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# Dear Shareholders,

Over the past year we have made excellent progress towards establishing ourselves as a key power player in Botswana, culminating in being awarded our Mining Licence in August 2017. This was a key target as we work towards our goal of reducing the regional power deficit in Southern Africa through the development of our gas to power project via Coal Bed Methane ('CBM').

We are privileged to have the support of the forward-thinking Government of Botswana, which announced last year that CBM, a relatively clean source of energy and more competitively priced than solar and diesel, is to be included as part of the country's forward plan to combat power deficiency. Early in 2017, with our Environmental Impact Statement for upstream development already approved, we were delighted to receive a Request for Proposal ('RFP') from the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security to provide up to 100MW of CBM power from Lesedi. A detailed response to this RFP will be submitted in Q3 2017 which will incorporate a phased approach, firstly delivering up to 10MW, before expanding further. This phased development plan would allow power to get to the grid sooner, thereby generating revenue for the Company and would require less capital expenditure upfront.

As 100% owners of the most advanced CBM project in Botswana we believe we are in an excellent position to deliver the project outlined in our response to the RFP. In addition, we have collaborated with a leading power plant developer, London based Independent Power Corporation PLC ('IPC') to jointly develop our CBM power project with Tlou taking responsibility for the gas field development and IPC leading the power generation aspect of the project. IPC brings power generation experience and funding partners to the project which significantly enhances its viability. Notably, IPC has since entered into a joint venture partnership, "QG Power Africa", with QG Africa Mezzanine LP, a US\$250 million investment vehicle which is part of the Quantum Global Group, and Tomé International Limited, a project management consulting firm, to jointly develop power assets in sub-Saharan Africa.

Tlou's Lesedi project has Botswana's first independently-certified CBM reserves which were upgraded to 3.9 billion cubic feet ('BCF') 2P and 261 BCF 3P gas reserves. We believe there is significant further upside to these figures which will come to fruition through further de-risking of both the Lesedi and Mamba project areas. With this in mind we have commissioned a 2D seismic survey over areas considered to be highly prospective for the addition of gas reserves. As well as potentially increasing the contingent resources and reserves the results of the survey will provide information which will enhance our knowledge of the sub-surface structures and resources in advance of further core well drilling.

Tlou has been producing gas from its operations in Botswana for over a year and in June 2017 generated its first power from CBM, a significant milestone for the Company and in effect a proof of concept of 'first gas monetisation'. This landmark achievement followed the installation of a gas generator at the Selemo project area which is now running on gas being produced by our own wells. Power required to run pumps and metering at the Selemo wells was previously supplied solely by diesel generators.

During the year, we were delighted to complete a share purchase plan and placings to raise A\$9.7 million which was well supported by new investors and existing shareholders. This cash has enabled us to undertake additional field appraisal and to finalise licencing requirements. Additionally, on a corporate level we have made two valuable additions to the Tlou Board as Non-Executive Directors. We welcome Mr. Hugh Swire who brings expert knowledge and direct investment experience in the low carbon, water, energy and technology sectors having completed and exited investments into several leading companies in the low carbon sector; and Ms. Linah Mohohlo, who as well as being the former Governor of the Bank of Botswana, has significant experience in the mining industry in Botswana.

This has been a highly active year for Tlou. With the Lesedi Mining Licence now in hand which is an important prerequisite to developing the first commercial gas-to-power project in the Botswana, we have a range of milestones ahead that are set to be pivotal in shaping our future and we believe we are very well placed to achieve our objectives. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tlou Board, Management Team, Advisers and most importantly our shareholders for their continued support during this exciting time for Tlou.

Yours faithfully,

Martin McIver Chairman

# MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# Dear Shareholders,

The Lesedi CBM project has been further de-risked during the year after achieving some major milestones as we aim to deliver power to Botswana and the Southern African region.

In September 2016, we were granted approval of our Environmental Impact Statement ('EIS') by Botswana's Department of Environmental Affairs ('DEA'). This process took over two years to be completed including preparation of all regulatory documentation, followed by a review and final approval by the Government. An approved EIS is essential prior to the application for a Mining Licence in Botswana. A Mining Licence is required prior to the commencement of full field development. With our EIS in place, post-year end we submitted our Mining Licence application to Botswana's Department of Mines in the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security. We received notification in August 2017 that the application had been successful and the Mining Licence was granted. This was the first CBM mining licence granted in Botswana, with the Mining Licence covering a large area of approximately 900km<sup>2</sup>



In October 2016, we were delighted to receive an initial independent reserve certification from SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd ('SRK'), marking Botswana's first independently certified CBM natural gas reserves. In early 2017, we were able to reinforce the commerciality of the project with a significant upgrade to these reserves with an increase in 2P (Proved and Probable) gas reserves to 3.9 billion cubic feet ('BCF') and 3P (Proved, Probable and Possible) gas reserves to 261 BCF. These increases comprised additional certified reserves in the Lesedi Project area (PL 002) based on a southern extension of the Selemo pilot area; and initial certified reserves in the Mamba Project area (PL's 238 and 240) based on a western extension of the Selemo pilot area. Together, we believe that the Lesedi and Mamba projects will continue to develop into a valuable resource for our shareholders as we work towards increasing the certified gas reserves in both areas.

In January 2017, we received a detailed Request for Proposal ('RFP') from the Government of Botswana to develop up to 100MW of CBM power in Botswana. This indicates the Government's commitment to facilitate the development of a CBM industry in Botswana. The proposed Government power purchase agreement will assist in fast-tracking the development of the gas industry in the country and creates a new market for our gas. We made the decision to partner with Independent Power Corporation PLC to jointly develop our proposed (up to) 100 MW CBM to power project. Together, we have finalised work on a detailed proposal for the supply of CBM power in modular stages, which forms a significant part of the planned submission to the Government of Botswana in response to the RFP.

In line with further de-risking our project ahead of development we appointed Velseis Ptv Ltd ('Velseis'), an experienced seismic survey contractor, to undertake a fully funded seismic survey for both the Lesedi and Mamba permits. The seismic survey will assist in our plan to drill more wells, by providing us with enhanced knowledge of sub-surface structures and resources in our project areas. The seismic survey will expand our geological database beyond the known gas reserve areas by providing data on potential gas reservoir compartments that have been identified outside the currently mapped gas reserve areas. Geological information over these compartments is relatively sparse other than the existing aeromagnetic data held by the Company, which was reprocessed by our reserve certifiers during the year. New seismic information is anticipated to potentially expand gas reserves and/or contingent resources should it be demonstrated that continuity of gas-rich coal exists. We look forward to reporting the results later this year.

Following the installation of a gas generator at the Selemo project area during the year, we generated our first power from CBM at the Lesedi project. Rather than flaring gas produced from the Selemo pilot wells, it can now be redirected to a gas generator for use in the field. Use of this indigenous gas provides a saving to the Company due to the reduced diesel requirement, effectively 'first gas monetisation'. We plan to replace another diesel generator in the near term which would provide further savings on diesel costs.

We believe that Tlou is well positioned to succeed in the RFP tender process and we look forward to providing further updates over the coming months. This is an exciting time for Tlou and I would like to thank our ground team for the consistent hard work in moving this project forward.

Yours faithfully,

**Anthony Gilby** Managing Director



# **DIRECTORS**



Martin McIver
Non-Executive Chairman

# **Experience**

Martin holds an MBA (International) from the American Graduate School of International Management, a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Valuations (FINSIA/Kaplan) and a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) from the Queensland University of Technology.

Martin has over 14 years experience as General Manager for mining services companies including bulk and dangerous goods logistics, and drilling services. Martin was the Executive General Manager of the Mitchell Group, a vertically integrated coal and coal seam gas company with investments and operations across Australia, Asia and Africa. Prior to joining the Mitchell Group, Martin was a Director in Mergers and Acquisitions with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Martin was appointed Non-Executive Director in September 2010 and is currently the Chief Financial Officer of the Workpac group.



Anthony Gilby Managing Director

# **Experience**

Tony was appointed Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director in March 2012 and has over 30 years experience in the oil and gas industry. He is a founding director of Tlou.

Tony was awarded a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours) degree in Geology from the University of Adelaide in 1984, and also won the University Medal in Geology (Tate Memorial Medal). Tony began his career working as a well-site geologist for Delhi Petroleum in the Cooper Basin. He subsequently joined ESSO Australia. His roles with ESSO included exploration geology, geophysics, petrophysics and a period of time working in the Exxon Production Research Centre in Houston studying the seismic application of sequence stratigraphy.

On his return to Australia, he continued to work with ESSO in a New Ventures capacity working on a variety of projects prior to relocating to Brisbane where he worked for MIM Petroleum and the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company (LL&E). In 1996, he left LL&E to take on a consulting role as well as the acquisition of prospective Queensland acreage in a private capacity. This work culminated with the founding of Sunshine Gas Limited where he remained Managing Director until its sale in late 2008. He is a former non-executive director of ASX listed Comet Ridge Limited.



Gabaake Gabaake
Executive Director

# **Experience**

Gabaake graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Botswana in 1986 followed by a Masters degree in groundwater hydrology from the University College of London in 1989.

Gabaake is a Botswana citizen based in Gaborone. He is a former Botswana Government senior public servant who headed the Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources. Prior to that, he served at the Ministry of Local Government.

Gabaake has served on various private company boards including De Beers Group, Debswana Diamond Company (Pty) Limited and Diamond Trading Company Botswana. During the past three years, Gabaake has not served as a Director of any other ASX listed companies.



**Colm Cloonan**Finance Director

# **Experience**

Colm is the Company's Finance Director. Colm is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) with over 17 years' experience in various finance roles.

Colm joined Tlou in 2009 at the very early stages of the company's activities and has been with the company through all phases of its operations and development to date. Colm has worked in Europe and Australia in a range of finance roles including audit and business services, as well as providing financial and management accounting services to clients in various industries including power generation in Australia.

Colm studied accountancy at the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology in Ireland. During the past three years, Colm has not served as a Director of any other ASX listed companies.



**Hugh Swire**Non-executive Director

#### **Experience**

Hugh started his career working with Mahon China, an established investment management and advisory partnership based in Beijing. Active in China since 1985, Mahon China have over 3 decades of experience advising foreign companies with investments and corporate activities in China. Hugh has remained a Partner of the firm and now supports UK / EU companies from London looking to expand and find partners in China or increasingly support Chinese companies looking to make investments internationally.

After leaving Mahon China, Hugh spent a decade working for Investment funds and International banks in Hong Kong and Tokyo where he worked for Nomura as well as in London for J P Morgan where he was Vice President.

Since 2010, Hugh has been focused on supporting fast growing UK companies in the low carbon and technology sectors by investing growth capital in Water Powered Technologies Ltd. Hugh also helped found a leading technology education company Black Country Atelier Ltd, which provides specialist training courses to students globally in 3D printing (CAM) digital electronics and CAD.

Hugh still travels to China regularly after studying Chinese at Oxford University graduating with a BA Hons.



Linah Mohohlo Non-executive Director

# **Experience**

Ms Linah Kelebogile Mohohlo, is the former Governor of the Bank of Botswana, a position she held from 1999 to 2016. Ms Mohohlo joined the Bank of Botswana in 1976, where she served in several capacities prior to being appointed Governor, including Board Secretary, Deputy Director of Research, Director of the Financial Market Department and Deputy Governor.

Ms Mohohlo is a member of the Commission for Africa, and the Africa Progress Panel, a group of ten distinguished individuals who advocate at the highest levels for equitable and sustainable development in Africa. Along with her contacts and expertise in the banking and finance sectors, Ms Mohohlo also brings to Tlou significant experience from the mining industry in Botswana as a board member of both Debswana Diamond Company (Pty) Ltd and Diamond Trading Company Botswana.

Ms Mohohlo holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics from The George Washington University, Washington DC, a Masters Degree in Finance and Investments from the University of Exeter, UK and a Diploma in Accounting and Business Studies from the University of Botswana.

# **Directors' report**

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'consolidated entity') consisting of Tlou Energy Limited (referred to hereafter as the 'Company' or 'parent entity') and the entities it controlled at 30 June 2017.

#### **General Information**

#### **Directors**

The following persons were directors of Tlou Energy Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Martin McIver Non-Executive Chairman

Anthony Gilby Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

Gabaake Gabaake Executive Director
Colm Cloonan Finance Director

Hugh Swire Non-Executive Director; appointed 22 June 2017
Linah Mohohlo Non-Executive Director; appointed 12 July 2017

#### **Dividends**

There were no Dividends recommended or paid during the financial year.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the consolidated entity is the exploration and evaluation of assets in Botswana to identify and develop Coalbed Methane (CBM) natural gas resources suitable for gas-to-power generation. No revenue from this activity has been earned to date, as the consolidated entity is still in the exploration and evaluation stage.

#### Significant changes in the state of affairs

During the year ended 30 June 2017, there were no other significant changes to the state of affairs of the consolidated entity other than those disclosed in the financial report and notes thereof.

#### Review and results of operations

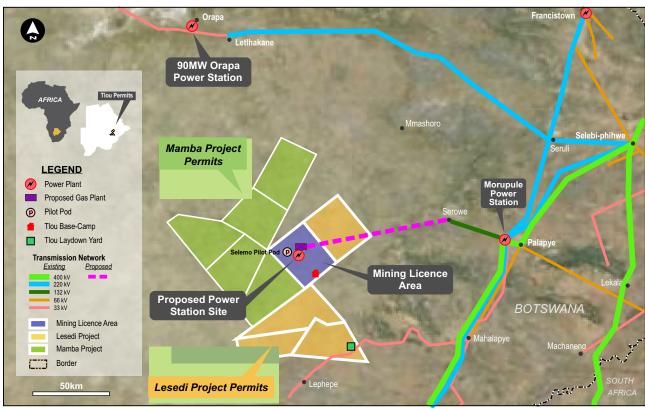
The loss for the year after income tax amounted to \$3,165,323 (30 June 2016: \$3,065,583). The loss for the year is in line with the loss for the previous year, however there are different expenses attributable to the loss in each year.

The 2017 figures include an expense for performance rights issued to key personnel during the reporting period, amounting to \$423,499. This is a non-cash item and represents the valuation of the performance rights issued. Further information on this valuation is outlined in the notes to the financial statements.

Also included this year are share issue costs of \$356,732, that relate to the capital raisings conducted by the Company during the year. While the gross amount of capital raised in this reporting period (~\$9.7m) was significantly higher than that of the prior year (~\$2.3m), the related costs incurred this year were lower. The prior year costs were high as this included the costs related to the listing of the Company on the AIM Market in the UK.

Management continues to be extremely focused on reducing corporate, administrative, and operating costs wherever possible, as long as this can be done without any adverse effect on performance. Significant corporate and administrative costs incurred during the year include travel and accommodation, due to the location of the assets in Botswana and the Company being listed in both the UK and Australia; stock market and advisory related costs, due to having corporate requirements both in the UK and Australia; and also investor relations, which was a key focus during the reporting period, and remains so, in order to maximise market awareness of the Company to increase shareholder value.

Net spend on exploration activities during the period amounted to approximately \$1.8m. This is lower than the prior year as the Company did not drill additional wells this financial year. Funds were primarily incurred on operations in the Selemo project area. The increase in total liabilities compared to the end of the previous reporting period is primarily due to the additional amounts payable to specialist consultants being used at year end in relation to the Company's plan to submit a proposal to the Government of Botswana



for the development of a CBM gas-to-power project to produce up to 100MW of power. This isoutlined in more detail later in this report.

Tlou field operations map

# **Reserves Certification**

The Company is focused on delivering power in Botswana and Southern Africa through the development of its CBM assets. Tlou's Lesedi CBM Project ('Lesedi') is believed to be the most advanced CBM project in Botswana. This was highlighted in October 2016 when Tlou Energy became the first company in Botswana to achieve independently certified CBM gas reserves, following certification from SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd ('SRK') for the Lesedi CBM Project. Subsequently, these initial reserves were upgraded in January 2017.

The three Selemo production wells, located at the Lesedi project, each consist of a vertical well and an intersecting horizontal well. Sustained gas has been flowing at the Selemo pilot project for over 12 months with the data obtained from the production testing program at Selemo used by SRK in the reserve certification process. Reserve certification is a major milestone and demonstrates the commerciality of the Lesedi CBM Project. The Company aims to continue to upgrade these reserves as further production data is collected.

#### **Request for Proposal for CBM Power Project**

The Company received a detailed Request for Proposal ('RFP') from the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security ('the Ministry') in Botswana for the development of up to 100MW of CBM fuelled pilot power plants ('IPP Project'). Thou was selected to bid for the development as an independent power producer. Thou plans to submit its proposal on or before the closing date of 20 September 2017. The RFP requires details of the proposed field development, the installation of power generation facilities and supply of power into the grid in Botswana. The planned submission outlines a scalable CBM gas-to-power project. A scalable approach, with power connected to the grid in phases would allow power to get to the grid sooner, thereby generating revenue for the Company and would require less capital expenditure upfront.

The Ministry will assess the proposal and advise the Company if the application has been successful or not. An exact timeline of when this decision will be made has not yet been indicated. In the event that the proposal is accepted, the Company will then enter into further discussions with the relevant authorities in Botswana to determine the full specifics of the development including signing a power purchase agreement. In the event that the proposal is unsuccessful, the Company will further discussions with other parties who have expressed interest in using Tlou's gas.

#### **Environmental approval**

In 2014, the Company commenced work on its application for an Environmental Impact Statement ('EIS'). This addresses the social and environmental context of the area surrounding the planned wellfield development project at Lesedi and CBM exploration activities in Tlou's Mamba and Lesedi areas. The Department of Environmental Affairs in Botswana confirmed during the year that the EIS has been approved and adequately identified and assessed anticipated impacts associated with the proposed activity. This is another significant development highlighting Tlou's status as the most advanced CBM project in the country. Any new entrants to the market would be expected to acquire an approved EIS prior to commencing field exploration, let alone development.

The approved EIS allows further exploration operations to be conducted on Tlou's remaining prospecting licences and commencement of field development work on the Lesedi project area.

# **Project Partner**

In February 2017, Tlou signed a Heads of Agreement ('Agreement') with Independent Power Corporation PLC ('IPC') to jointly develop Tlou's proposed IPP Project.

IPC develops and operates power plants for governments, large corporations and independent power producers. IPC has two decades of experience in the development, operation and ownership of power plants in Southern Africa, South America, the Middle East, Europe and Central Asia with roughly 4,000 MW operated, developed or owned. IPC's experience includes thermal and hydropower generation. IPC's head office is located in London, UK.

IPC has also introduced funding partners who have provided letters of interest for in-principle funding support for the downstream infrastructure requirements of the IPP Project. The agreement with IPC is potentially a major step forward in commercialising Tlou Energy's gas resources with highly experienced power developers, funding groups and equipment suppliers.

Post the announcement of IPC as project partner, IPC themselves announced that it has entered into a joint venture partnership, QG Power Africa, with QG Africa Mezzanine LP, a USD250 million investment vehicle which is part of the Quantum Global Group, and Tomé International Limited, project management consulting firm, to jointly develop power assets in sub-Saharan Africa. This has potential positive implications for the future funding of the IPP Project. QG Power Africa plan to develop power assets across sub-Saharan Africa with Botswana outlined as part of the first phase of development and investment, where Tlou's project would be a potential investment opportunity for QG Power Africa.

#### Mining Licence

The Company was granted a mining licence in August 2017. The Mining Licence for the Lesedi CBM project is the first CBM mining licence granted in Botswana.

Holders of Prospecting Licences ('PL') are issued Mining Licences once exploration on a relevant PL has been concluded and the holder of the PL is ready to commence commercial production. Mining Licences are assessed in accordance with the prescribed statutory requirements of the Botswana Mines and Minerals Act. Two major components of a Mining Licence application are an approved EIS, granted for the Lesedi Project as outlined in this report, and a feasibility study for the relevant project. The Mining Licence covers approximately 900Km2, which is the area previously designated as prospecting licence PL002/2004. With a term of 25 years the Mining Licence gives security of tenure over the project area and shows Tlou's progression from CBM exploration and appraisal to development.

The award of a Mining Licence is another milestone for the Company which further enhances its first mover advantage to develop a gas-to-power project in the region. A CBM mining licence can pioneer the development of a new and exciting CBM natural gas industry in Botswana, an industry that could lead to a new indigenous source of energy and employment for the country and the region. Over time, it will potentially allow new manufacturing industries to develop using CBM gas and facilitate the creation of a new renewable energy industry. Gas is a much cleaner alternative fuel source compared to coal and diesel so is a relatively clean and cost-effective way to provide peaking power. CBM development can enhance the viability of solar power projects and can be ideal for use with renewable energy which can often be intermittent in nature.

#### Conversion of field generation from diesel to gas

The Company generated its first power from CBM at its field in Botswana following the installation of a gas generator at the Selemo project area, highlighting CBM as a real and viable source of power in the region. A Cummins 8.3L natural gas-powered generator was installed and commissioned on the Selemo S1P site to replace the existing diesel-powered unit.

The gas generator is currently supplying power to operate the down hole pumps and surface infrastructure on Selemo wells 1P, 2P & 4P with the capacity to provide additional power if required. The previous diesel generator now serves as a backup power supply to provide power during routine servicing of the new Cummins unit. The Cummins gas power unit was selected based on its suitability to the project and was set up to meet the operating requirements on site, where high ambient temperatures and sandy conditions are present. The proven reliability of the Cummins engine was also a significant factor along with availability of a local support network. The unit has been in operation for 1500 hrs of continuous running without any issue. A second unit has been secured for installation at a later date

#### Selemo pilot wells

Ongoing gas flow testing of the Selemo wells has shown consistent production of gas, which has been encouraging and in-line with expectations. Selemo 4P continues flaring with a steady and consistent rate of gas production, while gas from 1P has been switched from flaring to supplying gas for the gas generator installed during the year.

A workover program was completed on the Selemo S1P vertical well and the adjoining Selemo S1AR lateral well. The objectives of the workover were to flush any coal fines (minor coal particles) from the wells that may have accumulated near the intersecting point of the lateral and vertical well; and for the scheduled monitoring of wear on downhole equipment. The wear on the guide bushings on S1AR was found to be very minimal and the same configuration was re run with no replacement of the down hole equipment required. The down hole pressure gauge was changed out as part of the workover.

The workover on S1P (vertical well) resulted in the down hole progressive cavity pump being changed out due to some noted wear on the rotor of the existing unit. This was performed as a precautionary measure to ensure the life of the pump. The down hole pressure gauge was also changed out as done on S1AR.

#### **Planned Seismic Survey**

The Company entered into a contract for a 250 km 2D seismic program with Velseis Pty Ltd, an Australian seismic acquisition and processing company providing a fully integrated range of seismic technologies. Velseis has built a reputation as a leading Australian contractor in this field, with over 25 years of experience throughout the Asia-Pacific Region. The seismic program is scheduled to commence in Q3, 2017. It is envisaged this survey will give the Company the opportunity to expand its gas reserves and contingent resources as it progresses towards developing the first CBM gas to power project in Botswana.

The seismic survey will assist in the next step of Tlou's plan to drill more wells by providing the Company with enhanced knowledge of the sub-surface structures and resources within the Lesedi and Mamba project areas. The seismic information along with the data from a subsequent core well program may also lead to further gas reserves and contingent resources being certified.

Works to prepare for the seismic program are complete including clearing of tracks within the Lesedi and Mamba areas to allow the seismic team to conduct seismic testing along the defined tracks. This work was carried out within the guidelines of the Company's EIS with a focus on minimising the impact to vegetation and ground disturbance.

#### **Capital Raised**

The Company successfully raised capital through a share purchase plan and placements during the year. These funds are being, or already have been, applied by Tlou towards various costs including:

- production testing at Selemo;
- achieving initial and expanded independent reserves certification;
- installation of a gas engine to run equipment on existing wells;
- completing environmental and mining licence application and approvals;
- acquisition and interpretation of new 2D seismic data in areas considered to be highly prospective for additional reserves by the Company's reserve certifiers;
- drilling vertical (cored) wells along the new seismic lines (with geophysical logging and coal core gas sampling) to a depth
  of approximately 500 metres;
- completing various studies (upstream and downstream) required for the submission of the mining licence application and IPP Project submission; and
- capital raising expenses, corporate costs and working capital.

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

There has not been any matter or circumstance, other than that referred to in this report and disclosed in the financial statements or notes thereto, that has arisen since the end of the period, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of these operations, or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity in future financial years.

# Likely developments and expected results of operations

Production testing is continuing in the Lesedi CBM project. Continued gas production will provide further assurance to independent reserves certifiers regarding the commerciality of the gas flow rates, the ability of the wells to flow for a significant length of time and ultimately an estimate of the amount of gas that could be attained from the gas field. The continued performance of the gas wells is a key focus for the Company.

Additionally, a successful outcome from the RFP submission to the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security in Botswana, is extremely important as it is an ideal pathway towards a power purchase agreement and, once initial development is completed, the IPP Project will connect Tlou Energy's gas field to the regional grid, thereby opening up the possibility for the Company to provide power across the Southern African region, through the Southern African Power Pool. In the event that the Company does not receive approval, this may delay access to the grid and consequently development of Tlou's gas assets. No guarantee can be given in relation to the expected results for the Consolidated Group, including whether the gas production will continue in a positive manner or that the RFP submission to Government will be successful. However, the electricity market in Southern Africa continues to suffer from chronic shortage of supply, so development of gas and gas fired power in the region remains a very attractive commercial option.

# **Environmental regulation**

The Directors are satisfied that adequate systems are in place for the management of its environmental responsibilities and compliance with its various licence requirements and regulations. The Directors are not aware of any breaches of these requirements and to the best of their knowledge, all activities have been undertaken in compliance with environmental regulations.



#### Information on Directors

Martin McIver MBA

Special Responsibilities Non-executive Chairman

Member of the Audit Committee Member of the Risk Committee

Chairman of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

Interest in Shares and options 446.088 Ordinary Shares

500,000 Performance Rights

# Experience

Martin holds an MBA (International) from the American Graduate School of International Management, a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Valuations (FINSIA/Kaplan) and a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) from the Queensland University of Technology.

Martin has over 14 years' experience as General Manager for mining services companies including bulk and dangerous goods logistics, and drilling services. Martin was the Executive General Manager of the Mitchell Group, a vertically integrated coal and coal seam gas company with investments and operations across Australia, Asia and Africa. Prior to joining the Mitchell Group, Martin was a Director in Mergers and Acquisitions with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Martin was appointed Non-Executive Director in September 2010 and is currently the Chief Financial Officer of the Workpac group.

# Anthony Gilby B.Sc. (First Class Honours)

Special Responsibilities Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Member of the Audit Committee

Member of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

Interest in Shares and options 17,946,487 Ordinary Shares

500,000 Performance Rights

# **Experience**

Tony was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in March 2012 and has over 30 years' experience in the oil and gas industry. He is a founding director of Tlou Energy Limited.

Tony was awarded a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours) degree in Geology from the University of Adelaide in 1984, and also won the University Medal in Geology (Tate Memorial Medal). Tony began his career working as a well-site geologist for Delhi Petroleum in the Cooper Basin. He subsequently joined ESSO Australia. His roles with ESSO included exploration geology, geophysics, petrophysics and a period of time working in the Exxon Production Research Centre in Houston studying the seismic application of sequence stratigraphy.

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Gabaake Gabaake M.Sc.

Special Responsibilities Executive Director

Member of the Risk Committee

Member of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

Interest in Shares and options 80,857 Ordinary Shares

500,000 Performance Rights

#### **Experience**

Gabaake graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Botswana in 1986 followed by a Masters degree in groundwater hydrology from the University College of London in 1989.

Gabaake is a Botswana citizen based in Gaborone. He is a former Botswana Government senior public servant having worked as Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources. Prior to that, he served at the Ministry of Local Government.

Gabaake has served on various private company boards including De Beers Group, Debswana Diamond Company (Pty) Limited and Diamond Trading Company Botswana. During the past three years, Gabaake has not served as a Director of any other ASX listed companies.

# Colm Cloonan FCCA

Special Responsibilities Finance Director

Member of the Audit Committee

Member of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

Interest in Shares and options 419,525 Ordinary Shares

500,000 Performance Rights

#### **Experience**

Colm Cloonan is the Company's Finance Director. Colm is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) with over 18 years' experience in various finance roles.

Colm joined Tlou in 2009 at the very early stages of the company's activities and has been with the company through all phases of its operations and development to date. Colm has worked in Europe and Australia in a range of finance roles including audit and business services, as well as providing financial and management accounting services to clients in various industries including power generation in Australia.

Colm studied accountancy at the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology in Ireland. During the past three years, Colm has not served as a Director of any other ASX listed companies.

# Hugh Swire BA (Hons)

Special Responsibilities Non-executive Director; appointed 22 June 2017

Chair of the Risk Committee

Member of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

Interest in Shares and options 3,064,366 Ordinary Shares

#### **Experience**

Hugh started his career working with Mahon China, an established investment management and advisory partnership based in Beijing. Active in China since 1985, Mahon China have over 3 decades of experience advising foreign companies with investments and corporate activities in China. Hugh has remained a Partner of the firm and now supports UK / EU companies from London looking to expand and find partners in China or increasingly support Chinese companies looking to make investments internationally.

After leaving Mahon China, Hugh spent a decade working for Investment funds and International banks in Hong Kong and Tokyo where he worked for Nomura as well as in London for J P Morgan where he was Vice President.

Since 2010, Hugh has been focused on supporting fast growing UK companies in the low carbon and technology sectors by investing growth capital in Water Powered Technologies Ltd, a leading innovator in zero energy water management systems as well as MWF Ltd, one of the largest suppliers of renewable heat in the UK, which has since been sold to Aggregated Micro Power Holdings plc. Hugh also helped found a leading technology education company Black Country Atelier Ltd, which provides specialist training courses to students globally in 3D printing (CAM) digital electronics and CAD.

Hugh still travels to China regularly after studying Chinese at Oxford University graduating with a BA Hons

# Linah Mohohlo MA Finance & Investments, BA Economics

Special Responsibilities Non-executive Director; appointed 12 July 2017

Chair of the Audit Committee

Member of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

Interest in Shares and options Nil

#### **Experience**

Ms Linah Kelebogile Mohohlo, is the former Governor of the Bank of Botswana, a position she held from 1999 to 2016. Ms Mohohlo joined the Bank of Botswana in 1976, where she served in several capacities prior to being appointed Governor, including Board Secretary, Deputy Director of Research, Director of the Financial Market Department and Deputy Governor.

Ms Mohohlo is a member of the Commission for Africa, and the Africa Progress Panel, a group of ten distinguished individuals who advocate at the highest levels for equitable and sustainable development in Africa. Along with her contacts and expertise in the banking and finance sectors, Ms Mohohlo also brings to Tlou significant experience from the mining industry in Botswana as a board member of both Debswana Diamond Company (Pty) Ltd and Diamond Trading Company Botswana.

Ms Mohohlo holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics from The George Washington University, Washington DC, a Masters Degree in Finance and Investments from the University of Exeter, UK and a Diploma in Accounting and Business Studies from the University of Botswana.

# Remuneration Report - audited

This report outlines the remuneration arrangements in place for the key management personnel of the Group.

# Remuneration policy

Ensuring that the level of Director and Executive remuneration is sufficient and reasonable is dealt with by the full Board. The Remuneration Policy of Tlou Energy Limited has been designed to align the objectives of key management personnel with shareholder and business objectives. The Board of Tlou Energy Limited believes the remuneration policy to be appropriate and effective in its ability to attract and retain the best key management personnel to run and manage the Group, as well as create shared goals between key management personnel and shareholders.

The Board's policy for determining the nature and amount of remuneration for the executive Directors and senior executives of the Group is as follows:

- The remuneration policy is developed by the Board after seeking, if appropriate, professional advice from independent external consultants.
- Executives employed by the Group receive a base salary (which is based on factors such as length of service and
  experience), inclusive of superannuation, fringe benefits, options and performance incentives where appropriate.
   Performance incentives are generally only paid once predetermined key performance indicators have been met.
- Executives engaged through professional service entities are paid fees based on an agreed market based hourly rate for the services provided and may also be entitled to options and performance based incentives. Performance incentives are generally only paid once predetermined key performance indicators have been met.
- Incentives paid in the form of options or performance rights are intended to align the interests of management, the Directors and Company with those of the shareholders. In this regard, executives are prohibited from limiting risk attached to those instruments by use of derivatives or other means.

The Board reviews executive remuneration arrangements annually by reference to the Group's performance, executive performance and comparable information from industry sectors.

Key management personnel including Non-executive Directors and employed executives receive the superannuation guarantee contribution required by the Commonwealth Government, which is currently 9.5% and do not receive any other retirement benefits. Individuals, however, can chose to sacrifice part of their salary to increase payments towards superannuation.

# **Non-executive Director Remuneration**

The Board's policy is to remunerate Non-executive Directors for time, commitment and responsibilities. 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.

The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to Non-executive Directors is \$500,000 per year. This was approved by shareholders at a general meeting held on 10 July 2012.

Fees for Non-executive Directors are not linked to the performance of the Group, however, to align Directors interests with shareholder interests, where possible the Directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Company. There is no minimum holding prescribed in the Constitution.

# Performance conditions linked to remuneration

The Board provides advice on remuneration and incentive policies and practices and specific recommendations on remuneration packages and other terms of employment for executive Directors, other senior executives and Non-executive Directors. The aim is to ensure that reward for performance is competitive and appropriate for the results delivered.

Remuneration and the terms and conditions of employment for executive Directors and Company executives are reviewed annually having regard to performance and relative comparative information and are approved by the Board following independent professional advice, as required. In this respect, consideration is given to normal commercial rates of remuneration for similar levels of responsibility.

# Key management personnel during the financial year ended 30 June 2017 Directors

Martin McIver Non-executive Chairman

Anthony Gilby Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Gabaake Gabaake Executive Director

Colm Cloonan Finance Director; appointed 11 February 2016
Hugh Swire Non-executive Director; appointed 22 June 2017

#### **Executives**

Solomon Rowland Company Secretary

There were no other key management personnel of the Group during the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

#### **Details of remuneration**

Details of remuneration of each of the Directors and executives of the Group during the financial year are set out in the following table:

Benefits and Payments for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Short-term benefits		Post Employment benefits	Employment term		Sh ba payı		
	Salary & Fees	Cash Bonus	Superannuation	Leave Benefits	Total Cash Remuneration	Performance Rights	Performance Rights as a % of Total Remuneration	Total
Directors	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
M McIver	33,000	-	3,135	-	36,135	68,475	65%	104,610
A Gilby	139,418	-	6,499	5,016	150,933	68,475	31%	219,408
G Gabaake	136,269	-	12,388	11,356	160,013	68,475	30%	228,488
C Cloonan	200,326	-	19,031	3,846	223,203	68,475	23%	291,678
H Swire*	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
L Mohohlo**	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Total Directors	509,013	•	41,053	20,218	570,284	273,900	- 	844,184
<b>Executives</b> S Rowland	144,662		13,743	3,512	161,917	68,475	30%	230,392
Total Executives	144,662	-	13,743	3,512	161,917	68,475		230,392
Total	653,675		54,796	23,730	732,201	342,375	- 	1,074,576

<sup>\*</sup> Appointed 22 June 2017

During the 2017 year, performance rights were issued to key management personnel as outlined in the table below. No key management personnel received other performance related bonuses, cash bonuses, termination benefits or non-cash benefits during the year.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Appointed 12 July 2017

Performance Rights issued during the year are linked to the share price performance of the Company, ensuring alignment with the interests of the Company's shareholders. The Performance Rights issued to key management personnel have been split into two equal Tranches of 250,000 shares in each tranche. For the Performance Rights to vest and, therefore, become exercisable by a participant, certain performance conditions will be required to be met as set out below. On vesting, holders of Performance Rights will be entitled to acquire Tlou Energy Limited ordinary shares at nil cost.

30 June 2017		Issue Date	Granted	Value	Exercised	Lapsed	Balance at Year End	Unvested
M McIver	Tranche 1	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,475	-	-	250,000	-
	Tranche 2	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,000	-	-	250,000	-
A Gilby	Tranche 1	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,475	-	-	250,000	-
	Tranche 2	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,000	-	-	250,000	-
G Gabaake	Tranche 1	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,475	-	-	250,000	-
	Tranche 2	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,000	-	-	250,000	-
C Cloonan	Tranche 1	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,475	-	-	250,000	-
	Tranche 2	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,000	-	-	250,000	-
S Rowland	Tranche 1	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,475	-	-	250,000	-
	Tranche 2	31-Jan-17	250,000	34,000	-	-	250,000	-
Total		•	2,500,000	342,375	-	-	2,500,000	-

Tranche	Performance Condition
Tranche 1	The closing price of Shares being 50% or more above the price at the date of shareholder
	approval for a period of 10 consecutive trading days.
Tranche 2	The closing price of Shares being 100% or more above the price at the date of
	shareholder approval for a period of 10 consecutive trading days.

#### Notes:

- The date of shareholder approval was 10 November 2016
- The share price on 10 November 2016 was AUD \$0.14
- For Tranche 1 to vest the share price needs to be AUD \$0.21 per share or greater for a period of 10 consecutive trading days
- For Tranche 2 to vest the share price needs to be AUD \$0.28 or greater for a period of 10 consecutive trading days

Benefits and Payments for the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	Short- bene		Post Employment benefits	t	ong erm nefits	b	hare ased ments	
	Salary & Fees	Cash Bonus	Superannuation	Leave Benefits	Total Cash Remuneration	Options	Options as a % of Total Remuneration	Total
Directors	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
N Mitchell <sup>1</sup>	15,591	-	1,481	-	17,072	-	0%	17,072
A Gilby	227,584	-	12,933	5,844	246,361	-	0%	246,361
M McIver	22,500	-	2,137	-	24,637	-	0%	24,637
G Gabaake	113,117	-	10,046	9,426	132,589	-	0%	132,589
C Cloonan	183,605	-	17,442	7,717	208,764	-	0%	208,764
Total Directors	562,397	•	44,039	22,987	629,423	-		629,423
Executives								
S Rowland <sup>2</sup>	115,500	-	10,973	5,076	131,549	-	0%	131,549
S Rodgers <sup>3</sup>	6,000	-	-	-	6,000		0%	6,000
G Smith4	201,668	-	-	-	201,668	-	0%	201,668
Total Executives	323,168	-	10,973	5,076	339,217	-		339,217
Total	885,565	-	55,012	28,063	968,640	-	_	968,640

During the 2016 year, no proportion of the remuneration of any key management personnel was performance based. No key management personnel received cash bonuses, performance related bonuses, termination benefits or non-cash benefits during the

<sup>1.</sup> Represents remuneration from 1 July 2015 to 11 February 2016 2. Represents remuneration from 19 August 2015 to 30 June 2016 3. Represents remuneration from 1 July 2015 to 19 August 2015 4. Represents remuneration from 1 July 2015 to 13 December 2015

# Service agreements

The following outlines the remuneration and other terms of employment for the following personnel which are formalised in employment contracts for services.

Anthony Gilby Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Term of Agreement: Mr Gilby's services are provided in a personal capacity. The agreement has no fixed term.

Based on the agreed rate the estimated contracted annual cost to the Group is

approximately \$582,000. Mr Gilby has agreed to waive 50% of his current contracted rate, so

the current estimated cost is approximately \$291,000.

Termination Benefit: No termination benefit is payable if terminated for cause.

Termination Notice: The Company may give Mr Gilby three months' notice or pay 1.5 times base salary in lieu of

notice to terminate the Agreement.

Solomon Rowland Company Secretary

Term of Agreement: Mr Rowland's services are provided in a personal capacity. The agreement has no fixed

term

Base Fee: Based on the contracted rate the estimated annual cost to the Group is approximately

\$200,000.

Termination Benefit: No termination benefit is payable if terminated for cause.

Termination Notice: The Company may give the Company Secretary two months' notice of its intention to

terminate the Agreement.

Gabaake Gabaake Executive Director

Term of Agreement: Mr Gabaake's services are provided in a personal capacity. The agreement has no fixed

term.

Base Fee: Based on the contracted rate the estimated annual cost to the Group is approximately

\$143,000.

Termination Benefit: No termination benefit is payable if terminated for cause.

Termination Notice: The Company may give the Managing Director two months' notice of its intention to

terminate the Agreement.

Colm Cloonan Finance Director

Term of Agreement: Mr Cloonan's services are provided in a personal capacity. The agreement has no fixed term.

Base Fee: Based on the contracted rate the estimated annual cost to the Group is approximately

\$220,000.

Termination Benefit: No termination benefit is payable if terminated for cause.

Termination Notice: The Company may give the Finance Director two months' notice of its intention to terminate

the Agreement.

# Key management personnel shareholdings

The number of ordinary shares in Tlou Energy Limited held by each key management person of the group during the financial year is as follows:

30 June 2017	Balance at beginning of year	Granted as remunerati on during the year	Additions	Disposals	Balance at date of resignation / appointment	Balance at end of year
M McIver	296,088	-	150,000	-	-	446,088
A Gilby	17,796,487	-	150,000	-	-	17,946,487
G Gabaake	80,857	-	-	-	-	80,857
C Cloonan	269,525	-	150,000	-	-	419,525
H Swire	-	-	-	-	3,064,366	3,064,366
L Mohohlo	-	-	-	-	-	-
S Rowland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	18,442,957	-	450,000	-	3,064,366	21,957,323

#### Performance rights

The number of performance rights held by each key management person of the group during the financial year is as follows:

30 June 2017	Balance at beginning of year	Granted as remuneration	Balance at date of resignation / appointment	Expired during the year	Balance at end of year	Vested	Unvested
M McIver	-	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
A Gilby	-	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
G Gabaake	-	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
C Cloonan	-	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
H Swire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L Mohohlo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S Rowland	-	500,000	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
Total	-	2,500,000	-	-	2,500,000	-	2,500,000

# Shares issued on exercise of performance rights

No shares were issued on exercise of performance rights up to the date of this report.

# Relationship between remuneration and Company performance

The factors that are considered to affect shareholder return during the last five years is summarised below.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Share price at end of financial year (\$)	0.11	0.07	0.13	0.30	0.25
Market capitalisation at end of financial year (\$M)	33	14	24	44	26
Loss for the financial year (\$)	(3,165,323)	(3,065,583)	(2,730,900)	(2,289,366)	(6,087,074)
Cash spend on exploration programs (\$)	(1,852,642)	(5,783,800)	(4,529,184)	(8,670,411)	(2,292,295)
Director and Key Management Personnel remuneration (\$)	1,074,576	968,640	1,441,785	1,168,396	3,125,338

Given that the remuneration is commercially reasonable, the link between remuneration, Company performance and shareholder wealth generation is tenuous, particularly in the exploration and development stage. Share prices are subject to market sentiment towards the sector and increases or decreases may occur independently of executive performance or remuneration.

The Company may issue options or performance rights to provide an incentive for key management personnel which, it is believed, is in line with industry standards and practice and is also believed to align the interests of key management personnel with those of the Company's shareholders.

No remuneration consultants were used in the 2017 financial year.

# Other transactions with key management personnel

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Payment for goods and services:		
Office rent paid to The Gilby McKay Alice Street Partnership, a director-related entity of Anthony	21,000	46,500
Gilby.		
Receivable from and payable to related parties		
The following balances are outstanding at the reporting date in relation to transactions with related parties:		
Current payables:		
Trade payables to The Gilby McKay Alice Street Partnership, a director-related entity of Anthony	1,925	1,925

# Loans to/from related parties

There were no loans to or from related parties at the reporting date or during the year.

#### Terms and conditions

Gilby

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

(End of Remuneration Report)

# Company secretary

Mr Solomon Rowland was appointed Company Secretary on 19 August 2015 and continues in office at the date of this report. Mr Rowland has been the Assistant Company Secretary and Legal Counsel since March 2013.

Mr Rowland is a commercial lawyer with over 17 years' experience in various private, government and in-house legal roles. Solomon holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Queensland.

Prior to joining Tlou Energy Limited as Legal Counsel in February 2013, Solomon worked for Crown Law representing various Queensland government departments in a range of legal matters. During his time in government, Solomon was involved in advising government departments on commercial, corporate governance and policy matters as well as representing the state in various courts, tribunals and commissions of Inquiry. Solomon brings many years of experience in commercial, advocacy, administrative and planning and environment law.

#### **Meetings of directors**

The number of meetings of the consolidated entity's Board of Directors and committees held during the year ended 30 June 2017, and the number of meetings attended by each Director are listed below. The Nomination & Remuneration committee comprises the full board.

	Board / Nomination & Remuneration Committee		Audit Co	mmittee	Risk Committee	
	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held
M McIver	6	7	2	2	1	1
A Gilby	7	7	2	2	-	-
G Gabaake	6	7	-	-	-	-
C Cloonan	7	7	2	2	1	1

Held: represents the number of meetings held during the time the director held office or was a member of the relevant committee.

#### Shares under option

Unissued ordinary shares of Tlou Energy Limited under option at the date of this report are as follows:

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number under option
30-Nov-15	29-Nov-17	\$0.140	1,500,000
14-Jan-16	14-Jan-18	\$0.140	500 000

No option holder has any right under the options to participate in any other share issue of the company or any other entity.

Issued performance rights at the date of this report are as follows:

Vesting Date	Exercise Price	01/07/2016	Issued	Exercised	Expired	30/06/2017
31 January 2017	\$0.21	-	2,275,000	-	-	2,275,000
31 January 2017	\$0.28	-	2,275,000	-	-	2,275,000
		-	4,550,000	-	-	4,550,000

# Shares issued on the exercise of options

There were no ordinary shares of Tlou Energy Limited issued during the year ended 30 June 2017 on the exercise of options granted or up to the date of this report.

# Indemnity and insurance of officers

The consolidated entity has indemnified the Directors and executives of the consolidated entity for costs incurred, in their capacity as a director or executive, for which they may be held personally liable, except where there is a lack of good faith.

During the financial year, the consolidated entity paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the Directors and executives of the consolidated entity against a liability to the extent permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of liability and the amount of the premium.

# Indemnity and insurance of auditor

The consolidated entity has not, during or since the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the consolidated entity or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

During the financial year, the consolidated entity has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the consolidated entity or any related entity.

# Proceedings on behalf of the Company

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or part of those proceedings.

# **Currency and rounding**

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

# Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is attached.

#### **Auditor**

BDO Audit Pty Ltd continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the Corporations Act 2001.

#### Non-audit services

The Company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the Company and/or the Group are important.

The Board of Directors has considered the position and, in accordance with advice received from the Audit Committee, is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, as set out below, did not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor; and
- none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for non-audit services provided during the year are set out below.

2017	2016
\$	\$
10,172	16,132
-	36,983
10,172	53,115
	\$ 10,172

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

Anthony Gilby Director

Brisbane, 11 September 2017

# **2017 Annual Reserves Statement**

Tlou Energy Limited is pleased to present its Annual Reserves Statement for the period ending 30 June 2017. As detailed in the Director's Report the Company achieved independently certified CBM gas reserves, following certification from SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd ('SRK') for the Lesedi CBM project in October 2016. Subsequently, these initial reserves were upgraded in early 2017. There has been no adjustment to the net gas reserves and contingent resources of the Company since the upgraded reserves were announced on 15 February 2017. Please refer to the ASX announcement on 15 February 2017 for full details of the Group's gas reserves and contingent resources.

Having conducted a review of its gas reserves and resources position during the reporting period and satisfying itself that there was no new data that might increase the reserves or resources estimates reported during the reporting period, the Company hereby presents the net gas reserves and contingent resources on a combined basis as well as for each of its individual tenements as at 30 June 2017:

		Tlass	Gas Reserves (BCF)					
Location	Project	Tlou Interest	30/06/2017	30/06/2016	30/06/2017	30/06/2016	30/06/2017	30/06/2016
		intoroot	1P*	1P	2P*	2P	3P	3P
Karoo Basin Botswana	Lesedi CBM (all coal seams) PL001/2004, PL002/2004	100%	0.15	-	3.5	-	117	-
Karoo Basin Botswana	Mamba CBM (Lower Morupule coal) PL238/2014, PL240/2014	100%	0.02	-	0.4	-	144	-
Karoo Basin Botswana	PL003/2004, PL035/2000, PL037/2000	100%	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total			0.17		3.9		261	

	Tlass	Gas Contingent Resource (BCF)						
Location	Project	Tlou Interest	30/06/2017	30/06/2016	30/06/2017	30/06/2016	30/06/2017	30/06/2016
		111101031	1C	1C	2C**	2C**	3C	3C
Karoo Basin Botswana	Lesedi CBM (all coal seams) PL001/2004, PL002/2004	100%	4.3	4.9	235	239	3,183	3,295
Karoo Basin Botswana	Mamba CBM (Lower Morupule coal) PL238/2014, PL240/2014	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karoo Basin Botswana	PL003/2004, PL035/2000, PL037/2000	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total			4.3	4.9	235	239	3183	3,295

#### ASX Listing Rules Annual Report Requirements

#### \*Listing Rule 5.39.1:

- All 1P and 2P petroleum reserves recorded in the table are undeveloped and are attributable to unconventional gas.
- 100% of all 1P and 2P petroleum reserves are located in the Karoo Basin in Botswana.

#### \*Listing Rule 5.39.2:

All 1P and 2P petroleum reserves reported are based on unconventional petroleum resources.

#### Listing Rule 5.39.3:

The table shows the 2P and 3P petroleum reserves as at 30 June 2017. There were no petroleum reserves certified at 30 June 2016.

# Governance Arrangements and Internal Controls Listing Rule 5.39.5:

- Tlou Energy has obtained all its gas reserves and resources reported as at 30 June 2017 from external independent consultants who are qualified petroleum reserves and resource evaluators as prescribed by the ASX Listing Rules.
- Tlou Energy estimates and reports its petroleum reserves and resources in accordance with the definitions and guidelines of the Petroleum Resources Management System 2007, published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE PRMS).
- To ensure the integrity and reliability of data used in the reserves estimation process, the raw data is reviewed by senior
  reservoir and geological staff and consultants at Tlou Energy before being provided to the independent reserve certifiers. Tlou
  Energy has not and does not currently intend to conduct internal reviews of petroleum reserves preferring to appoint
  independent external experts prior to reporting any updated estimates of reserves or resources so as to ensure an
  independent and rigorous review of its data.
- Tlou Energy reviews and updates its gas reserves and resources position on an annual basis to ensure that if there is any new
  data that might affect the reserves or resources estimates of the Company steps can be taken to ensure that the estimates are
  adjusted accordingly.

#### \*\* Listing Rule 5.40.1:

- All 2C contingent resources recorded in the table are undeveloped. 100% of the reported 2C contingent resource is attributable to unconventional gas.
- The geographical areas where the 2C contingent resources are located is the Karoo Basin in Botswana.

# Listing Rule 5.40.2:

- The table shows the 2C and 3C contingent resources as at 30 June 2017 as against the previous year. The net 2C and 3C contingent resources did not increase from the 2016 year to the 2017 year.
- 2C and 3C contingent resources decreased during the period as a result of converting 2C and 3C contingent resources to gas reserves. There were no other changes to the 2C and 3C contingent resources since the announcement on 15 February 2017.

#### Listing Rule 5.44:

- The estimates of Reserves and Contingent Resources appearing in the 2017 Annual Reserves Statement for Tlou Energy Limited and its subsidiaries are based on, and fairly represent, information and supporting documentation determined by the various gualified petroleum reserves and resource evaluators listed below.
- The gas reserves and resource estimates for the Lesedi CBM Project provided in this report were released to the Market on 15 February 2017 ('Announcement'). Tlou energy confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Announcement and that all of the material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the Announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The gas reserve and resource estimates are based on and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation and were determined by Dr. Bruce Alan McConachie of SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd, in accordance with Petroleum Resource Management System guidelines. Dr. McConachie is considered to be a qualified person as defined under the ASX Listing Rule 5.42 and has given his consent to the use of the resource figures in the form and context in which they appear in this report.

Notes to Net Reserves and Resources Table:

- 1) Gas Reserve and Resource numbers have been rounded to the nearest whole number.
- 2) Gas Resource numbers have been rounded to the nearest tenth for amounts less than 100 BCF, otherwise to the nearest whole number.
- 3) Tlou's Gas Reserves have not been adjusted for fuel or shrinkage and have been calculated at the wellhead (which is the reference point for the purposes of Listing Rule 5.26.5).
- 4) Contingent Gas Resources are (100%) Unrisked Gross and are derived from the SRK certification at 31 March 2015 for all coal seams (as previously announced by Tlou on 9 April 2015) with adjustment for the gas volumes which have now been certified by SRK in the Gas Reserves category.
- 5) ASX Listing Rule 5.28.2 Statement relating to Prospective Resources:
  The estimated quantities of petroleum gas that may potentially be recovered by the application of a future development project(s) relate to undiscovered accumulations. These estimates have both an associated risk of discovery and a risk of development. Further exploration appraisal and evaluation is required to determine the existence of a significant quantity of potentially moveable hydrocarbons.
- 6) Prospective Gas Resources are (100%) Unrisked Gross and are derived from a report to Tlou from Netherland, Sewell and Associates Inc (NSAI) dated 16th February 2012 regarding certification for all coal seams located in the remaining prospecting licences (as previously announced by Tlou in its prospectus dated 20 February 2013).

# **Auditor's independence declaration**



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#### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY D P WRIGHT TO THE DIRECTORS OF TLOU ENERGY LIMITED

As lead auditor of Tlou Energy Limited for the year ended 30 June 2017, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- 1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- 2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Tlou Energy Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

D P Wright

Director

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd** 

Brisbane, 11 September 2017

# FINANCIAL REPORT



# **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2017**

		Consolidated		
	Note	June 2017 \$	June 2016 \$	
Interest income		2,365	27,857	
Expenses				
Employee benefits expense	3	(617,581)	(613,809)	
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(240,961)	(260,564)	
Foreign exchange loss		(37,181)	(247,007)	
Share issue costs		(356,732)	(779,310)	
Performance rights expense	3	(423,499)	-	
Professional fees		(177,121)	(185,566)	
Corporate expenses		(48,437)	(57)	
Occupancy costs	3	(47,817)	(64,601)	
Other expenses	3	(1,218,359)	(942,526)	
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX	_	(3,165,323)	(3,065,583)	
Income tax	4	-	-	
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	<del>-</del>	(3,165,323)	(3,065,583)	
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss				
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations  Tax effect		1,210,182 -	(2,395,125)	
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)	_	1,210,182	(2,395,125)	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)	_	(1,955,141)	(5,460,708)	
Earnings per share	-			
		Cents	Cents	
Basic loss per share	5	(1.3)	(1.5)	
Diluted loss per share	5	(1.3)	(1.5)	

The above consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position** as at 30 June 2017

		Consolidated	
	Note	June 2017	June 2016
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	6,727,424	1,224,404
Trade and other receivables		100,674	290,431
Other current assets	_	8,650	43,969
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	-	6,836,748	1,558,804
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Exploration and evaluation assets	8	49,328,038	46,183,722
Other non-current assets	9	694,402	946,675
Property, plant and equipment	7	320,739	444,358
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	-	50,343,179	47,574,755
TOTAL ASSETS	- -	57,179,927	49,133,559
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	431,032	306,956
Provisions	11	166,193	160,874
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	597,225	467,830
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred tax liabilities	4	369,353	369,353
Provisions	11	94,000	94,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<del>-</del>	463,353	463,353
TOTAL LIABILITIES	- -	1,060,578	931,183
NET ASSETS		56,119,349	48,202,376
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	12	83,380,184	73,931,569
Reserves		(3,107,432)	(4,741,113)
Accumulated losses		(24,153,403)	(20,988,080)
TOTAL EQUITY	-	56,119,349	48,202,376

The above consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2017**

Balance at 1 July 2015         \$ 171,606,519         \$ 2,062,745         \$ (2,442,989)         (19,985,242)         \$1,241,033           Loss for the period         -         -         -         -         -         (3,065,583)         (3,065,583)           Other comprehensive income         -         -         -         (2,395,125)         -         (2,395,125)           Total comprehensive income         -         -         (2,395,125)         (3,065,583)         (5,460,708)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         97,001         -         -         2,062,745         -         97,001           Transfers         -         (2,062,745)         -         -         2,062,745         -         -         2,325,050         -         -         -         2,062,745         -         -         2,325,050         -         -         -         2,062,745         2,422,051         -         -         -         2,062,745         -         -         2,062,745         -         -         2,062,745         -         -         2,062,745         -         -         2,062,745         -         -         2,062,745         -		Contributed Equity	Share Based Payments Reserve	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total
Coss for the period		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other comprehensive income         -         -         (2,395,125)         -         (2,395,125)           Total comprehensive income         -         -         (2,395,125)         (3,065,583)         (5,460,708)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         97,001         -         -         97,001           Transfers         -         (2,062,745)         -         2,062,745         -           Shares issued, net of costs         2,325,050         -         -         -         2,325,050           Balance at 30 June 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Loss for the period         -         -         -         (3,165,323)         (3,165,323)           Other comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         -         1,210,182           Total comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         (3,165,323)         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         423,499         -         -         9,448,615           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615	Balance at 1 July 2015	71,606,519	2,062,745	(2,442,989)	(19,985,242)	51,241,033
Total comprehensive income         -         -         (2,395,125)         (3,065,583)         (5,460,708)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         97,001         -         -         97,001           Transfers         -         (2,062,745)         -         2,062,745         -           Shares issued, net of costs         2,325,050         -         -         -         2,325,050           Balance at 30 June 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Loss for the period         -         -         -         -         (3,165,323)         (3,165,323)           Other comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         -         1,210,182           Total comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         -         1,210,182           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners         -         423,499         -         -         423,499           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615         -         -         -         9,448,615           9,448,615         423,499         -         -         9,872,114	Loss for the period	-	-	-	(3,065,583)	(3,065,583)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         97,001         2062,745         97,001           Transfers         2,062,745         2,062,745         2,325,050           Shares issued, net of costs         2,325,050         2,325,050         2,062,745         2,422,051           Balance at 30 June 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Loss for the period         7,3931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Loss for the period         7,001         1,210,182         1,210,182         1,210,182           Total comprehensive income         1,210,182         3,165,323         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners         1,210,182         3,165,323         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners         423,499         5         423,499           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615         -         -         9,448,615           9,448,615         423,499         -         -         9,872,114	Other comprehensive income	-	-	(2,395,125)	-	(2,395,125)
Share based payments         -         97,001         -         -         97,001           Transfers         -         (2,062,745)         -         2,062,745         -           Shares issued, net of costs         2,325,050         -         -         -         2,325,050           Balance at 30 June 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Balance at 1 July 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Loss for the period         -         -         -         (3,165,323)         (3,165,323)           Other comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         -         1,210,182           Total comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         (3,165,323)         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         423,499         -         -         -         423,499           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615         -         -         -         9,9448,615           9,448,615         423,499         -         -         9,9872,114	Total comprehensive income		-	(2,395,125)	(3,065,583)	(5,460,708)
Transfers         -         (2,062,745)         -         2,062,745         -           Shares issued, net of costs         2,325,050         -         -         -         2,325,050           Balance at 30 June 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Balance at 1 July 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Loss for the period         -         -         -         (3,165,323)         (3,165,323)           Other comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         -         1,210,182           Total comprehensive income         -         -         -         1,210,182         (3,165,323)         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as where share based payments         -         423,499         -         -         423,499           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615         -         -         -         9,448,615           9,448,615         423,499         -         -         9,9872,114	Transactions with owners in their capaci	ity as owners				
Shares issued, net of costs         2,325,050         -         -         -         2,325,050           Balance at 30 June 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Balance at 1 July 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Loss for the period         -         -         -         (3,165,323)         (3,165,323)           Other comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         -         1,210,182           Total comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         (3,165,323)         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         423,499         -         -         423,499           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615         -         -         9,9448,615           9,448,615         423,499         -         -         9,872,114	Share based payments	-	97,001	-	-	97,001
Ralance at 30 June 2016   73,931,569   97,001   (4,838,114)   (20,988,080)   48,202,376	Transfers	-	(2,062,745)	-	2,062,745	-
Balance at 30 June 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Balance at 1 July 2016         73,931,569         97,001         (4,838,114)         (20,988,080)         48,202,376           Loss for the period         -         -         -         (3,165,323)         (3,165,323)           Other comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         -         1,210,182           Total comprehensive income         -         -         -         1,210,182         (3,165,323)         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         423,499         -         -         423,499           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615         -         -         9,448,615           9,448,615         423,499         -         -         9,872,114	Shares issued, net of costs	2,325,050	-	-	-	2,325,050
Balance at 1 July 2016       73,931,569       97,001       (4,838,114)       (20,988,080)       48,202,376         Loss for the period       -       -       -       -       (3,165,323)       (3,165,323)         Other comprehensive income       -       -       -       1,210,182       -       1,210,182         Total comprehensive income       -       -       -       1,210,182       (3,165,323)       (1,955,141)         Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners         Share based payments       -       423,499       -       -       423,499         Shares issued, net of costs       9,448,615       -       -       -       9,448,615         9,448,615       423,499       -       -       9,872,114		2,325,050	(1,965,744)	-	2,062,745	2,422,051
Loss for the period       -       -       -       (3,165,323)       (3,165,323)         Other comprehensive income       -       -       -       1,210,182       -       1,210,182         Total comprehensive income       -       -       -       1,210,182       (3,165,323)       (1,955,141)         Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners         Share based payments       -       423,499       -       -       423,499         Shares issued, net of costs       9,448,615       -       -       -       9,448,615         9,448,615       423,499       -       -       9,872,114	Balance at 30 June 2016	73,931,569	97,001	(4,838,114)	(20,988,080)	48,202,376
Other comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         -         1,210,182           Total comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         (3,165,323)         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         423,499         -         -         423,499           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615         -         -         -         9,448,615           9,448,615         423,499         -         -         9,872,114	Balance at 1 July 2016	73,931,569	97,001	(4,838,114)	(20,988,080)	48,202,376
Total comprehensive income         -         -         1,210,182         (3,165,323)         (1,955,141)           Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners           Share based payments         -         423,499         -         -         423,499           Shares issued, net of costs         9,448,615         -         -         -         9,448,615           9,448,615         423,499         -         -         9,872,114	Loss for the period	-	-	-	(3,165,323)	(3,165,323)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners         Share based payments       -       423,499       -       -       423,499         Shares issued, net of costs       9,448,615       -       -       -       9,448,615         9,448,615       423,499       -       -       9,872,114	Other comprehensive income		-	1,210,182	-	1,210,182
Share based payments       -       423,499       -       -       423,499         Shares issued, net of costs       9,448,615       -       -       -       9,448,615         9,448,615       423,499       -       -       9,872,114	Total comprehensive income	-		1,210,182	(3,165,323)	(1,955,141)
Shares issued, net of costs       9,448,615       -       -       -       9,448,615         9,448,615       423,499       -       -       9,872,114	Transactions with owners in their capaci	ity as owners				
9,448,615 423,499 9,872,114	Share based payments	•	423,499	-	-	423,499
<u> </u>	Shares issued, net of costs	9,448,615	-	-	-	9,448,615
Balance at 30 June 2017 83,380,184 520,500 (3,627,932) (24,153,403) 56,119,349		9,448,615	423,499	-	-	9,872,114
	Balance at 30 June 2017	83,380,184	520,500	(3,627,932)	(24,153,403)	56,119,349

The above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2017**

		Consolid	ated
		June 2017	June 2016
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(2,446,145)	(2,896,862)
Interest received		2,365	27,857
GST and VAT received		98,911	565,759
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	22	(2,344,869)	(2,303,246)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for exploration and evaluation assets		(1,852,642)	(5,783,800)
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(100,764)	(24,102)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(1,953,406)	(5,807,902)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from issue of shares		9,938,787	2,292,540
Share issue costs		(162,317)	(227,676)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		9,776,470	2,064,864
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		5,478,195	(6,046,283)
Cash at the beginning of the period		1,224,404	7,197,813
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash		24,825	72,875
CASH AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	6	6,727,424	1,224,404

The above consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Notes to the financial statements

# Note 1. Significant accounting policies

#### Introduction

This financial report includes the consolidated financial statements of Tlou Energy Limited (the "Company") and its controlled entities (together referred to as the "consolidated entity" or the "group").

The separate financial statements of the parent entity, Tlou Energy Limited, have not been presented within this financial report as permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001*. Supplementary information about the parent entity is disclosed in note 25.

Tlou Energy Limited is a public company, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is 210 Alice St, Brisbane, QLD 4000, Australia.

The following is a summary of the material and principal accounting policies adopted by the consolidated entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

# Operations and principal activities

The principal activity of the consolidated entity is the exploration and evaluation of assets in Southern Africa to identify and develop CBM resources. No revenue from this activity has been earned to date, as the consolidated entity is still in the exploration and evaluation stage.

# Currency

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, which is the functional currency of the parent entity.

# **Authorisation of financial report**

The financial report was authorised for issue on 11 September 2017.

#### **Basis of preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Thou Energy Limited is a forprofit entity for the purposes of preparing the financial statements.

#### Compliance with IFRS

The consolidated financial statements of Tlou Energy Limited also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Historical cost convention

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the consolidated entity's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 2.

Foreign currency transactions

Foreign currency transactions are translated into Australian dollars using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at financial year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

Note 1 Significant accounting policies (continued)

## **Going Concern**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates that the group will continue to meet its commitments and can therefore continue normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

Because of the nature of the operations, exploration companies, such as Tlou Energy Limited, find it necessary on a regular basis to raise additional cash funds for future exploration activity and meet other necessary corporate expenditure. The company has recently completed a capital raising which is expected to fund ongoing operations and working capital requirements for the next 12 months. Subject to the results of these operations the group may need to raise additional capital to expand and develop the project further. Accordingly, the group is in the process of investigating various options for the raising of additional funds which may include but is not limited to an issue of shares or the sale of exploration assets where increased value has been created through previous exploration activity.

At the date of this financial report, none of the above fund raising options have been concluded and no guarantee can be given that a successful outcome will eventuate. The directors have concluded that as a result of the current circumstances there exists a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt regarding the group's and the company's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore the group and company may be unable to realise their assets and discharge their liabilities in the normal course of business. Nevertheless, after taking into account the current status of the various funding options currently being investigated and making other enquiries regarding other sources of funding, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group and the company will have adequate resources to fund its future operational requirements and for these reasons they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial report.

The financial report does not include adjustments relating to the recoverability or classification of recorded assets amounts or to the amounts or classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the group not be able to continue as a going concern.

# **Accounting Polices**

### (a) Principles of consolidation

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Consolidated Entity has control. The Consolidated Entity controls an entity when the Consolidated Entity is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Consolidated Entity. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the Consolidated Entity.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Consolidated Entity companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Consolidated Entity.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of financial position respectively.

## (b) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the consolidated entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

### Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

#### Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Note 1 Significant accounting policies (continued)

# (c) Investments and other financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on the purpose of the acquisition and subsequent reclassification to other categories is restricted. The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid prices. For unlisted investments, the consolidated entity establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the consolidated entity has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are either: (i) held for trading, where they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the short- term with an intention of making a profit; or (ii) designated as such upon initial recognition, where they are managed on a fair value basis or to eliminate or significantly reduce an accounting mismatch. Except for effective hedging instruments, derivatives are also categorised as fair value through profit or loss. Fair value movements are recognised in profit or loss.

#### Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets, principally equity securities that are either designated as available-for-sale or not classified as any other category. After initial recognition, fair value movements are recognised in the available-for-sale reserve in equity. Cumulative gain or loss previously reported in the available-for-sale reserve is recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised or impaired.

### Impairment of financial assets

The consolidated entity assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Objective evidence includes significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor; a breach of contract such as default or delinquency in payments; the lender granting to a borrower concessions due to economic or legal reasons that the lender would not otherwise do; it becomes probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; the disappearance of an active market for the financial asset; or observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in estimated future cash flows.

The amount of the impairment allowance for financial assets carried at cost is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the current market rate of return for similar financial assets. Available-for-sale financial assets are considered impaired when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in value below initial cost. Subsequent increments in value are recognised in the available-for-sale reserve.

### (d) Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

Note 1 Significant accounting policies (continued)

# (e) Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

# (f) Comparative figures

When required by accounting standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

## (g) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

The Consolidated Entity has adopted all new and amended Australian Accounting Standards and AASB Interpretations as of 1 July 2016. The Consolidated Entity did not have to change its accounting policies or make retrospective adjustments as a result of adopting these standards.

Note 1 Significant accounting policies (continued)

## (h) New Standards and Interpretations not yet adopted

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2017 reporting periods. The Consolidated Entity has decided against early adoption of these standards. The Consolidated Entity's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below:

### **AASB 9 Financial Instruments**

This standard and its consequential amendments are currently applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. This standard introduces new classification and measurement models for financial assets, using a single approach to determine whether a financial asset is measured at amortised cost or fair value. To be classified and measured at amortised cost, assets must satisfy the business model test for managing the financial assets and have certain contractual cash flow characteristics. All other financial instrument assets are to be classified and measured at fair value. This standard allows an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on equity instruments (that are not held-for-trading) in other comprehensive income, with dividends as a return on these investments being recognised in profit or loss. In addition, those equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income would no longer have to apply any impairment requirements nor would there be any 'recycling' of gains or losses through profit or loss on disposal. The accounting for financial liabilities continues to be classified and measured in accordance with AASB 139, with one exception, being that the portion of a change of fair value relating to the entity's own credit risk is to be presented in other comprehensive income unless it would create an accounting mismatch. The Group has not yet made an assessment of the impact of this standard.

#### AASB 16: Leases

This standard is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. When effective, this Standard will replace the current accounting requirements applicable to leases in AASB 117: Leases and related Interpretations. AASB 16 introduces a single lessee accounting model that eliminates the requirement for leases to be classified as operating or finance leases.

The main changes introduced by the new Standard include:

- recognition of a right-to-use asset and liability for all leases (excluding short-term leases with less than 12 months of tenure and leases relating to low-value assets);
- depreciation of right-to-use assets in line with AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment in profit or loss and unwinding of the liability in principal and interest components;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate are included in the initial measurement of the lease liability using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- by applying a practical expedient, a lessee is permitted to elect not to separate non-lease components and instead account for all components as a lease; and
- additional disclosure requirements.

The transitional provisions of AASB 16 allow a lessee to either retrospectively apply the Standard to comparatives in line with AASB 108 or recognise the cumulative effect of retrospective application as an adjustment to opening equity on the date of initial application. The Group has not yet made an assessment of the impact of this standard.

### Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### Exploration & evaluation assets

The consolidated entity performs regular reviews on each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest. These reviews are based on detailed surveys and analysis of drilling results performed to reporting date.

### Deferred Tax assets

The group is subject to income taxes in Australia and jurisdictions where it has foreign operations. Significant judgement is required in determining the worldwide provision for income taxes. There are certain transactions and calculations undertaken during the ordinary course of business for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The group estimates its tax liabilities based on the group's understanding of the tax law. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the period in which such determination is made.

In addition, the group has recognised deferred tax assets relating to carried forward tax losses to the extent there are sufficient taxable temporary differences (deferred tax liabilities) relating to the same taxation authority and the same subsidiary against which the unused tax losses can be utilised. However, utilisation of the tax losses also depends on the ability of the entity, which is not part of the tax consolidated group, to satisfy certain tests at the time the losses are recouped. Due to the parent entity acquiring the entity that holds the losses it is expected that the entity will fail to satisfy the continuity of ownership test and therefore has to rely on the same business test. As at 30 June 2017 the group has received advice that the losses are available, however should this change in the future the group may be required to derecognise these losses.

### Note 3. Expenses

	Consolidated	
	June 2017	June 2016
Loss before income tax includes the following specific expenses:	\$	\$
Employee benefits expense		
Defined contribution superannuation expense	42,408	46,535
Performance rights	423,499	-
Other employee benefits expense	575,173	567,274
	1,041,080	613,809
Occupancy costs		
Rental expense relating to operating leases - minimum lease rentals	47,817	64,601
	47,817	64,601
Other expenses include the following specific items:		
Travel and accommodation costs	225,735	140,462
<ul> <li>Consultants</li> </ul>	277,184	365,460
<ul> <li>Stock exchange, advisory, secretarial fees</li> </ul>	355,848	198,707
<ul> <li>Insurance</li> </ul>	68,254	70,705
	927,021	775,334

### Note 4. Income Tax

The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on that period's taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate for each jurisdiction adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences and unused tax losses and under and over provision in prior periods, where applicable.

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 that are enacted or substantively enacted, except for:

- When the deferred income tax asset or liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a
  transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting nor
  taxable profits; or
- When the taxable temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference 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 recognised and unrecognised deferred tax assets are reviewed each reporting date. Deferred tax assets recognised are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that future taxable profits will be available for the carrying amount to be recovered. Previously unrecognised deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that there are future taxable profits available to recover the asset.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only where there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and they relate to the same taxable authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend to settle simultaneously.

Note 4 Income tax (continued)

	Consolidated	
Loss before income tax	June 2017 \$ (3,165,323)	June 2016 \$ (3,065,583)
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Tax at the domestic tax rates applicable to profits in the country concerned	(949,597)	(919,675)
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Other non-deductible items	216,360	244,706
Difference in overseas tax rates	(218,335)	329,015
Previously unrecognised tax losses used to reduce deferred tax expense	-	-
Deferred tax asset not recognised	951,572	345,954
Income tax benefit	•	-
Recognised deferred tax assets		
Unused tax losses	7,551,526	5,937,794
•	7,551,526	5,937,794
Recognised deferred tax liabilities		
Assessable temporary differences	7,920,879	6,307,147
	7,920,879	6,307,147
Net deferred tax liability recognised	369,353	369,353
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Unrecognised temporary differences and tax losses	00 000 470	05 400 007
Unused tax losses and temporary differences for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised	29,026,473	25,426,397

The deductible temporary differences and tax losses do not expire under current tax legislation. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these items because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the group can utilise these benefits.

### Note 5. Earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Tlou Energy Limited, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share to take into account the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares.

	Consolidated	
Reconciliation of earnings used in calculating basic and diluted loss per share:	June 2017 \$	June 2016 \$
Loss for the year attributable to owners of Tlou Energy Limited Loss used in the calculation of the basic and dilutive loss per share	(3,165,323) (3,165,323)	(3,065,583)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator	Number	Number
Number used in calculating basic and diluted loss per share	245,694,059	197,910,139

Options and performance rights are considered to be "potential ordinary shares" but were anti-dilutive in nature and therefore the diluted loss per share is the same as the basic loss per share.

320,739

444,358

### Note 6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. For the consolidated statement of cash flows presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents also includes bank overdrafts, which are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the consolidated statement of financial position.

	Consolie	Consolidated	
	June 2017 \$	June 2016 \$	
Cash at bank	6,727,424	1,224,404	
	6,727,424	1,224,404	

# Note 7. Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Plant and equipment 3-7 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date. An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the consolidated entity. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

	Consolid	Consolidated	
	June 2017	June 2016	
	\$	\$	
Plant and equipment at cost	1,946,392	1,782,697	
Accumulated depreciation	(1,625,653)	(1,338,339)	

### **Movements in Carrying Amounts**

Movement in the carrying amount of plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

Balance at the beginning of year	444,358	724,334
Additions	100,664	24,140
Disposals	(788)	(1,069)
Depreciation	(240,961)	(260,564)
Foreign exchange movements	17,466	(42,483)
Carrying amount at the end of year	320,739	444,358

# Note 8. Exploration and Evaluation Assets

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred is accumulated in respect of each identifiable area of interest. Such expenditures comprise net direct costs and an appropriate portion of related overhead expenditure but do not include overheads or administration expenditure not having a specific nexus with a particular area of interest. These costs are only carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be recouped through the successful development of the area or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage which permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves and active or significant operations in relation to the area are continuing.

Accumulated costs in relation to an area no longer considered viable are written off in full in the year the decision is made. Regular reviews are undertaken on each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest.

	Consolidated	
	June 2017	June 2016
	\$	\$
Exploration and evaluation assets	49,328,038	46,183,722
	49,328,038	46,183,722
Movements in exploration and evaluation assets		
Balance at the beginning of period	46,183,722	43,559,315
Exploration and evaluation expenditure during the year	1,848,143	4,572,815
Foreign currency translation	1,296,173	(1,948,408)
Balance at the end of period	49,328,038	46,183,722

The recoupment of costs carried forward in relation to areas of interest in the exploration and evaluation phase is dependent on successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively, sale of the respective areas of interest.

As at the date of this report, the current terms of the Mamba Prospecting Licences have expired. However, Tlou has applied to extend the term of these Exploration Licences, and they continue in force until a determination is made regarding the application to extend their terms. Accordingly, while Tlou has applied to renew the Mamba Prospecting Licences, there is no certainty that the terms of the licences will be extended.

There is a risk that one of more of the exploration licences will not be extended, or that the terms of the extension are not favourable to Tlou. This could have an adverse impact on the performance of Tlou. The Company is not aware of any reasons why the licences will not be renewed.

### Note 9. Other non-current assets

Inventory and well consumables are valued at lower of cost or net realisable value. Inventory and well consumables are allocated to exploration and evaluation expenditure when the assets are used in operations.

	Consoli	Consolidated	
	June 2017 \$	June 2016 \$	
Inventory and well consumables	694,402	946,675	
	694,402	946,675	

### Note 10. Trade and Other Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the consolidated entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

	Consoli	Consolidated	
	June 2017	June 2016	
	\$	\$	
Current			
Trade payables	131,161	151,133	
Accruals	278,552	145,793	
Other payables	21,319	10,030	
	431,032	306,956	

The carrying values of trade and other payables approximate fair values due to short-term nature of the amounts. These are non-interest bearing.

#### Note 11. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the consolidated entity has a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable the consolidated entity will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. If the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

#### Restoration

Both for close down and restoration and for environmental clean-up costs, a provision is made in the accounting period when the related disturbance occurs, based on the net present value of estimated future costs. The amortisation or 'unwinding' of the discount applied in establishing the net present value of provision is charged as a finance cost to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in each accounting period.

For close down and restoration costs, which include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas, movements in provision other than the amortisation of the discount, such as those resulting from changes in the cost estimates, lives of operations or discount rates, are capitalised into the carrying amount of development and amortised against future production.

#### Rehabilitation

The provision represents the estimated costs to rehabilitate wells in licences held by the consolidated entity. This provision has been calculated based on the number of wells which require rehabilitation and the expected costs to rehabilitate each well, taking into consideration the type of well and its location.

### Employee benefits

Wages and salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in current liabilities in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

### Note 11 Provisions (continued)

### Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in current and non-current liabilities, depending on the unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date. The liability is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

### Severance pay

As per the Botswana Labour a provision is calculated for each Botswana based employee of one day per month of service, which can be paid out after 60 months or when employment ends. The benefit rises to two days per month after the first 60 months.

	Consolidated	
	June 2017	June 2016
Current	\$	\$
Employee benefits	42,322	49,136
Employee benefits - Botswana severance	123,871	111,738
	166,193	160,874
Non-current		
Rehabilitation	94,000	94,000
	94,000	94,000

Employee benefits - Botswana Severance

A provision has been recognised for employee benefits relating to severance pay payable in Botswana.

# Note 12. Contributed equity

Issued and paid up capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the consolidated entity. 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.

			Consolidated	
	June 2017 Shares	******	June 2017	June 2016
			\$	\$
Opening balance	205,619,292	187,156,319	73,931,569	71,606,519
Issue of ordinary shares during the year*	98,423,556	18,462,973	9,684,461	2,584,816
Share issue costs	-	-	(235,846)	(259,766)
Ordinary shares - fully paid	304,042,848	205,619,292	83,380,184	73,931,569

<sup>\*</sup>Shares issued during the year and the issue price of each issue is as follows:

Issue Date	No. of Shares	Issue Price AUD
07-Sep-16	31,578,947	\$0.095
07-Apr-17	51,788,334	\$0.10
27-Apr-17	8,276,275	\$0.10
02-May-17	6,780,000	\$0.10

Note 12 Contributed equity (continued)

### **Ordinary shares**

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on the winding up of the company in proportion to the number of, and amounts paid on, the shares held. The fully paid ordinary shares have no par value. On a show of hands every member present at a meeting, in person or by proxy, shall have one vote and upon a poll, each share shall have one vote. The company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares.

#### Options and performance rights

At 30 June 2017, the following options for ordinary shares in Tlou Energy Limited and performance rights were on issue:

### **Options**

Numb	er	Exercise	Expiry
2017	2016	Price	Date
1,500,000	1,500,000	\$0.14	29/11/2017
500,000	500,000	\$0.14	14/01/2018
2,000,000	2,000,000		

#### Performance rights:

Vesting Date	Exercise Price	01/07/2016	Issued	Exercised	Expired	30/06/2017
31 January 2017	\$0.21	-	2,275,000	-	-	2,275,000
31 January 2017	\$0.28	-	2,275,000	-	-	2,275,000
			4,550,000	-	-	4,550,000

### Capital risk management

The capital structure of the consolidated entity consists of equity attributable to equity holders of the parent entity, comprising issued capital and reserves as disclosed in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity.

When managing capital, management's objective is to ensure the parent entity continues as a going concern and to maintain a structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital available and to ensure adequate capital is available for exploration and evaluation of tenements. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the group may seek to issue new shares. Consistent with other exploration companies, the group and the parent entity monitor capital on the basis of forecast exploration and development expenditure required to reach a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of an economically recoverable reserve.

There were no changes in the group's approach to capital management during the year.

The group is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

### Note 13. Reserves

### **Foreign Currency Translation Reserve**

The foreign currency translation reserve records exchange differences arising on translation of foreign controlled entities.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars rounded to the nearest dollar, which is Tlou Energy Limited's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign operations

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates at the reporting date. The revenues and expenses of foreign operations are translated into functional currency using the average exchange rates, which approximate the rate at the date of the transaction, for the period. All resulting foreign exchange differences are recognised in the foreign currency translation reserve in equity. The foreign currency reserve is recognised in profit or loss when the foreign operation or net investment is disposed of.

### **Share Based Payments Reserve**

The share based payments reserve is used to record the share based payment associated with options granted to employees and others under equity-settled share based payment arrangements.

# Note 14. Share-based payments

Equity-settled and cash-settled share-based compensation benefits are provided to employees.

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

The cost of equity-settled transactions are measured at fair value on grant date. Fair value is independently determined using either the Binomial or Black-Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the impact of dilution, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk free interest rate for the term of the option, together with non-vesting conditions that do not determine whether the consolidated entity receives the services that entitle the employees to receive payment. No account is taken of any other vesting conditions.

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

Market conditions are taken into consideration in determining fair value. Therefore, any awards subject to market conditions are considered to vest irrespective of whether or not that market condition has been met provided all other conditions are satisfied.

If equity-settled awards are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the modification has not been made. An additional expense is recognised, over the remaining vesting period, for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based compensation benefit as at the date of modification.

If the non-vesting condition is within the control of the consolidated entity or employee, the failure to satisfy the condition is treated as a cancellation. If the condition is not within the control of the consolidated entity or employee and is not satisfied during the vesting period, any remaining expense for the award is recognised over the remaining vesting period, unless the award is forfeited.

If equity-settled awards are cancelled, it is treated as if it has vested on the date of cancellation, and any remaining expense is recognised immediately. If a new replacement award is substituted for the cancelled award, the cancelled and new award is treated as if they were a modification.

### **Employee Share Options and Performance Rights**

Share Options and Performance Rights may be granted to certain personnel of the company on terms determined by the directors or otherwise approved by the company at a general meeting.

The options are granted for no consideration. Options and entitlements to the options are vested on a time basis and/or on specific performance based criteria such as share price increases or reserves certification. Options granted as described above carry no dividend or voting rights. When exercisable, each option is convertible to one ordinary share.

Performance Rights issued during the year are linked to the share price performance of the Company, ensuring alignment with the interests of the Company's shareholders. The Performance Rights have been split into two equal Tranches. For the Performance Rights to vest and, therefore, become exercisable by a participant, certain performance conditions will be required to be met as set out below. On vesting, holders of Performance Rights will be entitled to acquire Tlou Energy Limited ordinary shares at nil cost.

Tranche	Performance Condition
Tranche 1	The closing price of Shares being 50% or more above the price at the date of shareholder
	approval for a period of 10 consecutive trading days.
Tranche 2	The closing price of Shares being 100% or more above the price at the date of
	shareholder approval for a period of 10 consecutive trading days.

### Notes:

- The date of shareholder approval was 10 November 2016
- The share price on 10 November 2016 was AUD \$0.14
- For Tranche 1 to vest the share price needs to be AUD \$0.21 per share or greater for a period of 10 consecutive trading days
- For Tranche 2 to vest the share price needs to be AUD \$0.28 or greater for a period of 10 consecutive trading days

### Note 14 Share based payments (continued)

The expense recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in relation to share based payments amounts to \$423,499 (2016: \$16,900). The amount assessed as fair value at the grant date is allocated equally over the period from grant date to vesting date. The fair value at grant date is determined using generally accepted valuation techniques that take into account exercise price, the term of the option or performance rights, the impact of dilution, the share price at grant date, the expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk free rate for the term of the option/performance rights and an appropriate probability weighting to factor the likelihood of the satisfaction of non-vesting conditions.

Inputs used to value the options on issue are as follows:

Grant date	30/11/15	14/01/16
Dividend yield (%)	-	-
Expected volatility (%)	68	68
Risk-free interest rate (%)	1.94	1.94
Expected life of options (years)	2	2
Weighted average share price (\$)	\$0.14	\$0.14
Model used	Black Scholes	Black Scholes

Inputs used to value the performance rights on issue are as follows:

	Tranche 1	Tranche 2
Grant date	10/11/16	10/11/16
Expected volatility (%)	100	100
Risk-free interest rate (%)	2.20	2.20
Expected life of (years)	7	7
Weighted average share price (\$)	\$0.21	\$0.28
Model used	Trinomial	Trinomial

The following table shows the number, movements and weighted average exercise price of employee share options outstanding for the 2017 year

Grant Date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Opening Balance July 2016	Exercised During the Year	Granted During the Year	Expired During the year	Closing Balance June 2017	Vested & Exercisable
30/11/15	29/11/17	\$0.14	1,500,000	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
14/01/16	14/01/18	\$0.14	500,000	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
Total			2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Weighted ave	rage exercise pr	ice	\$0.14	-	-	-	\$0.14	\$0.14

The weighted average remaining contractual life of share options outstanding at the end of the year was 0.4 years.

The following table shows the number, movements and weighted average exercise price of employee share options outstanding for the 2016 year:

Grant Date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Opening Balance July 2015	Exercised During the Year	Granted During the Year	Expired During the year	Closing Balance June 2016	Vested & Exercisable
01/07/12	30/04/16	\$0.625	10,175,000	-	-	(10,175,000)	-	-
01/04/14	30/04/16	\$0.625	400,000	-	-	(400,000)	-	-
30/11/15	29/11/17	\$0.14	-	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
14/01/16	14/01/18	\$0.14	-	-	500,000	-	500,000	500,000
Total		_	10,575,000	-	2,000,000	(10,575,000)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Weighted aver	rage exercise pri	ice	\$0.63	-	\$0.14	\$0.63	\$0.14	\$0.14

The weighted average remaining contractual life of share options outstanding at the end of the year was 1.4 years.

### Note 14 Share based payments (continued)

The following table shows the number, movements and exercise price of performance rights for the 2017 year. There were no performance rights in the prior year.

Movements						
Vesting Date	Exercise Price	01/07/2016	Issued	Exercised	Expired	30/06/2017
31 January 2017	\$0.21	-	2,275,000	-	-	2,275,000
31 January 2017	\$0.28	-	2,275,000	-	-	2,275,000
			4,550,000	-	-	4,550,000

### Expenses arising from share-based payment transactions

Total expenses arising from share-based payment transaction recognised during the year were as follows:

	Consoli	Consolidated		
	June 2017	June 2016		
	\$	\$		
Performance rights	423,499	-		
Options expensed	-	16,900		
Options capitalised	•	80,101		
	423,499	97,001		

#### Note 15. Commitments

### Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

A distinction is made between finance leases, which effectively transfer from the lessor to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of leased assets, and operating leases, under which the lessor effectively retains substantially all such risks and benefits.

Finance leases are capitalised. A lease asset and liability are established at the present value of minimum lease payments. Lease payments are allocated between the principal component of the lease liability and the finance costs, so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Leased assets acquired under a finance lease are depreciated over the asset's useful life or over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the consolidated entity will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term.

Operating lease payments, net of any incentives received from the lessor, are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### **Operating lease commitments**

Commitments for minimum lease payments for non-cancellable operating leases for offices and equipment contracted for but not recognised in the financial statements.

Payable - minimum lease payments	June 2017 \$	June 2016 \$
not later than 12 months	5,250	5,250
<ul> <li>between 12 months and 5 years</li> </ul>	· •	-
	5,250	5,250

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 15 Commitments (continued)

#### **Exploration expenditure:**

In order to maintain an interest in the exploration tenements in which it is involved, the group is required to meet certain conditions imposed by the various statutory authorities granting the exploration tenements or that are imposed by the joint venture agreements entered into by the group. These conditions can include proposed expenditure commitments. The timing and amount of exploration expenditure obligations of the group may vary significantly from the forecast based on the results of the work performed, which will determine the prospectivity of the relevant area of interest. The group's proposed expenditure obligations, which are not provided for in the financial statements are as follows:

	Consolidated		
	June 2017	June 2016	
Minimum expenditure requirements	\$	\$	
<ul> <li>not later than 12 months</li> </ul>	1,637,420	25,668,594	
<ul> <li>between 12 months and 5 years</li> </ul>	2,637,363	-	
	4,274,783	25,668,594	

The minimum expenditure requirements at 30 June 2017 do not include commitment in relation to Prospecting licence PL002/2004. In August 2017, post year end, this Prospecting Licence was converted to a mining licence with no minimum expenditure requirement outlined in the mining licence, hence the reason for excluding the figure in the above amounts.

Five of the Group's prospecting licences referred to as the Mamba permits expired at 30 June 2017. Renewal applications were submitted in March 2017, however confirmation of whether renewal was successful or not has not been received at the date of this report. The issuing authority have confirmed that they will extend the licences to 30 September 2017, by which time they expect to have the renewal applications assessed. There was no additional commitment amount outlined in the extension document so the above figures do not include any expenditure relating to the Mamba permits.

#### Note 16. Financial instruments

#### Overview

The group's principal financial instruments comprise receivables, payables, cash and term deposits. The main risks arising from the group's financial assets 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. Other than as disclosed, there have been no significant changes since the previous financial year to the exposure or management of these risks.

The group holds the following financial instruments:

	Consoli	Consolidated		
	June 2017	June 2016		
Financial Assets	\$	\$		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,727,424	1,224,404		
Trade and other receivables	100,674	290,431		
	6,828,098	1,514,835		
Financial Liabilities				
Trade and other payables	431,032	306,956		
	431,032	306,956		

### Financial risk management objectives

The consolidated entity's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign currency risk, price risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The consolidated entity's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rate, foreign exchange and other price risks and ageing analysis for credit risk.

Note 16 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial risk management objectives (continued)

Key risks are monitored and reviewed as circumstances change (e.g. acquisition of new entity or project) and policies are created or 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 purpose 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. These policies include identification and analysis of the risk exposure of the consolidated entity and appropriate procedures, controls and risk limits.

Risk management is carried out by senior finance executives (finance) under policies approved by the Board of Directors. Finance identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks within the consolidated entity's operating units where appropriate.

#### (a) Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at reporting date whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments. The group is also exposed to earnings volatility on floating rate instruments.

A forward business cash requirement estimate is made, identifying cash requirements for the following period (generally up to one year) and interest rate term deposit information is obtained from a variety of banks over a variety of periods (usually one month up to six-month term deposits) accordingly. The funds to invest are then scheduled in an optimised fashion to maximise interest returns.

### Interest rate sensitivity

A sensitivity of 1% interest rate has been selected as this is considered reasonable given the current market conditions. A 1% movement in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased (decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant.

	Profit or loss		Equity	
	1% increase \$	1% decrease \$	1% increase \$	1% decrease \$
Consolidated - 30 June 2017	,	·		
Cash and cash equivalents  Consolidated - 30 June 2016	67,274	(67,274)	67,274	(67,274)
Cash and cash equivalents	12,244	(12,244)	12,244	(12,244)

Interest rate risk on other financial instruments is immaterial.

Note 16 Financial instruments (continued)

### (b) 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 obligations when due.

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors. The group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. This is based on the undiscounted cash flows of the financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which they are required to be paid. At the end of the reporting period the group held cash of \$6,727,424 (2016: \$1,224,404).

The following table details the remaining contractual maturity for non-derivative financial liabilities.

	Within	Between	Total Contractual	Carrying
	1 Year	1 & 2 years	Cash Flows	Amount
Consolidated - 30 June 2017	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other payables	431,032	-	431,032	431,032
Consolidated - 30 June 2016				
Trade and other payables	306,956	-	306,956	306,956

### (c) Foreign exchange risk

As a result of activities overseas, the group's consolidated statement of financial position can be affected by movements in exchange rates. The group also has transactional currency exposures. Such exposures arise from transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the relevant entity.

The group's exposure to foreign currency risk primarily arises from the group's operations overseas. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency. The risk is measured using sensitivity analysis and cash flow forecasting.

The group currently does not engage in any hedging or derivative transactions to manage foreign currency risk. The group's policy is to generally convert its local currency to Pula, Rand or US dollars at the time of transaction. The group, has on rare occasions, taken the opportunity to move Australian dollars into foreign currency (ahead of a planned requirement for those foreign funds) when exchange rate movements have moved significantly in favour of the Australian dollar, and management considers that the currency movement is extremely likely to move back in subsequent weeks or months. Therefore, the opportunity has been taken to lock in currency at a favourable rate to the group. This practice is expected to be the exception, rather than the normal practice.

The group's exposure to foreign currency risk at the reporting date, expressed in Australian dollars, was as follows:

	2017 USD \$	2017 Pula \$	2017 SA Rand \$	2016 USD \$	2016 Pula \$	2016 SA Rand \$
Financial Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	20,603	105,567	36,377	21,279	100,871	8,976
Trade and other receivables	-	78,337	-	-	28,313	-
Financial Liabilities						
Trade and other payables	-	(112,508)	-	-	(154,024)	-
Net Financial Instruments	20,603	71,396	36,377	21,279	(24,840)	8,976

Note 16 Financial instruments (continued)

### Foreign currency rate sensitivity

Based on financial instruments held at 30 June 2017, had the Australian dollar strengthened/weakened by 10% the group's profit or loss and equity would be impacted as follows:

	Profit or loss		Equi	ty
	10%	10%	10%	10%
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
2017	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dollar (US)	(2,060)	2,060	(2,060)	2,060
Pula (Botswana)	(7,140)	7,140	(7,140)	7,140
Rand (South Africa)	(3,638)	3,638	(3,638)	3,638
2016				
Dollar (US)	(2,182)	2,182	(2,182)	2,182
Pula (Botswana)	2,484	(2,484)	2,484	(2,484)
Rand (South Africa)	(898)	898	(898)	898

#### (d) 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 group exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored by the Board of Directors.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the financial assets as summarised in the table above.

### Credit Risk Exposures

#### Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables comprise primarily of VAT and GST refunds due. Where possible the group trades with recognised, creditworthy third parties. The receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis. The group's exposure to bad debts is not significant. At 30 June 2017, none (2016: nil) of the group's receivables were past due.

### Cash and cash equivalents

The group has a significant concentration of credit risk with respect to cash deposits with Westpac Banking Corporation, First National Bank Botswana and First National Bank South Africa. However, significant cash deposits are invested across banks to mitigate credit risk exposure to a particular bank. AAA rated banks are mostly used and non AAA banks are utilised where commercially attractive returns are available.

# Note 17. Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel comprise directors and other persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Consolidated Entity.

Detailed remuneration disclosures are provided in the remuneration report on pages 13 to 19.

# Key management personnel compensation

The aggregate compensation made to directors and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity is set out below:

	Consolid	dated
	June 2017	June 2016
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	653,675	885,565
Post-employment benefits	54,796	55,012
Other long-term benefits	23,730	28,063
	732,201	968,640
Share based payments	342,375	-
	1,074,576	968,640

# Note 18. Auditors' Remuneration

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the group:

	Consolidated	
	June 2017	June 2016
	\$	\$
Audit services		
Auditing or reviewing the financial statements - BDO Australia	55,000	48,500
Auditing or reviewing the financial statements - BDO Botswana	25,214	25,088
	80,214	73,588
Non-audit services - BDO Australia		
Tax consulting and compliance services	10,172	16,132
AIM listing	-	36,983
	10,172	53,115
Total	90,386	126,703

# Note 19. Contingent Liabilities

The Directors are not aware of any contingent liabilities (2016: nil).

# Note 20. Related Party Transactions

### Parent entity

The legal parent entity is Tlou Energy Limited.

# **Subsidiaries**

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 23.

# Transactions with related parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	Consolida	ated
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Payment for goods and services:		
Office rent paid to The Gilby McKay Alice Street Partnership, a director-related entity of Anthony Gilby.	21,000	46,500
<u>Receivable from and payable to related parties</u> The following balances are outstanding at the reporting date in relation to transactions with related parties:		
<u>Current payables:</u> Trade payables to The Gilby McKay Alice Street Partnership, a director-related entity of Anthony Gilby	1,925	1,925

### Loans to/from related parties

There were no loans to or from related parties at the reporting date or during the year.

#### Terms and conditions

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

# Note 21. Segment Reporting

### **Reportable Segments**

Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports that are regularly reviewed by the executive team in order to allocate resources to the segment and assess its performance.

The Company currently operates in one segment, being the exploration, evaluation and development of Coalbed Methane resources in Southern Africa.

### Segment revenue

As at 30 June 2017 no revenue has been derived from its operations (2016: nil).

### Segment assets

Segment non-current assets are allocated to countries based on where the assets are located as outlined below.

	June 2017	June 2016
	\$	\$
Botswana	50,341,366	47,574,122
Australia	1,813	633
	50,343,179	47,574,755

# Note 22. Cash Flow Information

	Consolidated	
	June 2017	June 2016
	\$	\$
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations		
Loss for the period	(3,165,323)	(3,065,583)
Depreciation	240,961	260,564
Share-based payments	423,499	97,001
Salaries and fees paid in equity	-	(97,000)
Loss on disposal	788	-
Net exchange differences	37,181	247,007
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	189,757	(68,487)
Decrease/(increase) in other assets	-	431,342
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals	(112,369)	(165,192)
Decrease/(increase) in employee benefits	35,318	170,322
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	5,319	(113,220)
_	(2,344,869)	(2,303,246)

# Note 23. Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 1.

Name of entity	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Equity h	olding %
			June 2017	June 2016
Tlou Energy Botswana (Proprietary) Ltd	Botswana	Ordinary	100	100
Technoleads International Inc	Barbados	Ordinary	100	100
Tlou Energy Exploration (Proprietary) Limited	Botswana	Ordinary	100	100
Sable Energy Holdings (Barbados) Inc	Barbados	Ordinary	100	100
Tlou Energy Resources (Proprietary) Limited	Botswana	Ordinary	100	100
Copia Resources Inc	Barbados	Ordinary	100	100
Tlou Energy Corp Services Botswana (Proprietary) Limited	Botswana	Ordinary	100	100
Madra Holdings (Barbados) Inc	Barbados	Ordinary	100	100
Tlou Energy Solutions (Proprietary) Limited	Botswana	Ordinary	100	100
Aguia Energy Limitada	Mozambique	Ordinary	-	100
Mica Investments (Barbados) Inc	Barbados	Ordinary	-	100
SK Holdings (Barbados) Inc	Barbados	Ordinary	-	100
Tlou South Karoo (Proprietary) Limited	Botswana	Ordinary	-	100
Apex Resources No. 2 Inc	Barbados	Ordinary	-	100
Apex Resources Holdings No. 2 Corp	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	-	100
Tembo Holdings Inc	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	-	100

# Note 24. Subsequent Events

There has not been any matter or circumstance, other than that referred to in this report and disclosed in the financial statements or notes thereto, that has arisen since the end of the period, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of these operations, or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity in future financial years.

# Note 25. Parent entity disclosures

	Parent		
	June 2017	June 2016	
	\$	\$	
Current assets	6,640,713	1,411,310	
Non-current assets	30,215,563	30,214,384	
Total assets	36,856,276	31,625,694	
Current liabilities	330,900	173,688	
Total liabilities	330,900	173,688	
Net assets	36,525,376	31,452,006	
Contributed equity	83,380,184	73,931,569	
Share based payment	520,499	2,159,745	
Accumulated losses	(47,375,307)	(44,639,308)	
Total equity	36,525,376	31,452,006	
Loss for the period	2,735,999	2,598,498	
Total comprehensive income	2,735,999	2,598,498	

# Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees of the Parent Entity

The Parent Entity has no commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, no contingent assets, contingent liabilities or guarantees at balance date.

# **Directors' declaration**

In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Australian Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as described in note 1 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- the remuneration report as set out in the directors report for the year ended 30 June 2017 comply with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*; and

The directors have been given the declarations by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors made pursuant to section 295(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

Anthony Gilby

Director

Brisbane

11 September 2017



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Tlou Energy Limited

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Tlou Energy Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) 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 *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

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

# Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report which describes the events and/or conditions which give rise to the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the group's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore the group may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matter described in the *Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern* section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

### Carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets

### Key audit matter

The group carries significant exploration and evaluation assets of \$49,328,038 as at 30 June 2017 as disclosed in note 8 to the financial statements.

The carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets represents a significant asset of the company and assessing whether facts or circumstances exist to suggest that impairment indicators were present, and if present, whether the carrying amount of this asset may exceed its recoverable amount was considered key to the audit.

This assessment involves significant judgement applied by management.

We considered it necessary to assess whether facts and circumstances existed to suggest that impairment indicators were present, and if present, whether the carrying amount of these assets may exceed its recoverable amount.

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our procedures included, but were not limited to, assessing and evaluating management's assessment of whether any impairment indicators in accordance with AASB 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources have been identified across the Group's exploration projects, the indicators being:

- Expiring, or imminently expiring, rights to tenure
- A lack of budgeted or planned exploration and evaluation spend on the areas of interest
- Discontinuation of, or a plan to discontinue, exploration activities in the areas of interest
- Sufficient data exists to suggest carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets is unlikely be recovered in full through successful development or sale.

We verified current tenement licences to determine that the group has the rights to tenure and maintains the tenements in good standing. We obtained the expenditure budget for the 2018 year and assessed that there is reasonable forecasted expenditure to confirm continued exploration spend into the projects indicating that Management are committed to the projects. We also reviewed ASX announcements and Board meeting minutes for the year and subsequent to year end for exploration activity to identify any indicators of impairment.



#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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.

### Responsibilities of the directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related 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 has 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar1.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.



# Report on the Remuneration Report

# Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 16 to 22 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2017.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Tlou Energy Limited, for the year ended 30 June 2017, 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.

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd** 

D P Wright

Director

Brisbane, 11 September 2017

# **Corporate Governance Statement**

The Directors (the "Board") of Tlou Energy Limited ("Tlou Energy" or "the Company") are committed to the implementation of the highest standards of corporate governance. In determining what these standards should be, the Board references guidance and supports, where appropriate, the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations with 2014 amendments (3<sup>nd</sup> Edition) ("3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Recommendations or ASX Recommendations") established by the ASX Corporate Governance Council (the "Council").

This statement outlines the key aspects of Tlou Energy's governance framework and practices. The charters, policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and updated to comply with the law and best practice. This statement contains specific information and discloses the extent to which the Company intends to or is able to follow the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Recommendations. The charters and policies of the Company can be viewed on Tlou Energy's website at www.tlouenergy.com ("website")

The Council's recommendations are not prescriptive and, if certain recommendations are not appropriate for the Company given its circumstances, it may elect not to adopt that particular practice in limited circumstances. The Company believes that during the reporting period ending 30 June 2017 its practices are largely consistent with those of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Recommendations and where they do not follow a recommendation this statement identifies those that have not been followed and details reasons for non-adherence. Even where there is a deviation from the recommendations the Company continues to review and update its policies and practices in order that it keeps abreast of the growth of the Company, the broadening of its activities, current legislation and good practice.

This Corporate Governance statement reports on the main practices of Tlou Energy and is current as at the 11th of September 2017 and has been approved by the Board of Directors.

### Role of the Board

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Company is managed effectively. Given the size of the Company and the Board, the Board undertakes an active role in the management of the Company.

The Board's role and the Company's Corporate Governance practices are continually being reviewed and updated to reflect the Company's circumstances and growth. An example of this has been the appointment, since the end of the reporting period of two independent non-executive directors. The Board has adopted a Charter which sets out the responsibilities of the Board and its structure and governance as well as the matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management. A copy of the Charter is available on the Company's website.

The Board is responsible for determining the strategic direction and objectives of the Company and overseeing management's achievements against these.

(ASX Recommendation 1.1)

### The Board of Directors

The Board is currently comprised of six (6) Directors. Details of the Directors who held office during the year under review and those that have been appointed subsequent are namely:

Name of Director	Board Membership	Date of Appointment/Resignation
Martin McIver	Non-executive Chairman	16 September 2010
Anthony Gilby	Managing Director	23 April 2009
Gabaake Gabaake	Executive Director	11 March 2015
Colm Cloonan	Finance Director	11 February 2016
Hugh Swire	Non-executive Director	22 June 2017
Linah Mohohlo	Non-executive Director	12 July 2017

The skills, experience and expertise relevant to the position of each Director are set out in the Directors' Report of this Annual Report. Prior to the appointment of a person, or putting forward to shareholders a candidate for election, as a director, the Company undertakes checks which it believes are appropriate to verify a director's character, experience, educations, criminal record and bankruptcy history. The Company will ensure that all material information in its possession relevant to a shareholders decision to elect or re-elect a director is provided to shareholder in the Company's Notice of Annual General Meeting.

(ASX Recommendation 1.2)

Each executive director and senior executive of Tlou Energy has an agreement in writing with the Company which sets out the key terms and conditions of their appointment including their duties, rights and responsibilities. There are no formal agreements with the non-executive directors other than their Deeds of Access and Indemnity. Given the size and operations of the Company at this stage and the experience and skills that the non-executive directors possess the Board does not believe that there would be any benefit to the Company in doing so.

(ASX Recommendation 1.3)

## **Company Secretary**

The Company Secretary is directly accountable to the Board through the Chairman who the Company Secretary has a direct line of reporting to. The Company Secretary is responsible for advising the Chairman and the Board to manage the day to day governance framework of the Company. The responsibilities of the Company Secretary are contained in the Board Charter a copy of which is available on the Company's website.

(ASX Recommendation 1.4)

# **Diversity Policy**

The Company is committed to creating a fair and inclusive work environment that embraces diversity and recognises its contribution to the Company's commercial success. As the Company has a relatively small staff at present the Board does not believe that any benefit would be obtained setting measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and has not done so. Neither is the Company a 'relevant employer' under the Workplace Gender Equality Act.

A copy of the Company's Diversity Policy can be found on the Company's website. (ASX Recommendation 1.5)

Improvement in Board processes and effectiveness is a continuing objective and the purpose of the annual Board evaluation is to identify ways to improve performance. The Board has appointed the Chairman as the person responsible for conducting an annual review of the Board's performance.

This process will involve the Chairman circulating to members of the Board a detailed questionnaire on performance indicators and collating the data from the same before discussing with each member of the Board and reviewing performance indicators such as time engaged on Company business, so as to assess the effectiveness of processes structure and contributions made by individual directors.

The Managing Director assesses, annually or as necessary, the performance of all key executives. Both qualitative and quantitative measures will be used consistent with performance targets set annually by the Managing Director in consultation with those executives. The Managing Director reports to the Nomination & Remuneration Committee on their performance and the Nomination & Remuneration Committee will then consider any changes to remuneration and the establishment of new performance targets.

During the reporting period, a review of the Boards performance was carried out by the Chairman. (ASX Recommendation 1.6)

The Board will assess annually or as necessary the performance of the Managing Director benchmarking his performance against the role description in the employment contract and general industry standards expected of a Managing Director carrying on that role. The Board regularly evaluates management's performance against various criteria and requires senior executives to address the Board on execution of strategy and associated issues. The Chief Executive Officer reviews the performance of the senior executives annually. Theses evaluations take into account matters such as the achieving of the Company's objectives and reaching of performance criteria.

An executive management review has been carried out for the current reporting period. (ASX Recommendation 1.7)

### Structure of Board to Add Value

The Board comprises three non-executive Directors, including the Chairman, and three executive Directors including Managing Director. The names of the Directors of the Company in office at the date of this report or through the year under review and their qualifications are set out in the section of the Annual Report headed "Directors' Report".

The composition and size of the Board is determined so as to provide the Company with a broad base of industry, business, technical, administrative, financial and corporate skills and experience considered necessary to achieve the strategic objectives of the Company taking into consideration the size of the Company and the nature of its current operations. During the current reporting period, the make-up of the Board has been bolstered by the appointment of two independent non-executive Directors

The Board considers that, fundamentally, the independence of Directors is based on their capacity to put the best interests of the Company and its shareholders ahead of all other interests, so that Directors are capable of exercising objective independent judgment.

When evaluating candidates, the Board has regard to the potential for conflicts of interest, whether actual or perceived, and the extent or materiality of these in the ongoing assessment of director independence. In this regard the Board has regard to the definition of "independence" in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Recommendations. The Board is of the view that the existence of one or more of the relationships in the definition will necessarily result in the relevant Director not being classified as independent, particularly given the criteria outlined above, and that the Company will seek to implement additional safeguards to ensure independence. An overall review of these considerations is conducted by the Board to determine whether individual Directors are independent.

Additional policies and practices, such as Directors not being present during discussions or decision making on matters in which they have or could be seen to potentially have a material conflict of interest, as well as Directors being excluded from taking part in the appointment of third party service providers where the Director has an interest, provide further separation and safeguards to independence. The Board has adopted materiality thresholds in relation to independence, which are contained in the Board Charter and summarised below.

ASX Recommendation 2.4 requires a majority of the Board to be independent Directors. In addition, ASX Recommendation 2.5 requires the Chairman of the Company to be independent. The Council defines 'independence' as being a non-executive director who is not a member of management and who is free from any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the independent exercise of their judgment. Based on this definition the current Directors, excluding Martin McIver could not be considered independent by virtue of them being either executives, substantial shareholders of the Company or Directors or Officers of Companies that are substantial shareholders of the Company.

The Chairman (Martin McIver) if applying the independence criteria in the Principles is considered to be independent.

Martin McIver has been previously treated not as an independent Director as formally he was employed by a Company that was a substantial shareholder and which was a related party of the former Chairman. Mr McIver left the employ of that entity in January 2013 a period of more than three years. Given that effluxion of time, having regard to the materiality of the role and the fact that Mr McIver meets all of the other criteria to establish independence, the Board has (in the absence of Mr McIver) determined that Mr McIver is independent.

Hugh Swire and Linah Mohohlo, both of whom are non-executive directors are considered to be independent as they fall within the Council's definition of 'independence' as being a non-executive director who is not a member of management and who is free from any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the independent exercise of their judgment.

Notwithstanding that these 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Recommendations in respect to the composition of the Board are not strictly followed (majority of the Board to be independent) the Company believes that some significant progress to achieving this objective has been made this year and given its history and the formation of the Board reflects certain founding members, it is not practical at this stage to have a majority of independent Directors. Therefore, the Board takes the view that the interests of the Shareholders are best served with the Board's present composition and has resolved that the situation will continue to be monitored as the operations of the Company evolve and appoint appropriately qualified independent Directors as the opportunities and necessity arise.

(ASX Recommendation 2.3)

The Board has established a Nomination & Remuneration Committee which regularly reviews Board membership. This includes considering what other skills that might be necessary for the Company to reach its strategic objectives. Due to the size of the Company the composition of the Committee does not comply with the ASX Recommendation 2.1. However, it is intended that now that the Board has acquired two more independent non-executive directors before the Committee meets again its membership will be reviewed and updated by the Board. A copy of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee Charter is located on the website.

The Committee's members, the number of times that they have met throughout the reporting period and the member's attendance at those meetings is recorded in the section of the 2017 Annual Report headed "Directors Report".

(ASX Recommendation 2.1)

If a Board vacancy becomes available it will be the responsibility of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee to identify the skills, experience and diversity that will best complement the Board and will then embark on a process to identify a candidate who can best meet those criteria. A skills matrix has been developed and adopted by the Board to help assess the relevant criteria of candidates. The Directors believe the skill base of the current Directors is appropriate for the Company given its size and stage of development. (ASX Recommendation 2.2)

Given the size of the Company there is no formal induction process for new Directors nor does it have a formal professional development program for existing Directors. The Board does not consider that a formal induction program is necessary given the current size and scope of the Company's operations.

Rather any new Director will be provided with a personalised induction which will be dependent upon the skills and experience that any new Director might possess. Any new Director induction will include comprehensive meetings with senior management and the provision of relevant materials such as all the Company's policies and procedures as well as instruction in relation to these.

All Directors are expected to maintain the skills required to effectively discharge their obligations and are encouraged to undertake continuing professional education such as industry seminars and approved education courses.

(ASX Recommendation 2.6)

### **Board Charter**

The Board operates in accordance with the broad principles set out in its Charter which is regularly reviewed and updated by the Board. It has also adopted a written Code of Conduct which establishes guidelines for its conduct. The purpose of the Code is to ensure that Directors and Executives act honestly, responsibly, legally and ethically and in the best interests of the Company.

#### Conflicts of Interest

In accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the Company's Constitution, Directors must keep the Board advised on an ongoing basis, of any interest that may lead to a conflict with the interests of the Company. Where the Board believes that there is a significant or material conflict, the Director concerned shall be excluded from all discussions and access to Board papers and the like, and shall not be present at any Directors meeting during the consideration or vote on such a matter.

# **Independence of Professional Advice**

The Board has determined that individual Directors have the right to seek independent professional advice in connection with any of their duties and obligations as Directors of the Company. Before a Director may obtain that advice at the Company's expense, the Director must obtain the approval of the Chairman who will not unreasonably withhold that consent. If appropriate any advice received will be made available to the full Board. No member of the Board availed of this entitlement during the year under review.

### **Committees**

### Audit Committee, Risk Committee and Nomination & Remuneration Committee

The Board delegates specific responsibilities to various Board Sub-Committees. The Board has established the following standing committees:

- An Audit Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the external and internal auditing functions of the Company's activities:
- A Risk Committee, which comprises representatives of the Board and staff to advise and assist the Board in assessing risk factors associated with the operation of the Company; and
- A Nomination & Remuneration Committee, which is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on recruitment and remuneration packages for executives.

The Board has again this year delegated the specific responsibility of overseeing the Company's audit obligations to an Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is currently made up of the following members:

- Linah Mohohlo Chair
- Martin McIver Committee Member
- Colm Cloonan Committee Member
- Anthony Gilby Committee Member

# Act Ethically and Responsibly

The Company in recognition of the importance of ethical and responsible decision making has adopted a Corporate Code of Conduct which sets out ethical standards and a Code of Conduct to which all Directors, and Senior Executives will adhere whilst conducting their duties.

(ASX Recommendation 3.1)

The Code of Conduct for Director and Senior Executives forms part of this Corporate Code of Conduct. It provides as follows:

All Directors and Senior Executives will:

- 1. Actively promote the highest standards of ethics and integrity in carrying out their duties for the Company;
- 2. Disclose any actual or perceived conflicts of interest of a direct or indirect nature of which they become aware and which they believe could compromise in any way the reputation or performance of the Company;
- 3. Respect confidentiality of all information of a confidential nature which is acquired in the course of the Company's business and not disclose or make improper use of such confidential information to any person unless specific authorisation is given for disclosure or disclosure is legally mandated:
- 4. Deal with the Company's suppliers, contractors, competitors and each other with the highest level of honesty, fairness and integrity and to observe the rule and spirit of the legal and regulatory environment in which the Company operates;
- 5. Report any breach of this code of conduct or other inappropriate or unethical conduct to the appropriate authority within the Group; and
- 6. This Code of Conduct is in addition to the Code of Conduct for all employees which has been adopted by the Board of the Company.

The Company is committed to increasing shareholder value and aims to ensure its shareholders are fully informed as to the true financial position and performance of the Group through timely and accurate disclosure of information and risk management practices and exemplary compliance with the continuous disclosure regime. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available at the Company's website.

(ASX Recommendation 3.1)

The Company has adopted in compliance of ASX Listing Rule 12.12 a Policy for Trading in Company Securities which is binding on all Directors, senior management, officers, employees and consultants of the Company. The purpose of this policy is to provide a brief summary of the law on insider trading and other relevant laws, set out the restrictions on dealing in the Company's securities by people who work for or are associated with the Company and assist in maintaining market confidence in the integrity of dealings in Tlou Energy securities. The Policy is posted on the Company's website to ensure that there is public confidence and understanding of the Company's policies governing trading by "potential insiders".

All persons covered by the Policy may not deal in the securities in the Company without first seeking and obtaining a written acknowledgement from the Chairman (or in his absence the Company Secretary) or the Company Secretary (or in his absence the Managing Director) prior to any trade, at which time they must confirm that they are not in possession of any unpublished price-sensitive information. The Company Secretary maintains a register of notifications and acknowledgements given in relation to trading in the Company's securities. The policy was reviewed during the year to ensure that it aligns with the requirements of the ASX Listing Rules.

### Safeguard Integrity in Financial Reporting

In accordance with ASX Recommendation 4.1 the Board has had established for all of the financial year under review an Audit Committee with a Charter that sets out the roles, responsibilities, composition, structure and membership requirements.

The primary objective of the Committee is to assist the Board to discharge its responsibilities with regard to:

- Monitoring the integrity of the financial statements of the Company, reviewing significant financial reporting judgements;
- Reviewing the Company's internal financial control system;
- Monitoring and reviewing the effectiveness of the Company's internal audit function (if any);
- Monitoring and reviewing the external audit function including matters concerning appointment and remuneration, independence and non-audit services; and
- Performing such other functions as assigned by law, the Company's constitution, or the Board.

### Structure of the Audit Committee and Charter

ASX Recommendation 4.1 states that the audit committee should have at least 3 members consisting only of non-executive directors, a majority of which should be independent with the Chair of the Committee being one of the independent directors who is not the chair of the Company.

During the reporting period, the Committee appointed by the Board did not comply with this recommendation as it comprised only one non-executive Director and two executive directors of which only one is considered independent in accordance with the definition of independence prescribed by the ASX Corporate Governance Independence Criteria. Subsequent to the report period the Company appointed an additional non-executive directors to the Committee, with that director assuming the role as chair of the Committee.

Colm Cloonan and Anthony Gilby are the members of the Committee who is not currently a non-executive director. At the time of his original appointment to the Committee Mr. Gilby was a non-executive director but has since been appointed the Managing Director.

The Chair of the Committee is Linah Mohohlo who is an independent non-executive director.

Martin McIver who is an independent non-executive director was previously the Chair of the Committee but also Chair of the Board of Directors. He now sits on the Committee as a member only.

Each member of the Audit Committee has an appropriate knowledge of the Company's affairs and has the financial and business expertise to effectively discharge the duties of the Committee. The members of the Audit Committee by virtue of their professional background experience and personal qualities are well qualified to carry out the functions of the Audit Committee.

The members of the Committee have direct access to any employee, the auditors and financial and legal advisers without management present. The Committee meets as often as is required but no less than twice a year.

The Committee Chair shall report any significant issues arising from the Committee Meetings at the next meeting of the Board.

The Directors report contained in the Company's annual report to shareholders is to contain a dedicated section that describes the role of the Audit Committee and what action it has taken.

The role of the Audit Committee is to: -

- (a) monitor the integrity of the financial statements of the Company, by reviewing significant financial reporting judgements;
- (b) review the effectiveness of the Company's internal financial control system and, unless expressly addressed by a separate Risk Committee or by the Board itself, risk management systems;
- (c) monitor and review the effectiveness of the Company's internal audit function;
- (d) monitor and review the external audit function including matters concerning appointment and remuneration, independence and non-audit services;
- (e) perform such other functions as assigned by law, the Company's constitution, or the Board;
- (f) approve the corporate governance section of the Company's Annual Report relating to the Committee and its responsibilities; and
- (g) review compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

The Audit Committee keeps minutes of its meetings and includes them for review at the following Board Meeting. The Audit Committee members' attendance at meetings as compared to total meetings held is set out in the Directors' Report contained in the Annual Report.

As a matter of practice the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer are required to make declarations in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act that the Company's financial reports present a true an fair view in all material respects of the Company's financial condition and operational results and are in accordance with relevant accounting standards, and to provide assurance that the declaration is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control, and that the system is operating effectively in all material respects.

(ASX Recommendation 4.2)

The external auditors attend the committee meetings at least twice a year and on other occasions where circumstances warrant as well as being available at the Company's AGM to answer shareholders questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the audit report.

The Auditor's lead engagement partner attended the Company's 2016 Annual General Meeting. There were no questions from shareholders about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report for year ended 30 June 2016. (ASX Recommendation 4.3)

### **Make Timely and Balanced Disclosure**

The Company appreciates the considerable importance of communications with Shareholders and the market. The Company's communication strategy requires communication with shareholders and investors in an open regular and timely manner so that the shareholders and investors have sufficient information to make informed investment decisions on the operations and results of the Company.

The strategy provides for the use of systems that ensure regular and timely release of information about the Company to shareholders.

Methods of communication currently employed include:

- Shareholder Updates
- Quarterly Reports
- Half Yearly Reports

- Annual Reports; and
- Face to face Shareholder presentations

#### **Continuous Disclosure**

The Company is a "disclosing entity" pursuant to section 111AR of the Corporations Act and, as such, complies with the continuous disclosure requirements of Chapter 3 of the ASX Listing Rules and section 674 of the Corporations Act. Subject to the exceptions contained in the ASX Listing Rules, the Company is required to disclose to ASX any information concerning the Company which is not generally available and which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Shares.

The Company has adopted an updated Continuous Disclosure Policy in compliance with ASX Recommendation 5.1 and ASX Guidance Note 8: Continuous Disclosure. A copy of the policy can be found on the Company's website.

Each employee and consultant engaged by the Company will be provided with a copy of the policy while impressing upon them during their induction the importance of the same.

The Company Secretary has primary responsibility for discharging the Company's continuous disclosure obligations to the ASX. All officers and employees must immediately notify the Company Secretary of any material information which may need to be disclosed under Listing Rule 3.1-3.1B. Where uncertainty arises as to the meeting of continuous disclosure obligations, the Company Secretary may seek external legal advice.

The Officers of the Company are committed to:

- Encouraging prompt disclosure of any material information which may need to be disclosed under Listing Rule 3.1-3.1B;
   and
- Promoting an understanding of the importance of the continuous disclosure regime throughout the Company.

The Company uses its website www.tlouenergy.com as its primary communication tool for distribution of the annual report, market announcements and media disclosures. External communication which may have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities will not be released unless it has been announced previously to the ASX. Effective participation by Shareholders is encouraged at general meetings and procedures have been designed to facilitate this including online voting and the ability of stakeholders to subscribe to receive copies of announcements and reports that are released by the Company. (ASX Recommendation 5.1)

# Respect the Rights of Security Holders

The Company keeps shareholders and other interested parties informed of performance and major developments via communications through its website. This includes details of the Governance framework adopted by the Company including copies of the Corporate Governance Polices and Charters. The link to which is: http://tlouenergy.com/corporate-governance (ASX Recommendation 6.1)

The Company has a Shareholder Communications and Engagement Policy that outlines the processes followed to ensure communication with shareholders and the investment community is effective, consistent and adheres to the principles of continuous disclosure. This is one of the policies available on the Governance page of the Company's website.

(ASX Recommendation 6.2)

The policy regarding shareholder communication and engagement sets out the processes the Company has in place to facilitate and encourage the participation of shareholders and other investors at meetings and to engage with management. These include encouraging shareholders to attend the AGM and allowing them to vote on line if they are unable to attend the meeting. (ASX Recommendation 6.3)

The Company considers that communicating with shareholders by electronic means is an efficient way to distribute information in a timely and convenient manner. Therefore, its website contains a function to allow interested parties to subscribe to receive electronic notification of public releases and other relevant material concerning the Company and its activities.

(ASX Recommendation 6.4)

### **Recognition and Management of Risk**

The Board is responsible for the oversight of the Company's risk management. The responsibility and control of risk management is overseen by the Managing Director, with matters delegated to the appropriate level of management within the Company with the Managing Director being responsible for assuring the systems are maintained and complied with.

The Company has established a Risk Committee that is focused on ensuring that the Company maintains an effective system of internal control and risk management. The Committee's structure, roles and responsibilities are detailed in the Risk Committee Charter.

Flowing from this, the Company has adopted a Risk Management Policy that governs the Company's approach to managing financial and non-financial risks.

The members of the Risk Committee are appointed by the Board, two of whom are to be Board Members. Company personnel are required to attend Risk Committee meetings as and when requested.

Specific functions of the Risk Committee are to:

- (a) review and oversee the Company's risk profiles as developed and reported by management;
- (b) identify material business risks and monitor emerging risks and changes in the Company's risk profile;
- (c) monitor and review the risk management performance of the Company, including conducting specific investigations where deemed necessary;
- review any legal matters which could significantly impact the Company's risk management and internal control systems, and any significant compliance and reporting issues, including any recent internal regulatory compliance reviews and reports;
- (e) review the effectiveness of the compliance function at least annually, including the system for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and the results of management's investigations and follow-ups (including disciplinary action) of any fraudulent acts or non-compliance;
- (f) be satisfied that all regulatory compliance matters have been considered in the preparation of the Company's official documents:

- (g) review the findings of any examinations by regulatory agencies and oversee all liaison activities with regulators;
- (h) review and discuss media releases, ASX announcements and any other information provided to analysts;
- (i) review corporate legal reports of evidence of a material violation of the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules or breaches of fiduciary duties:
- (j) review the Company's insurance strategy, including the coverage and limits of the insurance policies, in order to, if thought fit, recommend to the Board for approval; and
- (k) promote an awareness of a risk based culture in the balance of pursuit of business objectives whilst managing risks. (ASX Recommendation 7.1)

The Risk Committee meets whenever necessary but no less than three times a year and keeps minutes of its meetings which are included for review at the following Board Meeting.

The Company has a qualified Compliance and Risk Manager who has been engaged to oversee the design and implementation of the risk control programme. The Company's Risk Management Policy requires the Board, being guided by the Risk Committee to at least annually undertake a risk review to determine if the existing risk framework is satisfactory considering the material risks faced by the Company.

The Board with the assistance of the Risk Committee has completed a review of the Company's risk management framework during the year under review and determined that the risk management framework that was in place was satisfactory for the present needs of the Company.

(ASX Recommendation 7.2)

The Company does not have a formal internal audit function. However, it has adopted a number of internal controls such as identifying key risks in a Risk Register and managing activities within a budget and operational plan. Management led by the Chief Financial Officer periodically undertakes an internal review of financial systems and processes and where systems are considered to require improvement these systems are developed. Delegations of Authority are reviewed annually by the Audit Committee.

The ongoing mitigation and management of financial and operational risks are standing agenda items of the Audit and Risk Committees. The Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Audit Committee are responsible for reporting to the Board on a regular basis in relation to whether the Company's material business risks are being managed effectively by the existing management and internal controls systems.

(ASX Recommendation 7.3)

The Company undertakes gas exploration activities and as such faces inherent risks to its business, including economic, environmental and social sustainability risks which may materially impact the Company's ability to create or preserve value for shareholders over the short, medium or long term. The Board is regularly briefed by management as well as keeping itself abreast of possible material exposure to risks that the Company may face.

Of core importance to the Company is safety, which it considers a priority not only in respect to its employees and contractors but also to the community and environment in which it operates. The Company believes that if these matters are priorities then they will act as drivers for value to shareholders. The Company has in place policies and procedures, including a risk management framework, to help manage these risks.

(ASX Recommendation 7.4)

### Remunerate Fairly and Responsibly

The Board has established a Nomination & Remuneration Committee. There is no separate Remuneration Committee.

Given the size of the Board, the Directors have previously determined that the non-executive Directors would execute the functions of a Nomination & Remuneration Committee and have adopted a Nomination & Remuneration Charter. As a result of the recent appointments to the Board the Company expects that the Nomination & Remuneration Committee will in the future be constituted by a majority of independent non-executive directors.

The Board does not believe that any advantage would be achieved at this juncture taking into account the size of the Company and the Board to have a separately constituted Remuneration Committee to carry out this function.

The non-executive members of the Board acting in their capacity as a Committee is tasked with ensuring that the Company has remuneration policies and practices which enable it to attract and retain Directors and executives who will best contribute towards achieving positive outcomes for Shareholders.

The Company complies with the guidelines for executive remuneration packages and non-executive Director remuneration as recommended in the ASX Recommendations.

The ASX Listing Rules and the Constitution require that the maximum aggregate amount of remuneration to be allocated among the non-executive Directors be approved by the shareholders in a general meeting. In proposing the maximum amount of consideration by shareholders, and in determining the allocation, the Nomination & Remuneration Committee will take into account the time demands made on Directors and such factors as fees paid to non-executive Directors in comparable Australian companies. A meeting of shareholders held 10 July 2012 saw a resolution passed approving a pool of no more than \$500,000 for this purpose.

The names of the members of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and their attendances at the meetings of the Committee are set out in the Directors Report which forms a part of the Company's Annual Report. The remuneration paid to Directors and senior executives is shown in the Remuneration Report contained in the Directors' Report, which includes details on the Company's remuneration policies. There are no termination and retirement benefits for non-executive Directors other than statutory superannuation entitlements.

(ASX Recommendation 8.1)

The Company's policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive Directors, executive Directors and senior executives is set out in the Nomination & Remuneration Committee Charter and in the Remuneration Report contained in the 2017 Annual Report.

A copy of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website. (ASX Recommendation 8.2)

The Company has an equity based remuneration scheme, although no shares have been issued through the same since the listing of the Company. The Company's Policy for Trading in the Company's Securities does not specifically prohibit Directors entering into transactions or arrangement s which would limit the economic risk of unvested entitlements.

However, all dealings in the Company's Securities do need to be first approved by the Company. The Securities Trading Policy is available on the Company's website.

(ASX Recommendation 8.3)

# **Additional Information**

### 1. Shareholder Information

The shareholder information set out below was applicable as at 24 August 2017 and relates to shares held on the ASX. Depositary Interests on London's AIM market are included as one holder 'Computershare Clearing Pty Ltd'.

# 2. Ordinary Share Capital

304,042,848 fully paid ordinary shares.

# 3. Number of Equity Holders

Ordinary Share Capital held by 462 individual shareholders.

# 4. Voting Rights

In accordance with the Company's Constitution, for a show of hands, every shareholder present in person or by a proxy, attorney or representative of a shareholder has one vote and for a poll, every shareholder present in person or by a proxy, attorney or representative has in respect of fully paid shares, one vote for every share held. No class of option holder or performance rights holder has a right to vote, however the shares issued upon exercise of options or performance rights will rank pari passu with the then existing issued fully paid ordinary shares.

# 5. Distribution of Shareholdings

	Holdings		No. of Holders	Units	% of Issued Ordinary Capital
1	-	1,000	12	2,436	2.6
1,001	-	5,000	34	125,485	7.4
5,001	-	10,000	47	368,947	10.2
10,001	-	50,000	146	4,006,586	31.6
50,001	-	100,000	59	4,539,491	12.8
100,001	-	maximum	164	294,999,903	35.5
			462	304,042,848	100
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### 6. Substantial Shareholders

The following information is extracted from the Company's Register of Substantial Shareholders:

	Ordinary Fully Paid Shares Held	% of Issued Ordinary Capital	
Investor Group - Anthony Gilby	17,946,487	5.9	
Investor Group - Nathan Mitchell	16,680,814	5.5	

# 7. The 20 Largest Holders of Ordinary Shares

	Ordinary Fully Paid Shares Held	% of Issued Ordinary Capital
Computershare Clearing Pty Ltd <ccnl a="" c="" di=""></ccnl>	141,374,193	46.50
Mitchell Group Holdings Pty Ltd	11,136,364	3.66
Gilby Super Pty Ltd <gilby fund="" superannuation=""></gilby>	10,854,240	3.57
Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	10,513,416	3.46
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	8,163,614	2.69
J P Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	8,033,310	2.64
IK Botswana Investments Pty Ltd	7,115,000	2.34
Mr Christopher John Blamey & Mrs Anne Margaret Blamey <acb a="" c="" fund="" super=""></acb>	4,994,401	1.64
Gilby Resources Pty Ltd <gilby a="" c="" investment=""></gilby>	4,775,105	1.57
Dynamic Supplies Investments Pty Ltd	4,674,809	1.54
Liath Pty Ltd <the a="" c="" liath=""></the>	3,300,000	1.09
Mitchell Family Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd <mitchell a="" c="" family="" inv=""></mitchell>	2,913,650	0.96
BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Ltd < Jarvis A/C Non Treaty Drp>	2,850,909	0.94
Heath Self Managed Superannuation Pty Ltd < Heath Super Fund A/C>	2,513,875	0.83
Nathan Mitchell <mitchell family="" fund="" super=""></mitchell>	2,500,000	0.82
Portland Australia Pty Ltd	2,000,000	0.66
Heath Self Managed S/F Pty Ltd <heath a="" c="" f="" managed="" s="" self=""></heath>	1,986,125	0.65
Rag Superannuation Pty Ltd	1,897,042	0.62
David Royds	1,750,476	0.58
Anthony Gilby	1,695,330	0.56
Total	235,041,859	77.31
Balance of register	69,000,989	22.69
Grand total	304,042,848	100.00

# 8. Restricted Securities

There were no restricted securities issued during the reporting period and there are currently none on issue.

# 9. Interests in Prospecting Licences (PL) and Mining Licence

As at the date of this Report, Tlou Energy Limited had an interest in the following licences:

PL	Region	interest % *	Operator
1/2004	Lesedi Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
3/2004	Lesedi Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
35/2000	Lesedi Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
37/2000	Lesedi Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
237/2014	Mamba Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
238/2014	Mamba Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
239/2014	Mamba Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
240/2014	Mamba Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
241/2014	Mamba Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd
Mining Licence	Lesedi Project (Botswana)	100%	Tlou Energy Botswana Pty Ltd

<sup>\*</sup> The interest shown in each of the licences represents the percentage that Tlou Energy Limited holds in the corporate holder of the licence.

