

# EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED ABN 32 092 471 513

Annual Report 30 June 2015

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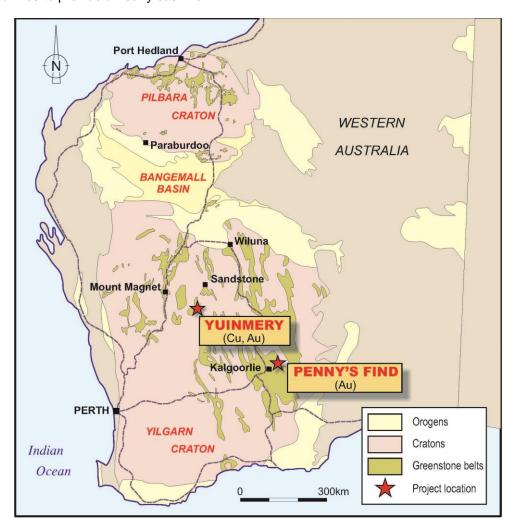
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# **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

Empire Resources Ltd has a long term objective to become a successful mining house built on the discovery and development of world class mineral deposits.

In the short term, Empire Resources is committed to enhancing value for shareholders by obtaining cash flow from the Company's existing gold and copper deposits.

Empire's options for realising value include delineating reserves and commencing mining operations; entering into significant farm-out or royalty arrangements or by acquiring new opportunities to provide an early cash flow.



# Penny's Find: Gold Project - 60% interest

Penny's Find is a near surface, high grade gold deposit situated in the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia, within close proximity to the gold mining centres of Kalgoorlie and Kanowna Belle.

Empire holds a 60% interest in the project with the remaining 40% interest held by unlisted Brimstone Resources Ltd ('Brimstone').

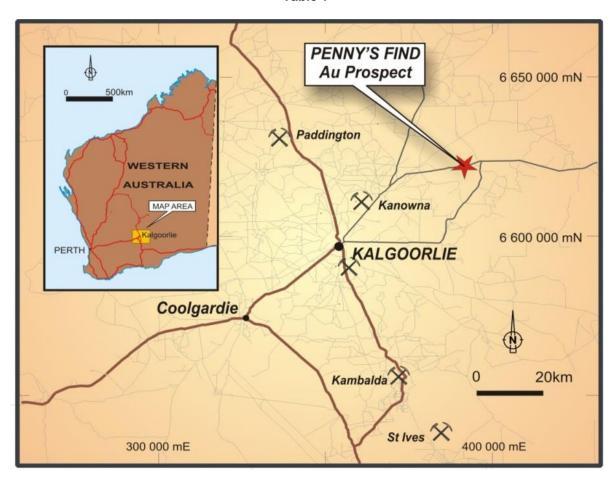
In the main lode, high grade, coarse gold mineralisation is hosted by quartz veins at the contact between shale and basalt. Metallurgical test work has shown both oxide and fresh mineralisation to be free milling with a high gravity recoverable gold component of >60% and a total gold recovery of >96%. The Penny's Find resource is located on granted mining lease M27/156.

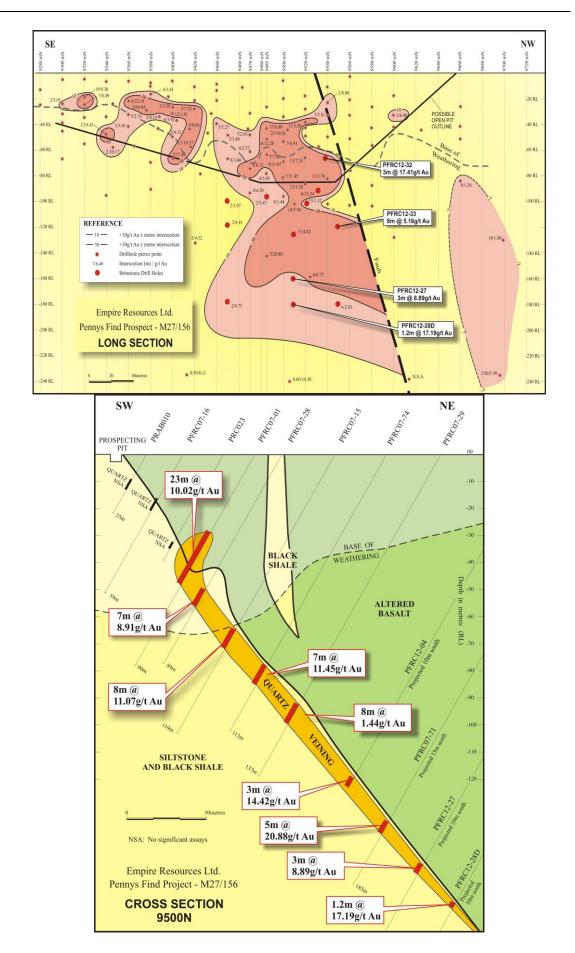
Details of a 2012 JORC compliant resource were reported to the ASX post year end on the 1 September 2015. The current resource stands at 470,000t @ 4.42g/t Au to a depth of 250m below surface. Table 1 lists the resource categories.

Given the current high gold price of +AUS\$1,500/oz, Empire Resources and Brimstone Resources have agreed to bring the Penny's Find gold deposit into production as soon as possible with execution of a formal mining joint venture agreement imminent. To this end, a mine project manager has been appointed and work commenced on a Mining Proposal to be submitted to the WA Department of Mines and Petroleum.

Reportable In Situ Mineral Resource by location and cut-off						
	Open Cut (0.5g/t) Underground(1.5g/t)			Combi	ned	
Class	Tonnes	Au g/t	Tonnes	Au g/t	Tonnes	Au g/t
Indicated	218,000	4.64	84,000	4.90	302,000	4.71
Inferred	82,000	1.79	86,000	5.89	168,000	3.89
TOTAL	300,000	3.86	170,000	5.40	470,000	4.42

Table 1

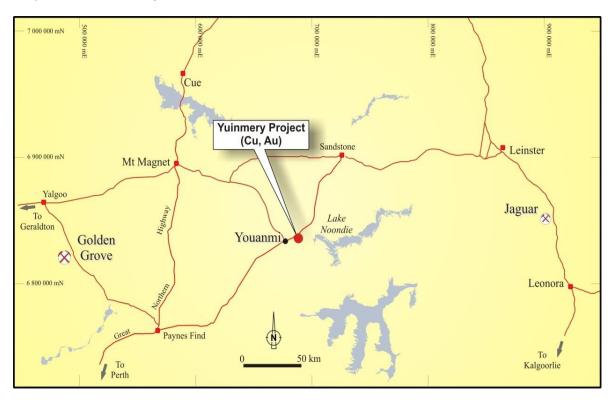




# Yuinmery: Copper - Gold Project - 100% interest

The 100 per cent owned Yuinmery project is located 475 km northeast of Perth in Western Australia.

The Yuinmery project sits in the base metal rich Youanmi greenstone belt with the principal target being volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) deposits. Elsewhere in the world, VMS deposits typically occur in clusters with individual prospects often mined to great depths. Similar VMS deposits are found at the Golden Grove mine to the west and Jaguar mine to the east underlining the potential of Yuinmery.



Interest in Yuinmery increased after the discovery of high grade copper-gold zones at the Just Desserts prospect. Assay results included 23m @ 2.7% Cu, 1.3g/t Au; 14m @ 2.6% Cu, 1.9g/t Au; 13m @ 2.6% Cu, 1.7g/t Au; 6m @ 3.8% Cu, 12.9g/t Au and 10m @ 4.2% Cu, and 6.0g/t Au.

Details of a 2004 JORC compliant resource have been previously reported in the 2013 Annual Report and Quarterly Reports to the ASX.

A second VMS deposit has also been discovered at the A Zone prospect, 1.3km north of Just Desserts.

During the year, negotiations to vary an option agreement over adjoining tenements held by La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd were unsuccessful. The option agreement has now expired.

# **Other Projects**

After reviewing available data and considering future expenditure commitments, the Company relinquished its interests in the Joanna project during the past year.

#### Investments

As at the date of signing this annual report, Empire Resources holds a 17% interest in ASX listed company FYI Resources Ltd. FYI Resources Ltd is involved in exploration for potash minerals in Thailand.

During the past year Empire Resources acquired a 49% interest in unlisted company Barola Resources Ltd who were investigating barite mining opportunities in Angola. Barola Resources subsequently purchased 100% of Brimstone Resources Ltd, 40% owner of the Penny's Find gold project. Empire Resources currently holds a 26% interest in Barola Resources Ltd.

David Sargeant \( \)
Managing Director

#### **COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results has been compiled by Mr David Ross B.Sc(Hons), M.Sc, who is an employee of the Company. He is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. He has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity to which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". David Ross consents to the inclusion in the public release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The information is this report concerning the Mineral Resources for the Penny's Find Deposit have been estimated by Mr Peter Ball B.Sc who is a director of DataGeo Geological Consultants and is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr Ball has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Ball consents to the inclusion in this public release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### **Directors' Report**

Your directors submit their report on Empire Resources Limited (the "Company") and its controlled entity (the "Group") for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

#### **Directors**

The company's directors in office during the financial year and until the date of this report are as follows. Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

#### Thomas Revy - Chairman (Non-Executive) - BAppSc. Grad Dip Bus.

Mr Revy is a mining professional with in excess of 30 years experience in the mining industry to date including operations, process design and commissioning, technical and general management, business development, project and company evaluation and corporate management. Countries where extensive work has been undertaken include Australia, PNG, Southern and Central Africa, Central and South America and China.

Mr Revy has been a director of the following listed companies during the past three years.

Company	Position	Appointed	Resigned
Coppermoly Ltd	Non-executive Chairman	20/05/2013	11/03/2014
Ferum Crescent Ltd	Director	19/02/2014	-

#### David Sargeant - Managing Director - BSc. MAusIMM

Mr Sargeant – who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economic geology from the University of Sydney – has more than 40 years experience as a geologist, consultant and company director. As such, he has been involved in numerous mineral exploration, ore deposit evaluation and mining development projects and is a member of AusIMM and the Geological Society of Australia.

During his career, Mr Sargeant has held a range of senior positions, including that of senior geologist with Newmont Pty Ltd and senior supervisory geologist with Esso Australia Ltd at the time of the Harbour Lights Gold Mine discovery and development. Further, Mr Sargeant was the first chief geologist at Telfer Gold Mine during exploration, development and production at that project. In addition, he was exploration manager for the Adelaide Petroleum NL group of companies, manager of resources development for Sabminco NL and a technical director of Western Reefs Limited during the period in which that company became a successful producer at the Dalgaranga Gold Project.

Mr Sargeant has been a director of the following listed companies during the past three years.

Company	Position	Appointed
FYI Resources Ltd	Non-executive Director	30/11/2009

#### Adrian Jessup - Executive Director - BSc. MAusIMM

Mr Jessup also holds a Bachelor of Science degree (with honours) in economic geology from the University of Sydney and has more than 40 years continuous experience as a geologist, company director and consultant involved in mineral exploration, ore deposit evaluation and mining. He is a member of AusIMM, the Geological Society of Australia and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists.

For the last 17 years, Mr Jessup has operated a geological consulting company. During that time, he was a founding director of Sylvania Resources Limited and remained on the board for two years. Prior to that, Mr Jessup was managing director of Giralia Resources NL for eight years, from the company's inception in 1987. Previously, he had worked for AMAX Exploration Inc., as a senior geologist and as regional manager in charge of that company's mineral exploration in Western Australia.

Mr Jessup has been a director of the following listed companies during the past three years.

Company	Position	Appointed
FYI Resources Ltd	Non-executive Director	30/11/2009

#### Management

#### Simon Storm - Company Secretary - BCom. BCompt(Hons). CA, FGIA

Mr Storm is a Chartered Accountant with over 30 years of Australian and international experience in the accounting profession and commerce. He commenced his career with Deloitte Haskins & Sells in Africa then London before joining Price Waterhouse in Perth.

He holds various part-time senior finance and/or company secretarial roles with listed and unlisted entities in the banking, resources, construction, telecommunications and property development industries. In the last 10 years he has provided consulting services covering accounting, financial and company secretarial matters to various companies in these sectors.

#### David Ross - Exploration Manager - BSc(Hons). MSc. MAusIMM

Mr Ross holds a Bachelor of Science degree (with honours) in geology from Aberdeen University, Scotland and a Master of Science degree in economic geology from McMaster University in Canada. He is a member of the AusIMM, the Geological Society of Australia and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists.

With over 28 years experience as an exploration geologist in Western Australia his career has seen him involved with numerous mineral exploration, ore deposit evaluation and mine development projects for both gold and base metals. He has held senior geologist positions with Brunswick NL and Giralia Resources and was geological superintendent for Australian Resources at the Gidgee Gold Mine. Most recently he held the position of chief geologist with De Grey Mining Ltd where he was instrumental in the discovery of the Orchard Well VMS deposits.

#### **Principal Activities**

During the period the principal activities of the Company consisted of mineral exploration and evaluation of properties in Australia. There has been no significant change in these activities during the financial period.

#### **Dividends**

No dividends have been paid during the period and no dividends have been recommended by the directors.

#### **Result for the Financial Period**

Loss from ordinary activities after provision for income tax was \$741,714 (2014: \$882,503).

#### Review of results and operations

The operations and results of the Company for the financial year are reviewed below. This review includes information on the financial position of the Company, and its business strategies and prospects for future financial years.

#### Revenue

Revenue comprised interest received which was up 101% on prior year as a consequence of higher cash balances. Other income was \$Nil (2014: \$13,567) which in the prior year was the profit on sale of shares in FYI Resources Ltd.

#### **Expenses**

During the year, the Company continued exploration activities at its various exploration projects with expenditure on exploration decreasing 45% to \$193,345 (2014: \$349,390) as a consequence of availability of cash. Employee benefits written back / (expense) were \$192,026 (2014: expense \$27,276) and Directors' fees written back / (expense) were \$31,500 (2014: expense \$42,000). In June 2015, it was agreed that outstanding invoices payable to Directors of \$282,080 for Directors' Fees would be waived. The Exploration Manager has waived his entitlement to \$254,005 of salary and superannuation. However, payment of these invoices and entitlements would become contingent on ERL receiving additional funding in excess of \$1 million. The Directors have also waived their entitlement for the second six months of the financial year.

#### Tax benefit

No tax benefit was received as an R&D tax offset payment (2014: \$97,891).

Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2015 increased by 556% to \$119,069 (2014: \$18,152).

### Operating cash flows

Cash flow used in operating activities decreased by 30% to \$204,378 (2014: \$293,741). The receipt of a R&D tax offset occurred in July 2014 compared with \$Nil in the prior year.

#### Investing cash flows

Cash outflow for investing activities increased by 221% to \$385,178 (2014: \$119,964) due to the investment in Barola Resources Ltd of \$325,000 (2014: \$Nil) which was partly offset by a decrease in exploration related expenditure.

#### Financing cash flows

Cash flow from financing activities increased by 195% to \$690,473 (2014: \$234,000) due to an increase in share placements.

#### Statement of financial position

#### **Current assets**

Current assets increased by 29% to \$191,052 (2014: \$148,409) mainly due to cash and cash equivalents increasing 556% to \$119,069(2014: \$18,152). Trade and other receivables decreased by 53% to \$51,983 (2014: \$110,257) due to the R&D tax offset for the 2014 financial year.

#### Non-current assets

Non-current assets decreased by 33% to \$191,095 (2014: \$285,747). The equity accounted investment in FYI Resources Ltd was written down to \$Nil (2014: \$282,600) and the equity accounted investment in Barola Resources Ltd was recognised at \$189,869 (2014: \$Nil).

#### **Current liabilities**

Current liabilities decreased by 25% to \$300,279 (2014: \$400,252), being a decrease in trade and other payables as a consequence of the waiver of Director Fees and salary entitlements.

#### **Debt position**

The Company has \$51,696 unsecured loans from Directors which are expected to be repaid from the proceeds of a future share placement of ordinary shares In December 2014, the Company entered a fee funding agreement for \$136,106 for various financial services invoices. As at 30 June 2015 the amount outstanding was \$50,953 (2014: \$Nil).

#### **Review of Operations**

**CORPORATE** - ongoing management of the Company's cash position remained critical throughout the year. Cash resources were boosted following a share placement in October – December 2014 of 66.5 million shares raising \$599,000 before costs. In addition, the Company, in June 2015, raised \$100,000 by the issue of 10 million shares. A corporate advisory firm has been appointed to increase shareholder value with their fees for service being incentive driven and linked to share price improvement.

#### Significant Changes in State of Affairs

In the opinion of the Directors there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company.

#### **Remuneration Report (Audited)**

This report details the amount and nature of remuneration of each director of the Company and other key management personnel.

#### Remuneration Policy

The principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration are applied through a remuneration policy which ensures the remuneration package properly reflects the person's duties and responsibilities and that the remuneration is competitive in attracting, retaining and motivating people of the highest quality.

The remuneration policy, setting the terms and conditions for the executive directors has been developed internally by the board and taking into account market conditions and comparable salary levels for companies of a similar size and operating in similar sectors.

The remuneration policy is to provide a fixed remuneration component. The board believes that this remuneration policy is appropriate given the stage of development of the Company and the activities which it undertakes and is appropriate in aligning Directors' objectives with shareholder and businesses objectives.

The remuneration framework has regard to shareholders' interests in the following ways:

- Focuses on sustained growth as well as focusing the directors on key non-financial drivers of value, and
- Attracts and retains high calibre directors.

The remuneration framework has regard to directors' interests in the following ways:

Rewards capability and experience,

- Reflects competitive reward for contributions to shareholder growth,
- Provides a clear structure for earning rewards, and
- Provides recognition for contribution.

#### Non-executive directors

The board policy is to remunerate non-executive directors at market rates for comparable companies for time, commitment and responsibilities. The Board determines payments to the non-executive director 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 directors is subject to approval by shareholders at a General Meeting. Fees for non-executive directors are not linked to the performance of the Group. However, to align directors' interests with shareholder interests, the directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Company and may receive options.

The Directors have resolved that non-executive director's fees will be \$42,000 per annum for the Chairman, inclusive of statutory superannuation contributions. Shareholders have approved aggregate remuneration for all non-executive directors at an amount of \$100,000 per annum. Where applicable, superannuation contributions of 9.5% (2014: 9.25%) are paid on these fees as required by law.

#### Share-based compensation

To ensure that the Company has appropriate mechanisms to continue to attract and retain the services of Directors and Employees of a high calibre, the Company established the Empire Resources Limited Share Plan ("SP") and the Empire Resources Option Plan. Neither Plan has been used in the last two financial years.

The Directors consider the plans are an appropriate method to:

- a) reward Directors and Employees for their past performance;
- b) provide long-term incentives to participate in the Company's future growth;
- c) motivate Directors and Employees and generate loyalty in Employees; and
- d) assist to retain the services of valuable Employees.

There were no options issued as share-based compensation to key management personnel during the current financial year or previous financial year.

No shares were issued during the year upon the exercise of options.

#### **Executive Directors**

Executive Directors provide their services via a consultancy arrangement. Directors do not receive any retirement benefits. Options are not issued as part of remuneration for long term incentives.

All remuneration paid to directors and executives is valued at cost to the Company and expensed.

In July 2014, Kirkdale Holdings Pty Ltd and Murilla Exploration Pty Ltd waived their entitlement to directors' fees of \$199,650 each for services rendered from 1 August 2013 through to 30 June 2014.

In June 2015, Kirkdale Holdings Pty Ltd waived its entitlement to director's fees of \$109,790 for services rendered from 1 July 2014 through to 31 December 2014, Murilla Exploration Pty Ltd waived its entitlement to director's fees of \$119,790 for services rendered from 1 July 2014 through to 31 December 2014 and Tom Revy waived his entitlement to director's fees of \$52,500 for services rendered from 1 October 2013 through to 31 December 2014. Payment of these 2015 Directors' fees and salary and superannuation entitlements is contingent on the Company receiving additional funding in excess of \$1 million. The Directors have also waived their fees for the 6 months from 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015 which total \$238,800. These fees are not payable.

These adjustments are reflected in the following table.

### Compensation of Key Management Personnel for the year ended 30 June 2015.

The following table discloses the remuneration of the Key Management Personnel ('KMP') of the Company. KMP are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, including any Director (whether Executive or otherwise) of the Company.

The information in this table is audited.

		Directors' Fees	Consulting Fees	Short-term Benefits	Post- employment benefits	Share-based payments Value of shares & options	
		\$	\$	Total \$	\$	\$	Total \$
Directors Non-Executive							
Mr T Revy	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2014	42,000	-	42,000	-	-	42,000
Executive							
Mr D Sargeant	2015	-	9,091	9,091	-		9,091
	2014	-	18,150	18,150	-	-	18,150
Mr A Jessup	2015						-
	2014	_	18,150	18,150	-	-	18,150
<b>Total Directors</b>	2015	-	9,091	9,091			9,091
	2014	42,000	36,300	78,300	-	-	78,300

#### **Employment contracts**

#### Mr D Sargeant

By agreement dated 24 October 2009, the Company and Kirkdale Holdings Pty Ltd (ACN 009 096 388) ('Kirkdale') agreed the terms and conditions under which Kirkdale would provide the services of Mr Sargeant as Managing Director of the Company.

#### The agreement has:

- (a) a term of three years;
- (b) requires the payment to Kirkdale of a fee of \$15,000 (GST excl) per month (increasing by 10% each year) and reimbursement of expenses:
- (c) provisions requiring the payment of a termination benefit of 50% of the amount due on termination of the agreement.

#### - Mr A Jessup

By agreement dated 24 October 2009, the Company and Murilla Exploration Pty Ltd (ACN 068 277 190) ('Murilla') agreed the terms and conditions under which Murilla would provide the services of Mr Jessup as an executive officer of the Company.

#### The agreement has:

- (a) a term of three years;
- (b) requires the payment to Murilla of a fee of \$15,000 (GST excl) per month (increasing by 10% each year) and reimbursement of expenses;
- (c) provisions requiring the payment of a termination benefit of 50% of the amount due on termination of the agreement.

In November 2013, the Chairman agreed to continue with these employment contracts until further notice.

The Company has received short term loans from Mr Sargeant and Mr Jessup for \$30,000 and \$20,000 respectively. These amounts are unsecured and are expected to be repaid from the proceeds of a future share placement of ordinary shares. A coupon interest rate equivalent to the Australian Government Bond 2 year yield will be calculated at each month end and will be payable on settlement of the loans.

Directors may be paid additional fees for special duties or services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director. Directors will also be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred in the course of their duties.

#### **Equity Holdings**

#### Equity instrument disclosures relating to directors and other key management personnel

#### **Shareholdings**

The number of ordinary shares in the Company held during the year by each director and other key management personnel, including their personally related entities or associates, are set out below.

# 2015 Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel

Directors	Balance at the start of the period	Issued under share plan	On exercise of options	Shares acquired	Balance at the end of the period
Mr T Revy	710,000	-	-	-	710,000
Mr D Sargeant	6,400,000	-	-	-	6,400,000
Mr A Jessup	2,567,555	-	-	-	2,567,555
	9,677,555	-	-	-	9,677,555

#### 2014 Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel

Directors	Balance at the start of the period	Issued under share plan	On exercise of options	Shares acquired	Balance at the end of the period
Mr T Revy	710,000	-	-	-	710,000
Mr D Sargeant	6,400,000	-	-	-	6,400,000
Mr A Jessup	2,567,555	-	-	-	2,567,555
	9,677,555	-	-	-	9,677,555

All equity transactions with key management personnel, which relate to the Company's listed ordinary shares or options, have been entered into on an arm's length basis.

# **Option holdings**

The number of options over ordinary shares in the Company held during the reporting period by each director and key management personnel, including their personally related entities, are set out below.

# 2015 Option holdings of Key Management Personnel

Directors	Balance at the start of the period	Issued	Expired	Balance at the end of the period	Vested and exercisable at 30 June 2014
Mr T Revy	500,000	-	(500,000)	-	-
Mr D Sargeant	500,000	-	(500,000)	-	-
Mr A Jessup	500,000	-	(500,000)	-	-
	1,500,000	-	(1,500,000)	-	-

#### 2014 Option holdings of Key Management Personnel

Directors	Balance at the start of the period	Issued	Expired	Balance at the end of the period	Vested and exercisable at 30 June 2014
Mr T Revy	500,000	-	-	500,000	-
Mr D Sargeant	500,000	-	-	500,000	-
Mr A Jessup	500,000	-	-	500,000	-
	1,500,000	-	-	1,500,000	-

#### **End of Remuneration Report.**

#### **Share Options**

At the date of this report unissued ordinary shares of the Company under option are:

Grant Date	Date of Expiry	Exercise Price \$	Number under Option
27-Jun-13 28-Jun-13 29-Jun-13	31-Aug-16 31-Aug-16 31-Aug-16	0.04 0.05 0.06	10,000,000 10,000,000 10,000,000
			30,000,000

#### **Directors' Interest**

The relevant interest of each director in the shares and options over shares issued by the Company at the date of this report is as follows:

Director	Number of Or	dinary Shares	Number o	of Options
	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
Mr T Revy	350,000	360,000	-	-
Mr D Sargeant	-	6,400,000	•	-
Mr A Jessup	922,222	1,645,333	•	-

#### **Company Performance**

Comments on performance are set out in the review of operations.

#### Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company other than those noted in the review of operations.

#### Likely Developments and Expected Results

Disclosure of likely developments in the operations of the Company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years, and any further information, has not been included in this report because, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors to do so would be likely to prejudice the business activities of the Company.

#### **Environmental Regulation**

The Company's operations were subject to environmental regulations under both Commonwealth and State legislation in relation to its exploration activities.

The directors are not aware of any breaches during the period covered by this report.

#### **Meetings of Directors**

The following table sets out the number of meetings of the Company's directors held during the period ended 30 June 2015 and the number of meetings attended by each director.

Director	Directors' Meetings				
	Α	В			
Mr Thomas Revy	3	3			
Mr David Sargeant	3	3			
Mr Adrian Jessup	3	3			

A - meetings attended

As at the date of this report the Company has not formed any committees as the directors consider that at present the size of the Company does not warrant such. Audit, corporate governance, director nomination and remuneration matters are all handled by the full board.

#### 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 the proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the Company with leave of the Court under Section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001.

#### **Indemnification and Insurance of Directors and Officers**

#### Indemnification

The Company has agreed to indemnify current directors and officers and past directors and officers against all liabilities to another person (other than the Company or a related body corporate), including legal expenses that may arise from their position as directors and officers of the Company and its controlled entity, except where the liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith. The agreement stipulates that the Company will meet the full amount of any such liabilities, including costs and expenses.

#### Insurance

The directors have not included details of the amount of the premium paid in respect of the directors' and officers' liability insurance contracts, as such disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contract.

#### Events subsequent to reporting date

In July 2015, the Company received an unsecured loan from David Sargeant for \$50,000 which is expected to be repaid from the proceeds of a future share placement of ordinary shares. A coupon equivalent to the Australian Government Bond 2 year yield will be calculated at each month end and will be payable on maturity.

In August 2015, the Company received an unsecured loan from a third party for \$50,000 which is expected to be repaid from the proceeds of a future share placement of ordinary shares. A coupon rate of 2% per month for the term of the loan will be calculated at each month end and will be payable on maturity.

In September 2015 the Company entered into a signed agreement whereby it has agreed to sell 3,224,813 shares held in equity accounted Barola Resources Ltd for \$225,000. The Company expects to receive further offers for the remaining 2,508,187 shares it owns in that company, at the same price. The agreements are/will be subject to certain conditions, including completion of a due diligence on Barola Resources Ltd by the purchaser and the execution of a formal mining joint venture agreement between the Company and Brimstone Resources Ltd, for the development of the Penny's Find project.

Other than this, no matter or circumstance has arisen, since the end of the financial year, which significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in subsequent financial years.

#### **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.

B - meetings held whilst a director

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (HLB Mann Judd) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out below.

During the period, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditors of the parent entity HLB Mann Judd, its related practices:

### Consolidated Year ended Year ended 30 June 2015 30 June 2014 \$

#### **Assurance Services**

#### **HLB Mann Judd (Current Auditor)**

#### 1. Audit services

Audit and review of financial reports and other audit work under the Corporations Act 2001

Total remuneration

26,700	22,175
26,700	22,175

#### **Auditors Independence Declaration**

Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 requires the company's auditors, HLB Mann Judd, to provide the directors with a written Independence Declaration in relation to their audit of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2015. This written Auditor's Independence Declaration is attached to the Independent Auditor's Report to the members and forms part of this Directors' Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

David Sargeant Director

Perth, Western Australia 28 September 2015

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

Interest income         2         4,040         2           Other income         2         -         13
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Interest expense (9,757)
Depreciation expense 3 (1,921) (3,
Exploration expense 3 (193,345) (349,
Employee benefits written back / (expense) 192,026 (27,
Management fee expense (9,091) (36,
Directors' fees written back / (expense) 31,500 (42,
Accounting expense (59,710) (56,
Consultancy expense - (12,
Share-based payment (106,890) (107,
ASX expense (14,381) (16,
Corporate relations expense (57,998) (91,
Insurance expense (17,547) (16,
Other expenses (80,908) (82,
Share of loss of equity accounted investees 8 (417,732) (153,
Loss before income tax (741,714) (980,
Income tax benefit 4 - 97.
Net loss for the year (741,714) (882,
Total comprehensive loss for the year (741,714) (882,
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents per share) 5 (0.33)

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

		Consolie	dated
	Note	2015	2014
ASSETS		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	119,069	18,152
Trade and other receivables	7	51,983	110,257
Other financial assets		20,000	20,000
Total Current Assets	,	191,052	148,409
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments accounted for using the equity method	8	189,869	282,600
Plant and equipment	9	1,226	3,147
Total Non-Current Assets	,	191,095	285,747
TOTAL ASSETS	,	382,147	434,156
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	300,279	400,252
Total Current Liabilities		300,279	400,252
TOTAL LIABILITIES		300,279	400,252
NET ASSETS		81,868	33,904
EQUITY			
Issued capital	11	17,852,891	17,170,103
Reserves	12	1,118,917	1,012,027
Accumulated losses		(18,889,940)	(18,148,226)
TOTAL EQUITY		81,868	33,904

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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

		Consol	idated	
	Issued Capital	Accumulated Losses \$	Option Reserves \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2013 Shares issued during the year	16,970,103 216,000	(17,265,723)	904,259	608,639 216,000
Options issued during the year Equity issue expenses Loss for the year	(16,000) -	- - (882,503)	107,768 - -	107,768 (16,000) (882,503)
Other comprehensive loss for the year Balance at 30 June 2014	17,170,103	(18,148,226)	1,012,027	33,904
Balance at 1 July 2014 Shares issued during the year Options issued during the year	17,170,103 699,000 -	(18,148,226) - -	1,012,027 - 106,890	33,904 699,000 106,890
Equity issue expenses Loss for the year Other comprehensive loss for the year	(16,212) - -	(741,714) -	- - -	(16,212) (741,714)
Balance at 30 June 2015	17,852,891	(18,889,940)	1,118,917	81,868

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

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

		Consolida	ated
	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cashflows from Operating Activities Payments to suppliers and employees		(298,248)	(295,751)
Interest received		4,040	2,010
Other - R&D tax offset		97,891	_,0.0
Interest paid		(8,061)	-
Net cash used in operating activities	6(i)	(204,378)	(293,741)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of plant and equipment		-	(1,818)
Proceeds from sale of investment		-	37,341
Exploration and evaluation expenditure		(60,178)	(155,487)
Payment for investment in associate		(325,000)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	-	(385,178)	(119,964)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from issue of equity securities		699,000	200,000
Equity securities issue costs		(8,527)	(16,000)
Proceeds from borrowings		-	50,000
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	690,473	234,000
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		100,917	(179,705)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		18,152	197,857
Cash at the end of the financial year	6	119,069	18,152

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

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report covers the consolidated entity of Empire Resources Limited and its controlled entity ("Group") and Empire as an individual parent entity ("Empire"). Empire is a listed public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Group in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the controlled entity and are consistent with those in the 30 June 2014 financial report.

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. It has been prepared on the historical cost basis. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS). Compliance with AIFRS ensures that the consolidated financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes thereto, complies with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

For the purpose of preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Company is a for-profit entity.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Board on 28 September 2015.

#### (b) Going Concern

As disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Group recorded operating losses of \$741,714 (2014: \$882,503) and as disclosed in the Statement of Cash Flows, the Group recorded cash outflows from operating activities of \$204,378 (2014: \$293,741), investing activities of \$385,178 (2014: \$119,964) and a cash inflow from financing activities of \$690,473 (2014: \$234,000). Cash flows from financing activities arose from capital raisings that are disclosed in Note 11(a). After consideration of these financial conditions, the Directors have assessed the following matters in relation to the adoption of the going concern basis of accounting by the Group:

- The Group has successfully completed capital raisings during the year as disclosed in Note 11(a) and has the ability to continue doing so on a timely basis, pursuant to the Corporations Act 2001, as is budgeted to occur in the twelve month period from the date of this financial report;
- The Group has working capital deficit of \$109,227 (2014: \$251,843) at balance date and expenditure
  commitments for the next 12 months of \$47,769 (2014: \$307,001), as disclosed in Note 14 (ii), and
  retains the ability to sell its shares in FYI Resources Ltd, in the event that the capital raisings are delayed;
  and
- The Company and Group have the ability, if required, to undertake mergers, acquisitions or restructuring activity or to wholly or in part, dispose of interests in mineral exploration assets.

The directors also anticipate that a further equity raising will be required and will be completed in 2015. Should this equity raising not be completed, there is a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt as to whether the Group will be able to continue as a going concern and, therefore, whether it will be able to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business.

# (c) Basis of Consolidation

A controlled entity is any entity over which Empire Resources Limited has the power to control the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Details of the controlled entity are contained in Note 8(b) to the financial statements. The controlled entity has a 30 June financial year end.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated Group, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistencies with those policies applied by the parent entity.

Where a controlled entity enters or leaves the consolidated Group during the year, their operating results are included/excluded from the date control was obtained or until the date control ceased.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Business Combinations**

Business combinations occur where control over another business is obtained and results in the consolidation of its assets and liabilities. All business combinations, including those involving entities under common control, are accounted for by applying the purchase method. The purchase method requires an acquirer of the business to be identified and for the cost of the acquisition and fair values of identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities to be determined as at acquisition date, being the date that control is obtained. Cost is determined as the aggregate of fair values of assets given, equity issued and liabilities assumed in exchange for control together with costs directly attributable to the business combination. Any deferred consideration payable is discounted to present value using the entity's incremental borrowing rate.

#### (d) Investment in associated entities

The Group's investment in its associate is accounted for using the equity method of accounting in the consolidated financial statements, after initially being recognised at cost. The associate is an entity in which the Group has significant influence and which is neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over those policies.

Under the equity method, the investment in the associate is carried in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate. Goodwill relating to an associate is included in the carrying amount of the investment and is not amortised. After application of the equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise any additional impairment loss with respect to the Group's net investment in the associate. Goodwill included in the carrying amount of the investment in associate is not tested separately, rather the entire carrying amount of the investment is tested for impairment as a single asset. If an impairment is recognised, the amount is not allocated to the goodwill of the associate.

The consolidated statement of comprehensive income reflects the Group's share of the results of operations of the associate, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. Dividends receivable from associates are recognised in comprehensive income as a component of other income.

When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any unsecured long-term receivable and loans, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

The balance dates of the associate and the Group are identical and the associate's accounting policies conform to those used by the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances.

Upon disposal of an associate that results in the Group losing significant influence over that associate, any retained investment is measured at fair value at that date and the fair value is regarded as its fair value on initial recognition as a financial asset in accordance with AASB 139. The difference between the previous carrying amount of the associate attributable to the retained interest and its fair value is included in the determination of the gain or loss on disposal of the associate. In addition, the Group accounts for all amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that associate on the same basis as would be required if that associate had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. Therefore, if a gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income by that associate would be reclassified to profit or loss on disposal of the related assets or liabilities, the Group reclassifies the gain or loss from equity to profit or loss (as a reclassification adjustment) when it loses significant influence over that associate.

When a Group entity transacts with its associate, profits and losses resulting from those transactions with the associate are recognised in the Group's consolidated financial statements only to the extent of interests in the associate that are not related to the Group.

#### (e) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant & equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. Recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis and is brought to account over the estimated useful lives of all plant and equipment from the time the asset is held ready for use. The depreciation rates used are:

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Office furniture 15-33%
Office computer equipment 33%
Motor vehicles 20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the assets carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to the assets are then transferred to accumulated losses.

#### (f) Income Tax

The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on the current 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 difference and to unused tax losses.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period in the countries where the company's subsidiaries and associates operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance date.

Deferred income tax is provided on all temporary differences at the balance date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred income tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences except:

- when the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of 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 profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- when the taxable temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- when the deferred income tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- when the deductible temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint ventures, in which case a deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary difference will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

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

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

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance date.

Income taxes relating to items recognised directly in equity are recognised in equity and not in profit or loss.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

#### (g) Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

#### (h) Acquisition of Assets

The purchase method of accounting is used for all acquisitions of assets regardless of whether shares or other assets are acquired. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given up at the date of the acquisition plus costs incidental to the acquisition. Transaction costs arising on the issue of equity instruments are recognised directly in equity.

#### (i) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

#### (j) Financial Instruments

#### Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### Available-for-sale financial assets

Available for sale financial assets include any financial assets not classified as loans and receivables, held to maturity investments or fair value through profit or loss. Available-for-sale financial assets are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity.

### Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

#### Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

#### Impairment

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (k) Exploration and Development Expenditure

Exploration, evaluation and acquisition costs are expensed in the year they are incurred. Development costs are capitalised. Where commercial production in an area of interest has commenced, the associated costs in respect of the area of interest in the development phase, together with any forecast future capital expenditure necessary to develop proved and probable reserves are amortised over the estimated life of the mine on a units of production basis.

#### (I) Employee Entitlements

#### Salaries, wages and annual leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are recognised in other creditors in respect to employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable.

#### Equity settled transactions

The Group provides benefits to employees (including senior executives) of the Group in the form of share-based payments, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares (equity-settled transactions).

There are currently two plans in place to provide these benefits:

- the Employee Share Option Plan (ESOP), which provides benefits to directors and senior executives; and
- the Employee Share Loan Plan (ESLP), which provides benefits to all employees, excluding senior executives and directors.

The cost of these equity-settled transactions with employees is measured by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by an external valuer using a Black Scholes model, further details of which are given in Note 18. In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any performance conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares of Empire Resources Limited (market conditions) if applicable.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled, ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award (the vesting period).

The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each balance date until vesting date reflects (i) the extent to which the vesting period has expired and (ii) the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. No adjustment is made for the likelihood of market performance conditions being met as the effect of these conditions is included in the determination of fair value at grant date. The profit or loss charge or credit for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period.

No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for awards where vesting is only conditional upon a market condition.

If the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. In addition, an expense is recognised for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment arrangement, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee, as measured at the date of modification.

If an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new award are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect, if any, of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of loss per share (see Note 5).

The Group expenses equity-settled share-based payments such as share and option issues after ascribing a fair value to the shares and/or options issued. The fair value of option and share plan issues of option and share plan shares are recognised as an expense together with a corresponding increase in the share based

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

payments reserve or the share option reserve in equity over the vesting period. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital when options are exercised.

The value of shares issued to employees financed by way of a non recourse loan under the employee Share Plan is recognised with a corresponding increase in equity when the company receives funds from either the employees repaying the loan or upon the loan termination, pursuant to the rules of the share plan. All shares issued under the plan with non recourse loans are considered, for accounting purposes, to be options.

#### (m) Trade and other receivables

All trade receivables are recognised at the amounts receivable as they are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised where some doubt as to collection exists.

#### (n) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial period which are unpaid and arise when the Group becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

#### (o) Issued capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. 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.

#### (p) Leases

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 non-current assets, and operating leases under which the lessor effectively retains substantially all such risks and benefits

Operating lease payments are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred, as this represents the pattern of benefits derived from the leased assets.

#### (q) Revenue Recognition

Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of duties and taxes paid. Revenue is recognised as follows:

# (i) Interest

Interest earned is recognised as and when it is receivable, including interest which is accrued and is readily convertible to cash within two working days. Accrued interest is recorded as part of other debtors.

#### (ii) Sundry income

Sundry income is recognised as and when it is receivable. Income receivable, but not received at balance date, is recorded as part of other debtors.

#### (r) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

#### (s) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

#### **Key Estimates — Impairment**

The Group assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the group that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

#### Share-based payment transactions

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined using the Black and Scholes model, using the assumptions detailed in Note 18.

The Group measures the cost of cash-settled share-based payments at fair value at the grant date using the Black and Scholes formula taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted, as discussed in Note 18.

This fair value is expensed over the period until vesting with recognition of a corresponding liability. The liability is re-measured to fair value at each balance date up to and including the settlement date with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

#### (t) Adoption of new and revised standards

#### Changes in accounting policies on initial application of Accounting Standards

In the year ended 30 June 2015, the Directors have reviewed all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to the Group's operations and effective for the current annual reporting period.

It has been determined by the Directors that there is no impact, material or otherwise, of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations on the Group's business and, therefore, no change is necessary to Group accounting policies.

The Directors have also reviewed all new Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective for the year ended 30 June 2015. As a result of this review the Directors have determined that there is no impact, material or otherwise, of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations on the Group's business and, therefore, no change necessary to Group accounting policies.

#### (u) Segment Reporting

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

The Group operates only in one business and geographical segment being predominantly in the area of mineral exploration in Western Australia. The Group considers its business operations in mineral exploration to be its primary reporting function.

#### (v) Loss per share

Basic loss per share is calculated as net profit or loss attributable to members of the parent, adjusted to exclude any costs of servicing equity (other than dividends) and preference share dividends, divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Diluted loss per share is calculated as net loss attributable to members of the parent, adjusted for:

- costs of servicing equity (other than dividends) and preference share dividends;
- the after tax effect of dividends and interest associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares that have been recognised as expenses; and
- other non-discretionary changes in revenues or expenses during the period that would result from the dilution of potential ordinary shares; divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

#### (w) Parent Entity Financial Information

The financial information for the parent entity, Empire Resources Limited disclosed in Note 23 has been prepared on the same basis as the Group.

#### 2. Revenue

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue		
Interest received	4,040	2,010
Other income	-	13,567
	4,040	15,577

#### 3. Loss from ordinary activities

Consolidated		
2015	2014	
\$	\$	

Loss before income tax

The loss from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:

### (a) Expenses

Depreciation	1,921	3,213
Exploration costs expensed	193,345	349,390

#### 4. Income tax

#### (a) Income tax recognised in loss

No income tax is payable by the parent or consolidated group as they both recorded losses for income tax purposes for the year.

# Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

# 4. Income tax (continued)

# (b) Numerical reconciliation between income tax expense and the loss before income tax

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$	2014 \$
Loss before tax	(741,714)	(980,394)
Income tax benefit at 30% (2014:30%) Tax effect of:	222,514	294,118
- deductible capital raising expenditure	21,671	25,831
- non deductible expenditure	(125,388)	(45,998)
- deductible temporary differences	25,692	(24,225)
- share based payment	(32,067)	(32,330)
Deferred tax asset not recognised	(112,422)	(217,396)
R&D tax incentive (from prior year)	-	97,891
Income tax benefit attributable to loss from ordinary activities before tax	-	97,891
(c) Unrecognised deferred tax balances		
Tax losses attributable to members of the group - revenue	13,249,327	12,882,322
Potential tax benefit at 30%  Deferred tax asset not booked	3,974,798	3,864,697
Amounts recognised in statement of comprehensive income		
-employee provisions	3,538	6,799
-other	4,373	35,623
Amounts recognised in equity		
- share issue costs	41,084	36,221
Net unrecognised deferred tax asset at 30%	4,023,793	3,943,340

A deferred tax asset attributable to income tax losses has not been recognised at balance date as the probability criteria disclosed in Note 1(f) is not satisfied and such benefit will only be available if the conditions of deductibility also disclosed in Note 1(f) are satisfied.

#### 5. Loss per share

2015 Cents	2014 Cents
(0.33)	(0.49)
(741,714)	(882,503)
223,469,969	179,933,592
	Cents (0.33) (741,714)

Diluted loss per share has not been disclosed as it is not materially different from basic loss per share

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# 6. Cash and cash equivalents

Conso	Consolidated		
2015	2014		
\$	\$		
119,069	18,152		
119,069	18,152		

Cash at bank and in hand

### (i) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with loss after income tax

	Consolidated		
	2015 \$	2014 \$	
Loss after income tax	(741,714)	(882,503)	
Depreciation	1,921	3,213	
Share based payments expense	106,890	107,768	
Profit on Sale of Investments	-	(13,567)	
Exploration expenditure not capitalised	193,345	349,390	
Share of loss of equity accounted investees	417,732	153,065	
•	(21,826)	(282,634)	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase of subsidiaries:			
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	84,526	(97,461)	
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(59,084)	103,058	
(Decrease)/increase in employee benefits	(207,994)	(16,704)	
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(204,378)	(293,741)	

### 7. Trade and other Receivables

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
Current	\$	\$
Current		
Trade receivables	43,866	12,366
Other receivables	8,117	97,891
	51,983	110,257

# Provision for impairment of receivables

Current trade receivables are non-interest bearing and generally on 30 day terms. A provision for impairment is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired. No receivables are impaired at balance date.

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#### 8. Investments

# (a) Investments accounted for using the Equity Method

	Consolidated		
	2015 \$	2014 \$	
Reconciliation of movements in investments accounted for using the equity method:	Ψ	Ψ	
Balance at 1 July Acquisitions	282,600 325,001	459,439	
Share of loss	(417,732)	(153,065)	
Sale of shares		(23,774)	
Balance at 30 June	189,869	282,600	

		Ownership interest		Market	: Value	
	_		2015	2014	2015	2014
Name of entity	Principal activity	Country of incorporation	%	%	\$	\$
Associated entity						
FYI Resources Ltd	Mineral exploration	Australia	17%	19%	384,000	540,000
Barola Resources Ltd	Mineral exploration	Australia	26%	-	189,869	-

The Group has reviewed the carrying value of its investment in FYI Resources Ltd and Barola Resources Ltd and considers that it is not stated in excess of its recoverable amount in the accounts.

	Consolidated		
	2015	2014	
	\$	\$	
Summarised financial information of associates:			
Financial position			
Total assets	1,548,472	2,497,471	
Total liabilities	(632,849)	(393,764)	
Net assets	915,623	2,103,707	
Group's share of associates' net assets	189,869	398,737	
Financial performance			
Total revenue	250,000	42,685	
Total loss for the year	(2,332,881)	(741,297)	
Group's share of associates' loss	(417,732)	(153,065)	
Group's share of associate's compehensive loss Capital commitments and contingent liabilities of	-	-	
associate: Share of capital commitments incurred jointly with other investors Share of contingent liabilities incurred jointly with other investors	-	230,765	

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#### Investments (continued)

# (b) Investments in subsidiary

	Country of incorporation	Percentage Owned	Percentage Owned
		2015	2014
Controlled entity		%	%
Parent Entity:			
Empire Resources Limited	Australia		
Subsidiary of Empire Resources Limited:			
Torrens Resources Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100

#### Plant & equipment

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Plant and Equipment		
Cost	41,825	41,825
Accumulated depreciation	(40,599)	(38,678)
	1,226	3,147
Motor Vehicles		
Cost	90,217	90,217
Accumulated depreciation	(90,217)	(90,217)
	-	-
Total Plant and Equipment	1,226	3,147

Movements in the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant & equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial period is as set out below:

	Conso	Consolidated	
	2015 \$	2014 \$	
Plant and Equipment			
Balance at the beginning of year	3,147	6,360	
Depreciation expense	(1,921)	(3,213)	
Carrying amount at the end of the year	1,226	3,147	

### 10. Trade and other payables

	Consolid	Consolidated		
	2015 \$	2014 \$		
Trade payables and accruals (i) Employee benefits and GST Director loans (ii) Other	166,891 30,739 51,696 50,953	313,432 36,820 50,000		
	300,279	400,252		

- (i) Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 30 day terms (ii) Refer to note 16 for terms and conditions

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### 11. Issued capital

### (a) Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares.

On a show of hands every holder of ordinary shares present at a meeting, in person or by proxy, is entitled to one vote, and upon a poll each share is entitled to one vote.

259,201,475 (2014: 182,645,921) fully paid ordinary shares

Consolidated		
2015	2014	
\$	\$	
17,852,891	17,170,103	

	Consol	
	2015 No.	2014 No.
(i) Ordinary shares - number		
At 1 July	182,645,921	171,645,921
Share placement - 10,000,000 on 20 September 2013 at \$0.02	_	10,000,000
Shares issued pursuant to a Farm-in and JV		. 0,000,000
Agreement - 1,000,000 on 17 December 2013 at \$0.016	_	1,000,000
Share placement - 16,666,666 on 23 October 2014 at \$0.009	16 666 666	
Share placement - 16,666,666 on 3 November	16,666,666	-
2014 at \$0.009 Share placement - 11,111,111 on 20 November	16,666,666	-
2014 at \$0.009	11,111,111	-
Share placement - 11,000,000 on 9 December 2014 at \$0.009	11,000,000	_
Share placement - 11,111,111 on 31 December	, ,	
2014 at \$0.009 Share placement - 10,000,000 on 26 June 2015 at	11,111,111	-
\$0.01	10,000,000	-
Balance at 30 June	259,201,475	182,645,921

# Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

# 11. Issued capital (continued)

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$	2014 \$
(ii) Ordinary shares – value		
At 1 July Share placement - 10,000,000 on 20 September	17,170,103	16,970,103
2013 at \$0.02 Shares issued pursuant to a Farm-in and JV	-	200,000
Agreement - 1,000,000 on 17 December 2013 at \$0.016	-	16,000
Share placement - 16,666,666 on 23 October 2014 at \$0.009	150,000	-
Share placement - 16,666,666 on 3 November 2014 at \$0.009	150,000	-
Share placement - 11,111,111 on 20 November 2014 at \$0.009	100,000	-
Share placement - 11,000,000 on 9 December 2014 at \$0.009	99,000	-
Share placement - 11,111,111 on 31 December 2014 at \$0.009	100,000	-
Share placement - 10,000,000 on 26 June 2015 at \$0.01	100,000	- (40,000)
Less share issue costs	(16,212)	(16,000)
Balance at 30 June	17,852,891	17,170,103

# (b) Options

As at 30 June 2015 (30 June 2014: 33,000,000) the Company had the following options on issue over ordinary shares:-

Grant Date	Date of Expiry	Exercise Price \$	Number under Option
27-Jun-13 28-Jun-13 29-Jun-13	31-Aug-16 31-Aug-16 31-Aug-16	0.04 0.05 0.06	10,000,000 10,000,000 10,000,000
			30,000,000

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#### 12. Reserves

	Consolidated		
	2015 \$	2014 \$	
Reserves	1,118,917	1,012,027	
Reserves comprise the following:			
Options reserve			
Balance as at start of financial year Share-based payment	1,012,027 106,890	904,259 107,768	
Balance as at end of the financial year	1,118,917	1,012,027	

The options reserve is used to recognise the fair value of option issued to Directors, employees and consultants but not exercised.

Details of certain components of the option reserve arising as a consequence of equity based payments are included in Note 18.

# 13. Financial risk management

The Group's financial situation is not complex. It's activities may expose it to a variety of financial risks in the future: market risk (including currency risk and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. At that stage the Group's overall risk management program will focus on the unpredictability of the financial markets and seek to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group.

Risk management is carried out under an approved framework covering a risk management policy and internal compliance and control by management. The Board identifies, evaluates and approves measures to address financial risks.

The Group hold the following financial instruments:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	119,069	18,152
Trade and other receivables	51,983	110,257
Term deposit	20,000	20,000
	191,052	148,409
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables	300,279	400,252

#### (a) Market risk

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's main interest rate risk arises from cash deposits to be applied to exploration and development of areas of interest. Deposits at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. Deposits at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. During 2015 and 2014, the Group's deposits at variable rates were denominated in Australian Dollars.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

#### 13. Financial risk management (continued)

As at the reporting date, the Group had the following variable rate deposits and there were no interest rate swap contracts outstanding:

	2015		2014	
	%	\$	%	\$
Deposit		20,000		20,000
Other cash available		119,069		18,152
Net exposure to cash flow interest rate risk	2.2%	139,069	2.2%	38,152

The Group analyses its interest rate exposure on a dynamic basis. Various scenarios are simulated taking into the renewal of existing positions.

Sensitivity - Consolidated and Parent entity

During 2015, if interest rates had been 1% higher or lower than the prevailing rates realised, with all other variables held constant, there would be an immaterial change in post-tax loss for the year. Equity would not have been impacted.

#### (b) Credit risk

The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk. Cash transactions are limited to high credit quality financial institutions.

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments and deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures on outstanding receivables and committed transactions. In relation to other credit risk areas management assesses the credit quality of the customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the financial assets as summarised at the beginning of this note.

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close-out market positions. The Group manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. The Group will aim at maintaining flexibility in funding by accessing appropriate committed credit lines available from different counterparties where appropriate and possible. Surplus funds when available are generally only invested in high credit quality financial institutions in highly liquid markets.

#### Financing arrangements

The Consolidated and Parent entity have short term loans from Directors. Details are included in Note 16.

# Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

# 13. Financial risk management (continued)

30 June 2015	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Rate Maturing Within Year	1 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Non- interest bearing \$	Total
Financial Assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	2.2%	119,069	-	-	_	-	119,069
Trade and other receivables		-	-	-	-	51,983	51,983
Other financial assets		-	20,000	-	_	-	20,000
Total Financial Assets	•	119,069	20,000	-	-	51,983	191,052
Financial Liabilities: Trade and other payables		-	_		_	248,583	248,583
Short-term borrowings		51,696	-	-	-	-	51,696
Total financial liabilities		51,696	-	-	-	248,583	300,279
30 June 2014	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Rate Maturing Within Year	1 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
Financial Assets:		<u> </u>	· ·	· ·		· ·	· ·
Cash and cash equivalents  Trade and other receivables	2.2%	18,152	-	-	-	-	18,152
Other financial assets		-	-	-	-	110,257	110,257
Total Financial Assets		18,152	20,000	<u>-</u>	<del>-</del>	110,257	20,000 148,409
		10,132	20,000			110,237	140,409
Financial Liabilities:							
Trade and other payables						350,252	350,252
		-	-	-	-	330,232	330,232
Short-term borrowings Total financial liabilities		50,000	-	-	<u>-</u>	-	50,000

Maturities of financial assets and liabilities

The note above analyses the Consolidated and parent entity's financial liabilities. The liabilities comprise trade and other payables that are non interest bearing and will mature within 12 months and Director loans that are interest bearing and will be repaid from the proceeds of a future share placement of ordinary shares. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. There are no derivatives.

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## 13. Financial risk management (continued)

Maturity analysis of financial assets and liability based on management's expectation

Year ended 30 June 2015	<6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	>5 years	Total
Consolidated					
Financial assets					
Cash & cash equivalents	119,069	-	-	-	119,069
Trade & other receivables	51,983	-	-	-	51,983
Other financial assets	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
	171,052	20,000	-	-	191,052
Financial liabilities					
Trade & other payables	(248,583)	-	-	-	(248,583)
Short-term borrowings	(51,696)	-	-	-	(51,696)
	(300,279)	-	-	-	(300,279)
Net maturity	(129,227)	20,000	-	-	(109,227)

#### (d) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, investments in unlisted subsidiaries) is determined using valuation techniques or cost (impaired if appropriate). The Group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date.

The carrying value less impairment provision of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

## 14. Capital and Leasing Commitments

Consolidated						
2015	2014					
\$	\$					

## (i) Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements

Payable - minimum lease payments

- not later than 12 months	60,012	39,852
- between 12 months and 5 years	5,001	43,173
- greater than 5 years		-
	65,013	83,025

The company entered into an operating lease on 1 August 2007 for office space it occupies in Victoria Park. The fourth term of the lease is 2 years and expires on 31 July 2016.

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# 14. Capital and Leasing Commitments (continued)

Consolidated							
2015	2014						
\$	\$						

## (ii) Expenditure commitments contracted for:

#### **Exploration Tenements**

In order to maintain current rights of tenure to exploration tenements, the Company is required to outlay rentals and to meet the minimum expenditure requirements. These obligations are not provided for in the financial statements and are payable:

- not later than 12 months	47,769	307,001
<ul><li>between 12 months and 5 years</li><li>greater than 5 years</li></ul>	191,076 -	1,228,004
	238,845	1,535,005

These commitments are based on the Group holding the tenements for the next 5 years.

#### 15. Directors and other key management personnel

#### (i) Details of Key Management Personnel

#### Chairman - non-executive

Mr T Revy (from 8 January 2010)

#### **Managing Director**

Mr D Sargeant (from 13 April 2000)

# **Executive director**

Mr A Jessup (from 15 August 2003)

## (ii) Compensation of Key Management Personnel

Consolidated							
2015	2014						
\$	\$						
9,091	78,300						
9,091	78,300						

Short-term employee benefits

The amounts outstanding to Key Management Personnel at the reporting date are included in Note 16.

# 16. Related Parties

# **Directors and executives**

Disclosures relating to the remuneration and shareholdings of directors and executives are set out in the Directors' Report.

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## 16. Related Parties (continued)

Other transactions with directors, their associates and director related entities are as follows:

	Consolidated		
	2015 \$	2014 \$	
Amounts payable to Key Management Personnel			
Kirkdale Holdings Pty Ltd - Mr D Sargeant	-	10,722	
Murilla Exploration Pty Ltd - Mr A Jessup	-	11,650	
Mr T Revy	-	42,000	
		64,372	
Amounts received from Directors as unsecured loans			
DW Sargeant Pty Ltd - Mr D Sargeant	20,585	30,000	
Mr A Jessup	31,111	20,000	
Total	51,696	50,000	

The amounts received from Directors as unsecured loans are expected to be repaid from the proceeds of a future share placement of ordinary shares. A coupon interest rate equivalent to the Australian Government Bond 2 year yield will be calculated at each month end and will be payable on maturity.

The following table provides the total amount of transactions that were entered into with related parties for the relevant financial year:

Related party		Revenue from Related Parties \$	Reimbursement of Expenditure Related Parties	Amounts owed by Related Parties as at 30 June \$	Amounts Owed to Related parties as at 30 June
Consolidated					
Associate:					
FYI Resources Ltd	2015	-	22,665	1,744	-
	2014	-	68,323	12,366	-
Barola Resources Ltd	2015	-	36,888	40,577	-
	2014	-	-	-	-

# Associate

The Group has a 17% interest in FYI Resources Limited (2014: 19%).

The Group has a 26% interest in Barola Resources Limited (2014: Nil).

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#### 17. Remuneration of auditors

The auditor of Empire Resources Ltd is HLB Mann Judd.

	Consolidated		
	2015 \$	2014 \$	
Amounts received or due and receivable by HLB Mann Judd for:	•	•	
Audit or review of the financial reports of the Company	26,700	22,175	
Other services	-	-	
	26,700	22,175	

#### 18. Share Based Payments

## (a) Option plan

The Company has established an option share plan, which is also available to directors, employees and some consultants, known as the 2010 Empire Resources Option Plan and was approved by shareholders on 25 June 2010. The Empire Resources Option Plan is not currently active insofar as there have been no option issues in the last two years and shareholder renewal, which is required every three years, has not been sought.

The following table illustrates the number and weighted average exercise prices of and movements in share options issued during the year:

Number	Weighted average exercise price	Number	Weighted average exercise price
2015	2015	2014	2014
33,000,000 (3,000,000)	\$0.05 \$0.09	33,000,000	\$0.05 \$0.00
30,000,000	\$0.05	33,000,000	\$0.05

Outstanding at the beginning of the year Expired during the year Outstanding at the end of the year

Exercisable at the end of the year

On 9 August 2014, 1,500,000 unlisted options expired. On 28 November 2014, 1,500,000 options expired.

The fair value of the equity-settled share options is estimated as at the date of grant using the Black and Scholes model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted.

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#### 18. Share Based Payments (continued)

The following table lists the inputs to the model used for the years ended 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014:

	Grant Date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Vesting Period	Fair value at grant date of options	Expected Volatility	Option life	Dividend yield	Risk-free interest rate	Grant date share
Consultant	Grant Date	uale	Exercise price	renou	Options	Volatility	Option life	ylelu	rate	price
			4		4		_			
options	09-Aug-11	09-Aug-14	\$0.09	09-Aug-14	\$0.03	106%	3 years	0%	4.75%	\$0.05
Consultant										
options	27-Jun-13	31-Aug-16	\$0.04	31-Aug-16	\$0.01	150%	3.2 years	0%	3.00%	\$0.02
Consultant										
options	27-Jun-13	31-Aug-16	\$0.05	31-Aug-16	\$0.01	150%	3.2 years	0%	3.00%	\$0.02
Consultant										
options	27-Jun-13	31-Aug-16	\$0.06	31-Aug-16	\$0.01	150%	3.2 years	0%	3.00%	\$0.02

### (b) Expenses arising from share-based payment transactions

Total expenses arising from share-based payment transactions recognised during the period were as follows:

Consolidated		
2015	2014	
\$	\$	
106.890	107.768	

Share based payments

#### 19. Segment Information

Operating segments are reported in a manner that is consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker has been identified as the Board of Empire Resources Ltd.

Consistent with prior year, the Group operates only in one business and geographical segment being predominantly in the area of mining and exploration in Australia. The Group considers its business operations in mineral exploration to be its primary reporting function.

#### 20. Contingent assets

## Penny's Find

The Company entered into a sale agreement in March 2011 for the Penny's Find gold project with Brimstone Resources Limited (Brimstone) and Brimstone paid the Company \$500,000 as part of its obligations under that agreement. The March 2011 agreement was superseded by an agreement entered into in February 2012.

The February 2012 agreement:

- acknowledged the previous cash payment of \$500,000 (GST inclusive) to earn a 40% interest in the project; and
- required Brimstone to conduct of a 4 hole drilling programme to be completed by 31 March 2012; and
- gave Brimstone the right to earn a 51% interest in the project by incurring exploration and development expenditure of a further \$750,000 by 30 September 2012; and
- gave Brimstone the right to earn a 75% interest in the project by incurring exploration and development expenditure of a further \$750,000 by 30 June 2013; and
- subject to compliance with the previous earning requirements, gave Brimstone an election to purchase 100% of the project for \$2.5 million plus a 2% gross royalty on gold produced in excess of the current JORC resource of 52,500 ozs gold. The royalty would only apply when the gold price is above A\$700/oz and would not exceed A\$50 per ounce of gold recovered.

The Company has advised Brimstone that in the opinion of the Company, Brimstone has failed to comply with its earn in obligations and the Company has reserved its rights in relation to that matter. In the opinion of the Company, Brimstone has failed to earn a 51% interest in the project and Brimstone has either:

- forfeited the 40% interest it previously acquired by failing to adequately conduct the 4 hole drilling programme; or
- retained its 40% interest in the project.

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#### 20. Contingent assets (continued)

The Company does not believe that Brimstone has earned a 51% interest in the project and the percentage interest earned by Brimstone in the project is subject to dispute. The parties have been moving towards executing a formal joint venture on the basis of Empire 60% (Manager) and Brimstone 40%.

#### 21. Contingent liabilities

In June 2015, Kirkdale Holdings Pty Ltd waived its entitlement to directors' fees of \$109,790 for services rendered from 1 July 2014 through to 31 December 2014, Murilla Exploration Pty Ltd. waived its entitlement to directors' fees of \$119,790 for services rendered from 1 July 2014 through to 31 December 2014 and Tom Revy waived his entitlement to directors' fees of \$52,500 for services rendered from 1 October 2013 through to 31 December 2014.

In June 2015, the Exploration Manager waived his entitlement to \$254,005 of salary and superannuation.

Payment of these Director fees and salary and superannuation entitlements is contingent on the Company receiving additional funding in excess of \$1 million.

#### 22. Events after the Balance Date

In July 2015, the Company received an unsecured loan from David Sargeant for \$50,000 which is expected to be repaid from the proceeds of a future share placement of ordinary shares. A coupon interest rate equivalent to the Australian Government Bond 2 year yield will be calculated at each month end and will be payable on maturity.

In August 2015, the Company received an unsecured loan from a third party for \$50,000 which is expected to be repaid from the proceeds of a future share placement of ordinary shares. A coupon interest rate of 2% per month for the term of the loan will be calculated at each month end and will be payable on maturity.

In September 2015 the Company entered into a signed agreement whereby it has agreed to sell 3,224,813 shares held in equity accounted Barola Resources Ltd for \$225,000. The Company expects to receive further offers for the remaining 2,508,187 shares it owns in that company, at the same price. The agreements are/will be subject to certain conditions, including completion of a due diligence on Barola Resources Ltd by the purchaser and the execution of a formal mining joint venture agreement between the Company and Brimstone Resources Ltd, for the development of the Penny's Find project.

Other than this, there has not been any matter or circumstance not otherwise dealt with in the financial report that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the Company.

# Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2015

# 23. Parent Entity Financial Information

The individual financial statements for the parent entity show the following aggregate amounts:

	Parent Entity	
	2015	2014
ASSETS	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	119,069	18,152
Trade and other receivables	51,983	110,257
Other financial assets	20,000	20,000
Total Current Assets	191,052	148,409
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	949	706
Investments accounted for using the equity method	189,869	282,600
Plant and equipment	1,226	3,147
Total Non-Current Assets	192,044	286,453
TOTAL ASSETS	383,096	434,862
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	300,279	400,252
Total Current Liabilities	300,279	400,252
	200.070	400.050
TOTAL LIABILITIES	300,279	400,252
NET ASSETS	82,817	34,610
NET ASSETS	02,011	01,010
EQUITY		
Issued capital	17,852,891	17,170,103
Reserves	1,118,917	1,012,027
Accumulated losses	(18,888,991)	(18,147,520)
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TOTAL EQUITY	82,817	34,610
Loss before income tax expense	(741,471)	(980,158)
Income tax benefit	-	97,891
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax		
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(741,471)	(882,267)

#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

- 1. In the directors' opinion:
- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 16 to 43 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including:
  - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Corporations Regulations 2001, professional reporting requirements and other mandatory requirements; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (c) the financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.
- 2. The directors have been given the declarations by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

David Sargeant Director

Perth, Western Australia 28 September 2015



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Empire Resources Limited

### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Empire Resources Limited ("the company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration for the Group. The consolidated entity comprises the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

### Directors' responsibility 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 is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In Note 1(a), the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101: *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial report complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Group's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

Our audit did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by directors or management.

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

### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



# Auditor's opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Empire Resources Limited 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 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations* 2001: and
- (b) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1(a).

# **Emphasis of Matter**

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 (b) in the financial report which indicates that the directors anticipate that a further equity raising will be required and will be completed in the year to meet the ongoing working capital requirements of the consolidated entity. Should this equity raising not be completed, there is a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt as to whether the Group will be able to continue as a going concern and, therefore, whether it will be able to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business.

# **Report on the Remuneration Report**

We have audited the remuneration report included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2015. 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.

# Auditor's opinion

In our opinion the remuneration report of Empire Resources Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

HLB Mann Judd Chartered Accountants

HLB Mann Judd

Perth, Western Australia 28 September 2015



## **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

As lead auditor for the audit of the consolidated financial report of Empire Resources Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- a) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit;
   and
- b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Perth, Western Australia 28 September 2015

D I Buckley Partner Additional information required by the Australian Stock Exchange Ltd and not shown elsewhere in this report is as follows. The information is current as at 23 September 2015.

# (a) Distribution of shares

The numbers of shareholders, by size of holding are:

Category (size of holding)	Number of Holders
1 - 1,000	24
1,001 - 5,000	65
5,001 - 10,000	122
10,001 - 100,000	337
100,001 - and over	208

The number of shareholdings held in less than marketable parcels is 453.

# (b) Twenty largest shareholders

The names of the twenty largest holders of quoted shares are:

	SHAREHOLDERS	Number of shares held	% Holding
1	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES	20,833,332	8.04%
2	FITALL GROUP LTD	20,000,000	7.72%
3	BLAMNCO TRADING PTY LTD	20,000,000	7.72%
4	MANDARA CAPITAL PTY LTD	12,100,000	4.67%
5	TJUN TJUN PTY LTD	11,666,666	4.50%
6	MEGABAY HOLDINGS PTY LTD	10,000,000	3.86%
7	TRONES INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	5,915,000	2.28%
8	ARMCO BARRIERS PTY LTD	5,500,000	2.12%
9	MARTINI 5 PTY LTD	5,300,010	2.04%
10	DETROIT EQUITIES INC	5,000,000	1.93%
11	RBJ NOMINEES PTY LTD	5,000,000	1.93%
12	WA SOURCING PTY LTD	4,444,446	1.71%
13	PRB MCDONALD PTY LTD	4,166,666	1.61%
14	KIRKDALE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	3,300,000	1.27%
15	AGENS PTY LTD	3,275,806	1.26%
16	MEEKAL PTY LTD	3,098,333	1.20%
17	A N SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD	3,000,000	1.16%
18	XAVIA NOMINEES PTY LTD	2,777,778	1.07%
19	WESTORIA RESOURCE INVESTMENTS	2,700,000	1.04%
20	RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD	2,400,000	0.93%
		150,478,037	58.06%

# (c) Substantial Shareholder

Shareholder	Number of shares
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES	20,833,332
FITALL GROUP LTD	20,000,000
BLAMNCO TRADING PTY LTD	20,000,000

#### (d) Stock Exchange Listing

Listing has been granted for all the ordinary shares of the company on all Member Exchanges of the Australian Stock Exchange Limited.

Quoted shares on ASX and total issued share capital 259,201,475

## (e) Voting rights

All shares carry one vote per unit without restriction.

#### (f) Unlisted options

Options issued to William Buck Financial Services (WA) Pty Ltd:-

**Tranche 1** - 10 Million options with an exercise price of 4 cents each, when the share price maintains a 30 day VWAP of 4 cents or more-expiring 31 Aug 2016

10,000,000

**Tranche 2** - 10 Million options with an exercise price of 5 cents each, when the share price maintains a 30 day VWAP of 5 cents or more-expiring 31 Aug 2016

10,000,000

**Tranche 3** - 10 Million options at an exercise price of 6 cents each, when the share price maintains a 30 day VWAP of 6 cents or more-expiring 31 Aug 2016

10,000,000

# INTERESTS IN MINING AND EXPLORATION TENEMENTS AT 25 SEPTEMBER 2015

PROJECT	TENEMENT	INTEREST	REMARKS
PENNY'S FIND	E27/410	60%	
	E27/420	60%	
	M27/156	60%	
	P27/1722	60%	
	P27/1723	60%	
	P27/1724	60%	
	P27/1725	60%	
	P27/1726	60%	
	P27/1727	60%	
	P27/1728	60%	
	P27/1729	60%	
	P27/1730	60%	
	P27/1814	60%	
	P27/1922	60%	
	P27/1923	60%	
	P27/2007	60%	
	P27/2008	60%	
	L27/90	60%	
YUINMERY	M57/265	100%	
	P57/1214	100%	
	P57/1215	100%	
	P57/1216	100%	
	P57/1217	100%	
	E57/1037	100%	
LAVERTON	F00/0075	4000/	
LAVERTON	E38/3075	100%	