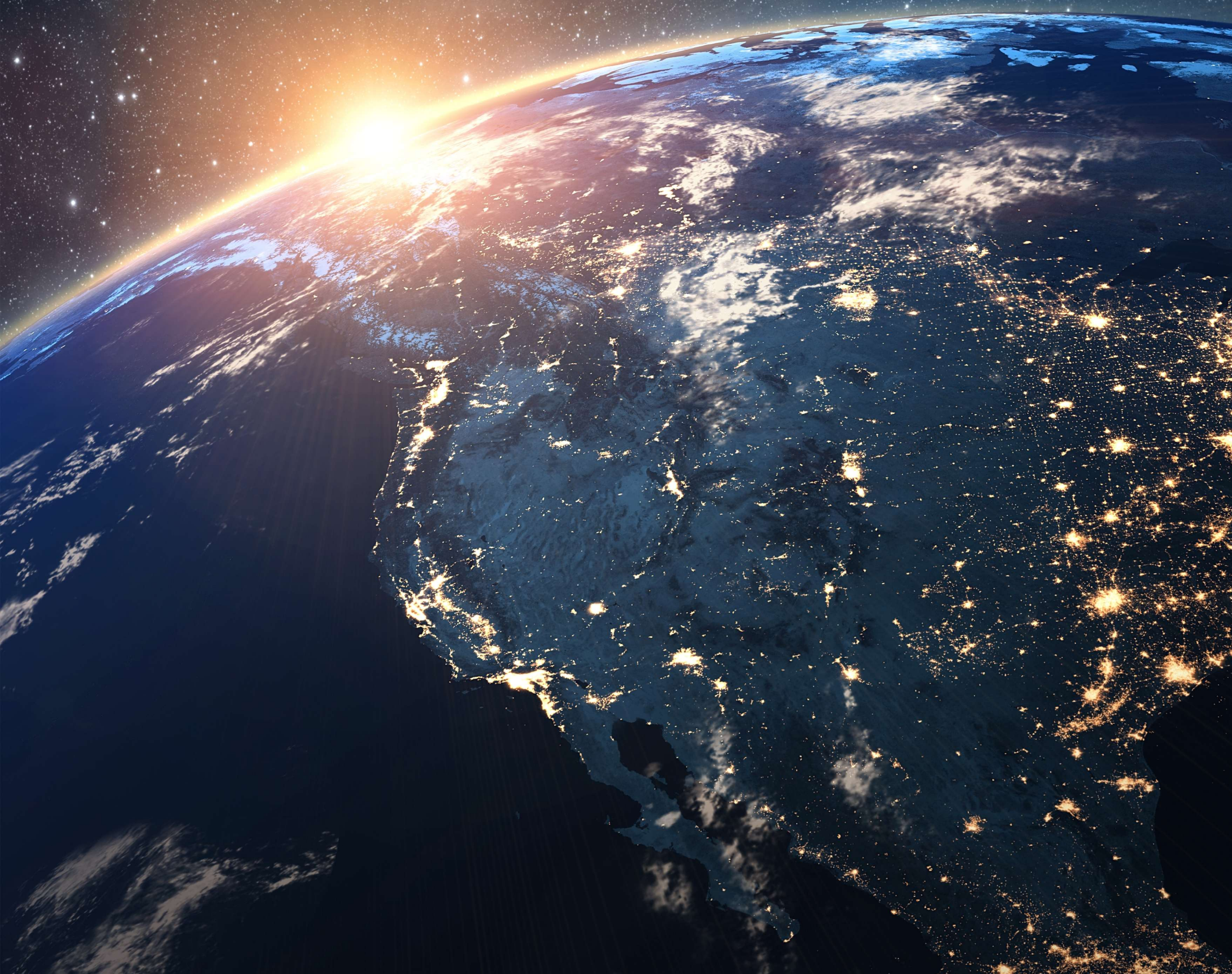
Lithium Universe
LIMITED

ABN 22 148 878 782

# Consolidated Interim Financial Report

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026



Lithium Universe LIMITED

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# Directors' Report

The Directors of Lithium Universe Limited ("**Lithium Universe**" or "**the Company**") present their report together with the consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2026 ("**Half-Year 2026**").

## Directors

The names of the Company's Directors in office during the 2026 Half-Year and until the date of this report are as below:

- Mr Gernot Abl (Non-Executive Chair) – appointed 8 May 2026 – appointed Chair on 28 May 2026
- Mr Harry Spindler – appointed 8 May 2026
- Mr Rohan Bone – appointed 28 May 2026
- Mr Ignatius Kim-Seng Tan (Executive Chair) – resigned 28 May 2026
- Mr Jingyuan Liu (Non-Executive Director) – resigned 28 May 2026
- Mr Patrick Scallan (Non-Executive Director) – resigned 28 May 2026
- Mrs Rachel Rees – appointed 1 May 2026 – resigned 28 May 2026

## Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

Mr John Sobolewski served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Company Secretary during the 2026 Half-Year and until the date of this report.

## Chief Executive Officer

Mr Ignatius Kim-Seng Tan served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), from 1 April 2026 and until the date of this report.

## Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Group during the 2026 Half-Year were as follows:

- The Company continued to advance its Bécancour Lithium Refinery project in Québec. In February 2026, the Company entered into a binding long-term offtake agreement with Norah Mining Limited for the supply of up to 80,000 tonnes per annum of 6.0% $Li_2O$ spodumene concentrate, securing a significant portion of the proposed refinery's future feedstock requirements.
- The Company progressed its strategy to develop a second lithium refinery at the Port of Brownsville, Texas. Following a detailed site assessment by the executive team, the proposed location was considered potentially suitable for replication of the Bécancour refinery design, with favourable access to port infrastructure, utilities, labour and potential spodumene supply. The Company commenced progressing the land lease application and project study work for a proposed 18,270 tonne per annum battery-grade lithium carbonate refinery.
- The Company continued development of its photovoltaic solar panel recycling technology. During the period, engineering commenced on a modular demonstration plant integrating the Microwave Joule Heating Technology (MJHT) for panel delamination and Jet Electrochemical Silver Extraction (JESE) technology for the recovery of high-purity silver. The Company also progressed further technical and environmental assessment work, including a Life Cycle Assessment of the proposed silver extraction process.
- In May 2026, the Company secured an exclusive global licence from the University of Edinburgh for the Gold Copper Diamide Extraction (GCDE) technology, a hydrometallurgical process designed to selectively recover gold and copper from electronic waste using reusable organic reagents. The acquisition expands the Group's recycling strategy beyond solar panels into the broader e-waste sector.
- Following acquisition of the GCDE technology, the Company commenced a development and commercialisation program during June 2026. Initial test work achieved gold recovery of 99.5% and copper recovery of 98.5%. The Company subsequently completed the preliminary process flowsheet and block diagram and developed a conceptual demonstration plant design to support further scale-up and commercialisation activities.

## Review of Results and Operations

The consolidated loss of the Group for the 2026 Half-Year after providing for income tax amounted to $1,294,891 (2025 Half-Year: loss of $8,018,056).

## Objectives

The Company's objective is to advance its lithium conversion and critical materials recycling strategies to support the global transition to clean energy. This includes developing sustainable lithium refining capacity and commercialising innovative technologies for the recovery of valuable materials from solar panels and electronic waste, while addressing resource scarcity, supply chain security and waste reduction.

## Review of Operations and Activities Summary

During the 2026 Half-Year, the Group continued to advance its lithium conversion and critical materials recycling strategies. Key developments included securing a long-term spodumene feedstock supply for the Bécancour Lithium Refinery, progressing the proposed second lithium refinery at Brownsville, Texas, advancing the engineering and environmental assessment of its solar panel recycling technologies, and acquiring and progressing a new gold and copper recovery technology for electronic waste.

During the 2026 Half-Year, the following developments were made in the Company's operations:

## Québec Lithium Processing Hub Strategy

Following completion of the Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) for the Bécancour Lithium Carbonate Refinery in February 2025, the Company continued to focus on securing the key commercial inputs required to advance the project. The proposed refinery is designed to produce up to 18,270 tonnes per annum of battery-grade lithium carbonate and forms the cornerstone of the Company's strategy to help address the North American "Lithium Conversion Gap".

In February 2026, the Company entered into a binding Definitive Offtake Agreement with Norah Mining Limited for the long-term supply of spodumene concentrate from the Norah Lithium Project in Nigeria. The agreement has an initial term of 10 years, with successive five-year extensions, and provides for the supply of up to approximately 80,000 tonnes per annum of spodumene concentrate grading 6.0% $Li_2O$. The agreement represents an important step in securing a significant proportion of the proposed Bécancour Refinery's feedstock requirements and supports the Company's broader financing and development strategy.

## Brownsville Lithium Refinery Strategy

Senior members of the Company's executive team completed a detailed site assessment at Brownsville, Texas, as part of the Company's strategy to establish a second North American lithium refinery. The assessment confirmed the potential suitability of the location, including access to deep-water port infrastructure, transport networks, utilities, industrial services, labour and future expansion capacity.

The proposed Brownsville refinery is intended to replicate, with appropriate regional modifications, the engineering and process design developed for Bécancour. This "copy-and-paste" strategy is expected to reduce development time, engineering costs and execution risk while creating a binational lithium refining platform across Canada and the United States. Following the site assessment, the Company progressed towards a formal land lease application and commencement of a Pre-Feasibility Study for a proposed 18,270 tonne per annum battery-grade lithium carbonate refinery.

## Solar Panel Recycling Technology

During the Half-Year, the Company continued to progress the commercial development of its Microwave Joule Heating Technology (MJHT) and Jet Electrochemical Silver Extraction (JESE) Technology, developed by Macquarie University. Together, the technologies are designed to provide an integrated solution for the selective delamination of end-of-life solar panels and recovery of valuable materials, particularly silver and silicon.

In January 2026, the Company commenced the engineering phase for a modular PV silver-extraction demonstration plant. The proposed plant is being designed to integrate MJHT for solar panel delamination with JESE for the recovery of high-purity silver from processed solar cells. The modular configuration is intended to facilitate scalability and replication across multiple jurisdictions while reducing site construction and commissioning requirements.

In April 2026, the Company announced the results of a Life Cycle Assessment undertaken by Macquarie University on the JESE silver extraction process. The assessment demonstrated significant potential environmental advantages compared with conventional acid-leaching processes, including reductions of approximately 85% in carbon emissions, 83% in nitric acid consumption, 67% in energy consumption, 77% in water consumption and 88% in solid waste generation. These results further support the potential development of a lower-impact, closed-loop process for recovering silver from end-of-life photovoltaic panels.

## Gold and Copper Extraction from E-Waste Technology

In May 2026, the Company expanded its critical materials recycling strategy by securing exclusive global rights from the University of Edinburgh to commercially develop the Gold Copper Diamide Extraction (GCDE) technology. The GCDE process is a hydrometallurgical technology designed to selectively recover gold and copper from electronic waste using reusable organic reagents under comparatively mild operating conditions, providing a potential alternative to conventional high-temperature smelting and other energy-intensive recovery processes.

Following acquisition of the technology, the Company established a structured development and commercialisation program in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh. Laboratory optimisation test work using electronic waste achieved gold recovery of 99.5% and copper recovery of 98.5%, demonstrating the potential effectiveness and selectivity of the process.

By the end of the Half-Year, the Company had completed a preliminary GCDE process flowsheet and block diagram, prepared a preliminary process description and developed a conceptual demonstration plant design. These activities provide the technical foundation for further process optimisation, scale-up and evaluation of the technology's commercial potential in the growing electronic-waste recycling market.

## Financial Results

### Revenue

The Company derived interest income on its short-term interest-bearing deposits held during the Half-Year 2026.

### Net expenses and impairment

The following points are noted in relation to expenses for the Half-Year 2026:

- costs incurred for the engineering studies for the Quebec Lithium Processing Hub (QLPH) strategy of $70,715;
- costs incurred for research and development of recycling technologies of $158,148;
- administration expenses of $289,378 at June 2026, which decreased by $66,425 from June 2025. The cause of the decrease between the two periods was due to the continued cost saving initiatives; and
- share based payments to directors, key management personnel and other personnel of $135,492;

The residual expenses of the Company amounting to $658,000, comprises of general overheads in relation to the day-to-day running of the Company, including directors and key management personnel costs, as well as marketing costs.

### Statement of financial position

During the 2026 Half-Year the following key items occurred:

- cash decreased from $2,060,168 at 31 December 2025 to $56,683 at 30 June 2026. This decrease was predominantly due to:
  - payments for engineering studies of $909,091; and
  - payments to suppliers, directors and employees of $926,395.
- trade and other payables decreased from $3,133,284 at 31 December 2025 to $2,237,222 at 30 June 2026, with the decrease primarily related to:
  - amounts owing in respect to the Company's engineering studies.

  The trade and other payables owing at 30 June 2026 have subsequently either been paid in full or remain within their negotiated payment terms.

### Cash Flow

The Half-Year cash flow for the 2026 Half-Year of the Group included:

- payments made for engineering costs incurred in respect to the Company's engineering studies of $909,091; and
- a decrease in administrative costs from $1,075,380 at June 2025 to $926,395 at June 2026. The June 2026 Half Year administrative costs were largely comprised of payments for:

- directors and key management personnel costs;
- advertising and marketing costs;
- legal fees; and
- statutory costs incurred in relation to the compliance and listing requirements of the Company.

## Corporate

### Directors and Key Management

> **Management Changes**

Ignatius Kim-Seng Tan (Iggy Tan) – Chief Executive Officer

On 1 April 2026, Mr Iggy Tan was appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

## Share Issue

> **Share Placement**

In January 2026, 5,610 fully paid ordinary shares were issued on conversion of listed options at the exercise price of $0.03 per share.

> **Options**

Nil during the period.

## Events Subsequent to Balance Date

Since balance date, the following matters have arisen:

- on 8 July 2026, the Company announced further progress with its Silver Extraction PV Recycling project, including successful development and testing of an improved microwave energy distribution system designed to achieve more uniform heating across solar panels and enhance the MJHT delamination process;
- on 15 July 2026, the Company provided an update on its spodumene offtake partner, Norah Mining Limited, which advised that construction of its 120,000 tonne per annum spodumene concentrator in Nigeria was progressing, with supply under the Company's binding offtake agreement currently targeted to commence in late 2026. The Company also identified the potential to undertake interim third-party spodumene trading prior to commissioning of its proposed North American lithium refinery;
- on 5 August 2026, the Company secured binding commitments from sophisticated and professional investors to raise $900,000 before costs through a placement at $0.0035 per share. The placement comprises two tranches, with the second tranche and the issue of free-attaching options subject to shareholder approval. The funds will be applied towards working capital and advancement of the Brownsville Lithium Refinery, Silver Extraction PV Recycling and Gold Copper Diamide Extraction projects;
- on 8 August 2026, 108,500,000 unquoted options exercisable at $0.03 expired without exercise or conversion;
- on 11 August 2026, the Company announced further positive laboratory results from its Gold Copper Diamide Extraction (GCDE) technology, achieving gold recoveries exceeding 99% and producing metallic gold with a purity of 97.04%. Testing also achieved 98% gold recovery from dissolved electronic waste, providing further validation of the technology ahead of pilot-scale demonstration and commercialisation;
- on 22 August 2026, 9,000,000 unquoted options exercisable at $0.03 expired without exercise or conversion;
- on 24 August 2026, the Company completed settlement of Tranche 1 of its previously announced placement, raising $848,452 before costs through the issue of 242,415,000 ordinary shares at $0.0035 per share. Tranche 2 of the placement remains subject to shareholder approval;

- on 27 August 2026, the Company announced further positive laboratory results from its Gold Copper Diamide Extraction (GCDE) technology, demonstrating the ability of the diamide ligand to recover additional critical metals from electronic waste. Test work achieved greater than 99% gallium recovery and approximately 99–100% platinum recovery under selected laboratory conditions, expanding the potential application of the technology beyond gold and copper recovery; and
- on 7 September 2026, the Company announced the results of its Pre-Feasibility Study for the proposed Brownsville Lithium Refinery in Texas, USA. The study estimated a pre-tax NPV of approximately US$787 million, a pre-tax IRR of 21.0% and annual EBITDA of approximately US$161 million at full production, based on production of up to 18,270 tonnes per annum of battery-grade lithium carbonate. The estimated capital cost is approximately US$607 million, including a US$130 million contingency allowance.

Apart from the above, no matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

## Auditor's Independence Declaration

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

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 306(3)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

**Gernot Abl**
Chair
9 September 2026

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE *CORPORATIONS ACT 2001* TO THE DIRECTORS OF LITHIUM UNIVERSE LIMITED**

As lead auditor for the review of the financial report of Lithium Universe Limited for the half-year ended 30 June 2026, 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.

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Perth, WA
Dated: 9 September 2026

TUTU PHONG
Partner

# Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

## For the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2026

| | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 30 June 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Continuing Operations** | | | |
| Revenue | 5(a) | **16,842** | 7,744 |
| Administration expenses | 5(b) | **(289,378)** | (355,803) |
| Compliance & professional expenses | | **(50,695)** | (465,895) |
| Depreciation expenses | | **(17,345)** | (1,571) |
| Employee benefits | | **(572,762)** | (696,941) |
| Exploration expenses | | **30,000** | - |
| Impairment & write off of exploration and evaluation assets | 7 | **-** | (5,230,944) |
| Marketing & promotional | | **(44,166)** | (339,192) |
| Plant engineering costs | | **(70,715)** | (364,000) |
| Research & development expenses | | **(158,148)** | - |
| Interest expense on lease liabilities | 11 | **(3,032)** | - |
| Other expenses | 5(c) | **-** | (207,766) |
| Share-based compensation expense | 14(b) | **(135,492)** | (363,688) |
| **Loss from continuing operations before income tax** | | **(1,294,891)** | (8,018,056) |
| Income tax expense | | **-** | - |
| **Loss after income tax expense for the Half-Year** | | **(1,294,891)** | (8,018,056) |
| **Total comprehensive (loss) for the period** | | **(1,294,891)** | (8,018,056) |
| **Loss attributable to:** | | | |
| Members of Lithium Universe Limited | | **(1,294,891)** | (8,018,056) |
| Non-controlling interest | | **-** | - |
| | | **(1,294,891)** | (8,018,056) |
| **Total comprehensive loss attributable to:** | | | |
| Members of Lithium Universe Limited | | **(1,294,891)** | (8,018,056) |
| Non-controlling interest | | **-** | - |
| | | **(1,294,891)** | (8,018,056) |
| **Loss per share from continuing operations, attributable to the owners of Lithium Universe Limited:** | | | |
| Basic loss per share (cents) | | **(0.08)** | (0.79) |
| Diluted loss per share (cents) | | **(0.08)** | (0.79) |
| The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share | | **1,616,109,891** | 1,015,123,269 |

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

## As at 30 June 2026

| | Note | 30 June 2026<br>$ | 31 December 2025<br>$ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 6 | **56,683** | 2,060,168 |
| Trade and other receivables | | **17,628** | 12,004 |
| Other current assets | | **33,083** | 93,830 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | **107,394** | 2,166,002 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Right of use assets | 8 | **65,129** | 11,690 |
| Plant and equipment | | **68,993** | 4,881 |
| Exploration, evaluation and development assets | 7 | **-** | - |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | **134,122** | 16,571 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | **241,516** | 2,182,573 |
| **LIABILITIES** | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 9 | **2,237,222** | 3,133,284 |
| Other liabilities | 10 | **271,614** | 210,296 |
| Lease liabilities | 11 | **23,941** | 11,690 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | **2,532,777** | 3,355,270 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 11 | **43,103** | - |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | **43,103** | - |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | **2,575,880** | 3,355,270 |
| NET LIABILITIES | | **(2,334,364)** | (1,172,697) |
| **EQUITY** | | | |
| Issued capital | 13 | **65,766,773** | 65,769,041 |
| Reserves | 14 | **15,800,525** | 15,665,033 |
| Non-controlling interest | | **-** | - |
| Accumulated losses | | **(83,901,662)** | (82,606,771) |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | **(2,334,364)** | (1,172,697) |

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

## For the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2026

| | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 30 June 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:** | | | |
| Interest and other income received | 5(a) | **16,842** | 7,744 |
| Interest paid | | **(3,032)** | - |
| Payment for security bond | 8(i) | **(13,200)** | - |
| Payment for research and development | | **(116,800)** | - |
| Payments to suppliers, directors and employees | | **(926,395)** | (1,075,380) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | | **(1,042,585)** | (1,067,636) |
| **CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:** | | | |
| Refund of tenement security bond | 7(c) | **30,000** | - |
| Payment for exploration expenditure | | **-** | (3,482) |
| Payments for plant and equipment | | **(69,589)** | (3,555) |
| Payments for engineering studies | | **(909,091)** | (9,705) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | **(948,680)** | (16,742) |
| **CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:** | | | |
| Proceeds from share issue (options exercised) | 13(c) | **168** | - |
| Proceeds from placement (net of transaction costs) | | **-** | 642,529 |
| Payment for capital raising costs | | **(2,436)** | - |
| Repayment of lease liabilities | | **(9,952)** | - |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities | | **(12,220)** | 642,529 |
| Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held | | **(2,003,485)** | (441,849) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | | **2,060,168** | 906,403 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the Half-Year | | **56,683** | 464,554 |

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

## For the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2026

| | Issued capital $ | Reserves $ | Accumulated losses $ | Non-controlling interest $ | Total equity $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Balance at 1 January 2026** | **65,769,041** | **15,665,033** | **(82,606,771)** | **-** | **(1,172,697)** |
| Loss for the period attributable to members of the parent entity | - | - | (1,294,891) | - | (1,294,891) |
| Fair value through Other Comprehensive Income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-controlling interest | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Comprehensive Loss for the period** | **-** | **-** | **(1,294,891)** | **-** | **(1,294,891)** |
| Issue of share capital (options exercised) | 168 | - | - | - | 168 |
| Share issue costs | (2,436) | - | - | - | (2,436) |
| Share based payments | - | 135,492 | - | - | 135,492 |
| **Balance at 30 June 2026** | **65,766,773** | **15,800,525** | **(83,901,662)** | **-** | **(2,334,364)** |

| | Issued capital $ | Reserves $ | Accumulated losses $ | Non-controlling interest $ | Total equity $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Balance at 1 January 2025** | **61,898,213** | **14,719,490** | **(72,931,106)** | **-** | **3,686,597** |
| Loss for the period attributable to members of the parent entity | - | - | (8,018,056) | - | (8,018,056) |
| Fair value through Other Comprehensive Income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-controlling interest | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Comprehensive Loss for the period** | **-** | **-** | **(8,018,056)** | **-** | **(8,018,056)** |
| Share placement (June 2025) | 600,000 | - | - | - | 600,000 |
| Share issue costs | (91,706) | - | - | - | (91,706) |
| Share based payments | - | 363,688 | - | - | 363,688 |
| **Balance at 30 June 2025** | **62,406,507** | **15,083,178** | **(80,949,162)** | **-** | **(3,459,477)** |

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

# Condensed Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

## For the Half-Year Ended 30 June 2026

### 1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial report of Lithium Universe Limited ("**the Company"**) for the Half-Year ended 30 June 2026 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 9 September 2026. The financial report comprises of the activities for the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as "**the Group**"), which is primarily involved in mineral exploration. The Company's long-term goals are to close the "Lithium Conversion Gap" in North America and revolutionise the photovoltaic (PV) solar panel and e-waste recycling sector. The Company is dedicated to securing the future of green energy by addressing two major strategic initiatives: the development of a green, battery-grade lithium carbonate refinery in Québec, Canada, and pioneering the recycling of valuable metals, including silver, from discarded solar panels, gold and copper from e-waste.

The Company is incorporated in Australia and limited by shares which are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The consolidated annual financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 December 2025 are available upon request from the Company's registered office at Unit 2, 190 Main Street, Osborne Park WA 6017, or https://www.lithiumuniverse.com/

### 2 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Half-Year financial report does not include all of the notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Group as the full financial report.

The 2026 Half-Year financial report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report of Lithium Universe Limited as at 31 December 2025. It is also recommended that the Half-Year financial report be considered together with any public announcements made by Lithium Universe Limited and its controlled entities during the Half-Year ended 30 June 2026 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001.

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

The Half-Year financial report is a general-purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards, including AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting". Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Accounting Standard IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". For the purpose of preparing the 2026 Half-Year financial report, the Half-Year has been treated as a discrete reporting period.

#### (b) Basis of consolidation

The Half-Year consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Lithium Universe Limited and its controlled subsidiaries (the "**Group"**).

The principal accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, unless otherwise stated.

The Group has adopted all the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

#### (c) Going concern

As disclosed in the financial statements, the Group incurred a loss after tax of $1,294,891 and had net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of $1,042,585 and $948,680 respectively for the half-year ended 30 June 2026. As at that date, the Group's total liabilities exceeded its total assets by $2,334,364.

The ability of the Group to continue as a going concern is principally dependent upon raising additional capital or securing other forms of financing, as and when necessary to meet the levels of expenditure required for the Group to continue to progress the lithium refinery development and its research and development activities and to meet the Group's working capital requirements.

These factors indicate a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt as to whether the Group will continue as a going concern and therefore whether it will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the financial report.

The Directors believe that it is reasonably foreseeable that the Group will continue as a going concern and that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial report after consideration of the following factors:

- proven ability of the Company to raise the necessary funding as evidenced by the successful completion of multiple raisings over the past 2 years;
- additional capital raising of $0.9 million from share placement has been announced in August 2026;
- the Group has no loans or borrowings;
- the Group has the ability to institute cost saving measures to further reduce corporate and administrative costs and to curtail discretionary spending, subject to meeting minimum expenditure commitment as disclosed in Note 12;
- the Company intends to raise additional capital during the course of 2026 financial year, via equity placement to professional or sophisticated investors or capital raising with existing shareholders, subject to market conditions and shareholder approval, if required; and
- the Directors will continue to monitor the capital requirements of the Group, and this includes additional capital raisings in future periods as required.

Based on the above, the Directors are of the opinion that there are reasonable and supportable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to meet its liabilities from its assets in the ordinary course of business, for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of this financial report and has accordingly prepared the financial report on a going concern basis.

Should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets and liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business, and at amounts that differ from those stated in the financial statements.

The financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts, or to the amount and classification of liabilities that might be required should the Group not be able to continue as a going concern.

## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

All aspects of the Group's financial risk management objectives and policies are consistent with that disclosed in the consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 31 December 2025.

## 4 SEGMENT INFORMATION

**Identification of reportable segments**

**Operating Segments**

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Board of Directors.

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenue and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components. All operating segment results are regularly reviewed by the Group's Board of Directors to make decisions about resources allocated to the segment and assess its performance and for which discrete financial information is available.

The operating segments are identified by the Board of Directors based on the nature of the exploration activities being conducted by the Group. Detailed financial information about each of these operating businesses is reported to the Board of Directors on at least a quarterly basis.

The Group operated in three operating segments being rare earth and lithium exploration industry in Australia and Canada, and a non-exploration segment, which includes activities related to lithium processing and research and development in metal extraction technology.

**Types of products and services by reportable segment**

*(i) Rare Earth exploration*

The Group relinquished its exploration licences that were considered prospective for rare earth minerals during 2024 financial year. Accordingly, all exploration activities on these tenements have ceased. No income was derived from the recovery of rare earth minerals during the half-year ended 30 June 2026 (2025: nil).

*(ii) Lithium exploration*

The Group relinquished the remaining two of its exploration licences that were considered prospective for lithium during the 2025 financial year. Accordingly, no exploration activities have been undertaken and no income has been derived from the recovery of lithium during the half-year ended 30 June 2026 (2025: nil).

*(iii) Unallocated (non-exploration)*

Under this segment are the Group’s activities in relation to lithium processing and research and development as well as Corporate, including treasury, corporate and regular expenses arising from operating the Company. Corporate assets, including cash and cash equivalents are reported in this segment.

## 4 SEGMENT INFORMATION

**(a) Segment Information 30 June 2026**

| | Rare Earth | Lithium | Unallocated | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **Six months ended 30 June 2026** | | | | |
| **Revenue** | | | | |
| Other revenue | - | - | 16,842 | 16,842 |
| Total segment revenue | - | | 16,842 | 16,842 |
| Segment result | 29,671 | (4,775) | (1,319,787) | (1,294,891) |
| Profit/(Loss) before income tax and non-controlling interests | 29,671 | (4,775) | (1,319,787) | (1,294,891) |
| Income tax expense | - | - | - | - |
| **Net profit/(loss) for the six months as per Statement of Comprehensive Income** | 29,671 | (4,775) | (1,319,787) | (1,294,891) |
| **Assets and Liabilities** | | | | |
| Segment assets | | | | |
| - Exploration Expenditure | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Unallocated assets | | | | |
| - Right of use assets | - | - | 65,129 | 65,129 |
| - Cash and cash equivalents | - | - | 56,683 | 56,683 |
| - Property, plant and equipment | - | - | 68,993 | 68,993 |
| - Trade and other receivables | - | - | 17,628 | 17,628 |
| - Other assets | - | - | 33,083 | 33,083 |
| | - | - | 241,516 | 241,516 |
| **Total assets as per the Statement of Financial Position** | - | - | 241,516 | 241,516 |
| Segment and unallocated liabilities | | | | |
| - Trade and other payables | - | - | 2,237,222 | 2,237,222 |
| - Lease liabilities | - | - | 67,044 | 67,044 |
| - Other liabilities | - | - | 271,614 | 271,614 |
| **Total liabilities as per the Statement of Financial Position** | - | - | 2,575,880 | 2,575,880 |

## 4 SEGMENT INFORMATION

### (b) Segment Information 30 June 2025

| | Rare Earth<br>$ | Lithium<br>$ | Unallocated<br>$ | Total<br>$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Six months ended 30 June 2025** | | | | |
| **Revenue** | | | | |
| Other revenue | - | - | 7,744 | 7,744 |
| Total segment revenue | - | | 7,744 | 7,744 |
| Segment result | (3,000) | (5,240,725) | (2,774,331) | (8,018,056) |
| (Loss) before income tax and non-controlling interests | (3,000) | (5,240,725) | (2,774,331) | (8,018,056) |
| Income tax expense | - | - | - | - |
| Net (loss) for the six months as per Statement of Comprehensive Income | (3,000) | (5,240,725) | (2,774,331) | (8,018,056) |
| **Assets and Liabilities** | | | | |
| Segment assets | | | | |
| - Exploration Expenditure | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Unallocated assets | | | | |
| - Right of use assets | - | - | 11,690 | 11,690 |
| - Cash and cash equivalents | - | - | 464,554 | 464,554 |
| - Property, plant and equipment | - | - | 3,627 | 3,627 |
| - Trade and other receivables | - | - | 5,247 | 5,247 |
| - Other assets | - | - | 123,614 | 123,614 |
| | - | - | 608,732 | 608,732 |
| **Total assets as per the Statement of Financial Position** | - | - | 608,732 | 608,732 |
| Segment and unallocated liabilities | | | | |
| - Trade and other payables | - | - | 1,157,330 | 1,157,330 |
| - Lease liabilities | - | - | 11,690 | 11,690 |
| - Other liabilities | - | - | 2,899,189 | 2,899,189 |
| **Total liabilities as per the Statement of Financial Position** | - | - | 4,068,209 | 4,068,209 |

## 5 REVENUE, INCOME AND EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

| | | 30 June 2026 $ | 30 June 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **(a) Revenue** | | | |
| Interest income | | **16,842** | 7,744 |
| **(b) Administrative expenses:** | | | |
| Administration expenses | | 164,735 | 306,377 |
| Travel expenses | | 124,631 | 48,431 |
| Unrealised foreign exchange (gain)/loss | | 108 | (409) |
| Realised foreign exchange (gain)/loss | | (96) | 1,404 |
| | | **289,378** | 355,803 |
| **(c) Other Expenses** | | | |
| Capitalised option fees paid, written off | (i) | - | 207,766 |

(i) Option to acquire land at Lot 22 of the Bécancour Industrial Waterpark (BWIP)

On 20 February 2024, the Group entered into an option agreement to purchase a land holding where it is anticipated that the Company's lithium refinery will be located (**Option**).

| | |
|---|---|
| **Exercise** | At the election of Lithium Universe Limited |
| **Purchase Price** | $CAD 9.275 million |
| **Term** | 30 months from the date of entering into the option agreement |
| **Option Fee** | $CAD 46,376 per month, commencing from March 2025 |

The option agreement has been terminated with effect from 6 August 2025, and no option fee has been paid during 2025 financial year and during the half-year ended 30 June 2026.

## 6 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

| | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT** | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | **56,683** | 2,060,168 |
| | **56,683** | 2,060,168 |

## 7 EXPLORATION, EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSETS

| | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Capitalised Exploration Expenditure – partly owned | (a),(c) | - | 5,227,462 |
| Less: write off | (b),(c) | - | (5,227,462) |
| | | - | - |

## 7 EXPLORATION, EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSETS (continued)

### (a) Carrying amount of Exploration Expenditure

| | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Carrying amount at the beginning of the year | | - | 5,405,231 |
| *Add*: Expenditure capitalised during the period | | - | 3,641 |
| *Less*: Expenditure (previously) impaired to the profit and loss | (b) | - | (181,410) |
| *Less*: Expenditure written off to the profit and loss | | - | (5,227,462) |
| **Carrying amount at the end of the period** | | - | - |

### (b) Impairment

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | - | (181,410) |
| *(Add)/Less:* | | |
| - Current year impairment charge | - | - |
| - Write off of provision on surrendered tenements | - | 181,410 |
| Closing Balance | - | - |

### (c) Discussion on impairment

At each reporting date the Company undertakes an assessment of the carrying amount of its exploration and evaluation assets. Where an indication of impairment exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the assets fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the assets carrying value.

Included within the capitalised exploration costs for the 2025 Financial Year are the following impairment and write off adjustments:

Lithium Projects (Apollo and Adina)

In May 2025, the Group formally relinquished the Adina Project, which had a previous impairment provision of $181,410, and as a result the remaining capitalised cost of $203 was written off to profit and loss during the 2025 financial year.

During the 30 June 2025 Half Year, the Company identified indicators of impairment on certain exploration and evaluation assets under AASB 6 Exploration and Evaluation of Mineral Resources. As a result of this review, a total impairment loss of $5,227,259 was recognised at such time as a loss in relation to the Apollo Project. In May 2025, the Company formally relinquished the Apollo Project, which resulted in a write off to the profit and loss for the relevant project's exploration expenditures of $5,227,259. The basis for relinquishing the Lithium Projects was due to the low prospectivity, based on the exploration work that had been conducted, coupled with issues concerning the project (such as native title).

During the half-year ended 30 June 2026, the Group held no exploration tenements and received $30,000, being the refund of the security bond of the tenements that have been relinquished in previous financial years.

## 8 RIGHTS OF USE ASSETS

| NON-CURRENT | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance as at 1 January | | **11,690** | 11,690 |
| De-recognition due to lease termination | (i) | **(11,690)** | - |
| Addition | (i) | **76,996** | - |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | | **(11,867)** | - |
| Balance at end of period | | **65,129** | 11,690 |

(i) Leasing Activities

The Company held the following leases during the half-year ended 30 June 2026:

1. an office lease for the premises at Unit 2, 190 Main Street, Osborne Park, WA. The lease commenced on 15 January 2026 for a 3-year term, expiring on 14 January 2029, with the options to renew for a further 3 years. The lease payment is subject to a fixed 4% increment on each anniversary during the lease term. The Company paid a refundable security bond of $13,200.

2. an office lease for the premises at Suite 9, 295 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, WA. The lease commenced on 19 July 2023, and the term expired on 19 July 2024. The lease was terminated on 31 January 2026.

The leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Company. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The right-of-use asset is amortised over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

## 9 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

| | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Trade payables | **2,094,236** | 2,946,874 |
| Other payables | **142,986** | 186,410 |
| | **2,237,222** | 3,133,284 |

## 10 OTHER LIABILITIES

| | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT** | | |
| Employee liabilities | **54,114** | 18,799 |
| Provision for employee entitlements | **217,500** | 191,497 |
| Total | **271,614** | 210,296 |

## 11 LEASES

| | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Balance as at 1 January** | | **11,690** | 11,690 |
| De-recognition due to lease termination | | **(11,690)** | - |
| Addition | 8(i) | **76,996** | - |
| Interest expense | | **3,032** | - |
| Lease repayment | | **(12,984)** | - |
| Balance at end of period | | **67,044** | 11,690 |
| | | | |
| Current liability | | **23,941** | 11,690 |
| Non-current liability | | **43,103** | - |
| | | **67,044** | 11,690 |

## 12 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

**Exploration Expenditure Commitment**

The Group has relinquished all the remaining exploration licences in the previous financial year due to the ongoing holding costs and a shift in the Group's strategic focus. Accordingly, there will be no further commitment to undertake any future exploration expenditure. As at 30 June 2026, the Group does not hold any exploration licences.

**Research expenditure commitments**

Under the Research Collaboration Agreement with Macquarie University for the prototype development research activities in relation to the Microwave Joule Heating Technology (MJHT) and Jet Electrochemical Silver Extraction (JESE), the Company has paid a total of $212,500 (excluding GST), out of the total expenditure commitment for this project of $406,151 (excluding GST).

The remaining commitment (excluding GST) is shown below:

| | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **PAYABLE** | | |
| - no later than 1 year | **193,651** | 293,651 |
| - Between 1 – 5 years | **-** | - |
| | **193,651** | 293,651 |

## 13 CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

| | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,616,110,232 (December 2025: 1,616,104,622) Ordinary shares | (a) | **65,766,773** | 65,769,041 |
| | | **65,766,773** | 65,769,041 |

## 13 CONTRIBUTED EQUITY (continued)

### (a) Ordinary shares – movement reconciliation

| | Note | 30 June 2026 No. | 31 December 2025 No. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **At the beginning of reporting period** | | **1,616,104,622** | 1,010,979,622 |
| ***Shares issued during the period:*** | | | |
| Shares issued in satisfaction of brokerage fees | | - | 9,375,000 |
| Share placement (Tranche 1, June 2025) | | - | 150,000,000 |
| Share placement (Tranche 2, July 2025) | | - | 275,000,000 |
| Share placement (Tranche 1, Oct 2025) | | - | 153,750,000 |
| Share placement (Tranche 2, Dec 2025) | | - | 2,500,000 |
| Shares issued for conversion of performance rights | | - | 14,500,000 |
| Shares issued for conversion of listed options (Jan 2026) | (c) | **5,610** | - |
| **At the end of the reporting period – number of ordinary shares on issue** | | **1,616,110,232** | 1,616,104,622 |

### (b) Ordinary shares – voting rights

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company. On a show of hands at meetings of the Company, each holder of ordinary shares has one vote in person or by proxy, and upon a poll each share is entitled to one vote. In the event of winding up of the Company, ordinary shareholders rank after all other shareholders and creditors and are fully entitled to any proceeds of liquidation.

### (c) Shares issue on conversion of listed options

In January 2026, 5,610 fully paid ordinary shares were issued on conversion of listed options at the exercise price of $0.03 per share amounting to $168.

## 14 RESERVES

| | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Share based payments reserve | (b) | **6,837,357** | 6,701,865 |
| Options reserve | | **8,963,168** | 8,963,168 |
| | (a) | **15,800,525** | 15,665,033 |

### (a) Movement in reserves

| | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Opening balance | | **15,665,033** | 14,719,490 |
| Share-based payment expense | (b) | **135,492** | 777,676 |
| Options granted to broker in relation to capital raising | | - | 167,867 |
| | | **15,800,525** | 15,665,033 |

## 14 RESERVES (continued)

### (b) Share based payments reserve

Movement in the Company's share-based payments reserve during the 2026 Half-Year were as follows:

| *Expense recognised during the year:* | Note | 30 June 2026 $ | 31 December 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Share-based compensation granted to directors | (iii) | **23,800** | 148,783 |
| Share-based compensation granted to consultants and key management personnel | (ii),(iv) | **111,692** | 628,893 |
| | | **135,492** | 777,676 |

**(i) Accounting policy for share-based payments**

Equity-settled and cash-settled share-based compensation benefits are provided to directors, employees and consultants. Equity-settled transactions are awards of shares, or options over shares, that are provided to directors, employees and consultants in exchange for the rendering of services. Cash-settled transactions are awards of cash for the exchange of services, where the amount of cash is determined by reference to the share price.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised as an expense with a corresponding increase in equity over the vesting period. The cumulative charge to profit and loss is calculated based on the grant date fair value of the award, the best estimate of the number of awards that are likely to vest and the expired portion of the vesting period. The amount recognised in the profit and loss for the period is the cumulative amount calculated at each reporting date less amounts already recognised in the previous periods.

**(ii) Factor/assumptions pertaining to share based payments issued to consultants and key management personnel**

At the Company's General Meeting held on 18 July 2023, shareholders approved an Employee Securities Incentive Plan (ESOP). On 16 August 2023, the Company resolved to issue 8,000,000 unlisted options key management personnel (KMP) under the ESOP. Another 2,000,000 unlisted options were issued to key management personnel on 12 March 2024, under the ESOP, with the same terms and conditions as those issued on 17 August 2023.

In addition, on 12 July 2024, the Company resolved to issue 42,000,000 performance rights under ESOP to consultant and key management personnel.

The following factors and assumptions were used in determining the fair value of the option and performance rights under the Monte Carlo option valuation model ("MC model").

| | Performance Rights | Options |
|---|---|---|
| Grant date | 12/07/2024 | 17/08/2023 |
| Option life | 60 months | 36 months |
| Fair value per option (MC model) | $0.016 | $0.037 |
| Exercise price | $0.00 | $0.03 |
| Price of shares on grant date | $0.016 | $0.05 |
| Expected volatility | 85.00% | 80.00% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.17% | 3.91% |

On 22 August 2025, 10,500,000 of the B class performance rights granted to key management personnel and consultants have vested upon the satisfaction of the vesting condition, being the completion of the Definitive Feasibility Study of a 16,000 tpa multi-purpose battery grade lithium carbonate refinery. 9,000,000 of these vested B class performance rights were exercised during the 2025 financial year.

On 23 April 2026, the Company cancelled a total of 15,000,000 performance rights that were issued to KMP and consultant.

## 14 RESERVES (continued)

Below is the movement of the performance rights (granted to KMP and consultants) during the half-year ending 30 June 2026:

| Class | Beginning Balance 1 January | Issued | Exercised | Lapsed/Cancelled | Ending Balance 30 June |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A Class | 10,500,000 | - | - | (5,000,000) | 5,500,000 |
| B Class | 1,500,000 | - | - | - | 1,500,000 |
| C Class | 10,500,000 | - | - | (5,000,000) | 5,500,000 |
| D Class | 10,500,000 | - | - | (5,000,000) | 5,500,000 |
| Total | 33,000,000 | - | - | (15,000,000) | 18,000,000 |

**(iii) Factor/assumptions pertaining to share based payments to directors**

At the Company's General Meeting held on 18 July 2023, shareholders approved the issuance of 32,000,000 options to certain directors and former directors. In addition, on 16 August 2023, the Company resolved to issue 2,000,000 unlisted options to directors and former directors, under ESOP.

At the Company's General Meeting held on 14 June 2024, shareholders resolved to approve the issuance of 26,000,000 performance rights to directors and former directors under ESOP.

The following factors and assumptions were used in determining the fair value of the options and performance rights under the Monte Carlo option valuation model ("MC model").

| | **Performance Rights** | **Options** | **Options** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grant date | 12/07/2024 | 18/07/2023 | 17/08/2023 |
| Option life | 60 months | 36 months | 36 months |
| Fair value per option (MC model) | \$0.015 | \$0.01 | \$0.037 |
| Exercise price | \$0.00 | \$0.03 | \$0.03 |
| Price of shares on grant date | \$0.016 | \$0.03 | \$0.05 |
| Expected volatility | 85.00% | 85.00% | 80.00% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.17% | 3.83% | 3.91% |

On 22 August 2025, 6,500,000 of the B class performance rights granted to directors and former directors have vested upon the satisfaction of the vesting condition, being the completion of the Definitive Feasibility Study of a 16,000 tpa multi-purpose battery grade lithium carbonate refinery. 5,500,000 of these vested B class performance rights were exercised during the 2025 financial year.

On 23 April 2026, the Company cancelled a total of 4,500,000 performance rights that were issued to directors and former directors.

Below is the movement of the performance rights (granted to directors and former directors) during the half-year ending 30 June 2026:

| Class | Beginning Balance 1 January | Issued | Exercised | Lapsed/Cancelled | Ending Balance 30 June |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A Class | 6,500,000 | - | - | (1,500,000) | 5,000,000 |
| B Class | 1,000,000 | - | - | - | 1,000,000 |
| C Class | 6,500,000 | - | - | (1,500,000) | 5,000,000 |
| D Class | 6,500,000 | - | - | (1,500,000) | 5,000,000 |
| Total | 20,500,000 | - | - | (4,500,000) | 16,000,000 |

## 14 RESERVES (continued)

**(iv) Factor/assumptions pertaining to share-based payments granted to Corporate Advisor**

On 8 August 2025, the Company issued the following performance rights to a consultant as a consideration for the advisory services provided under the Corporate Advisory agreement.

| Performance rights | Number | Vesting condition |
|---|---|---|
| Class 1 | 33,000,000 | Performance rights will vest and convert if the Company's volume weighted average share price on ASX for a period of 15 consecutive trading days (15-day VWAP) is at least $0.007 |
| Class 2 | 33,000,000 | Performance rights will vest and convert if the (15-day VWAP) is at least $0.009. |
| Class 3 | 33,000,000 | Performance rights will vest and convert if the (15-day VWAP) is at least $0.011 |

The performance rights will lapse if the applicable vesting conditions have not been satisfied within 5 years from the date of issue (7 August 2030).

The valuation model inputs used to determine the fair value of the performance rights at the grant date are as follows:

| | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grant date | 04/08/2025 | 04/08/2025 | 04/08/2025 |
| Issue date | 08/08/2025 | 08/08/2025 | 08/08/2025 |
| Option life | 60 months | 60 months | 60 months |
| Fair value per performance rights (Monte Carlo model) | $0.00643 | $0.00631 | $0.00619 |
| Exercise price | $Nil | $Nil | $Nil |
| Price of shares on grant date | $0.0065 | $0.0065 | $0.0065 |
| Expected volatility | 90%-110% | 90%-110% | 90%-110% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 3.64% | 3.64% | 3.64% |

None of these performance rights have vested or exercised during the half-year ending 30 June 2026.

## 15 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT – LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Group might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The Group manages liquidity risk by comparing the maturity profile of financial liabilities with the realization profile of financial assets and monitoring forecasted cash flows for the possible need to obtain debt or equity finance

## 15 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT – LIQUIDITY RISK (continued)

**Contractual Maturity Analysis**

The table below shows the maturity analysis of financial assets and liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the management expectation. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

| | Within 1 Year | | Within 1-5 Years | | Over 5 Years | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 | 2026 | 2025 |
| | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| **Consolidated Group** | | | | | | | | |
| **Financial assets** | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 56,683 | 2,060,168 | - | - | - | - | 56,683 | 2,060,168 |
| Trade and other receivables | 17,628 | 12,004 | - | - | - | - | 17,628 | 12,004 |
| **Total financial assets** | **74,311** | **2,072,172** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **74,311** | **2,072,172** |
| **Financial Liabilities** | | | | | | | | |
| Trade and other Payables | (2,237,222) | (3,133,284) | - | - | - | - | (2,237,222) | (3,133,284) |
| Lease Liabilities | (28,603) | (11,690) | (46,077) | - | - | - | (74,680) | (11,690) |
| Other liabilities | (271,614) | (210,296) | - | - | - | - | (271,614) | (210,296) |
| **Total Financial Liabilities** | **(2,537,439)** | **(3,355,270)** | **(46,077)** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **(2,583,516)** | **(3,355,270)** |
| **Net Exposure** | **(2,463,128)** | **(1,283,098)** | **(46,077)** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **(2,509,205)** | **(1,283,098)** |

## 16 CONTROLLED ENTITIES

| | Country of Incorporation | Percentage Owned (%) |
|---|---|---|
| **Parent Entity:** | | |
| Lithium Universe Limited[6] | Australia | |
| **Subsidiaries:** | | |
| New Age Minerals Pty Ltd[4] | Australia | 100 |
| Lefroy Lithium Pty Ltd (formerly eSports Nominees Pty Ltd) | Australia | 100 |
| Tasmanian REE Pty Ltd[1] | Australia | 100 |
| Lithium Universe (Holdings) Limited[2] | Canada | 100 |
| Lithium Universe Refinery Limited[3] | Canada | 100 |
| eSports Mogul LLC[5] | United States | 100 |

Notes

[1] Tasmanian REE Pty Ltd was incorporated on 19 May 2023.
[2] Lithium Universe (Holdings) Limited was incorporated on 7 March 2023.
[3] Lithium Universe Refinery Limited was incorporated on 3 November 2023.
[4] New Age Minerals Pty Ltd was acquired on 6 Aug 2025.
[5] An application has been submitted to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to initiate the winding-up process of eSports Mogul LLC and the Company.
[6] No consolidated income tax groups were established under the Australian tax consolidation regime at 30 June 2026.

## 17 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

The Directors are not aware of any contingent liabilities or assets as at the date of these financial statements.

## 18 EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE

Since balance date, the following matters have arisen:

- on 8 July 2026, the Company announced further progress with its Silver Extraction PV Recycling project, including successful development and testing of an improved microwave energy distribution system designed to achieve more uniform heating across solar panels and enhance the MJHT delamination process;
- on 15 July 2026, the Company provided an update on its spodumene offtake partner, Norah Mining Limited, which advised that construction of its 120,000 tonne per annum spodumene concentrator in Nigeria was progressing, with supply under the Company's binding offtake agreement currently targeted to commence in late 2026. The Company also identified the potential to undertake interim third-party spodumene trading prior to commissioning of its proposed North American lithium refinery;
- on 5 August 2026, the Company secured binding commitments from sophisticated and professional investors to raise $900,000 before costs through a placement at $0.0035 per share. The placement comprises two tranches, with the second tranche and the issue of free-attaching options subject to shareholder approval. The funds will be applied towards working capital and advancement of the Brownsville Lithium Refinery, Silver Extraction PV Recycling and Gold Copper Diamide Extraction projects;
- on 8 August 2026, 108,500,000 unquoted options exercisable at $0.03 expired without exercise or conversion;
- on 11 August 2026, the Company announced further positive laboratory results from its Gold Copper Diamide Extraction (GCDE) technology, achieving gold recoveries exceeding 99% and producing metallic gold with a purity of 97.04%. Testing also achieved 98% gold recovery from dissolved electronic waste, providing further validation of the technology ahead of pilot-scale demonstration and commercialisation;
- on 22 August 2026, 9,000,000 unquoted options exercisable at $0.03 expired without exercise or conversion;
- on 24 August 2026, the Company completed settlement of Tranche 1 of its previously announced placement, raising $848,452 before costs through the issue of 242,415,000 ordinary shares at $0.0035 per share. Tranche 2 of the placement remains subject to shareholder approval;
- on 27 August 2026, the Company announced further positive laboratory results from its Gold Copper Diamide Extraction (GCDE) technology, demonstrating the ability of the diamide ligand to recover additional critical metals from electronic waste. Test work achieved greater than 99% gallium recovery and approximately 99–100% platinum recovery under selected laboratory conditions, expanding the potential application of the technology beyond gold and copper recovery; and
- on 7 September 2026, the Company announced the results of its Pre-Feasibility Study for the proposed Brownsville Lithium Refinery in Texas, USA. The study estimated a pre-tax NPV of approximately US$787 million, a pre-tax IRR of 21.0% and annual EBITDA of approximately US$161 million at full production, based on production of up to 18,270 tonnes per annum of battery-grade lithium carbonate. The estimated capital cost is approximately US$607 million, including a US$130 million contingency allowance.

Apart from the above, no matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

# Directors' Declaration

The Directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

   (a) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and

   (b) give a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the Half-Year ended on that date.

2. In the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

On behalf of the directors.

**Gernot Abl**
Chair
9 September 2026

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT
# TO THE MEMBERS OF LITHIUM UNIVERSE LIMITED

## Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

*Conclusion*

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Lithium Universe Limited and its controlled entities, which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, 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, notes to the financial statements comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year end or from time to time during the half-year.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Lithium Universe Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2026 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 Half-Year Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the consolidated entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* issued by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board Limited (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

*Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern*

We draw attention to Note 2(c) in the half-year financial report, which indicates that the consolidated entity incurred a net loss of $1,294,891 and had net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of $1,042,585 and $948,680 respectively for the half-year ended 30 June 2026. As at that date, the consolidated entity's total liabilities exceeded its total assets by $2,334,364. As stated in Note 2(c), these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 2(c), indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the consolidated entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

*Responsibilities of the Directors for the Half-Year Financial Report*

The directors of Lithium Universe 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 is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-Year 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 consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2026 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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TUTU PHONG
Partner

Perth, WA
Dated: 9 September 2026