VULCAN ENERGY

2026
Half Year Report
1 January – 30 June

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Appointed 1 April 2026

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Appointed 17 August 2026

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Members of Vulcan's Board of Directors during a site visit in February 2026.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which Vulcan's Australian office is situated, the Whadjuk Noongar people. Vulcan recognises their continuing connection to this country and pays respect to elders, past and present. Vulcan operates principally in the Upper Rhine Valley of Germany and France, an area of rich cultural heritage and local peoples. Vulcan cherishes this cultural inheritance and takes all steps necessary to preserve and protect cultural heritage in its operations.

About Vulcan

Vulcan Energy (ASX: VUL, FSE: VUL) is building the world's first integrated lithium and geothermal renewable energy business to decarbonise battery production. Located in the Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field between Germany and France, Vulcan's first phase of production, the Lionheart Project (Lionheart), is a lighthouse project for Europe's energy and critical raw materials resilience.

Lithium is to be extracted from low impurity geothermal sub-surface brines using Vulcan's industry-leading VULSORB® technology. Naturally heated, the brine powers production and conversion of lithium to battery-quality material by creating a renewable energy co-product for use in operations, with surplus sold into the local energy market. This integration, technology and favourable brine chemistry collectively enables one of the lowest-cost lithium operations globally.

Extraction is only the starting point for Vulcan. Vulcan has reimagined mining using innovation to integrate and capture more of the value chain. A positive Final Investment Decision has been made on Lionheart, construction is underway, offtake is contracted and further phases of production, including Project Ludwig, are in planning.

For more information, please go to https://v-er.eu

Our product V-LiON™

Vulcan is building an integrated renewable energy and lithium production business using naturally heated lithium brine to power conversion into V-LiON™, Vulcan's lithium chemicals product, and a core component in electric vehicle (EV) batteries.

Lithium production is currently CO_2 intensive. V-LiON™ has been designed as a solution to this problem. Vulcan's proprietary, high-performance lithium adsorbent technology, VULSORB®, combined with a renewable heat source, allows for highly efficient, low cost lithium production. Suitable for use in EV batteries, V-LiON™ is targeted to have the lowest carbon footprint of any lithium production globally.

Lionheart aims to supply approximately 24,000 tonnes per annum of V-LiON™-branded LHM for Europe's EV supply chain - enough for production of 500,000 EVs per annum - and supply approximately up to 560 GWh of renewable heat and up to 275 GWh of electricity annually[1]. Vulcan's planned next phase of production, Project Ludwig, aims to produce a similar quantity of lithium chemicals in the form of lithium carbonate, to give maximum customer product flexibility.


Vulcan's upstream project area including the Insheim Geothermal Power Plant.

1 *Based on the Phase One Lionheart production target capacity of 24kt p.a. from Bridging Engineering Study ASX announcement 16th November 2023 and Vulcan internal estimated average EV battery size and chemistry in Europe; refer to the Competent Person Statement within this Report. Refer to the Key Risks in Appendix 3 of the Investor Presentation dated 3 December 2025 regarding the risks associated with resource exploration and development projects.*

Our location

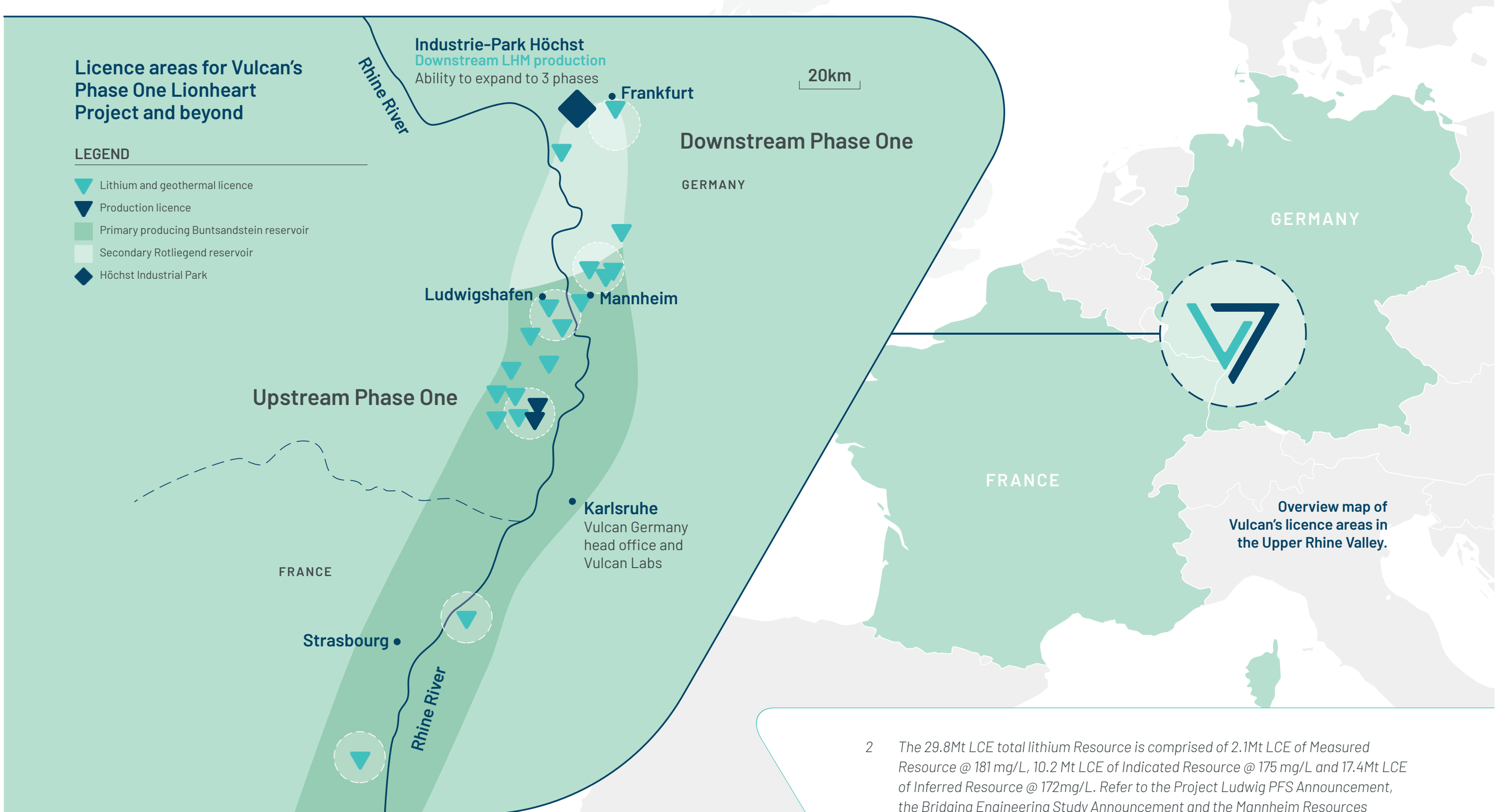
The Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field (URVBF) is a brine-producing geothermal field which contains a globally significant tier one lithium resource. Vulcan's project within the URVBF includes a global total Resource Estimate of 29.8 million tonnes (Mt) of contained Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE)[2].

Vulcan's Lionheart is located within the centre of the URVBF, where Vulcan now has six existing geothermal wells, four of which are in operation already, with plans underway to add more as part of the Lionheart development.

In addition to high lithium grades, the URVBF's geothermal brine reservoir generates baseload, renewable heat. The process of pumping brine to the surface at a geothermal plant generates heat which can be used by Vulcan or sold directly. Alternatively, the renewable heat can be used to produce electricity for consumption by the Company.

The location of the Company's integrated lithium and renewable energy project, in the heart of Europe's automotive and battery industry, gives Lionheart the advantage of short transport distances to European product markets.

Vulcan has a large geothermal and lithium licence holding in the URVBF over ca. 2,000km^2 of total licence area. The significant scale of Vulcan's Resource creates an opportunity to significantly grow production in a phased manner beyond Lionheart. Works are under way at Project Ludwig, Vulcan's planned second phase of production, located to the north of Lionheart.



Overview map of Vulcan's licence areas in the Upper Rhine Valley.

2 *The 29.8Mt LCE total lithium Resource is comprised of 2.1Mt LCE of Measured Resource @ 181 mg/L, 10.2 Mt LCE of Indicated Resource @ 175 mg/L and 17.4Mt LCE of Inferred Resource @ 172mg/L. Refer to the Project Ludwig PFS Announcement, the Bridging Engineering Study Announcement and the Mannheim Resources Growth Announcement (each as defined in the Competent Persons' Statement contained in this Report) for details of the Mineral Resource estimates in relation to each the Lionheart. Ludwig and future phases projects respectively.*

Directors' Report

The Directors present the condensed consolidated financial report of the Group consisting of Vulcan and its controlled entities for the half year ended 30 June 2026 and the independent auditor's review report thereon. It is recommended that the Directors' Report be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 and considered together with any public announcements made by the Company during the period and up to the date of this Report.

Directors

The names of Directors that held office during or since the end of the half year and until the date of this Report are as follows. Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

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Dr Günter Hilken
Independent Non-Executive Director

Ms Amanda Lacaze[4]
Independent Non-Executive Director

3 Appointed 1 April 2026.
4 Appointed 17 August 2026.

Half Year 2026 milestones and developments

No lost time injuries (LTIs) recorded during the reporting period.

Well pad construction progressed at the next production well site.

Commencement of construction works at the Company's lithium chemical plant at Infraserv Industrial Park Höchst in Frankfurt was marked by an official groundbreaking ceremony. First early bulk earthworks began alongside preparations for early civil site works.

Successfully drilled the fifth and sixth wells in the Lionheart Field Development Plan (FDP), with testing showing strong production flow test performance and values for temperature, lithium grade and production potential all in line with expectations.

Spud in of the seventh well in the Lionheart Field Development Plan commenced as planned.

Achieved Financial Close of the €2.2bn ($3.9bn) Lionheart strategic equity and debt financing arrangements.

Siemens AG was awarded a major supply agreement for Lionheart for the provision of engineering, automation, telecommunications, and building technology systems across the Vulcan value chain.

Construction of the interconnected pipeline and power (ICPP) package, connecting well infrastructure to the centralised geothermal and lithium extraction plant, progressed alongside procurement and engineering activities. All long lead procurement items for the initial ICPP sections were ordered and all land required for the initial ICPP sections were secured for construction.

At the geothermal and lithium extraction plant, early bulk earthworks progressed including the completion of construction roads. The relocation of the 110kV overhead power line was also completed with new underground high voltage cable now in place.

HOCHTIEF Chief Strategy Officer and CIMIC Group President and Executive Director, Roberto Gallardo, was appointed to the Vulcan Board of Directors.

Operating review

Health and safety

There were no Lost Time Injuries (LTI) during the six months ended 30 June 2026, with strict adherence to health and safety protocols continuing to be a key priority for the Company.

Resources and Reserves

Vulcan's lithium brine Mineral Resource estimates, as well as its Ore Reserve estimates, did not change during the reporting period, however, on completion of the Project Ludwig Preliminary Feasibility Study on 3 September 2026, the Mineral Resource increased. There was no change to the Company's Ore Reserve estimate. See Appendix 1 for Vulcan's combined Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve tables.

Infrastructure at Vulcan's Insheim Geothermal Power Plant.

5 *For further information, please refer to the ASX Announcements dated 3 September 2026, 7 and 9 July 2025. Following the recent update to Vulcan's Mineral Resource as part of the Project Ludwig PFS, Vulcan's current total Mineral Resource is 29.8Mt LCE total lithium Resource, comprised of 2.1Mt LCE of Measured Resource @ 181 mg/L, 10.2 Mt LCE of Indicated Resource @ 175 mg/L and 17.4Mt LCE of Inferred Resource @ 172mg/L. This is an increase from the previous 29.1 Mt LCE total lithium Resource which was comprised of 2.1 Mt LCE of Measured Resource @ 181 mg/L, 9.7 Mt LCE of Indicated Resource @ 177 mg/L and 17.3 Mt LCE of Inferred Resource @174mg/L. Please also refer to the Competent Person Statement contained within this document.*

V20 drilling rig at the Schleidberg well site.

Lionheart field development

Production/ re-injection wells

Vulcan's fifth and sixth wells, known as LSC-1 and LSC-2 respectively, were successfully drilled by Vercana, Vulcan's 100% owned drilling subsidiary, during the reporting period.

The fifth well (LSC-1), was drilled successfully to a total depth of 3,616m and recorded strong production flow test performance, and flow rate assumptions were confirmed with production test equipment operating at maximum capacity. Flow rate potential also known as productivity index (PI), was measured between 2.1 and 2.5 l/s/bar. Lithium grade, temperature, reservoir quality and matrix permeability were confirmed as meeting or exceeding FDP assumptions, and LSC-1 results were consistent with targets.

The sixth well (LSC-2), was also drilled successfully to a total depth of 2,999m, with values for temperature, lithium grade and production potential all in line with range expectations for project build. Lithium grade was measured at 190-200mg/L, slightly exceeding Vulcan's resource grade estimates for Lionheart, but within range expectations. Production flow rate as indicated by productivity index (PI) confirmed ~1.2l/s/bar.

Well testing of LSC-1 and LSC-2 measured productivity index (PI) and associated flow rate potential values within or above project expectations for both wells. Vulcan will use various artificial lift options to optimise pressure drawdown and production at each well, with higher or lower drawdown available depending on pump choice in each well, consistently maintaining overall Lionheart field flow rate.

Vulcan's seventh well LSC-3 has commenced drilling and its eighth well LSC-4 will follow over the remainder of 2026, at the same well site location as LSC-1 and LSC-2.

Well site development

Well pad construction and engineering activities commenced at the fourth and next production/ re-injection well site for Lionheart following confirmation of compliance with the Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESIA). Structural and concrete works around the drilling cellars were completed along with excavation and levelling of the drainage basin in preparation for tower foundation structural works.

Preparation activities also continued for mobilisation of the Company's second drilling rig, V10, to the fourth well site in Q4 2026.

Construction activity at the commercial Geothermal-Lithium Extraction Plant in Landau.

Interconnected Pipeline and Power (ICPP)

The ICPP is a network of pipelines and cables, transporting lithium brine and industrial water from the well sites to the geothermal and lithium extraction facility, and back to the well sites for re-injection.

During the reporting period, Vulcan completed a major railway and road crossing to accommodate the ICPP. All long lead procurement items for the initial ICPP sections were ordered and all land required for the initial ICPP sections BA1 and BA2 were secured for construction.

The permit for the first highway crossing was secured, with the engineering for the second rail crossing submitted to the permitting authorities.

Geothermal-Lithium Extraction Plant

Lionheart's combined geothermal and lithium extraction facility has been designed to produce both renewable geothermal energy and high-quality lithium chloride (LiCl) from deep geothermal brine. The commercial site, sitting on approximately ten hectares, is under construction in the Messegelände Südost industrial park in Landau.

The plant, which is to be connected to the ICPP, is also close to an existing well site in Landau that houses the first of Vulcan's existing geothermal plants to generate renewable district heating to the community. The second existing Vulcan geothermal plant at Insheim is fed by operating wells and produces renewable power that is sold to the grid.

During the reporting period, both of Vulcan's existing geothermal plants were shut down for maintenance and repair in readiness to have highly reliable operations come start of Project Lionheart.

Aerial view of Vulcan's Geothermal and Lithium Extraction Plant in Landau.

Site activities

Construction works on the Lionheart geothermal and lithium extraction facilities covered several activities, including early bulk earthworks. This included the completion of fencing and construction roads and progressing the removal of topsoil. The relocation of the 110kV overhead power line was completed and new underground high voltage cable now in place.

Engineering

Hazard and operability studies (HAZOPs) were completed with piping and instrumentation diagrams and 3D engineering models updated. The plant engineering design as well as the engineering for the non-process buildings, the electrical and automation integration engineering, progressed during the reporting period.

Contracts and procurement

Contracting and procurement activities progressed to plan including the primary fabricator being selected for the major lithium extraction vessels and pipe racks, and purchase orders completed for the fabrication of evaporators, preheaters and regenerator.

Other

The state of Rhineland-Palatinate granted a royalty exemption for lithium production in the State which will benefit Lionheart. The royalty exemption will apply for an initial five years until 31 December 2030 and is subject to review one year prior. Geothermal energy is also subject to a similar State exemption which was established in 2009 and continues unchanged to the present day.

The first lithium production permit at Lionheart was also issued during the reporting period, which is the first such licence to be granted in the URVBF and in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate.

Lithium chemicals plant

The lithium chemicals plant (also known as the Central Lithium Plant) will be the Company's commercial downstream lithium processing hub located at Infraserv Park Höchst in Frankfurt, one of Germany's largest major chemical and energy precincts.

The plant will convert high-quality LiCl solution from the lithium extraction facility in Landau into battery quality lithium hydroxide monohydrate (LHM), supporting Europe's push for locally sourced, low carbon battery materials. The Company has secured relevant permits to build and operate its lithium chemicals plant for Lionheart, with the facility available and permitted for future growth phases as required.

Site activities

Tendering for early bulk earthworks was completed over the reporting period, with work also commencing on site fencing, facilities, top-soil replacement, ordnance investigations, soil improvement and road construction.

Preparatory works by the site owner, Infraserv, continued with respect to high voltage power supply.

Engineering

Several key engineering items progressed during the reporting period, including design works for the 110kV substation, design of piling and foundations, and piping and instrumentation diagram activities.

Progress was also made on the 3D model, tank farm, utilities building and truck station loading and unloading area, and early engineering and technical work for various scopes under ABB and Siemens frameworks were advanced.

Contracts and procurement

Pre-engineering purchase orders were placed with Siemens for work packages provided by sub-contractors including Main Telecom Contractor, Main Process Automation, and Building Technology.

Tendering processes for Non-Process Infrastructure buildings, emergency vent systems and cell house contracts also progressed during the period.

The Company also issued multiple contracts associated with the lithium chemical facility including a significant hydrochloric acid synthesis unit contract to Mersen, and 110kV substation and cooling tower contracts to Infraserv.

Other

Commencement of construction works at the lithium chemicals plant was marked by an official groundbreaking ceremony in April 2026. The ceremony was attended by the Minister-President of the state of Hesse, Boris Rhein, the Lord Mayor of Frankfurt am Main, Mike Josef, and other key government, financial and industry stakeholders.

VULSORB® adsorption columns located at the upstream optimisation plant.

Technology

High-quality 40%wt LiCl solution continued to be produced at the upstream optimisation plant and transferred to the downstream optimisation plant at Industrial Park Höchst for the production of LHM. Both plants continued to be used for process optimisation and training of personnel.

Vulcan's partnership with VULSORB® technology licensee, EAU Lithium (subsidiary of Cosmos Exploration Limited), advanced during the reporting period with EAU Lithium committing to acquire one of Vulcan's Adsorption-type Direct Lithium Extraction (A-DLE) pilot plants. Pursuant to Vulcan's licence agreement with EAU Lithium, the pilot plant will be used to run trials on EAU's Bolivian brine using VULSORB®.

Corporate

Financing

The Company achieved Financial Close of the €2.2bn ($3.9bn) Lionheart strategic equity and debt financing arrangements[6] in May 2026. Following Financial Close, the financing package can now be accessed subject to ongoing conditions for drawdown. The first strategic equity contributions were received in July and August 2026, and further instalments are expected ahead of first debt drawdown in Q1 2027.

The Company's closing cash plus deposits accessible after 90 days was €273.9m at 30 June 2026. This balance comprises the closing cash position of €193.9m plus €80.0m invested in high-interest term deposits with original maturities or notice periods exceeding 90 days. Consistent with accounting standards, these balances are classified as other financial assets and recognised as cash outflows for investing activities when the investments are made, however are accessible beyond the 90-day period.

Board

HOCHTIEF Chief Strategy Officer and CIMIC Group President and Executive Director, Roberto Gallardo, was appointed to the Vulcan Board of Directors. A civil engineer, Mr Gallardo has more than 30 years' international experience in infrastructure investment, construction and business development across the Americas, Europe and Australia.

Independent Non-Executive Director Roberto Gallardo was appointed to the Board in April 2026.

6 *Refer to Vulcan ASX Announcement titled "€2,200m (A$3,929m) financing package secured to fully fund Vulcan Energy's Phase One Lionheart Project" released on 3 December 2025.*

Future phases

Ongoing activities supporting future phase development were progressed, primarily related to a Phase Two Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS) for a second phase of production (refer to 'Events subsequent to the reporting period' for further information).

Mannheim, Germany – potential future phase of production

The Company continues to advance plans to supply renewable baseload geothermal heat to stakeholders in the Mannheim region, while assessing the potential for integrated lithium production.

The Company received first fast-track results of the 3D seismic reprocessing currently being conducted by Viridien Group. The first results show significantly improved imaging quality and allow mapping of additional target faults, which could not be identified in the first processing results.

Funding-related workstreams also advanced, including engagement in relation to the federal BEW funding programme as a potential source of support for future project development.

Regional work in Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field

BellGeospace Ltd completed the gravimetry, magnetic and full sensor gravimetry gradiometric airborne survey over the Company's entire German URVBF licence area in mid-May. The survey was designed to provide an enhanced regional overview of the geological and structural properties of the subsurface, to map fault structures in the subsurface over a large area, and to create an improved planning basis for further exploration activities.

Survey data of the Ortenau licence and the Rhineland-Palatinate licences was successfully processed and is currently being used for forward and joint inversion modelling, while the processing of the survey data over the licences in Hessen was completed end of June 2026.

Members of Vulcan's Board of Directors during a site visit in February 2026.

Aerial image of Vulcan's upstream Lionheart Project area in the Landau region.

Financial performance

Vulcan produced a net loss after tax of €51.8m (June 2025: €30.7m) which included a foreign exchange loss of €12.7m[7] (June 2025: gain of €0.6m), finance costs of €11.8m (June 2025: €0.1m) and depreciation and amortisation of €10.0m (June 2025: €6.1m). Revenues of €2.3m (June 2025: €4.1m) were primarily generated on sales of electricity from the Company's Insheim geothermal plant, totalling €1.7m (June 2025: €2.3m), as well as revenue of €0.2m (June 2025: €0.3m) generated from drilling labour hire company Comeback Personaldienstleistungen GmbH, and €0.3m (June 2025: €0.5m) from its drill rig refurbishment company, Vercana GmbH.

Net assets of the Group decreased to €825.5m (Dec 2025: €856.9m) including cash balances of €193.9m (Dec 2025: €517.8m). The decrease in cash is due to outflows of €80.0m invested in high-interest term deposits with original maturities or notice periods exceeding 90 days and classified as other financial assets, in addition to €39.7m of restricted cash held as collateral for guarantees or otherwise restricted under the Project Lionheart financing arrangements.

Capital expenditure outflows of €168.0m primarily related to progression of the Lionheart Project, including payments for the supply and installation of the Organic Rankine Cycle power plant, Vercana drilling campaign and well services, and advance and milestone payments to major contractors for engineering, procurement and site-related development activities relating to the ICPP, Central Lithium Plant and Lithium Extraction Plant. Expenditure also included project engineering and procurement activities undertaken to support construction readiness at Lionheart.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes to the state of affairs other than those noted elsewhere in this half year financial report.

Events subsequent to the reporting period

A PFS for a next phase of production, Project Ludwig, at the Company's Ludwig and Therese licence areas was released on 3 September 2026. Project Ludwig will be an integrated lithium chemical and renewable heat project in the Ludwigshafen region of the Upper Rhine Valley Brine Field, Germany. It will build on learnings and experience from Vulcan's first phase, Project Lionheart, to drive improved capital efficiency. The PFS is evidence that Lionheart is a repeatable development platform capable of delivering stronger returns and lower capital intensity across future phases.

Civil construction activities commenced at the Lionheart 30MW geothermal power plant site in Landau, Germany in late July, including preparation and construction of key foundations and concrete works for the power plant buildings and equipment, and building out road infrastructure.

Ms Amanda Lacaze was appointed to the Company Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director, effective 17 August 2026. Ms Lacaze is one of Australia's most respected mining and resources executives, well known for her leadership of Lynas Rare Earths. In addition to her directorship, Ms Lacaze has also joined the Company's Audit, Risk and ESG Committee.

On 15 July 2026, the Group received the initial equity funding drawdown from its strategic investors under the €2.2 billion Lionheart Project financing package. The funding supports the ongoing development and construction of the Lionheart Project and is considered a non-adjusting event after the reporting date.

7 *This foreign exchange loss was non-cash and was offset by a gain in Other Comprehensive Income.*

Auditor’s Declaration of Independence

Auditor’s declaration of independence Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 requires our auditors, RSM Australia Partners, to provide the directors of the Company with an Independence Declaration in relation to the review of the half year financial report. This Independence Declaration is set out on page 15 and forms part of this directors’ report for the half year ended 30 June 2026.

Forward-looking statements

This Half Year Report contains certain forward-looking statements. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “may”, “will”, “expect”, “intend”, “plan”, “estimate”, “target”, “propose”, “anticipate”, “continue”, “outlook” and “guidance”, or other similar words. By their nature, forward-looking statements inherently involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance and achievements to be materially greater or less than estimated, including those generally associated with the lithium industry and/or resources exploration companies. Any such forward-looking statements, opinions and estimates in this Half Year Report (including any statements about market and industry trends) are based on assumptions and contingencies, all of which are subject to change without notice, and may ultimately prove to be materially incorrect. Forward-looking statements are provided as a general guide only and should not be relied upon as, and are not, an indication or guarantee of future performance. Neither Vulcan nor any of its directors, officers, agents, consultants, employees or advisors give any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the fairness, accuracy, completeness or correctness of the information, opinions, forward looking statements and conclusions contained in this Half Year Report.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to Section 306(3) of the Corporations Act 2001.

Dr Francis Wedin
Executive Chair
9 September 2026

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

As lead auditor for the review of the financial report of Vulcan Energy Resources 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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ALASDAIR WHYTE
Partner

Perth, WA
Dated: 9 September 2026

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Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	6-months 30 Jun 26 €'000	6-months 30 Jun 25 €'000
Revenue from continuing operations	**3**	2,255	4,113
Other income	**4**	960	307
Raw materials and purchased services		(5,443)	(1,646)
Employee benefit expenses	**5**	(8,313)	(14,267)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(9,974)	(6,126)
Share-based payments expense	**22**	(856)	(1,356)
Other expenses		(9,610)	(12,951)
Net foreign exchange (loss)/ gain		(12,740)	624
Finance income		4,336	1,859
Finance costs	**6**	(11,768)	(141)
Loss before income tax for the period		**(51,153)**	**(29,584)**
Income tax expense		(683)	(1,104)
Loss after income tax for the period		**(51,836)**	**(30,688)**
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		20,485	(7,044)
Loss on cashflow hedge		(686)	-
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Revaluation of investments at fair value through other comprehensive income		(353)	(591)
Total comprehensive loss for the period (net of tax)		**(32,390)**	**(38,323)**
Total loss for the period attributable to			
Non-controlling interest	**20**	(1,436)	-
Owners of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited		(50,400)	(30,688)
Total comprehensive loss for the period attributable to			
Non-controlling interest	**20**	(1,466)	-
Owners of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited		(30,924)	(38,323)
Loss per share for the period attributable to the members Vulcan Energy Resources Limited:		**€**	**€**
Basic loss per share (Euro)		(0.11)	(0.14)
Diluted loss per share (Euro)		(0.11)	(0.14)

The Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

Assets	Note	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	**7**	193,880	517,839
Trade and other receivables	**8**	29,729	5,492
Other financial assets	**9**	122,403	5,092
Inventories		585	338
Other current assets		2,163	-
Total current assets		**348,760**	**528,761**
Non-current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	**21**	885	541
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	**11**	16,416	14,590
Other assets	**10**	56,905	38,307
Property, plant and equipment	**12**	479,422	322,817
Derivative financial assets	**13**	6,169	7,925
Right-of-use assets		30,527	30,199
Intangible assets	**14**	6,390	6,396
Deferred tax assets		85	7,475
Total non-current assets		**596,799**	**428,250**
Total Assets		**945,559**	**957,011**
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	**15**	69,165	47,876
Contract liabilities		246	-
Employee benefits		4,096	2,291
Lease liabilities		2,428	1,947
Income tax liabilities		1,696	337
Total current liabilities		**77,631**	**52,451**
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities		28,238	28,665
Financial liabilities	**13**	1,563	-
Provisions	**16**	12,643	11,965
Deferred tax liabilities		-	6,984
Total non-current liabilities		**42,444**	**47,614**
Total Liabilities		**120,075**	**100,065**
Net Assets		**825,484**	**856,946**
Equity			
Share capital	**18**	1,024,082	1,024,010
Reserves	**19**	(107,293)	13,704
Accumulated losses		(232,604)	(180,768)
Equity attributable to the owners of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited		**684,185**	**856,946**
Non-controlling interest	**20**	141,299	-
Total Equity		**825,484**	**856,946**

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Consolidated	Issued capital	Reserves	Accumulated losses	Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
At 1 Jan 26	**1,024,010**	**13,704**	**(180,768)**	**-**	**856,946**
Loss for the period	-	-	(50,400)	(1,436)	(51,836)
Other comprehensive loss (note 19)	-	19,829	-	(30)	19,799
Revaluation of investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (note 19)	-	(353)	-	-	(353)
Total comprehensive loss for the period after tax	-	19,476	(50,400)	(1,466)	(32,390)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Issue of share capital	72	-	-	-	72
Recognition of non-controlling interest (note 20)	-	(141,329)	(1,436)	142,765	-
Share-based payments (note 22)	-	856	-	-	856
Balance at 30 Jun 26	**1,024,082**	**(107,293)**	**(232,604)**	**141,299**	**825,484**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONT.)

Consolidated	Issued capital	Reserves	Accumulated losses	Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
	€'000	**€'000**	**€'000**	**€'000**	**€'000**
At 1 Jan 25	**453,643**	**9,083**	**(111,193)**	**19**	**351,552**
Loss for the period	-	-	(30,688)	-	(30,688)
Other comprehensive loss	-	(7,635)	-	-	(7,635)
Total comprehensive loss for the period after tax	-	(7,635)	(30,688)	-	(38,323)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Issue of share capital	10,878	-	-	-	10,878
Share issue costs	443	-	-	-	443
Recognition of non-controlling interest (note 20)	-	-	-	(19)	(19)
Share-based payments (note 22)	-	1,356	-	-	1,356
Balance at 30 Jun 25	**464,964**	**2,804**	**(141,881)**	**-**	**325,887**

The Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	6-months 30 Jun 26 €'000	6-months 30 Jun 25 €'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers (inclusive VAT)	2,390	4,117
Payments to suppliers and employees	(19,559)	(29,878)
Interest received	3,480	1,501
Other income	312	-
Interest paid	(670)	(141)
Income taxes paid	270	-
Net cash used in operating activities	**(13,777)**	**(24,401)**
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for exploration and evaluation expenditure	(802)	(1,900)
Payment for plant and equipment	(167,982)	(15,675)
Payment to acquire subsidiary	-	(5,000)
Loans provided to external parties	-	(601)
(Payments for)/ receipts from financial assets	(117,377)	516
Net cash used in investing activities	**(286,161)**	**(22,660)**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of shares	-	10,878
Share issue costs	(2,783)	(1,201)
Lease repayments	(979)	(580)
Financing costs	(7,051)	(4,111)
Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	(17,066)	
Net cash (used in)/ provided by financing activities	**(27,879)**	**4,986**
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(327,817)	(42,075)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	517,839	97,054
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations	3,858	(6,218)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	**193,880**	**48,761**

The Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

These general purpose interim financial statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2026 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting". Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

These general-purpose financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these consolidated financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025 and any public announcements made by the Company during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Euros, which is Vulcan Energy Resources Limited's presentation currency.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial period and the corresponding interim reporting period. Additional accounting policies relevant to material transactions and balances recognised during the half-year are disclosed in the relevant notes to these financial statements.

(b) New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The consolidated entity has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board 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) Significant Events

During the half-year, the Group achieved Financial Close for the €2.2 billion Lionheart Project, a large-scale integrated lithium and renewable energy development located in Germany's Upper Rhine Valley. The project is being funded through a combination of equity and debt financing, including investments from strategic partners, public market investors and government-supported funding initiatives.

The Group's financing arrangements for the Lionheart Project contain customary project finance covenants and reserve account requirements. These arrangements do not affect the Group's control over the relevant subsidiaries and do not result in any material restrictions on the Group's ability to access the net assets of those subsidiaries at 30 June 2026.

In December 2025, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau ("KfW"), through the German Raw Materials Fund initiative, signed agreements to invest up to €150 million in Vulcan Energie Ressourcen GmbH ("HoldCo"), including the acquisition of a 14.49% ownership interest and commitments to provide additional funding through contributions to capital reserves for the development of the Lionheart Project. The transaction reached financial close on 27 May 2026, at which time KfW acquired its 14.49% ownership interest in HoldCo and HoldCo ceased to be a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group.

In addition, Hochtief, Siemens and Demeter invested in VER GEO LIO GmbH ("PlatformCo") through the jointly owned investment vehicle Sequana Investment GmbH ("InvestmentCo"), acquiring a 10.35% ownership interest in the project company. These investors provide strategic and financial support for the development and construction of the Lionheart Project while sharing in the future economic returns generated by the project.

Although external investors acquired minority equity interests in HoldCo and PlatformCo during the half-year, Vulcan retained control of these entities through its majority ownership interests and governance rights.

Further details of the accounting treatment and related balances are set out in note 20.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(d) Going Concern

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

As disclosed in the consolidated financial statements, the Group incurred a loss after tax and non-controlling interest of €50.4m and had net cash outflows from operating and investing activities of €13.777m and €286.161m respectively for the half-year ended 30 June 2026. As at that date, the Group had a net current asset surplus of €271.129m and cash and cash equivalents of €193.880m.

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

- The Group completed a substantial €545 million equity raise in December 2025, providing additional liquidity to fund ongoing development activities, construction expenditure and corporate costs. The equity raising demonstrated strong support from strategic and institutional investors and provides a solid funding foundation for the Group's development plans.
- The Group achieved Financial Close for the Lionheart financing package in May 2026, representing a significant milestone in the development of the Lionheart Project and providing access to the approved financing facilities, subject to customary drawdown conditions. Financial Close substantially reduced the Group's medium-term funding risk and provided a stable platform to execute the construction and development of Phase One Lionheart.
- Subsequent to the reporting date, the Group received the first strategic project equity contribution in July 2026, with further strategic equity contributions expected prior to the first debt drawdown. The receipt of strategic equity funding demonstrates continued support from project investors and further evidences the progression of the Lionheart financing package beyond signing and Financial Close into execution.
- Management has prepared detailed cash flow forecasts covering at least twelve months from the date of approval of the half-year financial report. These forecasts incorporate the Group's current development plans, expected operating and capital expenditure, available cash reserves, committed equity funding and approved project financing facilities. The Directors have reviewed these forecasts, including appropriate downside sensitivities, and are satisfied that the Group will be able to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.
- As demonstrated over recent years, the Group has repeatedly and successfully accessed equity capital to fund its activities. This established track record, combined with the strategic importance of the Group's projects and their alignment with European critical raw materials and decarbonisation objectives, provides further support for the Directors assessment that additional funding could be obtained if required.
- The Board continues to actively monitor the Group's liquidity position, funding arrangements and forecast cashflows. Mitigating actions, including the ability to defer discretionary expenditure or adjust development timelines, remain available should adverse conditions arise.

Drawdowns under the strategic equity and debt facilities are linked to the achievement of defined project milestones. Accordingly, the Group's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent not only on the availability of committed funding, but also on the Group's capacity to execute its development plan in line with agreed timelines and performance criteria.

The Directors have assessed the Group's execution capability having regard to

- Progress achieved to date on the Lionheart Project
- The experience and track record of management and key contractors
- The availability of contingency measures, including the ability to defer discretionary expenditure or adjust development sequencing if required; and
- The continued oversight by the Board and lenders through established governance and reporting frameworks.

Based on this assessment, the Directors consider it reasonable to assume that the Group will continue to meet the relevant milestones required to access committed funding.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

(d) Going Concern (cont.)

Based on the above factors, the Directors are satisfied that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that it is therefore appropriate to prepare the consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis. No material uncertainties have been identified that would cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

NOTE 2 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Accounting Policy

Segment Reporting
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 Executive Key Management Personnel. Management has determined that based on the reports reviewed by the Executive Key Management Personnel and used to make strategic decisions, that the consolidated entity has three reportable segments.

Identification of reportable operating segments
The consolidated entity is organised into three operating segments based on geographical location: Germany, Other European (comprised of France and Italy) and Australia. These operating segments are based on internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Executive Key Management Personnel (who are identified as the Chief Operating Decision Makers (CODM)) in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. There is no aggregation of operating segments.

The CODM reviews EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation). The accounting policies adopted for internal reporting to the CODM are consistent with those adopted in the financial statements.

The information reported to the CODM is on a monthly basis.

Types of products and services
- Germany – the supply of geothermal energy, exploration and development related to the Company's Lionheart Project and engineering services.
- Other European (France and Italy) – exploration and development relating to battery materials and geothermal lithium.
- Australia – administration and corporate support services.

Intersegment transactions
Intersegment transactions were made at market rates. Engineering services have been provided within the German segment. All intersegment receivables and payables, including the profit margin, are eliminated on consolidation.

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NOTE 2 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONT.)

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Segment performance	**Germany**	**Other European**	**Australia**	**Total**
1 Jan 26 to 30 Jun 26	**€'000**	**€'000**	**€'000**	**€'000**
Revenue				
Sales to external customers	2,255	-	-	2,255
Total segment revenue	**2,255**	**-**	**-**	**2,255**
Other income	184	-	776	960
EBITDA	(14,390)	(146)	(19,211)	(33,747)
Depreciation and amortisation	(9,940)	-	(34)	(9,974)
Finance expense	(11,758)	-	(10)	(11,768)
Interest income	2,660	-	1,676	4,336
Loss before income tax expense	**(33,428)**	**(146)**	**(17,579)**	**(51,153)**
Income tax expense	(683)	-	-	(683)
Loss after income tax expense	**(34,111)**	**(146)**	**(17,579)**	**(51,836)**
Material items include:				
Employee benefit expense	(6,046)	(143)	(2,124)	(8,313)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

Assets and Liabilities	**Germany**	**Other European**	**Australia**	**Total**
	€'000	**€'000**	**€'000**	**€'000**
Assets				
Segment assets	903,937	211	1,006,792	1,910,940
Intersegment eliminations				(965,381)
Total assets				**945,559**
Total assets include:				
Exploration and evaluation expenditure additions	1,805	-	-	1,805
Additions to property, plant and equipment	166,369	-	-	166,369
Liabilities				
Segment liabilities	167,912	902	1,277	170,091
Intersegment eliminations				(50,016)
Total Liabilities				**120,075**

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONT.)

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Segment performance	**Germany**	**Other European**	**Australia**	**Total**
1 Jan 25 to 30 Jun 25	**€'000**	**€'000**	**€'000**	**€'000**
Revenue				
Sales to external customers	4,113	-	-	4,113
Total segment revenue	**4,113**	**-**	**-**	**4,113**
Other income	307	-	-	307
EBITDA	(20,333)	(114)	(4,729)	(25,176)
Depreciation and amortisation	(6,093)	-	(33)	(6,126)
Finance expense	(130)	-	(11)	(141)
Interest income	161	-	1,698	1,859
Loss before income tax expense	**(26,395)**	**(114)**	**(3,075)**	**(29,584)**
Income tax expense	(1,104)	-	-	(1,104)
Loss after income tax expense	**(27,499)**	**(114)**	**(3,075)**	**(30,688)**
Material items include:				
Employee benefit expense	(12,747)	(76)	(1,444)	(14,267)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

Assets and Liabilities	**Germany**	**Other European**	**Australia**	**Total**
	€'000	**€'000**	**€'000**	**€'000**
Assets				
Segment assets	695,728	225	973,693	1,669,646
Intersegment eliminations				(712,635)
Total assets				**957,011**
Total assets include:				
Exploration and evaluation expenditure additions	2,165	-	-	2,165
Additions to property, plant and equipment	95,225	-	-	95,225
Liabilities				
Segment liabilities	94,494	138	7,047	101,679
Intersegment eliminations	-	-	-	(1,614)
Total Liabilities				**100,065**

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 REVENUE

	6-months 30 Jun 26 €'000	6-months 30 Jun 25 €'000
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Sale of goods	1,684	2,303
Rendering of services	334	492
Drilling Personnel outsourcing	237	341
Other revenue	-	977
Revenue from continuing operations	**2,255**	**4,113**

All revenues are derived in Germany.

NOTE 4 OTHER INCOME

	6-months 30 Jun 26 €'000	6-months 30 Jun 25 €'000
Gain on disposal of investment[1]	776	-
Other income	184	307
	960	**307**

[1] On 27 May 2026, the Group completed a share-for-share transaction whereby its wholly owned subsidiary, Vulcan Energy SA Pty Ltd, transferred its entire shareholding in EAU Lithium Pty Ltd (606 ordinary shares) to Cosmos Exploration Limited. As consideration for the transfer, the Group received 10,844,870 fully paid ordinary shares in Cosmos Exploration Limited.

As a result of the transaction, the Group recognised a gain of €776,000 in profit or loss, representing the difference between the fair value of Cosmos shares received and the carrying amount of the Group's net interest in EAU Lithium Pty Ltd. In accordance with IFRS 9, the Cosmos shares were initially recognised at fair value and have subsequently been designated and measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

As part of the transaction, 5,422,435 Cosmos shares, representing 50% of the consideration shares received, are subject to voluntary escrow restrictions for a period of 12 months from the date of issue. During the escrow period, the restricted shares cannot be traded, transferred or otherwise disposed of except in accordance with the terms of the voluntary restriction deed.

At 30 June 2026, the Group held 10,844,870 ordinary shares in Cosmos Exploration Limited with a fair value of €686,000.

NOTE 5 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES

	6-months 30 Jun 26 €'000	6-months 30 Jun 25 €'000
Gross employee benefit expenses	24,530	20,999
Other own work capitalised	(16,217)	(6,732)
	8,313	**14,267**

NOTE 6 FINANCE COST

	6-months 30 Jun 26 €'000	6-months 30 Jun 25 €'000
Commitment fees- debt facilities[1]	8,040	-
Hedge ineffectiveness[2]	2,633	-
Unwinding of discount on restoration provision[3]	417	-
Interest expense - lease liabilities	678	141
	11,768	**141**

[1] In December 2025, the Group executed formal binding documentation for a €1,185 million financing package with a syndicate of 13 financiers, comprising the European Investment Bank, five Export Credit Agencies, and seven commercial banks (ABN AMRO, BNP Paribas, ING, Kommunalkredit, Natixis CIB, OCBC and UniCredit). The facilities provide the Group with committed access to long-term funding to support the development and construction of the Lionheart Project. Commitment fees relate to committed financing facilities that remain undrawn and represent costs incurred to maintain access to approved funding.

[2]The Group has designated interest rate swaptions and foreign currency forward contracts as cash flow hedges under IFRS 9. During the six months ended 30 June 2026, hedge ineffectiveness of €2,633,000 (30 June 2025: nil) was recognised in profit or loss and included within finance costs. The ineffectiveness primarily related to foreign currency forward contracts entered into to hedge forecast USD-denominated project funding, together with minor ineffectiveness arising from the Group's interest rate swaptions. The effective portion of changes in fair value of these hedging instruments was recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within equity.

[3]Unwinding of discount on restoration provision represents the increase in the present value of the Group’s rehabilitation obligation due to the passage of time. The unwinding is recognised as a finance cost in the statement of profit or loss.

NOTE 7 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Cash at bank and in hand	63,043	496,265
Short-term deposits	130,837	63
Restricted cash[1]	-	21,511
	193,880	**517,839**

[1]At 30 June 2026, cash balances of €39,705,000 were subject to restrictions under the Group's financing arrangements and are therefore presented within Other Financial Assets (refer note 9). Following satisfaction of the relevant conditions precedent and completion of the financing arrangements during the period, the funds are no longer available for the Group's general operating purposes without complying with the requirements of the financing documents. Accordingly, restricted cash balances are reported within Other Financial Assets rather than cash and cash equivalents (31 December 2025: €21,511,000).

NOTE 8 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Trade receivables	770	866
Allowance for expected credit losses	(10)	(10)
Prepayments	3,314	553
Other receivables	830	1,101
VAT receivable	24,825	2,982
	29,729	**5,492**

NOTE 9 OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Bank guarantees[1]	2,698	5,092
Restricted cash[2]	39,705	-
Long-term deposits[3]	80,000	-
	122,403	**5,092**

[1]Bank guarantees at 30 June 2026 include €1,900,000 cash collateral paid to the mining authority.

[2]Restricted cash represents cash held in accounts that are subject to restrictions under the Group's financing arrangements. Following satisfaction of the relevant conditions precedent and completion of the financing arrangements during the period, the Group is required to maintain minimum cash and collateral balances to support letters of credit, guarantee facilities and certain obligations under the financing documents. Withdrawals from these accounts are subject to the terms of the financing arrangements, including the consent of the Security Agent and satisfaction of specified conditions. Accordingly, these balances are not available for general operating use and have been classified as Other Financial Assets.

[3]Long-term deposits comprise cash invested in interest-bearing deposit accounts that are restricted from withdrawal within 90 days unless the financial institution provides its consent. As the Group does not have an unconditional right to access these funds within 90 days, the deposits are not considered cash equivalents and are presented as Other Financial Assets in the statement of financial position.

Accounting Policy

Other financial assets
Other financial assets represent cash deposits held with financial institutions as security for contractual obligations and cash restricted under the Group's financing arrangements and not available for general use by the Group until the underlying obligations are satisfied.

NOTE 10 OTHER ASSETS

The Group has recognised the following other assets.

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Prepayments relating to capital items	-	851
Capitalised borrowing costs[1]	56,674	37,428
Other deposits	231	-
Other investments	-	28
	56,905	**38,307**

[1]In December 2025, the Group executed a €1,185 million financing package with a syndicate of 13 financiers, comprising the European Investment Bank, five Export Credit Agencies, and seven commercial banks (ABN AMRO, BNP Paribas, ING, Kommunalkredit, Natixis CIB, OCBC and UniCredit). Capitalised borrowing costs included within other assets consist of legal, advisory and due diligence fees directly attributable to securing the financing package, and arrangement fees, establishment fees payable to financiers.

NOTE 11 EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Carrying amount of exploration and evaluation expenditure	16,416	14,590
At the beginning of the period	14,590	13,124
Exploration expenditure incurred	1,805	2,165
Reclassification to Intangible Assets[1]	-	(694)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	21	(5)
At the end of the period	**16,416**	**14,590**

[1]Costs relating to the Group's patents were reclassified to intangible assets at 31 December 2025 to more clearly reflect the nature of costs.

NOTE 12 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Plant & Equipment	100,949	108,055
Land & Buildings	22,915	19,285
Assets under Construction	41,666	42,434
Mine Properties in Development	313,892	153,043
	479,422	**322,817**

NOTE 13 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Interest rate swaptions

In December 2025, the Group entered into Euro and US dollar denominated interest rate swaptions, which were designated as cash flow hedges under IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. The swaptions were established to hedge the variability in future interest cash flows arising from highly probable forecast borrowings. The Group paid swaption premiums of €5,387,000 (EUR swaptions) and US$3,530,000 (USD swaptions). Premiums paid for interest rate swaptions are included in the initial carrying amount of the derivative and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date in accordance with IFRS 9. Fair value movements are allocated between the effective portion (recognised in other comprehensive income) and hedge ineffectiveness (recognised in profit or loss).

In March 2026, the Group entered into a series of EUR/USD foreign exchange forward contracts to manage exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates associated with forecast USD-denominated cash flows. The forward contracts hedge 50% of the forecast USD funding expected to be drawn between April 2027 and April 2029 for a total notional value of approximately USD 117.9 million. The forward contracts have been designated as cash flow hedges under IFRS 9.

The foreign exchange forward contracts are measured at fair value at each reporting date. Due to differences in contracted exchange rates and settlement dates, certain contracts were in a favourable position and resulted in derivative financial assets, while other contracts were in an unfavourable position and resulted in derivative financial liabilities as at 30 June 2026. The effective portion of fair value movements is recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve in other comprehensive income, while any hedge ineffectiveness is recognised in profit or loss. The derivative financial assets and liabilities arising from the foreign exchange forward contracts reflect changes in forward foreign exchange rates since contract inception and will be realised progressively as the contracts mature between April 2027 and April 2029.

As at 30 June 2026, the Group recognised derivative financial assets and liabilities as follows:

Derivative financial assets	**30 Jun 26 €'000**	**31 Dec 25 €'000**
Interest rate swaptions – EUR denominated	3,267	5,354
Interest rate swaptions – USD denominated	2,901	2,571
Foreign exchange USD forward contract	1	-
	6,169	**7,925**

Derivative financial liabilities		
Foreign exchange USD forward contract	1,563	-
	1,563	**-**

NOTE 14 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Customer contracts – at cost	1,809	1,809
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(1,587)	(1,563)
	222	**246**
VULSORB® - at cost	2,412	2,308
Addition	-	104
Less: Accumulated amortisation	-	-
	2,412	**2,412**
Operating permit - at cost	2,194	1,500
Reclassification from exploration & evaluation expenditure	-	694
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(422)	(376)
	1,772	**1,818**
Software at cost	2,566	803
Addition	515	1,822
Disposal	-	(59)
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(1,097)	(646)
	1,984	**1,920**
Total Intangible Assets	**6,390**	**6,396**

NOTE 15 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Trade payables	19,311	4,534
Other payables- debt facilities[1]	15,324	10,219
Other payables- D12 land acquisition[2]	-	14,418
Accrued expenses[3]	30,788	16,160
Other payables	3,742	2,545
	69,165	**47,876**

[1]Other payables include arrangement fees, establishment fees, commitment fees and other financing-related costs payable under the Group's Lionheart Project debt financing facilities. These amounts arose in connection with achieving Financial Close of the €1.185 billion project financing package during the period and represent obligations that were due and payable at 30 June 2026. The financing facilities were provided by the European Investment Bank, export credit agencies and a syndicate of commercial banks.

[2]During December 2025, the Group entered into notarised agreements with the City of Landau in Rheinland-Pfalz for the acquisition of land located at the D12 site in Landau/Queichheim. The land will be used for the development of a lithium extraction plant, geothermal facilities, a heat centre and related infrastructure. The total consideration was recognised as other payables as at 31 December 2025, and the outstanding balance was settled in full prior to 30 June 2026.

[3]Accrued expenses principally comprise amounts owed to contractors, consultants and service providers for goods and services received prior to the reporting date but not yet invoiced or paid. The increase from 31 December 2025 primarily reflects the substantial ramp-up in development and construction activities relating to the Lionheart Project following achievement of Financial Close in May 2026 and progression into the execution phase of the project.

NOTE 16 PROVISIONS

Non-Current:	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Other provisions	1,487	251
Restoration provision	11,156	11,714
	12,643	**11,965**

NOTE 17 RECOGNISED FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value hierarchy

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the financial instruments that are recognised and measured at fair value in the financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value, the group has classified its financial instruments into the three levels prescribed under the accounting standards. An explanation of each level follows underneath the table.

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Level 1		
Financial assets		
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Australian listed equity securities	885	541
Level 2		
Derivative financial assets		
Interest rate swaptions – EUR denominated	3,267	5,354
Interest rate swaptions – USD denominated	2,901	2,571
Foreign exchange USD forward contract	1	-
Derivative financial liabilities		
Foreign exchange USD forward contract	1,563	-

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 for recurring fair value measurements during the period. The group's policy is to recognise transfers into and out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

NOTE 18 CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

	30 Jun 26		31 Dec 25	
	No.'000	€'000	No.'000	€'000
Fully paid ordinary shares	**478,661**	**1,024,082**	**477,871**	**1,024,010**

	Date	Number	Issue Price €	€'000
At 1 Jan 26		**477,870,976**		**1,024,010**
Shares issued as consideration for advisory services	12/02/2026	32,338	2.23	72
Exercise of Class AA performance rights	1/06/2026	9,724	-	-
Exercise of Class AC performance rights	1/06/2026	4,746	-	-
Exercise of Class IP performance rights	1/06/2026	742,953	-	-
At 30 Jun 26		**478,660,737**		**1,024,082**

NOTE 19 RESERVES

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Share-based payment reserve	17,793	16,937
Revaluation reserve	(4,107)	(3,754)
Foreign currency translation reserve	21,175	690
Cashflow hedge reserve	(855)	(169)
Transactions with non-controlling interest[1]	(141,299)	-
Total	**(107,293)**	**13,704**

[1] A non-controlling interest arose as a result of the Lionheart Project financing arrangements. Refer to note 20 and note 1 for further details.

Share-based Payment Reserve

	Number of Performance Rights	€'000
Movement reconciliation		
On issue at 1 Jan 26	**3,346,885**	**16,937**
Issue of performance rights during the period (note 22)	652,199	-
Exercise of Performance Rights during the period	(757,423)	-
Recognition of share-based payment expense for performance rights issued to Directors and staff (note 22)	-	856
Performance rights lapsed	(213,522)	-
On issue at 30 Jun 26	**3,028,139**	**17,793**

NOTE 19 RESERVES (CONT.)

Foreign Currency Translation Reserve

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Balance at the beginning of the period	690	(330)
Movement during the period	20,485	1,020
Balance at the end of the period	**21,175**	**690**

The foreign currency translation reserve is used to recognise exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations to Euro. The increase in foreign currency translation reserve primarily reflects the strengthening of the Australian Dollar against the Euro during the period (AUD/EUR: €0.57 at 31 December 2025 to €0.60 at 30 June 2026), resulting in higher cumulative translation gains on the Group's Australian Dollar denominated net assets recognised in equity.

Revaluation Reserve

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Balance at the beginning of the period	(3,754)	(2,960)
Movement during the period	(353)	(794)
Balance at the end of the period	**(4,107)**	**(3,754)**

The revaluation reserve is used to recognise the revaluation of investments at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Cashflow Hedge Reserve

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Opening balance	(169)	-
Initial recognition		3,631
Effective portion of changes in fair value recognised in OCI	(686)	(169)
Amount realised to profit or loss	-	(3,631)
Balance at the end of the period	**(855)**	**(169)**

The cash flow hedge reserve represents the effective portion of changes in the fair value of hedging instruments designated as cash flow hedges under IFRS 9. During the period, the Group held interest rate swaptions to hedge future interest cash flows associated with forecast borrowings and EUR/USD foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge forecast USD-denominated cash flows. The effective portion of fair value movements on these hedging instruments was recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within other comprehensive income, while any hedge ineffectiveness was recognised in profit or loss. As at 30 June 2026, the Group's cash flow hedge reserve comprised movements relating to both interest rate swaptions and foreign exchange forward contracts.

NOTE 20 NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

Further to the Lionheart Project financing arrangements described in Note 1, at 27 May 2026 the following transactions occurred:

- Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau ("KfW") subscribed 7,784 ordinary shares of Vulcan Energie Ressourcen GmbH, equal to an ownership of 14.49%,
- Sequana Investment GmbH subscribed 6,667 preferred shares of VER GEO LIO GmbH, equal to an ownership of 10.35%.

As a result, HoldCo and PlatformCo ceased to be wholly owned by the Group and non-controlling interests arose in the consolidated financial statements:

	30 Jun 26 **€'000**
Opening balance	-
Initial recognition of NCI	142,765
Share of loss attributable to NCI	(1,436)
Share of cashflow hedge reserve attributable to NCI	(30)
Balance at the end of the period	**141,299**

The transactions have been accounted for as changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without loss of control. Accordingly, no gain or loss has been recognised in profit or loss.

During the period, €1,436,000 of loss and €30,000 of other comprehensive loss were attributable to NCI. The carrying amount of NCI at 30 June 2026 was €141,299,000.

Accounting Policy

Preferred Shares

The Group classifies instruments issued by subsidiaries as equity or financial liabilities by reference to the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions in *AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation*. Instruments are classified as equity where they do not contain a contractual obligation for the issuer to deliver cash or another financial asset and are settled in the issuer's own equity instruments in accordance with the contractual terms. Based on the terms in effect at 30 June 2026, the preferred shares issued by VER GEO LIO GmbH ("PlatformCo") are classified as equity.

Key estimates and assumptions

Payment In kind

As part of the Lionheart Project financing arrangements, VER GEO LIO GmbH ("PlatformCo") issued 6,667 preferred shares to InvestmentCo in exchange for an initial investment of €120 million. The preferred shares do not carry cash dividend entitlements. Instead, investors are entitled to a Payment-in-Kind ("PIK") dividend entitlements, which accrue over time and will be settled through the issue of ordinary shares in accordance with the terms of the investment agreements.

NOTE 20 NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS (CONT.)

The PIK arrangement also provides for additional returns on certain funding commitments, including standby funding arrangements, which continue to accrue until the mandatory conversion date (which is the earlier of project completion or 30 June 2032). Upon conversion, both the preferred shares and any accrued PIK entitlement will be exchanged for ordinary shares in PlatformCo in accordance with the agreed conversion mechanisms.

The conversion mechanics, including the treatment of accrued PIK entitlements, are predefined under the investment agreements and result in settlement through the issuance of PlatformCo ordinary shares. As the conversion formula and settlement terms were fixed at the commencement of the arrangement, the instrument has been classified as equity. While the timing of conversion may affect when conversion occurs, it does not alter the contractual basis on which the conversion entitlement is determined.

As settlement occurs solely through the issue of equity instruments, no adjustment in non-controlling interests is recognised in respect of the arrangement.

As at 30 June 2026, the shares relating to the €120 million subscription had been issued and the associated non-controlling interest recognised in equity. While investors have committed to provide funding under the investment agreements, the funding instalments are receivable upon the achievement of specified project milestones. As such, the additional funding will be recognised when the relevant milestone conditions have been satisfied and the Group becomes entitled to receive the funding.

NOTE 21 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Australian listed shares[1]	**885**	**541**

[1]On 27 May 2026, the Group completed a share-for-share transaction whereby its wholly owned subsidiary, Vulcan Energy SA Pty Ltd, transferred its entire shareholding in EAU Lithium Pty Ltd (606 ordinary shares) to Cosmos Exploration Limited. As consideration for the transfer, the Group received 10,844,870 fully paid ordinary shares in Cosmos Exploration Limited. The fair value of ordinary shares in Cosmos Exploration Limited is as follows:

	30 Jun 26
Number of shares held	10,844,870
Share price	€0.0632
Fair value (€'000)	**686**

Of the shares held at 30 June 2026, 5,422,435 shares, representing 50% of the holding, were subject to voluntary escrow restrictions for a period of 12 months from the date of issue.

The carrying value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income at 30 June 2026 also consists of the Group's investment in Kuniko Limited, comprising 13,749,435 ordinary shares with a fair value of €199,000 at the reporting date. Both investments are classified as Level 1 fair value measurements based on quoted market prices in active markets.

NOTE 22 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

	6-months 30 Jun 26 €'000	6-months 30 Jun 25 €'000
Recognised share-based payment transactions		
Performance rights issued to Directors and staff	201	337
Performance rights issued to Directors & staff in prior years	707	1,068
Performance rights lapsed during the period	(52)	(49)
	856	**1,356**
Represented by		
Share-based payment expense	856	1,356
	856	**1,356**

Details of new issues during the period

At the AGM held on 28 May 2026, the Company issued performance rights (Incentive Securities) to Key Management Personnel (KMP) including the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD-CEO) and Group CFO & Executive Director.

A short-term incentive (STI), designed to reward creation of exceptional short-term shareholder value (issued in three tranches) and a long-term incentive (LTI), designed to reward creation of exceptional long-term shareholder value (issued in four tranches). The incentives were issued as follows:

Type	Number of Rights Granted	Share Based Payment expense for the period (€'000)	Class
MD-CEO - STI	111,170	59	IP
MD-CEO - LTI	244,575	52	IP
Group CFO - STI	92,642	47	IP
Group CFO - LTI	203,812	43	IP
Total	**652,199**	**201**	

Details of the KMP STIs are as follows:

NOTE 22 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

Item	MD-CEO Rights – STI					
	Tranche 1		Tranche 2		Tranche 3	
Grant date	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026
Number of Rights	27,793	27,792	11,117	11,117	16,676	16,675
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23
Valuation per Tranche (€'000)	62	62	25	25	37	37
Commencement of performance period	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026
Performance measurement date	31/12/2026	31/12/2027	31/12/2026	31/12/2027	31/12/2026	31/12/2027
Vesting date[1]	31/12/2026	31/12/2027	31/12/2026	31/12/2027	31/12/2026	31/12/2027
Expiry date	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031

Item	Group CFO & Executive Director Rights – STI					
	Tranche 1		Tranche 2		Tranche 3	
Grant date	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026
Number of Rights	23,161	23,160	9,264	9,264	13,897	13,896
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23
Valuation per Tranche (€'000)	52	52	21	21	31	31
Commencement of performance period	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026
Performance measurement date	31/12/2026	31/12/2027	31/12/2026	31/12/2027	31/12/2026	31/12/2027
Vesting date[1]	31/12/2026	31/12/2027	31/12/2026	31/12/2027	31/12/2026	31/12/2027
Expiry date	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031

[1] Half of the STI rights will have an extra 12-month vesting period (making a total of 24-month vesting period) and will vest on 31 December 2027.

The STI rights were granted with the following vesting conditions:

Tranche 1

Tranche 1 will vest subject to various Project Milestones as follows (total equal weighting 50%):

- The Company has successfully delivered Lionheart Project execution milestones as per baseline schedule;
- The Company has delivered capital efficiency (CAPEX/ tonne LHM) improvement through future phase feasibility study; and
- The Company has secured funding for a new project development and technology division.

NOTE 22 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

Tranche 2

Tranche 2 will vest subject to ESG Milestones as follows (total equal weighting 20%):

- Environment: zero significant environmental incidents;
- Safety:
  - meet year-on-year improvement of lost time injury frequency rate (LTIFR) (Safety Target);
  - achieve a total of 180 HSEQ leadership review;
- Governance:
  - no material breaches with local authorities or regulatory authorities; and
  - obtain material cyber security improvements during the period.

Tranche 3

Tranche 3 will vest subject to specific individual performance milestones (total weighting 30%).

Details of the KMP LTIs are as follows:

Item	MD-CEO Rights – LTI			
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	ATSR Rights	RTSR Rights
Grant date	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026
Number of Rights	24,457	24,457	73,373	122,288
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.23	2.23	1.25	1.46
Valuation per Tranche (€'000)	55	55	92	179
Commencement of performance period	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026
Performance measurement date	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028
Vesting date	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028
Expiry date	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031
Volatility	70%	70%	70%	70%
Risk-free rate	4.527%	4.527%	4.527%	4.527%

Item	Group CFO & Executive Director Rights – LTI			
	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	ATSR Rights	RTSR Rights
Grant date	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026	28/05/2026
Number of Rights	20,381	20,381	61,144	101,906
Fair value of each right (EUR)	2.23	2.23	1.25	1.46
Valuation per Tranche (€'000)	46	46	76	149
Commencement of performance period	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026	1/01/2026
Performance measurement date	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028
Vesting date	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028	31/12/2028
Expiry date	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031	31/03/2031
Volatility	70%	70%	70%	70%
Risk-free rate	4.527%	4.527%	4.527%	4.527%

NOTE 22 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

The LTI rights were granted with the following vesting conditions:

Business Returns (total equal weighting 10%)

Tranche 1

Tranche 1 will vest subject to an improvement of at least 10% CAPEX Efficiency in relation to future phase projects, delivered via a published Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS).

Sustainability Returns (total equal weighting 10%)

Tranche 2

Tranche 2 will vest subject to improved Year-on-Year Sustainability Score through the EcoVadis Index.

Market Based Measurements (total equal weighting 80%)

ATSR Rights (30%):

The number of Absolute Total Shareholder Return Rights ("ATSR Rights") that vest is based on the Total Shareholder Return (TSR) of Vulcan over the performance period. The ATSR Rights will vest according to the following schedule:

Company's TSR performance	Percentage of ATSR Rights eligible to vest
< 7.5%	0%
Between 7.5% and 20%	0% to 100%
>20%	100%

RTSR Rights (50%):

The number of Relative Total Shareholder Return Rights ("RTSR Rights") that vest is based on the TSR of Vulcan over the performance period, relative to the returns of the Peer Group. The RTSR Rights will vest according to the following schedule:

Company's TSR performance relative to the Peer Group	Percentage of RTSR Rights eligible to vest
Less than 50th percentile	0%
At 50th percentile	50%
Between 50th percentile and 75th percentile	50% - 99%, interpolated vesting on a straight line
Greater than 75th percentile	100%

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NOTE 22 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONT.)

Conversion of vested performance rights

During the financial year, 757,423 vested performance rights have been converted to shares.

Set out below are summaries of performance right movements during the period:

	As at 1 Jan 26	Granted	Exercised	Lapsed	As at 30 Jun 26	Exercisable performance rights
Class AA	9,724	-	(9,724)	-	-	-
Class AB	206,500	-	-	(134,225)	72,275	72,275
Class AC	4,746	-	(4,746)	-	-	-
Class IP	2,986,858	652,199	(742,953)	(79,297)	2,816,807	529,284
Class AD	139,057	-	-	-	139,057	57,203
	3,346,885	**652,199**	**(757,423)**	**(213,522)**	**3,028,139**	**658,762**

No performance rights expired during the period.

NOTE 23 COMMITMENTS

Below are the commitments in relation to capital expenditure:

	30 Jun 26 €'000	31 Dec 25 €'000
Within one year	178,740	160,521
One to five years	195,893	114,610
	374,633	**275,131**

Capital commitments – major supplier and contractor agreements signed for the construction of the Group's Lionheart Project

As at 30 June 2026, the Group had entered into a number of significant supply and construction contracts in connection with the development and construction of the Group's Lionheart Project. These contracts primarily relate to the engineering, procurement and construction of the Central Lithium Plant (CLP), Lithium Extraction Plant (LEP) and associated infrastructure. As at 30 June 2026, most contracts were newly commenced, with major physical deliveries and substantial construction scheduled for 2026–2028, and one product supply agreement extending until 2030. Certain major supplier and contractor contracts include termination for convenience clauses that permit the Group to terminate the contract prior to completion. Where such clauses apply, the Group would be required to compensate the counterparty in accordance with section 648 of the German Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch– "BGB"), which generally provides for payment of:

- the value of work performed up to the date of termination; and
- a reasonable share of profit on the portion of the contract not yet performed.

NOTE 23 COMMITMENTS (CONT.)

The determination of the commitment amounts disclosed in respect of these contracts requires the exercise of significant judgement. In assessing the minimum unavoidable commitment for contracts containing termination for convenience clauses, management has considered the legal framework under section 648 BGB and the commercial terms of the relevant agreements. While the ultimate amount payable upon termination would depend on the stage of completion and the specific circumstances at the date of termination, the Group has estimated a minimum commitment by assuming that compensation for unperformed work would include a minimum profit margin of 5% on the remaining contract value. This judgement represents management's best estimate of the lowest reasonable level of compensation that could be payable in the event of termination for convenience and is intended to provide users of the financial statements with a prudent and transparent measure of the Group's exposure under these arrangements. Actual amounts payable upon termination may differ from this estimate depending on contractual terms, progress achieved, and negotiations with counterparties at the relevant time.

Total capital and other commitments disclosed in these financial statements therefore comprise:

- the full committed amounts for contracts that are not cancellable by the Group without cause; and
- for contracts that are cancellable for convenience, the estimated minimum commitment calculated on the basis described above.

No provision has been recognised in respect of these commitments at 30 June 2026, as none of the contracts were onerous and no present obligation existed at the reporting date.

NOTE 24 CONTINGENCIES

The Group has given bank guarantees as at 30 June 2026 of €2,698,000, which includes €1,900,000 cash collateral paid to the mining authority (31 December 2025: €31,181,000).

The Group has no contingent assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: nil).

NOTE 25 DIVIDENDS

No dividend has been declared or paid during the interim period ended 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: Nil), and the Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the half-year ended 30 June 2026.

NOTE 26 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

On 3 September 2026, a PFS for a next phase of production at the Company's Ludwig and Therese licence areas was released. The PFS focuses on a new production site, with integrated production to generate lithium chemicals on one site. Significant CAPEX reductions are targeted, through integration of upstream and downstream operations with the potential to sell renewable heat to industrial and/ or municipal parties.

On 17 August 2026, the Company appointed Ms Amanda Lacaze as an Independent Non-Executive Director. Ms Lacaze is an experienced mining and resources executive and previously served as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Lynas Rare Earths Limited until June 2026. Ms Lacaze has also joined the Company's Audit, Risk and ESG Committee.

On 27 July 2026, the Group announced the commencement of civil construction activities at the Lionheart 30MW geothermal power plant site in Landau, Germany. The works include foundation and concrete construction, site infrastructure and road development, and represent the next stage of construction following completion of early bulk earthworks. The Lionheart Project is designed to integrate lithium production and renewable geothermal energy generation and remains on schedule in accordance with the Group's project execution plans.

On 15 July 2026, the Group received the initial equity funding drawdown from its strategic investors under the €2.2 billion Lionheart Project financing package. The funding supports the ongoing development and construction of the Lionheart Project and is considered a non-adjusting event after the reporting date.

Apart from the above, no other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the consolidated entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

Directors' Declaration

In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting', the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give 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
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to section 303(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors

Dr Francis Wedin
Executive Chair
9 September 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Members of VULCAN ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED

REPORT ON THE HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Vulcan Energy Resources Limited which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes 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 Vulcan Energy Resources 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 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 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 audits of the financial report of public interest entities 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 Vulcan Energy Resources Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

Directors' Responsibility for the Half-year Financial Report

The directors of Vulcan Energy Resources 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 Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the 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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ALASDAIR WHYTE
Partner

Perth, WA
Dated: 9 September 2026

APPENDIX

Vulcan's combined Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve tables

Licence/Area	Reservoir	Classification	GRV km³	Avg. NTG (%)	Avg. Phie (%)	Avg.Li mg/L	Elemental Li (t)	LCE (kt)
Insheim	*MUS, BST, ROT,BM	Measured	13	69	9	181	151,823	808
Rift-North	*MUS, BST, ROT,BM	Measured	9.5	70	9	181	110,181	586
	*MUS, BST, ROT,BM	Indicated	29	71	9	181	355,443	1,892
Landau Sued	*MUS, BST, ROT,BM	Measured	12	68	9	181	134,677	717
	*MUS, BST, ROT,BM	Indicated	2.7	69	9	181	29,620	158
Fuchsmantel	BST	Indicated	7	90	10	181	115,215	613
	BST	Inferred	37	65	9	181	391,201	2,082
Kerner	BST	Indicated	5	90	10	181	76,242	406
	BST	Inferred	13	65	9	181	132,558	705
Kerner Ost	*MUS, BST, ROT	Indicated	4.3	73	8	181	66,708	355
Taro	*MUS, BST, ROT	Indicated	15	73	8	181	237,362	1,263
Ortenau	*MUS, BST, ROT	Indicated	57	73	8	181	659,013	3,507
	BST	Inferred	105	73	8	181	1,883,212	10,024
Mannheim	BST	Indicated	11	90	10	155	154,000	820
	MUS, BST, BM	Inferred	41	83	8	155	452,000	2,405
Ludwig	BST	Indicated	14.2	90	9	155	187,000	996
	MUS, BST, ROT,BM	Inferred	15.9	82	9	155	173,000	920
Therese	BST	Indicated	3.6	90	10	155	48,000	255
	MUS, BST, ROT,BM	Inferred	20.4	88	9	155	246,000	1,310

		Mg/L	kt
Total LCE	Measured	181	2,112
	Indicated	177	10,265
	Inferred	174	17,466
Total			**29,822**

Ore Reserves Estimate

The following table sets out Vulcan's Lionheart Project Ore Reserves as at 30 June 2026.

Reserves classification	Lithium grade	Economic Reserves Quantity at Wellhead Reference Point
	Mg/l Li	Kt LCE
Proved	181	318
Probable	181	252

Note: See Competent Person Statement contained in the Appendix.

--------- Phase One Project Lionheart licences.

--------- Phase Two Project Ludwig licences.

NOTES TO MINERAL RESOURCE STATEMENT
Global Mineral Resources statement

Note 1 Mineral Resources are not Ore Reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. Refer to the Competent Person Statement in this Report for further information.

Note 2 The weights are reported in metric tonnes (1,000 kg or 2,204.6 lbs). Numbers may not add up due to rounding of the resource value percentages.

Note 3 Reservoir abbreviations: MUS – Muschelkalk Formation, BST – Buntsandstein Group; ROT Rotliegend Group; BM - Variscan Basement.

Note 4 To describe the resource in terms of industry standard, a conversion factor of 5.323 is used to convert elemental Li to Li2CO3, or Lithium Carbonate Equivalent (LCE).

Note 5 NTG and Phie averages have been weighted to the thickness of the reservoir.

Note 6 GRV refers to gross rock volume, also known as the aquifer volume.

Note 7 Mineral Resources are considered to have reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction under current and forecast lithium market pricing with application ofVulcan's A-DLE processing.

Note 8: The values shown are an approximation and with globalised rounding of values in the presented summary table as per JORC guidelines, cannot be multiplied through to achieve the Mineral Resource estimated volumes shown above.

Table 1: Vulcan's integrated lithium and renewable energy project licence table[9]

NAME	STATE	RESOURCES	AREA (KM²)	EXPIRY	OWNERSHIP AS AT 30 JUNE 2026	CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP	TYPE
PHASE ONE LIONHEART							
Insheim	RLP	Geothermal	19	11.2037	100% Natürlich Insheim GmbH (100% subsidiary of VER GEO LIO GmbH)	N/A	Production
LiThermEx (same area as Insheim)	RLP	Lithium		3.2032	100% Natürlich Insheim GmbH (100% subsidiary of VER GEO LIO GmbH)	N/A	Production
Landau-Süd	RLP	Geothermal	19.41	5.2034	100% Geox GmbH (100% subsidiary of VER GEO LIO GmbH)	N/A	Production
Ilka (same area as Landau-Süd)	RLP	Lithium		6.2026		N/A	Production licence application being assessed in line with permitting plan, to replace exploration licence
Rift-Nord	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	61,83 (VER share), 149.74 km² total	6.2027	50% Natürlich Sudpfalz GmbH, 50% GET, Natürlich Sudpfalz GmbH has rights to develop production projects with 100% ownership in the licence area	N/A	Exploration
PHASE TWO LUDWIG							
Ludwig	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	96.34	12.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Therese	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	81.12	12.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
FUTURE PHASE PIPELINE							
Ried	Hessen	Geothermal, brine & lithium	289.92	7.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Luftbrücke	Hessen	Geothermal, brine & lithium	207.25	9.2026	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Waldnerturm	BW	Geothermal, brine & lithium	20.43	12.2026	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Lampertheim II	Hessen	Geothermal, brine & lithium	1.99	7.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Ortenau II	BW	Geothermal, brine & lithium	374.1	12.2028	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Mannheim	BW	Geothermal, brine & lithium	144.49	6.2027	100% VERE Pty Ltd	N/A	Exploration
Taro	RLP	Geothermal	32.68	9.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Lisbeth	RLP	Lithium		9.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Lampertheim	Hessen	Geothermal, brine & lithium	108.03	7.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Kerner	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	72.26	12.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Löwenherz	RLP	Geothermal & lithium	75.43	12.2026	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Flaggenturm 2023	RLP	Geothermal	166.75	12.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Fuchsmantel 2023	RLP	Lithium		12.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Darmstadt-West	Hessen	Brine & lithium	163,09	6.2027	100% VER GmbH	N/A	Exploration
Kachelhoffa[10]	FR	Geothermal	463.34	7.2029	100% Vulcan Énergie France, (100% subsidiary of VER GmbH)	N/A	Exploration
Kachelhoffa minéral[11]	FR	Lithium		7.2029	100 % Vulcan Énergie France (100% subsidiary of VER GmbH)	N/A	Exploration
Cesano	IT	Geothermal & Lithium	11.46	01.2027	50% Vulcan Energy Italy Pty Ltd. (100% owned by Vulcan), 50% Enel Green Power	N/A	Exploration

9 *This table contains Vulcan's licences as at the date of this report, unless otherwise noted, with the Lionheart licences shaded in grey. Vulcan has a total of 23 licences, with 20 in Germany. The German licences are over 17 separate areas as Insheim and LiThermex, Landau-Süd and Ilka, Lisbeth and Taro, Flaggenturm and Fuchsmantel are separate lithium and geothermal licences over the same respective areas. For Vulcan's ultimate interest in each licence please refer to Vulcan ASX Announcement titled "Financing and FID presentation", slide 17, released on 3 December 2025.*

10 *The Company notes the decision of the Nancy Administrative Couty of Appeal against the geothermal permit, and for the lithium exploration permit grant validation. Both decisions are subject to appeal and Vulcan will also continue to work in consultation with the government and local authorities.*

11 *The Mannheim Announcement relates solely to the lithium brine Resource estimation for the Mannheim sector.*

Competent Person Statement and Disclamers

Ore Reserves, Mineral Resources and Exploration Results

The information in this Half-Year Report that relates to: (i) Mineral Resources and Geothermal Resources in relation to Project Ludwig is extracted from the "Positive Preliminary Feasibility Study (PFS) outlines Vulcan's second German project showcasing repeatable development growth strategy" announcement on 3 September 2026 (**Project Ludwig PFS Announcement**); (ii) Mineral Resources and Ore Resources in relation to Project Lionheart and the Future Phases projects is extracted from the "Bridging Engineering Study Results" announcement on 16 November 2023 (**Bridging Engineering Study Announcement**) and the "Future Phase Pipeline – Mannheim Resources Growth" announcement on 9 July 2025 (**Mannheim Resources Growth Announcement**)[12]; and (iii) Exploration Results is extracted from the "Successful production test results from first new Lionheart well: announcement dated 21 January 2026, and the "Positive start to Phase One Lionheart Project field development" announcement on 19 November 2025, all of which are available to view on Vulcan's website at http://v-er.eu. Vulcan confirms that, in respect of: (i) Mineral Resources and Geothermal Resources in relation to the Ludwig Project; (ii) Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves in relation to Project Lionheart and the Future Phases projects; and (iii) Exploration Results, included in this document:

a. it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement,

b. that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the original market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed; and

c. the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented in this announcement have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

Production Targets

The information in this Half-Year Report that relates to production targets for: (i) Project Ludwig is extracted from the Project Ludwig PFS Announcement; and (ii) Project Lionheart is extracted from the Bridging Engineering Study Announcement. The above announcements are available to view on Vulcan's website at www.v-er.eu. Vulcan confirms that all material assumptions underpinning the production targets included in these announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Forecast Financial Information

This Half-Year Report contains forecast financial information (including forecast financial information derived from the Company's production targets). This forecast financial information is based on the material assumptions set out in (or referred to in): (i) in the case of Project Ludwig – the Project Ludwig PFS Announcement; and (ii) in the case of Project Lionheart - the Independent Expert Report included as section 17 to the "Information Memorandum" announcement on 11 December 2024 and the "Financing and FID presentation" announcement on 3 December 2025. The above announcements are available to view on Vulcan's website at https://v-er.eu. Vulcan confirms that the assumptions set out in these announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

12 *The Mannheim announcement relates solely to the lithium brine Resource estimation for the Mannheim sector.*

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