



EQUATORIAL
RESOURCES LTD

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Annual Report

Corporate Directory

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The Directors of Equatorial Resources Limited present their report on the Consolidated Entity consisting of Equatorial Resources Limited (**Company** or **Equatorial**) and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2026 (**Consolidated Entity** or **Group**).

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Equatorial is an ASX-listed company focused on advancing and protecting its existing mineral resource assets in Africa as well as searching for new opportunities in the resources sector which have the potential to build shareholder wealth.

During the year, the final hearing in the Group's international arbitration against the Republic of Congo (**Congo**) was held at the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**). The final hearing provided the Company the opportunity to present its case in person before the ICSID arbitral tribunal (**Tribunal**), and to cross-examine the single expert witness on whose testimony Congo relies in support of its case.

Equatorial, through its Mauritian subsidiary, EEPL Holdings (**EEPL**), referred its investment dispute with Congo to ICSID arbitration in 2021. The dispute arose out of unlawful measures taken by Congo against EEPL's investments in two iron ore projects in Congo: the Badondo Iron Ore Project and the Mayoko-Moussondji Iron Ore Project.

EEPL is claiming damages ranging from US\$395 million to US\$1.25 billion (depending on the valuation methodology adopted). These amounts do not include interest and costs, which are also claimed from Congo in an amount ranging from US\$134 million to US\$741 million (depending on the valuation and interest calculation methodology adopted).

EEPL has now also filed its final post-hearing written submissions and costs submission at ICSID. These written submissions represent the final procedural steps required of EEPL in the arbitration process.

The ICSID Arbitral Tribunal will now render a final award in due course. While there is no specified date for the Arbitral Tribunal to render its award, Equatorial anticipates that the award may be rendered in the first half of 2027 (indicative timing only). The ICSID arbitration and hearing are both confidential.

Separate to the final award, the Tribunal has already ordered Congo to pay EEPL A\$1.2 million relating to costs incurred as a result of the previous postponement of the final hearing. This amount is accruing interest from 13 July 2025 at a rate of 5.10% per annum.

Having now filed the post-hearing submissions, Boies Schiller Flexner has been appointed to represent EEPL during the remaining annulment (if required) and enforcement phase of the international arbitration proceedings. The appointment of Boies Schiller Flexner followed the conclusion of EEPL's engagement with Clifford Chance following a dispute over fees.

In Guinea, Equatorial continues to seek clarification as to the status of its Nimba West and Nimba North iron ore exploration permits.

Equatorial remains in a strong financial position with significant cash reserves. At 30 June 2026, the Company had approximately \$7.1 million in cash with 131.4 million shares on issue.

Congo Projects

Equatorial, through EEPL, referred its investment dispute with Congo to arbitration at ICSID in 2021. The dispute arose out of unlawful measures taken by Congo against EEPL's investments in two iron ore projects: the Badondo Iron Ore Project (**Badondo**), located in the Sangha region of Congo, and the Mayoko-Moussondji Iron Ore Project (**Mayoko-Moussondji**), located in the Niari region of Congo (together, the **Congo Projects**).

EEPL brought its claims against Congo under the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Congo and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments (**Congo-Mauritius BIT**), under which EEPL's investments in Congo are protected by virtue of EEPL being a Mauritian company. EEPL's claims include that Congo unlawfully expropriated its investments in the Congo Projects, and failed to accord EEPL fair and equitable treatment, in violation of the Congo-Mauritius BIT.

The measures that Congo took against Badondo in December 2020 (which included expropriation) formed part of a wider campaign to dispossess foreign mining companies of their iron ore interests in Congo and grant them to a Chinese-linked company named Sangha Mining Development SASU. The measures that Congo took against Mayoko-Moussondji came later, in June 2021, when Congo unlawfully revoked the exploitation permit held over that tenement by Congo Mining Limited (**CML**), a company owned by Equatorial until 2015 and in which EEPL continues to participate (including through royalty arrangements).

Badondo sits at the centre of a potentially globally significant new iron ore-producing region. It is located near two other major iron ore tenements in Congo and just across the border from Fortescue Ltd's Belinga Iron Ore Project in Gabon. As one of the first movers in this important region, Equatorial has long understood the economic possibilities of the iron ore deposits of the Congo craton. The Company will continue to progress efforts to have the Badondo license reinstated, and our exploitation licence application granted and/or seek appropriate compensation.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Congo Projects (continued)

In the arbitration, EEPL is claiming damages ranging from US\$395 million to US\$1.25 billion (depending on the valuation methodology adopted). These amounts do not include interest and costs, which are also claimed from Congo in an amount ranging from US\$134 million to US\$741 million (depending on the valuation and interest calculation methodology adopted).

The final hearing in EEPL's arbitration against Congo was held in November 2025 at the Washington, D.C. headquarters of ICSID.

Equatorial Director, Mr John Welborn, and Equatorial Company Secretary, Mr Greg Swan, attended the final hearing, together with Equatorial's counsel team from Clifford Chance, witnesses of fact, and expert witnesses engaged by Equatorial to provide their independent opinions on, among other matters, the value of Equatorial's claims. The final hearing provided the Company the opportunity to present its case in person before the ICSID Tribunal, and to cross-examine the single expert witness on whose testimony Congo relies in support of its case.

Following the final hearing, EEPL submitted its first post-hearing written submission in February 2026, its second post-hearing written submission in March 2026, and its submission on costs in April 2026 at the ICSID in Washington, D.C. These written submissions are the final procedural steps in the Company's arbitration against Congo following the completion of the final hearing.

The Tribunal will now render a final award in due course. While there is no specified date for the Tribunal to render its award, Equatorial anticipates a final award may be rendered in the first half of 2027 (indicative timing only). The ICSID arbitration and hearing are both confidential.

Separate to the final award, the Tribunal has already ordered Congo to pay EEPL A\$1.2 million relating to costs incurred as a result of the previous postponement of the hearing. This amount is accruing interest from 13 July 2025 at a rate of 5.10% per annum.

Notwithstanding the dispute between EEPL and Congo, Equatorial remains committed to its investments in Congo and continues to be open to a constructive dialogue. Equatorial has expressed the Company's openness to reaching a mutually satisfactory settlement of EEPL's dispute and remains hopeful of a constructive dialogue with Congo to that end.

Having now filed the post-hearing submissions, Equatorial has appointed Boies Schiller Flexner to represent EEPL in the dispute with Congo. This transition follows the conclusion of EEPL's engagement with Clifford Chance, following a dispute over fees.

After the end of the year, the Company and EEPL were served with a notice of arbitration by Clifford Chance in relation to a dispute between the parties over legal fees. The Company and EEPL will vigorously defend the arbitration.

Guinea Projects

Nimba Alliance Project is a highly prospective and potentially large-scale iron ore project located in Guinea, West Africa which was acquired by Equatorial in July 2023. The Project is located within a cluster of major iron ore projects.

The Project covers a large landholding in Guinea's prolific Nimba Iron Ore Corridor and comprises majority ownership of two permits: 100% of the Nimba West permit covering ~198km²; and 56% of the Nimba North permit covering ~107km².

Transport solutions are already in place for the Project, with the Nimba West and Nimba North permits located approximately 350km and 290km respectively from Port Buchanan, and within 30km and 60km, respectively from Liberia's Lamco bulk commodity railway.

In May 2025, the Company received notification, via a news broadcast featuring Guinea's Minister of Information and Communication, that a number of mineral exploration permits had been cancelled by the Guinea government, including the Company's Nimba West and Nimba North iron ore permits which comprise Equatorial's Nimba Alliance Iron Ore Project.

The Company has not received any formal communication from the Guinea government in relation to a change to the status of its exploration permits in Guinea.

Equatorial had been actively engaged with the Ministry of Mines and relevant Guinea authorities to support its renewal applications for the Nimba West and Nimba North permits. Upon renewal, the Company had plans to implement revised work programs to meet regulatory requirements and project development objectives. Such work programs were expected to include an expanded surface sampling campaign to validate and extend previously identified high-grade Canga mineralisation and, subject to the outcomes of the sampling campaign, the Company had plans for a maiden drill program.

Equatorial continues to seek clarification from the relevant authorities in Guinea as to the status of its exploration permits.

Corporate

Equatorial remains in a strong financial position with \$7,089,260 in cash and 131,445,353 shares on issue as at 30 June 2026. The Company is in a strong financial position to progress its dispute resolution processes and additional business opportunities in the resources sector.

Equatorial continues to search for, and review, new opportunities in the resources sector which have the potential to build shareholder value. New business opportunities may take the form of direct project acquisitions, joint ventures, farm-ins, or direct equity participation.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Operating Results

The net loss of the Consolidated Entity for the year ended 30 June 2026 was \$2,562,612 (2025: \$4,690,384). The significant item contributing to the current year results include arbitration expenses of \$1,795,682 (2025: \$1,999,607).

Financial Position

At 30 June 2026, the Group had cash reserves of \$7,089,260 (2025: \$9,600,827) and no debt, placing the Group in a strong financial position to conduct its current activities and to pursue new business development opportunities. At 30 June 2026, the Group had net assets of \$6,990,705 (2025: \$9,469,523), a decrease of 26% compared with the previous year.

Business Strategies and Prospects for Future Financial Years

Equatorial's continued strategy is to progress exploration and development activities, pursue the Congo dispute resolution process, and to assess new business opportunities in the resources sector which may add shareholder value.

The Consolidated Entity will continue to focus on maximising the value of its projects. In the coming year Equatorial intends to:

- Review new business opportunities in the resources sector which leverage off the Group's skills, expertise, and existing assets;
- Continue to enforce the Company's rights in relation to its dispute with the Congo government over its Congo Projects, which has arisen from the Congo government's actions and breaches of the Congo-Mauritius BIT, through international arbitration against the Congo government under the Congo-Mauritius BIT;
- Continue to seek clarification from the relevant authorities in Guinea as to the status of its Nimba West and Nimba North iron ore exploration permits which comprise Equatorial's Nimba Alliance Iron Ore Project; and
- Maintain the Group's strong balance sheet and ensure all expenditure is aligned with the creation of shareholder value.

These activities present inherent risk and therefore the Board is unable to provide certainty that any or all of these activities will be able to be achieved. The material business risks faced by the Group that are likely to have an effect on the Group's future prospects, and how the Group manages these risks, include:

- **Litigation risk** – All industries, including the mining industry, are subject to legal and arbitration claims. Specifically, Equatorial commenced international arbitration against the Congo at the ICSID in Washington, DC. In the ICSID arbitration, the Group, through EEPL, is claiming compensation for the expropriation of its Congo Projects. The dispute as it concerns Badondo relates to Congo's sudden and unlawful rejection of the Group's application for a Mining Licence and the simultaneous grant of a mining licence to Sangha Mining Development SASU, a newly-formed third party company. Equatorial will strongly defend its position and continue to take all relevant actions to pursue its legal rights regarding both the Badondo and Mayoko-Moussondji projects. There is however no certainty that any claim will be successful. If any claim is unsuccessful, or if any damages awarded by the ICSID tribunal is significantly low compared to amount claimed, then this may have a material impact on the value of the Company's securities;
- **Regulations** – The Company's exploration and any future mining activities are dependent upon the maintenance and renewal from time to time of the appropriate title interests, licences, concessions, leases, claims, permits, environmental decisions, planning consents and other regulatory consents which may be withdrawn or made subject to new limitations. The maintaining or obtaining of renewals or attainment and grant of title interests often depends on the Company being successful in obtaining and maintaining required statutory approvals for its proposed activities. There is no assurance that such title interests, licences, concessions, leases, claims, permits, decisions or consents will not be revoked, significantly altered or not renewed to the detriment of the Company or that the renewals and new applications will be successful;
- **Sovereign risk** – The Group's operations in the Congo and Guinea are exposed to various levels of political, economic and other risks and uncertainties. The Congo and Guinea are developing economies which does not have an established mining industry. There can be no assurances that the future political developments in Congo or Guinea will not directly impact the Company's operations or its ability to attract funding for its operations;
- **The Group's exploration properties may never be brought into production** – The exploration for, and development of, mineral deposits involves a high degree of risk. Few properties which are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. To mitigate this risk, the Company will undertake systematic and staged exploration and testing programs on its mineral properties and, subject to the results of these exploration programs, the Company will then progressively undertake a number of technical and economic studies with respect to its projects prior to making a decision to mine. However there can be no guarantee that the studies will confirm the technical and economic viability of the Company's mineral properties or that the properties will be successfully brought into production;
- **The Company may not successfully acquire new projects** – the Company continues to actively pursue and assess other new business opportunities in the resources sector. These new business opportunities may take the form of direct project acquisitions, joint ventures, farm-ins, acquisition of tenements/permits, or direct equity participation. The Company's success in its acquisition activities depends on its ability to identify suitable projects, acquire them on acceptable terms, and integrate the projects successfully, which the Company's Board is experienced in doing. However, there can be no guarantee that any proposed acquisition will be completed or be successful. If a proposed acquisition is completed the usual risks associated with a new project and/or business activities will remain; and

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

- The Group's activities will require further capital – the ability to finance a mining project is dependent on the Company's existing financial position, the availability and cost of project and other debt markets, the availability and cost of leasing and similar finance packages for project infrastructure and mobile equipment, the availability of mezzanine and offtake financing and the ability to access equity markets to raise new capital. There can be no guarantees that when the Company seeks to implement financing strategies to pursue the development of its projects that suitable financing alternatives will be available and at a cost acceptable to the Company.

DIRECTORS

The names and details of the Company's Directors in office at any time during the financial year or since the end of the financial year are:

Mr Ian Middlemas – Chairman
Mr John Welborn – Non-Executive Director
Mr Robert Behets – Non-Executive Director
Mr Mark Pearce – Non-Executive Director

Unless otherwise stated, all Directors held their office from 1 July 2025 until the date of this report.

CURRENT DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Mr Ian Middlemas *B.Com, CA*
Chairman (Non-Executive)

Mr Middlemas is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He worked for a large international Chartered Accounting firm before joining the Normandy Mining Group where he was a senior group executive for approximately 10 years. He has had extensive corporate and management experience, and is currently a director with a number of publicly listed companies in the resources sector.

Mr Middlemas was appointed a Director of the Company on 5 November 2009. During the three year period to the end of the financial year, Mr Middlemas has also held directorships in GBM Resources Limited (June 2025 – present), NGX Limited (April 2021 – present), Constellation Resources Limited (November 2017 – present), Apollo Minerals Limited (July 2016 – present), Berkeley Energia Limited (April 2012 – present), GreenX Metals Limited (August 2011 – present), Salt Lake Potash Limited (Receivers and Managers Appointed) (January 2010 – present), Sovereign Metals Limited (July 2006 – present), Odyssey Gold Limited (September 2005 – present) and Terra Metals Limited (October 2013 – June 2026).

Mr John Welborn *B.Com, FCA, FAIM, MAICD, MAusIMM, JP*
Director (Non-Executive)

Mr Welborn is a Chartered Accountant with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Western Australia and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr Welborn has extensive experience in the resources sector as a senior executive and in corporate management, finance and investment banking. Mr Welborn is currently Executive Chairman of Iron Ore producer Fenix Resources Limited and was previously the Managing Director of Resolute Mining Limited and the Head of Specialised Lending in Western Australia for Investec Bank (Australia) Ltd.

Mr Welborn was appointed a Director of the Company on 6 August 2010 and served as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer from 6 August 2010 until 30 June 2015 and from 18 November 2020 until 30 November 2023. During the three-year period to the end of the financial year, Mr Welborn has also held directorships in Fenix Resources Limited (November 2021 – present), Orbital Corporation Limited (June 2014 – December 2024), Athena Resources Limited (July 2024 – present), and Apollo Minerals Limited (February 2021 – October 2023).

Mr Robert Behets *B.Sc.(Hons), FAusIMM, MAIG*
Director (Non-Executive)

Mr Behets is a geologist with over 35 years' experience in the mineral exploration and mining industry in Australia and internationally. He was instrumental in the founding, growth and development of Mantra Resources Limited, an African focused uranium company, through to its acquisition by ARMZ for approximately \$1 billion in 2011. Prior to Mantra, Mr Behets held various senior management positions during a long career with WMC Resources Limited. Mr Behets has a strong combination of technical, commercial and managerial skills and extensive experience in exploration, mineral resource and ore reserve estimation, feasibility studies and operations across a range of commodities, including uranium, gold and base metals. He is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and was also previously a member of the Australasian Joint Ore Reserve Committee ('JORC').

Mr Behets was appointed a Director of the Company on 25 February 2016. During the three-year period to the end of the financial year, Mr Behets has held directorships in GBM Resources Limited (June 2025 – present), Odyssey Gold Limited (August 2020 – present), Constellation Resources Limited (June 2017 – present), Apollo Minerals Limited (October 2016 – present), and Berkeley Energia Limited (April 2012 – present).

CURRENT DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS (Continued)

Mr Mark Pearce *B.Bus, CA, FCIS, FFin*
Director (Non-Executive)

Mr Pearce is a Chartered Accountant and is currently a director of several listed companies that operate in the resources sector. He has considerable experience in the formation and development of listed resource companies. Mr Pearce is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia.

Mr Pearce was appointed a Director of the Company on 5 November 2009. During the three-year period to the end of the financial year, Mr Pearce has held directorships in Zinc of Ireland Limited (April 2026 – Present), NGX Limited (April 2021 – present), Constellation Resources Limited (July 2016 – present), GreenX Metals Limited (August 2011 – present), Sovereign Metals Limited (July 2006 – present) and Terra Metals Limited (alternate director) (June 2022 – January 2026).

Mr Greg Swan *B.Com, CA, FCIS, FFin*
Company Secretary

Mr Swan is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Secretary and is currently Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer for several listed companies that operate in the resources sector. He commenced his career at a large international Chartered Accounting firm and has since been involved with a number of exploration and development companies, including IperionX Limited, Piedmont Lithium Limited, Mantra Resources Limited and Papillon Resources Limited.

Mr Swan was appointed Company Secretary of the Company on 26 May 2010.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of Equatorial during the financial year consisted of mineral exploration. No significant change in the nature of Equatorial's activities occurred during the year.

DIVIDENDS PAID OR RECOMMENDED

No recommendation for payment of dividends has been made for the year ended 30 June 2026 (2025: Nil).

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND PERFORMANCE

The Consolidated Entity's operations are subject to various environmental laws and regulations under the relevant government's legislation. Full compliance with these laws and regulations is regarded as a minimum standard for all operations to achieve. The Directors are not aware of any non-compliance with environmental laws by the Consolidated Entity.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes to the Company's state of affairs during the year ended 30 June 2026.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to 30 June 2026, the Company and EEPL were served with a notice of arbitration by Clifford Chance in relation to a dispute between the parties over legal fees. Clifford Chance claims that Equatorial and EEPL have failed to pay Clifford Chance LLP two invoices totalling \$4,853,493. The Company and EEPL will vigorously defend the arbitration.

Other than the above, at the date of this report, there are no matters or circumstances which have arisen since 30 June 2026 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2026, of the Consolidated Entity;
- the results of those operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2026, of the Consolidated Entity; or
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2026, of the Consolidated Entity.

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The number of meetings of Directors held during the year and the number of meetings attended by each director were as follows:

	Board Meetings	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Mr Ian Middlemas	2	2
Mr John Welborn	2	2
Mr Robert Behets	2	2
Mr Mark Pearce	2	1

There were no Board committees during the financial year.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

As at the date of this report, the Directors' interests in the securities of the Company are as follows:

	Interest in securities at the date of the report	
	Ordinary Shares ¹	Incentive Options ²
Mr Ian Middlemas	7,500,000	-
Mr John Welborn	7,500,000	-
Mr Robert Behets	230,000	-
Mr Mark Pearce	1,050,000	-

Notes:

¹ "Ordinary Shares" means fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company.

² "Incentive Options" means an option to subscribe for one Ordinary Share.

SHARE OPTIONS & PERFORMANCE RIGHTS

At the date of this report the following options and performance rights have been issued over unissued Ordinary Shares of the Company:

- 2,800,000 Incentive Options exercisable at \$0.20 each, expiring 30 September 2027; and
- 1,800,000 Incentive Options exercisable at \$0.30 each, expiring 30 September 2028.

During the year ended 30 June 2026 and up until the date of this report, no Ordinary Shares were issued as a result of the exercise or conversion of Incentive Options or Performance Rights.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS

The Constitution of the Company requires the Company, to the extent permitted by law, to indemnify any person who is or has been a director or officer of the Company or Group for any liability caused as such a director or officer and any legal costs incurred by a director or officer in defending an action for any liability caused as such a director or officer.

During or since the end of the financial year, no amounts have been paid by the Company or Group in relation to the above indemnities. During the financial year, the Company paid premiums in respect of directors' and officers' liability insurance policy, which cover all Directors and officers of the Company against liabilities to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The policy conditions preclude the Company from any detailed disclosures including the premium amount paid.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF AUDITORS

To the extent permitted by law, the Company has agreed to indemnify its auditors, Ernst & Young, as part of the terms of its audit engagement agreement against claims by third parties arising from the audit (for an unspecified amount). No payment has been made to indemnify Ernst & Young during or since the financial year.

REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)

This Remuneration Report, which forms part of the Directors' Report, sets out information about the remuneration of Key Management Personnel ("KMP") of the Group.

Details of Key Management Personnel

Details of the KMP of the Group during or since the end of the financial year are set out below:

Directors

Mr Ian Middlemas	Chairman
Mr John Welborn	Non-Executive Director
Mr Robert Behets	Non-Executive Director
Mr Mark Pearce	Non-Executive Director

Other KMP

Mr Themis Kailis	Business Development Manager
Mr Greg Swan	Company Secretary

Unless otherwise disclosed, the KMP held their position from 1 July 2025 until the date of this report.

Remuneration Policy

The Group's remuneration policy for its KMP has been developed by the Board taking into account the size of the Group, the size of the management team for the Group, the nature and stage of development of the Group's current operations, and market conditions and comparable salary levels for companies of a similar size and operating in similar sectors.

In addition to considering the above general factors, the Board has also placed emphasis on the following specific issues in determining the remuneration policy for KMP:

- (a) the Group is currently focused on undertaking exploration, appraisal and development activities and on identifying and acquiring suitable resource projects;
- (b) risks associated with small cap resource companies whilst exploring and developing projects; and
- (c) other than profit which may be generated from asset sales, the Company does not expect to be undertaking profitable operations until sometime after the commencement of commercial production on any of its projects.

Executive Remuneration

The Group's remuneration policy is to provide a fixed remuneration component and a performance-based component (short term incentive and long term incentive). The Board believes that this remuneration policy is appropriate given the considerations discussed in the section above and is appropriate in aligning executives' objectives with shareholder and business objectives.

Fixed Remuneration

Fixed remuneration consists of base salaries, as well as employer contributions to superannuation funds and other non-cash benefits. Non-cash benefits may include provision of car parking and travel benefits.

Fixed remuneration is reviewed annually by the Board. The process consists of a review of Company and individual performance, relevant comparative remuneration externally and internally and, where appropriate, external advice on policies and practices.

Performance Based Remuneration – Short Term Incentive ("STI")

Some executives are entitled to an annual cash bonus upon achieving various key performance indicators ("KPIs"), as set by the Board. Having regard to the current size, nature and opportunities of the Company, the Board has determined that these KPI's will include measures such as:

- (a) successful exploration activities (e.g. completion of exploration programs within budgeted timeframes and costs);
- (b) successful development activities (e.g. completion of technical studies);
- (c) successful corporate activities (e.g. recruitment and management of key personnel and investor relations activities); and
- (d) successful business development activities (e.g. corporate transactions and capital raisings).

These measures were chosen as the Board believes these represent the key drivers in the short and medium term success of the Company's development. On an annual basis, subsequent to year end, the Board assesses performance against each individual executive's KPI criteria, and considers the position of the Company to be able to award STI cash bonuses.

During the 2026 financial year, no STI cash bonus was granted to KMP (2025: \$25,000).

REMUNERATION REPORT (Continued)

Performance Based Remuneration – Long Term Incentive

The Group has adopted a long-term incentive plan ("LTIP") comprising the "Equatorial Resources Limited Performance Rights Plan" (the "Plan") to reward KMP and key staff (including employees and contractors) for long-term performance.

The Plan provides for the issuance of unlisted performance share rights ("Performance Rights") which, upon satisfaction of the relevant performance conditions attached to the rights, will result in the issue of an Ordinary Share for each Performance Right. Performance Rights are issued for no consideration and no amount is payable upon conversion thereof.

To achieve its corporate objectives the Company needs to attract and retain its key staff, whether employees or contractors. Grants made to eligible participants under the Plan will assist with the Company's employment strategy and will;

- (a) enable the Company to recruit, incentivise and retain KMP and other eligible employees and contractors needed to achieve the Company's strategic objectives;
- (b) link the reward of eligible participants with the achievements of strategic goals and the long term performance of the Company;
- (c) align the financial interests of eligible participants of the Plan with those of Shareholders; and
- (d) provide incentives to eligible participants of the Plan to focus on superior performance that creates Shareholder value.

Performance Rights granted under the Plan to eligible participants will be linked to the achievement by the Company of certain performance conditions as determined by the Board from time to time. If a performance condition is not achieved by the expiry date then the Performance Right will lapse.

In addition, the Group has chosen to provide unlisted incentive options ("Incentive Options") to some KMP as part of their remuneration and incentive arrangements in order to attract and retain their services and to provide an incentive linked to the performance of the Group. The Board's policy is to grant Incentive Options to KMP with exercise prices at or above market share price (at the time of agreement). As such, the Incentive Options granted to KMP are generally only of benefit if the KMP performs to the level whereby the value of the Group increases sufficiently to warrant exercising the Incentive Options granted.

The Company prohibits executives entering into arrangements to limit their exposure to Incentive Options or Performance Rights granted as part of their remuneration package.

During the 2026 financial year, 1,000,000 Incentive Options were granted to KMP. During the 2026 financial year, 2,500,000 Incentive Options held by KMP vested, and no Performance Rights held by KMP vested or were exercised. During the 2026 financial year, 4,000,000 Incentive Options and 500,000 Performance Rights held by KMP lapsed or expired. At 30 June 2026, 4,000,000 Incentive Options were held by KMP and no Performance Rights were held by KMP.

Non-Executive Director Remuneration

The Board's policy is for fees to Non-Executive Directors to be no greater than market rates for comparable companies for time, commitment and responsibilities. Given the size, nature and risks of the Company, Incentive Options and Performance Rights may also be used to attract and retain Non-Executive Directors. The Board determines payments to the Non-Executive Directors and reviews their remuneration annually, based on market practice, duties and accountability. Independent external advice is sought when required. No external remuneration consultants were used during the year.

The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to Non-Executive Directors is subject to approval by shareholders at a General Meeting. Directors' fees paid to Non-Executive Directors accrue on a daily basis. Fees for Non-Executive Directors are not directly linked to the performance of the economic entity. However, to align Directors' interests with shareholder interests, the Directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Company. Given the size, nature and opportunities of the Company, Non-Executive Directors may receive Incentive Options or Performance Rights in order to secure and retain their services.

The Company prohibits Non-Executive Directors entering into arrangements to limit their exposure to Incentive Options granted as part of their remuneration package.

Fees for the Chairman are set at \$55,000 per annum (2025: \$55,000) (excluding post-employment benefits).

Fees for Non-Executive Directors are set at \$30,000 per annum (2025: \$30,000) (excluding post-employment benefits). These fees cover main board activities only. Non-Executive Directors may receive additional remuneration for other services provided to the Company, including but not limited to, membership of committees.

During the 2026 financial year, no Incentive Options or Performance Rights were granted to Non-Executive Directors.

REMUNERATION REPORT (Continued)

Relationship between Remuneration of KMP and Shareholder Wealth

During the Company's exploration and development phases of its business, the Board anticipates that the Company will retain earnings (if any) and other cash resources for the exploration and development of its resource projects. Accordingly, the Company does not currently have a policy with respect to the payment of dividends and returns of capital. Therefore, there was no relationship between the Board's policy for determining, or in relation to, the nature and amount of remuneration of KMP and dividends paid and returns of capital by the Company during the current and previous four financial years.

The Board did not determine the nature and amount of remuneration of the KMP by reference to changes in the price at which shares in the Company traded between the beginning and end of the current and the previous four financial years.

Discretionary annual cash bonuses are based upon achieving various non-financial key performance indicators as detailed under "Performance Based Remuneration – Short Term Incentive" and are not based on share price or earnings. However, as noted above, certain KMP may receive Incentive Options and Performance Rights which will be of greater value to KMP if the value of the Company's shares increases.

Relationship between Remuneration of KMP and Earnings

As discussed above, the Company is currently undertaking exploration and development activities, and does not expect to be undertaking profitable operations (other than by way of potential material asset sales) until sometime after the successful commercialisation, production and sales of commodities from one or more of its projects. Accordingly, the Board does not consider earnings during the current and previous four financial years when determining, and in relation to, the nature and amount of remuneration of KMP.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Details of the remuneration of each Director and KMP of the Group are as follows:

2026	Short-term benefits			Post-employment benefits	Share-based payments	Total	Percentage performance related %
	Salary & fees \$	Cash Bonus \$	Other \$				
Directors							
Mr Ian Middlemas ¹	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000	-
Mr John Welborn	30,000	-	-	3,600	-	33,600	-
Mr Robert Behets	30,000	-	-	3,600	-	33,600	-
Mr Mark Pearce	30,000	-	-	3,600	-	33,600	-
Other KMP							
Mr Themis Kailis	250,000	-	-	30,000	80,917	360,917	22%
Mr Greg Swan ²	-	-	-	-	2,877	2,877	100%
	390,000	-	-	40,800	83,794	514,594	

2025	Short-term benefits			Post-employment benefits	Share-based payments	Total	Percentage performance related %
	Salary & fees \$	Cash Bonus \$	Other \$				
Directors							
Mr Ian Middlemas ¹	50,000	-	-	5,750	-	55,750	-
Mr John Welborn	30,000	-	-	3,450	-	33,450	-
Mr Robert Behets	30,000	-	-	3,450	-	33,450	-
Mr Mark Pearce	30,000	-	-	3,450	-	33,450	-
Other KMP							
Mr Themis Kailis	225,000	25,000	-	25,875	65,224	341,099	26%
Mr Greg Swan ²	-	-	-	-	27,123	27,123	100%
	365,000	25,000	-	41,975	92,347	524,322	

Notes:
¹ For the 2026 financial year, Mr Middlemas elected to only receive fees of \$50,000 (2025: \$50,000) and post-employment benefits of \$0 (2025: \$5,750).

² Mr Swan provides services as the Company Secretary through a services agreement with Apollo Group Pty Ltd ("Apollo"). Mr Swan is an employee of Apollo. For the 2026 financial year, Apollo was paid or is payable \$390,000 (2025: \$390,000) for the provision of administrative, accounting, secretarial, and corporate services to the Group.

REMUNERATION REPORT (Continued)

Incentive Options and Performance Rights Granted to Key Management Personnel

Details of Incentive Options and Performance Rights granted, exercised or lapsed for each KMP of the Group during the 2026 financial year are as follows:

2026	No. of options & rights granted during year	No. of options vested during year	No. of options & rights expired and lapsed during year	Value of options & rights granted during year ¹ \$	Value of options & rights exercised during year \$
Directors					
Mr John Welborn	-	-	(4,000,000)		-
Other KMP					
Mr Themis Kailis	1,000,000	2,000,000	(500,000)	69,630	-
Mr Greg Swan	-	500,000	-	-	-
Total	1,000,000	2,500,000	(4,500,000)	69,630	-

Notes:

¹ Determined at the time of grant per AASB 2. For details on the valuation of Incentive Options and Performance Rights, including models and assumptions used, please refer to Note 18 of the financial statements.

Details of incentive options and performance rights granted by the Company to each KMP of the Group during the financial year are as follows:

2026	Security Type	Grant Date	Expiry Date	Exercise Price \$	Grant Date Fair Value ¹ \$	Number Granted
Other KMP						
Mr Themis Kailis	Options	2-Sep-25	30-Sep-27	\$0.20	\$0.0696	1,000,000

Notes:

¹ For details on the valuation of Incentive Options and Performance Rights, including models and assumptions used, please refer to Note 18 of the financial statements.

Option and Right Holdings of Key Management Personnel

	Held at 1 July 2025	Granted as Remuneration	Lapsed/Expired during the year	Held at 30 June 2026	Vested and exercisable at 30 June 2026
Directors					
Mr Ian Middlemas	-	-	-	-	-
Mr John Welborn	4,000,000	-	(4,000,000)	-	-
Mr Robert Behets	-	-	-	-	-
Mr Mark Pearce	-	-	-	-	-
Other KMP					
Mr Themis Kailis	2,500,000	1,000,000	(500,000)	3,000,000	3,000,000
Mr Greg Swan	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
	7,500,000	1,000,000	(4,500,000)	4,000,000	4,000,000

Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel

	Held at 1 July 2025	Purchases	Sales	Held at 30 June 2026
Directors				
Mr Ian Middlemas	7,500,000	-	-	7,500,000
Mr John Welborn	7,500,000	-	-	7,500,000
Mr Robert Behets	230,000	-	-	230,000
Mr Mark Pearce	1,050,000	-	-	1,050,000
Other KMP				
Mr Themis Kailis	500,000	-	-	500,000
Mr Greg Swan	600,000	-	-	600,000
	17,380,000	-	-	17,380,000

REMUNERATION REPORT (Continued)

Loans involving Key Management Personnel

No loans were provided to or received from Key Management Personnel during the year ended 30 June 2026 (2025: Nil).

Contracts with Key Management Personnel

As disclosed above, Non-Executive Directors of the Company are entitled to fees of \$30,000 per annum with the Chairman entitled to fees of \$55,000 per annum (excluding post-employment benefits).

Mr Kailis, Business Development Manager, has an employment agreement with the Group which may be terminated upon one month's written notice. Mr Kailis receives a fixed remuneration component of \$250,000 per annum and a discretionary performance bonus of up to \$50,000 per annum upon achievement of relevant key performance indicators as determined by the Board.

Mr Welborn has a consultancy agreement with the Group pursuant to which Mr Welborn is engaged as a consultant to provide services in connection with the Company's claims and international arbitration proceedings against Congo to which the Company's subsidiary, EEPL, is a party. In consideration for the services to be provided by Mr Welborn, the Company has issued Mr Welborn a right entitling him to receive 5% of the net compensation received by the Company in connection with the claims or arbitration proceedings. The consultancy agreement is for an initial period of three years and will be automatically extended for a period of two years if the arbitration proceedings have not concluded within the initial three-year period. Mr Welborn has the option to extend the term for an additional two years if the arbitration proceedings are not concluded within the five-year period. The Company may terminate the consultancy agreement by providing 30 days' notice if there is a material breach by Mr Welborn or Mr Welborn commits an act of gross negligence, fraud, serious misconduct, or a criminal offence.

Other Transactions

Apollo Group Pty Ltd, a company of which Mr Mark Pearce is a director and beneficial shareholder, was paid or is payable \$390,000 (2025: \$390,000) for the provision of administrative, accounting, secretarial, and corporate services during the year. The amount is based on a monthly retainer due and payable in advance, with no fixed term, and is able to be terminated by either party with one month's notice.

End of Remuneration Report.

NON-AUDIT SERVICES

Non-audit services provided by our auditors Ernst & Young (Australia) and related entities for the financial year ended 30 June 2026, which included taxation and advisory services, amounted to \$12,000 (2025: \$26,000). The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act. The nature and scope of each type of non-audit service provided means that auditor independence was not compromised.

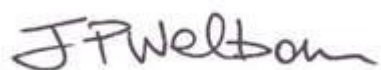
ROUNDING OF AMOUNTS

The company is of a kind referred to in Corporations Instrument 2026/183, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Corporations Instrument to the nearest dollar.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2026 has been received and can be found on page 12 of the Directors' Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



JOHN WELBORN
Non-Executive Director

24 September 2026



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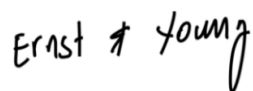
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Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Equatorial Resources Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Equatorial Resources Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2026, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Equatorial Resources Limited and the entities it controlled during the financial year.



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Jared Jaworski
Partner
24 September 2026

	Notes	2026 \$	2025 \$
Continuing Operations			
Finance income	2	325,455	571,245
Exploration and evaluation expenses		(263,358)	(80,974)
Corporate and administrative expenses		(271,971)	(425,066)
Business development expenses		(473,262)	(651,710)
Arbitration expenses		(1,795,682)	(1,999,607)
Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets	8	-	(1,993,924)
Share-based payment expense	18	(83,794)	(110,348)
Loss before income tax		(2,562,612)	(4,690,384)
Income tax expense	4	-	-
Loss for the year		(2,562,612)	(4,690,384)
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		(964,490)	(4,248,307)
Non-controlling interests		(1,598,122)	(442,077)
		(2,562,612)	(4,690,384)
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		-	-
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(2,562,612)	(4,690,384)
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		(964,490)	(4,248,307)
Non-controlling interests		(1,598,122)	(442,077)
		(2,562,612)	(4,690,384)
Earnings per share			
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents per share)	15	(0.73)	(3.23)

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

	Notes	2026 \$	2025 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	7,089,260	9,600,827
Trade and other receivables	7	29,588	58,903
Prepayments		14,706	-
Total Current Assets		7,133,554	9,659,730
Non-Current Assets			
Exploration & evaluation assets	8	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets		-	-
TOTAL ASSETS		7,133,554	9,659,730
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	131,114	184,517
Provisions		11,735	5,690
Total Current Liabilities		142,849	190,207
TOTAL LIABILITIES		142,849	190,207
NET ASSETS		6,990,705	9,469,523
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	10	179,022,193	179,022,193
Reserves	11	1,172,223	1,525,617
Accumulated losses	12	(169,904,941)	(169,377,639)
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		10,289,475	11,170,171
Non-controlling interests		(3,298,770)	(1,700,648)
TOTAL EQUITY		6,990,705	9,469,523

The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

	Attributable to the equity holders of the parent					
	Ordinary Shares	Share-Based Payments Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Non-Controlling Interests	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2025	179,022,193	1,306,024	219,593	(169,377,639)	(1,700,648)	9,469,523
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(964,490)	(1,598,122)	(2,562,612)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	(964,490)	(1,598,122)	(2,562,612)
Expiry of unlisted incentive options	-	(402,000)	-	402,000	-	-
Lapse of performance rights	-	(35,188)	-	35,188	-	-
Share-based payment expense	-	83,794	-	-	-	83,794
Balance at 30 June 2026	179,022,193	952,630	219,593	(169,904,941)	(3,298,770)	6,990,705
Balance at 1 July 2024	179,022,193	1,195,676	219,593	(165,129,332)	(1,258,571)	14,049,559
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(4,248,307)	(442,077)	(4,690,384)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	(4,248,307)	(442,077)	(4,690,384)
Share-based payment expense	-	110,348	-	-	-	110,348
Balance at 30 June 2025	179,022,193	1,306,024	219,593	(169,377,639)	(1,700,648)	9,469,523

The above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Payments to suppliers, employees and others		(2,870,247)	(4,754,291)
Interest received		358,680	537,956
Net cash flows used in operating activities	14(a)	(2,511,567)	(4,216,335)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(2,511,567)	(4,216,335)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		9,600,827	13,817,162
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	6	7,089,260	9,600,827

The above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The material accounting policies adopted in preparing the financial report of Equatorial Resources Limited ("Equatorial" or "Company") and its consolidated entities ("Consolidated Entity" or "Group") for the year ended 30 June 2026 are stated to assist in a general understanding of the financial report.

Equatorial is a for profit company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Equatorial's shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX").

The financial report of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2026 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 22 September 2026.

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards ("AASs") and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, and the financial report is presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise stated.

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

The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

(b) Statement of Compliance

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

In the current financial year, the Group has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are mandatory for the current annual reporting period. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

(c) New standards, interpretations and amendments not yet adopted by the Group

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective have not been adopted by the Group for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2026. Those which may be relevant to the Group are set out in the table below. Management is in the process of assessing their potential impact on the Group's financial statements.

Standard/Interpretation	Application Date of Standard	Application Date for Group
AASB 18 <i>Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements</i>	1 January 2027	1 July 2027
AASB 2014-10 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture</i>	1 January 2028	1 July 2028

(d) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries as at 30 June 2026. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e. existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee)
- Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee, and
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Principles of Consolidation (Continued)

When the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- The contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements
- The Group's voting rights and potential voting rights

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the statement of comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income ("OCI") are attributed to the equity holders of the parent of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with the Group's accounting policies. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction. If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it:

- De-recognises the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary
- De-recognises the carrying amount of any non-controlling interests
- Reclassifies the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity
- Recognises the fair value of the consideration received
- Recognises the fair value of any investment retained
- Recognises any surplus or deficit in profit or loss
- Reclassifies the parent's share of components previously recognised in OCI to profit or loss or retained earnings, as appropriate, as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

(e) Foreign Currencies

Functional and presentation currency

The functional currency of each of the Group's entities is the currency of the primary economic environment in which that entity operates. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items are translated at the year-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost continue to be carried at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items are recognised directly in equity to the extent that the gain or loss is directly recognised in equity, otherwise the exchange difference is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Group companies

The financial results and position of foreign operations whose functional currency is different from the group's presentation currency are translated as follows:

- assets and liabilities are translated at year-end exchange rates prevailing at that reporting date; and
- income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the period.

Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations are transferred directly to the group's foreign currency translation reserve in the statement of financial position. These differences are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the period in which the operation is disposed.

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call, term deposits held with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments presented at market value that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and with an original maturity of three months or less.

(g) Financial Assets

Financial assets are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. Financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets (other than financial assets at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(g) Financial Assets (Continued)

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments are classified into the following categories upon initial recognition:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL")
- equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")
- debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within other income or expenses respectively.

Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)

The Group measures financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate ("EIR") method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

The Consolidated Entity's financial assets at amortised cost include short term deposits and other receivables.

Impairment

The Group recognises an allowance for ECLs for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original EIR. ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For receivables due in less than 12 months, the Group recognises a loss allowance based on the financial asset's lifetime ECL at each reporting date. The Group has established a provision matrix for these receivables that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The Group considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 60 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows and usually occurs when past due for more than one year and not subject to enforcement activity.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit impaired. A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

(h) Exploration and Development Expenditure

Expenditure on exploration and evaluation is accounted for in accordance with the 'area of interest' method.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure encompasses expenditures incurred by the Group in connection with the exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources before the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable.

For each area of interest, expenditure incurred in the acquisition of rights to explore is capitalised, classified as tangible or intangible, and recognised as an exploration and evaluation asset. Exploration and evaluation assets are measured at cost at recognition and are recorded as an asset if:

(i) the rights to tenure of the area of interest are current; and

(ii) at least one of the following conditions is also met:

- the exploration and evaluation expenditures are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest, or alternatively, by its sale; and
- exploration and evaluation activities in the area of interest have not at the reporting date reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active and significant operations in, or in relation to, the area of interest are continuing.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred by the Group subsequent to the acquisition of the rights to explore is expensed as incurred, up until the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the project has been demonstrated with a bankable feasibility study.

Capitalised exploration costs are reviewed at each reporting date to establish whether an indication of impairment exists. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the capitalised exploration costs is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in previous years.

Where a decision is made to proceed with development, accumulated expenditure is tested for impairment and transferred to development properties, and then amortised over the life of the reserves associated with the area of interest once mining operations have commenced.

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(h) Exploration and Development Expenditure (Continued)

Recoverability of the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively, sale of the respective areas of interest.

(i) Payables

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received. Trade accounts payable are normally settled within 60 days. Payables are carried at amortised cost.

(j) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the group has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

(k) Contingencies

A contingent liability is a possible obligation from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group. A contingent liability may also be a present obligation arising from past events but is not recognised on the basis that an outflow of economic resources to settle the obligation is not viewed as probable, or the amount of the obligation cannot be reliably measured.

When the Group has a present obligation, an outflow of economic resources is assessed as probable and the Group can reliably measure the obligation, a provision is recognised.

A contingent asset is not recognised but disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

(l) Interest income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues, taking into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

(m) Income Tax

The income tax expense for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income based on the national income tax rate for each jurisdiction adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, and to unused tax losses.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to apply when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted for each jurisdiction. The relevant tax rates are applied to the cumulative amounts of deductible and taxable temporary differences to measure the deferred tax asset or liability. An exception is made for certain temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of an asset or a liability. No deferred tax asset or liability is recognised in relation to these temporary differences if they arose on goodwill or in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction did not affect either accounting profit or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognised for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in controlled entities where the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity are also recognised directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset only if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against tax liabilities and the deferred tax liabilities relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Tax consolidation

Equatorial Resources Limited and its wholly-owned Australian subsidiaries have formed an income tax consolidated group under the tax consolidation regime. Each entity in the group recognises its own current and deferred tax liabilities, except for any deferred tax assets resulting from unused tax losses and tax credits, which are immediately assumed by the Company. The current tax liability of each group entity is then subsequently assumed by the Company. The tax consolidated group has entered into a tax sharing agreement whereby each company in the Group contributes to the income tax payable in proportion to their contribution to the net profit before tax of the tax consolidated group.

(n) Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to members of the Company for the reporting period, after excluding any costs of servicing equity, by the weighted average number of Ordinary Shares of the Company, adjusted for any bonus issue.

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(n) Earnings per Share (Continued)

Diluted EPS is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to members of the company, adjusted by the after tax effect of financing costs associated with dilutive potential Ordinary Shares and the effect on revenues and expenses of conversion to Ordinary Shares associated with dilutive potential Ordinary Shares, by the weighted average number of Ordinary Shares and dilutive Ordinary Shares adjusted for any bonus issue.

(o) Employee Entitlements

A provision is made for the Group's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within 12 months have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than 12 months have been measured using the projected unit credit valuation method.

(p) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(q) Business Combinations

Acquisitions of subsidiaries that are regarded as carrying on a business are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values (at the date of exchange) of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as incurred.

Where applicable, the consideration for the acquisition includes any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, measured at its acquisition-date fair value. Subsequent changes in such fair values are adjusted against the cost of acquisition where they qualify as measurement period adjustments (see below). All other subsequent changes in the fair value of contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability are accounted for in accordance with relevant Standards. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration classified as equity are not recognised.

Where a business combination is achieved in stages, the Group's previously held interests in the acquired entity are remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date (i.e. the date the Group attains control) and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

The acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities that meet the conditions for recognition under AASB 3 are recognised at their fair value at the acquisition date, except that:

- deferred tax assets or liabilities and liabilities or assets related to employee benefit arrangements are recognised and measured in accordance with AASB 112 Income Taxes and AASB 119 Employee Benefits respectively;
- liabilities or equity instruments related to the replacement by the Group of an acquiree's share-based payment awards are measured in accordance with AASB 2 Share-based Payment; and
- assets (or disposal groups) that are classified as held for sale in accordance with AASB 5 Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations are measured in accordance with that Standard.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Group reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted during the measurement period, or additional assets or liabilities are recognised, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognised as of that date. The measurement period is the period from the date of acquisition to the date the Group obtains complete information about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date – and is subject to a maximum of one year.

(r) Impairment of Non-Current Assets

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that a non-current asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets and the asset's value in use cannot be estimated to be close to its fair value. In such cases the asset is tested for impairment as part of the cash-generating unit to which it belongs. When the carrying amount of an asset or cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset or cash-generating unit is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing the value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An assessment is also made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as a revaluation

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(r) Impairment of Non-Current Assets (Continued)

increase. After such a reversal the depreciation charge is adjusted in future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

(s) Acquisition of Assets

A group of assets may be acquired in a transaction which is not a business combination. In such cases the cost of the group is allocated to the individual identifiable assets (including intangible assets that meet the definition of and recognition criteria for intangible assets in AASB 138) acquired and liabilities assumed on the basis of their relative fair values at the date of purchase.

(t) Issued and Unissued Capital

Ordinary Shares and Performance Shares are classified as equity. Issued and paid-up capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Company. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

(u) Share-Based Payments

Equity-settled share-based payments are provided to officers, employees, consultants and other advisors. These share-based payments are measured at the fair value of the equity instrument at the grant date. Fair value of incentive options is determined using the Black Scholes option pricing model. Service and non-market performance conditions are not taken into account when determining the grant date fair value of awards, but the likelihood of the conditions being met is assessed as part of the Company's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. Market performance conditions are reflected within the grant date fair value. Any other conditions attached to an award, but without an associated service requirement, are considered to be non-vesting conditions. Non-vesting conditions are reflected in the fair value of an award and lead to an immediate expensing of an award unless there are also service and/or performance conditions.

The fair value determined at the grant date is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Company's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest. At each reporting date, the Company revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income over the remaining vesting period, with a corresponding adjustment to the share-based payments reserve.

Equity-settled share-based payments may also be provided as consideration for the acquisition of assets. Where Ordinary Shares are issued, the transaction is recorded at fair value based on the quoted price of the Ordinary Shares at the date of issue. The acquisition is then recorded as an asset or expensed in accordance with accounting standards.

(v) Rounding of Amounts

The company is of a kind referred to in Corporations Instrument 2026/183, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Corporations Instrument to the nearest dollar.

(w) Use and Revision of Accounting Estimates, Judgements and Assumptions

The preparation of the financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amount recognised in the financial statements are described in the following notes:

- Impairment of assets - Impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or cash generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The fair value less costs of disposal calculation is based on available data from binding sales transactions, conducted at arm's length, for similar assets or comparable market transactions less incremental costs for disposing of the asset. Given the nature of the assets held by the group, value in use is not considered appropriate in determining recoverable amount;
- Impairment of capitalised exploration and evaluation assets - The future recoverability of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is dependent on a number of factors, including whether the Group decides to exploit the related lease itself or, if not, whether it successfully recovers the related exploration and evaluation asset through sale. Factors which could impact the future recoverability include the level of proved, probable and inferred mineral resources, future technological changes which could impact the cost of mining, future legal changes (including changes to environmental restoration obligations) and changes to commodity prices. The assessment of whether there are any impairment indicators in respect of a capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure involves a number of judgements. These include whether the Group has the right to explore in the specific area of interest, whether ongoing expenditure is planned or budgeted and whether there is sufficient information for a decision to be made that the area of interest is not commercially viable. To the extent that it is determined in the future that this capitalised expenditure should be written off or impaired, this will reduce profits and net assets in the period in which this determination is made;
- Share-based payments - The Group measures the cost of share-based payments issued by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. Estimation is required at the date of issue to determine the fair value. The fair value is determined using an appropriate valuation model. The accounting estimates and assumptions relating to the equity settled transactions would have no impact on the carrying value of assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period but may impact expenses and equity. The assumptions and models used for estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions are disclosed in Note 18; and
- Contingent assets and liabilities - By their nature, contingencies will only be resolved when one or more uncertain future events occurs or fails to occur. Determination of the Group's contingent liabilities and contingent assets disclosed in the Financial Statements requires the exercise of significant judgement regarding the outcome of future events. This judgement includes assessing whether a present obligation exists as a result of a past event, and, where such an obligation is identified, whether it is probable that an outflow of economic resources will be required to settle it and whether the amount of that outflow can be reliably estimated. Where a reliable estimate cannot be made, or settlement is not considered probable, the item is disclosed as a contingent liability rather than recognised as a provision.

2. FINANCE INCOME

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Interest income	325,455	571,245
	325,455	571,245

3. OTHER EXPENSES

	Note	2026	2025
		\$	\$
Employee benefits expense (including KMP)			
Wages and salaries		390,000	390,000
Other employee benefits		40,800	41,975
Share-based payment expense	18	83,794	110,348
		514,594	542,323

4. INCOME TAX

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Recognised in the statement of profit or loss		
Current income tax		
Current income tax expense in respect of the current year	-	-
Deferred income tax		
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	-	-
Income tax expense reported in the statement of profit or loss	-	-
Reconciliation between tax expense and accounting profit/(loss) before income tax		
Accounting profit/(loss) before income tax	(2,562,612)	(4,690,384)
At the domestic income tax rate of 30% (2025: 30%)	(768,784)	(1,407,115)
Effect of different tax rates in foreign jurisdictions	255,733	1,330
Expenditure not allowable for income tax purposes	281,414	789,899
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	(352,897)
Adjustments in respect of deferred tax of previous years	(9,561)	64,406
Movement in deferred tax assets not brought to account	241,198	904,377
Income tax expense reported in the statement of profit or loss	-	-
Deferred tax assets and liabilities		
Deferred tax assets:		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5,946,000	5,946,000
Capital allowances	4,645,153	4,644,557
Accrued expenditure	16,545	20,398
Tax losses	2,181,460	1,948,787
Capital losses	19,453,539	19,453,539
Provisions	3,521	1,707
DTA used to offset DTL	(19)	(9,987)
Deferred tax assets not brought to account ⁽¹⁾	(32,246,199)	(32,005,001)
	-	-

4. INCOME TAX (Continued)

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Accrued interest	19	9,987
DTA used to offset DTL	(19)	(9,987)
	-	-

Note:

- ⁽¹⁾ The movement in 'deferred tax assets not brought to account' includes the impact of changes in tax rate and other adjustments made to prior period tax losses not recognised. The benefit of deferred tax assets not brought to account will only be brought to account if:
- future assessable income is derived of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefit to be realised;
 - the conditions for deductibility imposed by tax legislation continue to be complied with; and
 - no changes in tax legislation adversely affect the Group in realising the benefit.

Tax Consolidation

The Company and its wholly-owned Australian resident entities have formed a tax consolidated group and are therefore taxed as a single entity. The head entity within the tax consolidated group is Equatorial Resources Limited.

5. DIVIDENDS PAID OR PROVIDED FOR ON ORDINARY SHARES

No dividends have been paid or proposed for the year ended 30 June 2026 (2025: Nil).

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Cash at bank	7,069,260	9,580,827
Short term deposits ⁽¹⁾	20,000	20,000
	7,089,260	9,600,827

Note:

- ⁽¹⁾ Short term deposits are made for varying periods between one day and three months, depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group and earn interest at market term deposit rates. These deposits are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Accrued interest	63	33,288
GST/VAT receivable	22,806	22,897
Other receivables at amortised cost	6,719	2,718
	29,588	58,903

Note: Receivables are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition unless previously authorised. No receivables are past due. For credit risk disclosures see Note 21(b).

8. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Areas of Interest		
Nimba Alliance Project (Guinea)	-	-
Carrying amount at end of the period	-	-
Reconciliation		
Carrying amount at beginning of the period	-	1,993,924
Acquisition of Nimba Alliance Project	-	-
Impairment expense ⁽¹⁾	-	(1,993,924)
Carrying amount at end of the period	-	-

Note:

⁽¹⁾ During the last financial year, the Group received notification, via a news broadcast, that the two exploration permits comprising the Nimba Alliance Project had been cancelled by the Guinea government. Although the Group has not received formal notification from the Guinea government in relation to the outcome of its renewal applications for its exploration permits, this development was considered an indicator of impairment. The recoverable value of the project was assessed based on its fair value less costs of disposal (Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy). Given the early-stage nature of the project, jurisdictional risks, and the uncertainty surrounding license renewal, the recoverable value was determined to be nil. As a result, the carrying value of the capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure was fully impaired at 30 June 2025.

9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Trade creditors	58,417	28,746
Accrued expenses	55,150	102,893
Other payables	17,547	52,878
	131,114	184,517

10. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Issued capital		
Fully paid ordinary shares: 131,445,353 (2025: 131,445,353)	179,022,193	179,022,193

(a) Movements in Ordinary Shares During the Past Two Years

Details	No. of Ordinary Shares	\$
2026		
Opening balance at 1 July 2025	131,445,353	179,022,193
Closing balance at 30 June 2026	131,445,353	179,022,193

Details	No. of Ordinary Shares	\$
2025		
Opening balance at 1 July 2024	131,445,353	179,022,193
Closing balance at 30 June 2025	131,445,353	179,022,193

10. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY (Continued)

(b) Rights Attaching to Ordinary Shares

The rights attaching to fully paid Ordinary Shares ("Ordinary Shares") arise from a combination of the Company's Constitution, statute and general law. The clauses of the Constitution contain the internal rules of the Company and define matters such as the rights, duties and powers of its shareholders and directors, including provisions to the following effect (when read in conjunction with the *Corporations Act 2001* or Listing Rules).

Shares

The issue of shares in the capital of the Company and options over unissued shares by the Company is under the control of the Directors, subject to the Corporations Act 2001, ASX Listing Rules and any rights attached to any special class of shares.

Meetings of Members

Directors may call a meeting of members whenever they think fit. Members may call a meeting as provided by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Constitution contains provisions prescribing the content requirements of notices of meetings of members and all members are entitled to a notice of meeting. A meeting may be held in two or more places linked together by audio-visual communication devices. A quorum for a meeting of members is 2 shareholders. The Company holds annual general meetings in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the Listing Rules.

Voting

Subject to any rights or restrictions at the time being attached to any shares or class of shares of the Company, each member of the Company is entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at a general meeting. Resolutions of members will be decided by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded. On a show of hands each eligible voter present has one vote. However, where a person present at a general meeting represents personally or by proxy, attorney or representative more than one member, on a show of hands the person is entitled to one vote only despite the number of members the person represents. On a poll each eligible member has one vote for each fully paid share held and a fraction of a vote for each partly paid share determined by the amount paid up on that share.

Changes to the Constitution

The Company's Constitution can only be amended by a special resolution passed by at least three quarters of the members present and voting at a general meeting of the Company. At least 28 days' written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution must be given.

Listing Rules

Provided the Company remains admitted to the Official List, then despite anything in its Constitution, no act may be done that is prohibited by the Listing Rules, and authority is given for acts required to be done by the Listing Rules. The Company's Constitution will be deemed to comply with the Listing Rules as amended from time to time.

11. RESERVES

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Share-based payments reserve	11(b)	952,630	1,306,024
Foreign currency translation reserve	11(e)	219,593	219,593
		1,172,223	1,525,617

(a) Nature and Purpose of Reserves

Foreign currency translation reserve

Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign controlled entities are taken to the foreign currency translation reserve, as described in Note 1(e). The reserve is transferred to statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the net investment is disposed of.

Share-based payments reserve

The share-based payments reserve is used to record the fair value of options and performance rights issued by the Group.

11. RESERVES (Continued)

(b) Movements in share-based payments reserve during the past two years were as follows:

Date	Details	Note	Number of Incentive Options	Number of Performance Rights	Number of Unissued Deferred Shares	\$
2026						
1-Jul-2025	Opening Balance		7,600,000	500,000	5,000,000	1,306,024
2-Sept-2025	Issue of unlisted incentive options		1,000,000	-	-	-
9-Jun-2026	Expiry of unlisted incentive options		(4,000,000)	-	-	(402,000)
9-Jun-2026	Lapse of performance rights		-	(500,000)	-	(35,188)
30-Jun-2026	Share-based payments expense		-	-	-	83,794
30-Jun-2026	Closing Balance		4,600,000	-	5,000,000	952,630
2025						
1-Jul-2024	Opening Balance		4,000,000	500,000	5,000,000	1,195,676
13-Sept-2024	Issue of unlisted incentive options		3,600,000	-	-	-
30-Jun-2025	Share-based payments expense		-	-	-	110,348
30-Jun-2025	Closing Balance		7,600,000	500,000	5,000,000	1,306,024

(c) Terms and Conditions of Incentive Options

The Incentive Options were granted following shareholder approval under Listing Rule 10.14 based upon the following terms and conditions:

- Each Incentive Option entitles the holder to subscribe for one Ordinary Share upon exercise of each Incentive Option;
- The Incentive Options have the following exercise prices and expiry dates:
 - 2,800,000 Incentive Options that vest upon immediately from the date of issue, exercisable at \$0.20 each, expiring 30 September 2027; and
 - 1,800,000 Incentive Options that vest upon 12 months of continuous service from the date of issue, exercisable at \$0.30 each, expiring 30 September 2028.
- Subject to any vesting conditions, the Incentive Options are exercisable at any time prior to the Expiry Date;
- Ordinary Shares issued on exercise of the Incentive Options rank equally with the Ordinary Shares of the Company;
- Application will be made by the Company to ASX for official quotation of the Ordinary Shares issued upon the exercise of the Incentive Options;
- If there is any reconstruction of the issued share capital of the Company, the rights of the Option holders may be varied to comply with the ASX Listing Rules which apply to the reconstruction at the time of the reconstruction; and
- No application for quotation of the Incentive Options will be made by the Company.

(d) Terms and Conditions of Performance Rights

The Performance Rights were granted following shareholder under Listing Rule 10.14 based upon the following terms and conditions:

- Each Performance Right entitles the holder to subscribe for one Ordinary Share upon the vesting performance milestone being achieved by the Company;
- Ordinary Shares issued on exercise of the Performance Rights rank equally with the Ordinary Shares of the Company;
- Application will be made by the Company to ASX for official quotation of the Ordinary Shares issued upon the exercise of the Performance Rights;
- If there is any reconstruction of the issued share capital of the Company, the rights of the Right holders may be varied to comply with the ASX Listing Rules which apply to the reconstruction at the time of the reconstruction; and
- No application for quotation of the Performance Rights will be made by the Company.

(e) Movements in Foreign Currency Translation Reserve During the Past Two Years Were as Follows:

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Balance at 1 July	219,593	219,593
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-
Balance at 30 June	219,593	219,593

12. ACCUMULATED LOSSES

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July	(169,377,639)	(165,129,332)
Net loss for the year	(964,490)	(4,248,307)
Expiry of unlisted incentive options	402,000	-
Lapse of performance rights	35,188	-
Balance at 30 June	(169,904,941)	(169,377,639)

13. NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

During the 2024 year, the Group acquired the Nimba Alliance Project in Guinea. The acquisition of the Nimba Alliance Project was completed through acquisition of 100% of the issued capital of Companhia Rio de Ferro Pte. Ltd. ("CRF"), a Singaporean private company, from the shareholders of CRF ("Vendors"). CRF owns 100% of Gui-Appro SARL ("Gui-Appro"), a Guinean private company which holds the Nimba West exploration permit, and 56% of Steelridge Resources Pte. Ltd. ("Steelridge"), a Singaporean private company which owns 100% of First Metal SARL ("FMS"), a Guinean private company which holds the Nimba North permit. The Vendors will beneficially retain the remaining 44% of Steelridge and FMS. A non-controlling interest representing 44% of the net assets in Steelridge and FMS has been recognised. Other comprehensive income relating to these entities since 31 July 2023 has also been shown as attributable to the non-controlling interest.

During the 2020 year, the Group entered into a strategic alliance agreement with Rock Mining SARL ("Rock Mining") to advance the development of Badondo. Pursuant to the strategic alliance, Rock Mining will assist Equatorial with its ongoing activities in the Congo in relation to Badondo. As consideration for entering into the alliance agreement and provision of these services, Rock Mining was granted a 20% interest in EEPL Holdings which is the 100% owner of Congo Mining Exploration Ltd SARL, which is the legal and beneficial owner of the Badondo Iron Project. A non-controlling interest representing 20% of the net assets in EEPL Holdings and Congo Mining Exploration Ltd SARL has been recognised. Other comprehensive income relating to these entities since 3 February 2020 has also been shown as attributable to the non-controlling interest.

14. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of the Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax to the Net Cash Flows from Operations

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Profit/(loss) for the year	(2,562,612)	(4,690,384)
Adjustment for non-cash income and expense items		
Share-based payment expense	83,794	110,348
Net foreign exchange loss/(gain)	(13,576)	(3,118)
Impairment of E&E asset	-	1,993,924
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	14,609	18,059
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(33,782)	(1,645,164)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(2,511,567)	(4,216,335)

15. LOSS PER SHARE

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

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Net loss used in calculating basic and diluted loss per share	(964,490)	(4,248,307)
	Number of Ordinary Shares 2026	Number of Ordinary Shares 2025
Weighted average number of Ordinary Shares used in calculating basic and diluted loss per share	131,445,353	131,445,353

(a) Anti-Dilutive Securities

As at 30 June 2026, 4,600,000 Incentive Options (which together represent 4,600,000 potential Ordinary Shares) and 5,000,000 unissued deferred shares were considered non-dilutive as they would decrease the loss per share.

(b) Conversions, Calls, Subscriptions or Issues after 30 June 2026

Subsequent to 30 June 2026, there have been no conversions to, calls of, subscriptions for, or issues of shares or potential shares since the reporting date and before the completion of this financial report.

16. RELATED PARTIES

(a) Subsidiaries

Name	Country of Incorporation	% Equity Interest	
		2026	2025
Equatorial Exploration Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Equatorial (ROC) Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Companhia Rio de Ferro Pte. Ltd	Singapore	100%	100%
Steelridge Resources Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	56%	56%
Gui-Appro SARL	Guinea	100%	100%
First Metal SARL	Guinea	56%	56%
EEPL Holdings	Mauritius	80%	80%
Congo Mining Exploration Ltd SARL	Republic of Congo	80%	80%
Equatorial (Africa) Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Equatorial Resources Pte Ltd	Singapore	100%	100%
Titan Resources Pte Ltd	Singapore	100%	100%
PT Krypton Mining	Indonesia	51%	51%
PT Mustang Mining	Indonesia	70%	70%
Equatorial (Gabon) Limited	Gabon	100%	100%

(b) Ultimate Parent

Equatorial Resources Limited is the ultimate parent of the Group.

(c) Key Management Personnel

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Short-term employee benefits	390,000	390,000
Post-employment benefits	40,800	41,975
Share-based payments	83,794	92,347
	514,594	524,322

No loans were provided to or received from Key Management Personnel during the year ended 30 June 2026 (2025: Nil).

Apollo Group Pty Ltd, a company of which Mr Mark Pearce is a director and beneficial shareholder, was paid or is payable \$390,000 (2025: \$390,000) for the provision of administrative, accounting, secretarial, and corporate services during the year. The amount is based on a monthly retainer due and payable in advance, with no fixed term, and the agreement may be terminated by either party with one month's notice.

Further details relating to Key Management Personnel, including remuneration details and equity holdings are included in the Remuneration Report.

16. RELATED PARTIES (continued)

(d) Transactions with Related Parties

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

17. PARENT ENTITY DISCLOSURES

	2026 \$	2025 \$
(a) Financial Position		
Assets		
Current Assets	7,116,998	9,659,728
Total Assets	7,116,998	9,659,728
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	126,294	190,207
Total Liabilities	126,294	190,207
Equity		
Contributed equity	179,022,193	179,022,193
Accumulated losses	(172,984,119)	(170,858,695)
Reserves	952,630	1,306,023
Total Equity	6,990,704	9,469,521
(b) Financial Performance		
Profit/(Loss) for the year	(2,125,423)	(2,689,486)
Total comprehensive profit/(loss)	(2,125,423)	(2,689,486)

(c) Other information

The Company has not entered into any guarantees in relation to its subsidiaries. Refer to Note 22 for details of contingent assets and liabilities.

18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

(a) Recognised Share-based Payment Expense

From time to time, the Group provides Ordinary Shares, Incentive Options or Performance Rights to officers, employees, consultants and other key advisors as part of remuneration and incentive arrangements. The number of options or rights granted, and the terms of the options or rights granted are determined by the Board. Shareholder approval is sought where required. During the past two years, the following equity-settled share-based payments have been recognised:

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Expense arising from equity-settled share-based payment transactions	83,794	110,348

(b) Summary of Incentive Options and Performance Rights granted as Share-Based Payments

The following Incentive Options and Performance Rights were granted as share-based payments during the last two years:

2026	Security Type	Number	Grant Date	Vesting Date	Expiry Date	Exercise Price \$	Vesting hurdle \$	Grant Date Fair Value \$
Series 1	Options	1,800,000	13-Sep-24	13-Sep-24	30-Sep-27	\$0.20	-	\$0.032
Series 2	Options	1,800,000	13-Sep-24	13-Sep-25	30-Sep-28	\$0.30	-	\$0.028
Series 3	Options	1,000,000	02-Sep-25	02-Sep-25	30-Sep-27	\$0.20	-	\$0.070

18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)

The following table illustrates the number and weighted average exercise prices (WAEP) of Incentive Options and Performance Rights granted as share-based payments at the beginning and end of the financial year:

	2026 (Number)	2026 (WAEP)	2025 (Number)	2025 (WAEP)
Outstanding at beginning of year	8,100,000	\$0.33	4,500,000	\$0.40
Issue of incentive options	1,000,000	\$0.20	3,600,000	\$0.25
Expiry of incentive options	(4,000,000)	\$0.45	-	-
Lapse of performance rights	(500,000)	-	-	-
Outstanding at end of year	4,600,000	\$0.24	8,100,000	\$0.33

(c) Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life

At 30 June 2026, the weighted average remaining contractual life of Incentive Options on issue that had been granted as share-based payments was 1.64 years (2025: 1.75 years).

(d) Range of Exercise Prices

At 30 June 2026, the range of exercise prices of Incentive Options on issue that had been granted as share-based payments was \$0.20 to \$0.30 (2025: nil to \$0.50).

(e) Weighted Average Fair Value

The weighted average fair value of options granted as share-based payments by the Group during the year ended 30 June 2026 was \$0.07 (2025: \$0.03)

(f) Option and Rights Pricing Model

The fair value of Incentive Options granted is estimated as at the date of grant using the Black Scholes option valuation model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the Incentive Options were granted.

The table below lists the inputs to the valuation model used for Incentive Options granted by the Group during the last two years:

2026	Series 1	Series 2	Series 3
Security Type	Options	Options	Options
Exercise price	\$0.20	\$0.30	\$0.20
Grant date share price	\$0.125	\$0.125	\$0.19
Dividend yield ¹	-	-	-
Volatility ²	55%	55%	65%
Risk-free interest rate	3.42%	3.47%	3.37%
Grant date	13-Sep-24	13-Sep-24	02-Sep-25
Expiry date	30-Sep-27	30-Sep-28	30-Sep-27
Expected life of option ³	3.05 years	4.00 years	2.08 years
Fair value at grant date	\$0.032	\$0.028	\$0.070

Notes:

¹ The dividend yield reflects the assumption that the current dividend payout will remain unchanged.

² The expected volatility reflects the assumption that the historical volatility is indicative of future trends, which may not necessarily be the actual outcome.

³ The expected life of the option is based the expiry date of the right as the date milestones may be achieved is not able to be determined.

19. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The auditor of Equatorial Resources Limited is Ernst & Young. Amounts received or due and receivable by Ernst & Young (Australia) are outlined below:

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
An audit or review of the financial report of the Company and any other entity in the consolidated group	62,739	60,183
Taxation and advisory services provided to the Company and any other entity in the consolidated group	12,000	26,000
	74,739	86,183

20. SEGMENT INFORMATION

AASB 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Consolidated Entity that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance.

The Consolidated Entity operates in one segment, being mineral exploration. This is the basis on which internal reports are provided to the Directors for assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources within the Consolidated Entity.

(a) Reconciliation of non-current assets by geographical location

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Australia	-	-
Republic of Congo	-	-
Republic of Guinea (Note 8)	-	-

Non-Current Assets for this purpose consist of exploration and evaluation assets.

(b) Reconciliation of finance income by geographical location

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Australia	325,455	571,245
Republic of Congo	-	-
Republic of Guinea	-	-
	325,455	571,245

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

(a) Overview

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise receivables, payables, cash, and investments at fair value through profit or loss. The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks, its objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital. Other than as disclosed, there have been no significant changes since the previous financial year to the exposure to or management of these risks. The Group manages its exposure to key financial risks in accordance with the Group's financial risk management policy. Key risks are monitored and reviewed as circumstances change (e.g. acquisition of a new project) and policies are revised as required. The overall objective of the Group's financial risk management policy is to support the delivery of the Group's financial targets whilst protecting future financial security.

Given the nature and size of the business and uncertainty as to the timing and amount of cash inflows and outflows, the Group does not enter into derivative transactions to mitigate the financial risks. In addition, the Group's policy is that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken for the purposes of making speculative gains. As the Group's operations change, the Directors will review this policy periodically going forward. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing the Group's financial risks as summarised below.

(b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. This arises principally from cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables.

The carrying amount of the Group's financial assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure, as represented below:

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	7,089,260	9,600,827
Trade and other receivables	29,588	58,903
	7,118,848	9,659,730

With respect to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables, the Group's exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counter party, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. Where possible, the Group invests its cash and cash equivalents with banks that are rated the equivalent of investment grade and above. The Group's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties.

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Credit Risk (Continued)

The Group does not have any significant customers and accordingly does not have any significant exposure to bad or doubtful debts. Receivables at 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025 are comprised primarily of trade receivables and GST receivable. Where possible the Group trades only with recognised, creditworthy third parties. Receivables are expected to be collected in full and the Group has no history of credit losses.

(c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Board's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that the Group will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due. As at 30 June 2026 and the date of this report, the Group has sufficient liquid assets to meet its financial obligations.

The contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments for the Group, are provided below. There are no netting arrangements in respect of financial liabilities.

	≤6 Months \$	6-12 Months \$	1-5 Years \$	≥5 Years \$	Total \$
2026					
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	131,114	-	-	-	131,114
	131,114	-	-	-	131,114
2025					
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	184,517	-	-	-	184,517
	184,517	-	-	-	184,517

(d) Interest Rate Risk

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to cash and short-term deposits with a floating interest rate. These financial assets with variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. All other financial assets and liabilities, in the form of receivables and payables are non-interest bearing. At the reporting date, the interest rate profile of the Group's interest-bearing financial instruments was:

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Interest-bearing financial instruments		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,089,260	9,600,827
	7,089,260	9,600,827

The Group's cash at bank and on hand and short-term deposits had a weighted average floating interest rate at year end of 4.35% (2025: 4.71%). The Group currently does not engage in any hedging or derivative transactions to manage interest rate risk.

Interest rate sensitivity

A sensitivity of 1% (100 basis points) has been selected as this is considered reasonable given the current level of both short term and long-term interest rates. A 1% (100 basis points) movement in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) profit and loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis as in 2025.

	Effect on Profit or loss	
	+ 100 basis points \$	- 100 basis points \$
2026		
Cash and cash equivalents	70,893	(70,893)
2025		
Cash and cash equivalents	96,008	(96,008)

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (Continued)

(e) Foreign Currency Risk

As a result of activities overseas, the Group's statement of financial position can be affected by movements in exchange rates. The Group also has transactional currency exposures. Such exposure arises from transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Company. The Group currently does not engage in any hedging or derivative transactions to manage foreign currency risk. At the reporting date, the Group does not have any material exposure to financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies.

(f) Capital Management

The Group defines its capital as total equity of the Group, being \$6,990,705 as at 30 June 2026 (2025: \$9,469,523). The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while financing the development of its projects through primarily equity-based financing. The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. Given the stage of development of the Group, the Board's objective is to minimise debt and to raise funds as required through the issue of new shares. The Group is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements. There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the year. During the next 12 months, the Group will continue to review new business opportunities in the resources sector and conduct exploration and development activities.

(g) Fair Value

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities not carried at fair value approximates their carrying value.

22. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Congo Arbitration

During the 2022 financial year, through its Mauritian subsidiary EEPL Holdings, the Group commenced international arbitration proceedings against the Republic of Congo (**Congo**) at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**). EEPL brought its claims against Congo under the Agreement between the Government of Congo and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments (**Congo-Mauritius BIT**), under which EEPL's investments in Congo are protected by virtue of EEPL being a Mauritian company. EEPL's claims include that Congo unlawfully expropriated its investments in the Badondo Iron Ore Project and the Mayoko-Moussondji Iron Ore Project in Congo, and failed to accord EEPL fair and equitable treatment, in violation of the Congo-Mauritius BIT. The final hearing was completed on 11 November 2025 at ICSID in Washington DC. Following completion of the final hearing, the ICSID arbitral tribunal (**Tribunal**) will now render a decision in due course which could include a final award. While there is no specified date for the Tribunal to render its award, a final award may be rendered around 12 months thereafter (indicative timing only). In addition, the Tribunal has ordered Congo to pay EEPL \$1,236,917, reflecting costs that EEPL incurred as a result of the last-minute postponement of the final hearing. From 13 July 2025, interest commenced accruing on these costs at a rate of 5.10% per annum. Whilst the Group is preparing for enforcement activities in relation to this award, with the amount having not been received, the Group has not recognised the \$1,236,917 as an asset, given that the final award to be rendered by the ICSID arbitral tribunal following the final hearing is not yet known.

In consideration for the services to be provided by Mr John Welborn (a Key Management Personnel), the Group has issued Mr Welborn a right entitling him to receive 5% of the net compensation received by the Group in connection with the Congo claims or arbitration proceedings. The consultancy agreement is for an initial period of three years and will be automatically extended for a period of two years if the arbitration proceedings have not concluded within the initial three-year period. Mr Welborn has the option to extend the term for an additional two years if the arbitration proceedings are not concluded within the five-year period. The Group may terminate the consultancy agreement by providing 30 days' notice if there is a material breach by Mr Welborn or Mr Welborn commits an act of gross negligence, fraud, serious misconduct, or a criminal offence.

Clifford Chance Arbitration

After the end of the 2026 financial year, the Company and EEPL were served with a notice of arbitration by Clifford Chance in relation to a dispute between the parties over legal fees. Clifford Chance claims that Equatorial and EEPL have failed to pay Clifford Chance LLP two invoices totalling \$4,853,493. The Company and EEPL will vigorously defend the arbitration, which is ongoing. Based on legal advice received and having regard to the early stage of the proceedings, the directors do not consider it probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in respect of the claim. Accordingly, no provision for any liability has been made in these financial statements.

23. COMMITMENTS

As at 30 June 2026, the Group did not have any commitments (2025: nil).

24. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Subsequent to 30 June 2026, the Company and EEPL were served with a notice of arbitration by Clifford Chance in relation to a dispute between the parties over legal fees. Clifford Chance claims that Equatorial and EEPL have failed to pay Clifford Chance LLP two invoices totalling \$4,853,493. The Company and EEPL will vigorously defend the arbitration.

Other than the above, at the date of this report, there are no matters or circumstances which have arisen since 30 June 2026 that have significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2026, of the Consolidated Entity;
- the results of those operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2026, of the Consolidated Entity; or
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2026, of the Consolidated Entity.

Basis of preparation

This consolidated entity disclosure statement ("CEDS") has been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and includes information for each entity that was part of the consolidated entity as at the end of the financial year in accordance with AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements.

Determination of tax residency

Section 295 (3A)(vi) of the Corporations Act 2001 defines tax residency as having the meaning in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The determination of tax residency involves judgement as there are different interpretations that could be adopted, and which could give rise to a different conclusion on residency. In determining tax residency, the consolidated entity has applied the following interpretations:

- Australian tax residency: the consolidated entity has applied current legislation and judicial precedent, including having regard to the Tax Commissioner's public guidance in Tax Ruling TR 2018/5; and
- Foreign tax residency: where necessary, the consolidated entity has used independent tax advisers in foreign jurisdictions to assist in its determination of tax residency to ensure applicable foreign tax legislation has been complied with (see section 295(3A)(vii) of the Corporations Act 2001).

Name of Controlled Entity	Entity type	Place of incorporation	% of share capital	Australian resident or foreign resident	Foreign jurisdiction(s) of foreign residents
Equatorial Resources Ltd	Body corporate	Australia		Australia	N/A
Equatorial Exploration Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australia	N/A
Equatorial (ROC) Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australia	N/A
Equatorial (Africa) Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australia	N/A
EEPL Holdings	Body corporate	Mauritius	80%	Foreign	Seychelles
Congo Mining Exploration Ltd SARL	Body corporate	Republic of Congo	80%	Foreign	Republic of Congo
Equatorial Resources Pte Ltd	Body corporate	Singapore	100%	Foreign	- ⁽¹⁾
Titan Resources Pte Ltd	Body corporate	Singapore	100%	Foreign	- ⁽¹⁾
PT Krypton Mining	Body corporate	Indonesia	51%	Foreign	Indonesia
PT Mustang Mining	Body corporate	Indonesia	70%	Foreign	Indonesia
Equatorial (Gabon) Limited	Body corporate	Gabon	100%	Foreign	Gabon
Companhia Rio de Ferro Pte. Ltd.	Body corporate	Singapore	100%	Foreign	- ⁽¹⁾
Steelridge Resources Pte. Ltd.	Body corporate	Singapore	56%	Foreign	- ⁽¹⁾
Gui-Appro SARL	Body corporate	Republic of Guinea	100%	Foreign	Republic of Guinea
First Metal SARL	Body corporate	Republic of Guinea	56%	Foreign	Republic of Guinea

Notes:

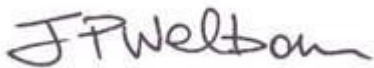
- ⁽¹⁾ To be resident of Singapore under Singaporean tax law, there must have been sufficient Central Management and Control (CMAC) exercised in Singapore during the year. As there was no evidence of CMAC being exercised by these entities during the year they have been disclosed as stateless.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Equatorial Resources Limited:

1. In the opinion of the Directors:
 - (a) the attached financial statements, notes and the additional disclosures included in the Directors' report designated as audited, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) section 296 (compliance with accounting standards and Corporations Regulations 2001); and
 - (ii) section 297 (gives a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the consolidated group); and
 - (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
 - (c) the consolidated entity disclosure statement required by section 295(3A) of the Corporations Act 2001 is true and correct.
2. The attached financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as stated in note 1 to the financial statements.
3. The Directors have been given a declaration required by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

On behalf of the Board



JOHN WELBORN
Non-Executive Director

24 September 2026



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Independent auditor's report to the members of Equatorial Resources Limited

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Equatorial Resources Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2026 and of its consolidated financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matter below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial report.



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Assessment of arbitration claim and related contingent liability

Why significant	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
As disclosed in Note 22, the Group was served with a notice of arbitration relating to unpaid invoices for legal services totalling \$4,853,493. The Group disputes the claim and, based on legal advice, has disclosed the amount as a contingent liability rather than recognised a provision. Significant judgement is required to assess whether the Group has a present obligation, whether an outflow of economic resources is probable and whether the amount of any obligation can be reliably estimated in determining whether a provision should be recognised or a contingent liability disclosed. Given the amount claimed, the uncertainty of the outcome and the significant judgement involved, we considered this to be a key audit matter.	Our audit procedures included the following: ▪ Obtained an understanding of the Group's process for assessing the claim and the related accounting treatment; ▪ Read the engagement agreement and related terms governing the legal services to which the claim relates; ▪ Inspected the notice of arbitration and other relevant legal correspondence; ▪ Held discussions with the Group's external solicitors representing the Group in relation to the matter to understand the status of the proceedings and their assessment of the claim; ▪ Obtained written representations from the Group's external solicitors regarding the matter; ▪ Evaluated the Group's assessment of whether it had a present obligation and whether an outflow of economic resources was probable, having regard to the available legal advice; ▪ Considered developments up to the date of our auditor's report; and ▪ Assessed the adequacy of the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.

Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in the Company's 2026 annual report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of:

- The financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- The consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*; and

for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of:

- The financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- The consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct and is free of misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.



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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Plan and perform the Group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the Group financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for the purposes of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



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Report on the audit of the Remuneration Report

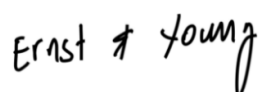
Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2026.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Equatorial Resources Limited for the year ended 30 June 2026, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.



Ernst & Young



Jared Jaworski
Partner
Perth
24 September 2026

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Equatorial Resources Limited and the entities it controls believe corporate governance is important for the Company in conducting its business activities.

The Board of Equatorial has adopted a suite of charters and key corporate governance documents which articulate the policies and procedures followed by the Company. These documents are available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.equatorialresources.com.au. These documents are reviewed annually to address any changes in governance practices and the law.

The Company's Corporate Governance Statement 2026, which explains how Equatorial complies with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's 'Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations – 4th Edition' in relation to the year ended 30 June 2026, is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.equatorialresources.com.au and will be lodged with ASX together with an Appendix 4G at the same time that this Annual Report is lodged with ASX.

In addition to the ASX Corporate Governance Council's 'Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations – 4th Edition' the Board has taken into account a number of important factors in determining its corporate governance policies and procedures, including the:

- relatively simple operations of the Company, which currently only undertakes mineral exploration and development activities;
- cost verses benefit of additional corporate governance requirements or processes;
- size of the Board;
- Board's experience in the resources sector;
- organisational reporting structure and number of reporting functions, operational divisions and employees;
- relatively simple financial affairs with limited complexity and quantum;
- relatively small market capitalisation and economic value of the entity; and
- direct shareholder feedback.

ASX ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The shareholder information set out below was applicable as at 31 August 2026.

1. Twenty Largest Shareholders

The names of the twenty largest shareholders are listed below:

Name	Number of Ordinary Shares	Percentage of Ordinary Shares
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES <AUSTRALIA> LIMITED	19,990,616	15.21
BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <IB AU NOMS RETAILCLIENT>	16,134,728	12.27
CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	8,255,807	6.28
MR MARK STUART SAVAGE <MARK SAVAGE REVOCABLE A/C>	7,583,058	5.77
ARREDO PTY LTD	7,500,000	5.71
MR ANGUS WILLIAM JOHNSON + MRS LINDY JOHNSON <DENA SUPER FUND A/C>	7,241,919	5.51
MR JOHN PAUL WELBORN + MS CAROLINE ANNE WELBORN <WELBORN FAMILY A/C>	4,500,000	3.42
BNP PARIBAS NOMS PTY LTD	4,300,795	3.27
INKESE PTY LTD	3,000,000	2.28
CROESUS MINING PTY LTD <STEINEPREIS SUPER FUND A/C>	2,630,000	2.00
DRFT MANAGEMENT PTY LTD <D ROBERTS INVEST NO2 A/C>	2,400,000	1.83
MR ADAM GARE	1,900,000	1.45
BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <CLEARSTREAM>	1,728,033	1.31
MR FLORENT DECKOUS KOUKOU MINA	1,630,000	1.24
BOUCHI PTY LTD	1,533,500	1.17
CELTIC FINANCE CORP PTY LTD	1,500,000	1.14
FEREOLE PTY LTD <J & C WELBORN SUPER A/C>	1,500,000	1.14
ANGUS WILLIAM JOHNSON + LINDY JOHNSON <THE DENA SUPER FUND A/C>	1,433,765	1.09
MR CHRISTOPHER LUKE BAITA	1,373,729	1.05
MR JOHN PAUL WELBORN	1,240,000	0.94
Total Top 20	97,375,950	74.08
Others	34,069,403	25.92
Total Ordinary Shares on Issue	131,445,353	100.00

2. Distribution of Equity Securities

Analysis of numbers of holders by size of holding:

Distribution	Ordinary Shares		
	Number of Shareholders	Number of Shares	% Units
1 – 1,000	765	166,031	0.13%
1,001 – 5,000	154	428,016	0.33%
5,001 – 10,000	70	557,482	0.42%
10,001 – 100,000	143	5,683,764	4.32%
More than 100,000	87	124,610,060	94.80%
Totals	1,219	131,445,353	100.00%

There were 876 holders of less than a marketable parcel of ordinary shares.

ASX ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Continued)

3. Voting Rights

See Note 10(b) of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

4. Substantial Shareholders

Substantial Shareholder notices have been received from the following:

	Number of Shares
BlackRock Group	10,002,091
Arredo Pty Ltd	7,500,000
Mr John Welborn	7,500,000

5. On-Market Buy Back

There are currently no on-market buyback programs for any of Equatorial Resources Limited's listed securities.

6. Unquoted Securities

As at 31 August 2026, all of the Company's unquoted securities on issue had been issued under an employee incentive scheme.

7. Mineral Resources Statement

As at 30 June 2026, the Company has no reported Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves for its exploration projects.

8. Exploration Interests

As at 31 August 2026, the Company has an interest in the following tenements:

Project Name	Tenement Type	Tenement Number	Percentage Interest	Status
Nimba West permit, Republic of Guinea	Exploration permit	A/2019/149/DIGM/CPDM	100%	Awaiting renewal (refer to discussion in Director's Report above)
Nimba North permit, Republic of Guinea	Exploration permit	A/2020/135/DIGM/CPDM	56%	Awaiting renewal (refer to discussion in Director's Report above)
Badondo permit, Republic of Congo	Exploration permit	Decree No. 2015-984	100%	In dispute (refer to discussion in Director's Report above)



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