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# CAPRICORN DELIVERS STRONG HALF YEAR RESULTS

# Highlights

- Underlying profit<sup>1</sup> before tax increased by 10% to a \$90.7 million from previous corresponding period, reflecting strong operating performance:
  - Delivered gold price up 31% to \$3,943 per ounce for 54,062 ounces sold
  - Strong cost control against back drop of industry wide inflationary pressures
- Lowest quartile Australian gold industry all-in-sustaining-cost (AISC) of \$1,564 per ounce underpins strong EBITDA of \$95.1 million and an EBITDA margin of 45%.
- Gross operating profit per ounce sold of \$1,700 translating to significant cash build for the half year of \$41.8 million after \$20.4 million spent on exploration and feasibility activities at Mt Gibson and Karlawinda, \$10.1 million on development activities at Mt Gibson, and before the \$200 million (before costs) placement proceeds.
- Receipts from gold sales increased by 17% from the sale of 54,062 ounces at an average delivery price of \$3,943 per ounce. A further 1,825 ounces of gold bullion on hand was subsequently sold in January 2025 for \$7.7 million;
- Strong cash flow from operations of \$84.8 million further strengthening Capricorn's robust balance sheet position:
  - Cash and bullion<sup>2</sup> of \$363.2 million (30 June 2024: \$110.3 million)
  - Net cash<sup>3</sup> position of \$313.2 million with \$50 million bank debt outstanding with a single bullet repayment in June 2025
- H1 FY25 gold production of 54,261 ounces at AISC of \$1,564 per ounce was in line with expectations and puts Capricorn in a strong position to achieve production guidance for FY25 of 110,000 120,000 ounces at AISC of \$1,370 \$1,470 per ounce.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Underlying profit excludes non-cash adjustments following the adoption of hedge accounting in July 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes bullion valued at \$7.7 million representing the value of the bullion subsequently sold in Jan '25 and capital proceeds from a \$200 million (before costs) placement completed in Nov '24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Net cash is defined as cash and bullion less corporate bank debt (A\$50 million).

# **Financial results**

A strong six months of operations at the Karlawinda Gold Project ("KGP") has seen Capricorn Metals Ltd ("Capricorn" or "the Company") report a statutory profit before tax of \$63.1 million for the half year ended 31 December 2024. Underlying profit before tax of \$90.7 million was net of the non-cash adjustments of \$27.7 million resulting from the adoption of hedge accounting. Cash flow from operations of \$84.8 million continued the strong financial performance of the KGP.

	Half Year to 31 Dec 24 \$'000	Half Year to 31 Dec 23 \$'000	Change \$'000
Gold sales	201,365	181,620	19,780
Gross Profit	92,250	91,789	461
EBITDA	95,064	96,810	(1,746)
Underlying profit before tax <sup>1</sup>	90,717	82,097	8,620
Profit before tax	63,051	78,785	(15,734)
Income tax expense	(19,945)	(24,426)	4,481
Profit after tax	43,106	54,359	(11,253)
Earnings per share (cents)	11.13	14.45	(3.32 cents)
EBITDA margin	47.2%	53.3%	(6.1%)
Cash flow from operating activities	84,845	80,307	4,538

The operating results at the KGP for the six months of operations to 31 December 2024 were as follows:

		Half Year to 31 Dec 24	Half Year to 31 Dec 23
Ore mined	t ('000)	3,106	2,999
Ore milled	t ('000)	2,195	2,054
Head grade	g/t	0.84	1.01
Recovery	%	91.9	89.8
Gold production	Oz	54,261	60,099
All-in-sustaining- costs	\$/oz	1,564	1,324

Capricorn expects to achieve annual production guidance of 110,000 - 120,000 ounces and AISC guidance of 1,370 - 1,470 per ounce.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Capricorn Metals board.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Underlying profit excludes non-cash adjustments following the adoption of hedge accounting in July 2023.



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# **Forward Looking Statements**

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However, forward looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed, projected or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Such risks include, but are not limited to resource risk, metals price volatility, currency fluctuations, increased production costs and variances in ore grade or recovery rates from those assumed in mining plans, as well as governmental regulation and judicial outcomes.

For a more detailed discussion of such risks and other factors, see the Company's Annual Reports, as well as the Company's other filings. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward looking information. The Company does not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to any "forward looking statement" to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this announcement, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

# **Competent Persons Statement**

The information in the attached Half Year Financial Report to 31 December 2024 that relates to Exploration Results is extracted from ASX Announcement released on 29 January 2025 entitled "Quarterly Exploration Update" and for which Competent Person consents were obtained. The Competent Person consents remain in place for subsequent releases by the Company of the same information in the same form and context, until the consent is withdrawn or replaced by a subsequent report and accompanying consent.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information in the relevant ASX releases, and the form and context of the announcement has not materially changed.

The detailed information relating to the Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources for the Karlawinda Gold Project was contained in the Company's ASX announcement dated 1 August 2024 entitled "KGP Ore Reserve Increases to 1.43Moz's". The information relating to the Ore Reserves and Mineral Resource for the Mt Gibson Gold Project Gold Project was contained in the Company's ASX announcement dated 15 November 2024 entitled "MGGP Ore Reserve Grows to 2.59 Million Ounces".

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the ASX announcements dated 1 August 2024, 15 November 2024 and 29 January 2025 and all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not materially changed from previous market announcements. The reports are available to view on the ASX website and on the Company's website at www.capmetals.com.au.





# CAPRICORN METALS LTD AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES

ABN 84 121 700 105

HALF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

31 DECEMBER 2024

#### ABN

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#### Directors

Mark Clark – Executive Chairman Mark Okeby – Non-Executive Director Myles Ertzen – Non-Executive Director Bernard De Araugo – Non-Executive Director Jill Irvin – Non-Executive Director

#### **Company Secretary**

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#### Securities Exchange Listing

Capricorn Metals Ltd shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

#### ASX Code

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The Directors submit the financial report of the Consolidated Group ("the Group" or "Capricorn"), consisting of Capricorn Metals Ltd (referred to in these financial statements as "Parent" or "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiaries for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 and the audit report thereon, made in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

#### Directors

The Directors of the Company who held office since 1 July 2024 and up to the date of this report are set out below. Directors were in office for the entire half-year unless stated otherwise:

Mr Mark Clark	Executive Chairman
Mr Mark Okeby	Non-Executive Director
Mr Myles Ertzen	Non-Executive Director
Mr Bernard De Araugo	Non-Executive Director
Ms Jill Irvin	Non-Executive Director

#### **Operating and Financial Review**

#### Overview

Capricorn Metals Ltd is an Australian based gold producer and exploration company with two distinct project areas located in Western Australia.

The Karlawinda Gold Project ("KGP") is located 65 kilometres south-east of Newman in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. The KGP commenced operations in June 2021 and has a 10-year mine life on current reserves. The KGP had a strong first half of operations producing 54,261 ounces at an all-in-sustaining-cost ("AISC") of \$1,564 per ounce, in line with expectations and in a strong position to achieve the FY25 guidance of 110,000 – 120,000 ounces.

The Company's second project is the Mt Gibson Gold Project ("MGGP"), located approximately 334 kilometres northeast of Perth in the Mid-West region of WA. The combined area of the granted tenure covers approximately 213 square kilometres and in excess of 15 kilometres of strike on the gold bearing Retaliation Greenstone Belt, in the SW portion of the Yalgoo-Singleton Greenstone Belt. The Company continued an extensive resource drilling programme at MGGP during the half-year and in November 2024 announced a 41% increase in the Ore Reserve Estimate ("ORE") to 2.59 million ounces of gold.

#### **Financial summary**

The Group recorded a statutory profit before income tax of \$63,051,000 for the half year ended 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: \$78,785,000), while underlying profit before tax increased by \$8,619,000 to \$90,717,000. As outlined below, underlying profit excludes adjustments following the adoption of hedge accounting and reflects the Company's full participation in the rising spot gold price.

	31 December 2024 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000
Statutory profit before income tax expense	63,051	78,785
Add back: Hedge accounting revenue adjustments (i)	12,032	-
Add back: Fair value movement on gold options	15,634	3,312
Underlying profit before income tax expense	90,717	82,097

(i) Represents the non-cash accounting treatment required following the adoption of hedge accounting in July 2023 (refer Note 2).

The Group had a cash balance of \$355.5m as at 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: \$119.9m) with a further 1,825 ounces of gold on hand ready for sale valued at \$7.7 million. The cash balance includes \$193.4m of net capital proceeds from the successful institutional placement completed in November 2024. The placement included the issue of 33,334,334 shares at an issue price of \$6.00 per share and was strongly supported by existing institutional shareholders as well as new high quality Australian and international institutional investors. The placement proceeds, together with current cash reserves and the expected future cash flows from KGP, are expected to fully fund the development of the Karlawinda Expansion Project and the MGGP. This underpins the Company's clear development pathway to become a 300,000 ounce per annum gold producer.

#### Performance summary

#### Sales

Gold revenue for the half-year was \$213.4 million from the sale of 54,062 ounces of gold at an average realised price of \$3,943 per ounce (HY2024: \$181.6 million from 60,341 ounces at \$3,010 per ounce).

At the end of the half-year Capricorn had 55,000 ounces of flat forward contracts remaining at an average delivery price of \$2,327 per ounce. The Company also has 28,000 ounces of European puts remaining at 31 December 2024 at a strike price of \$3,432 per ounce. The Company has no obligation to deliver into these puts, which expire over the following three quarters. Additionally, the Company has 16,700 ounces in call options at a delivery price of \$2,260 per ounce. These options expire in June 2025.

The Company has no gold hedging delivery obligations until December 2025.

#### Net finance costs

Net finance costs have increased by \$11.2 million to \$15.9 million from the previous half-year due to the fair value loss on financial instruments.

Since July 2023, the Group has designated its gold financial instruments as hedging instruments by adopting hedge accounting. In accordance with accounting standards, the fair value movements of the remaining gold forwards are recognised in the hedge reserve and subsequently reclassified to the income statement upon the designated delivery date. In contrast, the fair value movements of the gold put and call option contracts are recognised immediately in the income statement.

#### Cashflow

Statutory operating cash flow for the half year was \$84.8 million which delivered part of a \$235.6 million increase (to \$355.5 million) in cash and cash equivalents for the half year. Key cash flow movements for the half year included:

- Net cash inflow from operations (excluding corporate overhead costs and interest paid) of \$95.3 million;
- Net capital raise proceeds of \$193.4 million;
- \$20.4 million on exploration activities at KGP and MGGP; and
- ⋟ \$10.1 million on MGGP camp construction.

#### Net cash/(debt)

The Company had net cash of \$304.8m at the end of the half-year (30 June 2024: net cash of \$69.3m) an increase of \$235.5m from the prior year.

The Company had outstanding bank debt at the end of the half-year of \$50 million (30 June 2024: \$50 million). In July 2022, Macquarie Bank agreed to convert the \$50 million outstanding debt to a general-purpose corporate loan facility with a single bullet repayment in June 2025.

#### **Project summary**

#### Karlawinda Gold Project

#### **Operations**

Operating results for the Karlawinda Gold Project for the six months ended 31 December 2024 were as follows:

	Unit	December 2024HY	December 2023HY
Ore mined	BCM ('000)	1,198	1,178
Waste mined	BCM ('000)	5,622	5,639
Stripping ratio	W:O	4.69	4.8
Ore mined	Tonnes ('000)	3,106	2,999
Ore milled	Tonnes ('000)	2,195	2,054
Head grade	g/t	0.84	1.01
Recovery	%	91.94	89.75
Gold production	Ounces	54,261	60,099
Cash cost <sup>(1)</sup>	A\$/oz	1,360	1,175
All-in-sustaining-cost (1)	A\$/oz	1,564	1,324

(1) Cash costs and All-in-sustaining costs are non-IFRS measures, and where included in this report, have not been subject to review by the Group's auditors.

KGP produced 54,261 ounces for the half-year and is on target to achieve the annual production guidance range of 110,000 – 120,000 ounces. The AISC of production for the half-year was \$1,564 per ounce which is in line with expectations as per the FY25 mine plan.

A total of 6.8 million BCM of material was mined from the Bibra open pit during the half-year at a waste-to-ore strip ratio of 4.7. This represents an 18% increase from H2 FY24 (5.8 million BCM), facilitating the achievement of the planned pit face positions and providing greater working areas within the open pit. Consequently, increased ore volumes and higher delivered grades are expected for H2 FY25, in line with the mine plan.

Consistent performance at the processing plant has continued, with a total of 1.1 million tonnes of ore processed. The successful installation and commissioning of the liquid oxygen and lead nitrate facilities during the half-year has stabilised gold recovery levels at 91.94%.

Capricorn expects to meet gold production guidance of 110,000 – 120,000 ounces at an AISC range of \$1,370 - \$1,470 per ounce and growth capital of \$10-20 million.

#### Karlawinda Expansion Project

The Capricorn board approved the expansion of the Karlawinda Gold Project during the half-year. This Karlawinda Expansion Project ("KEP") will incorporate the installation of a new three stage crushing and ball mill circuit to increase total processing capacity to 6.5Mtpa. Once complete, the average annual gold production at the expanded KGP is expected to be in the order of 150,000 ounces. The increased capacity will not require a significant increase in mining fleet or earthmoving volumes.

The parallel processing stream offers the flexibility of an independent run-of-mine (ROM) arrangement while maximising the use of the existing infrastructure downstream of the CIL tanks. Existing gas infrastructure is capable of delivering the required increase in power generation. The expansion also includes the construction of additional accommodation capacity which will maximise productivity during the plant construction phase and facilitate the additional personnel requirements of long-term operations. The installation of a new tailings storage facility (TSF), utilising displaced waste material from the adjacent Berwick deposit will meet the increased project deposition requirements.

The environmental approval requirements are well understood, with the work required for the submission of applications advancing. Importantly, the footprint required for all plant and infrastructure associated with the expansion is contained within Capricorns existing mining leases.

Development activities at the KEP during the half-year included:

- > The award of the plant design contract, with design and procurement works commencing; and
- > Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) design and requisite permitting advanced.

#### Exploration

Capricorn wholly owns a 4,000 square kilometre tenement package at KGP which includes the greenstone belt hosting the Bibra gold deposit and other significant greenstone areas.

The Pilbara region of Western Australia has not had a significant historical exploration focus on gold and as a result very little modern and meaningful gold exploration has been completed outside of the immediate Bibra deposit, the focus of current mining operations.

During the half-year a total of 402 holes for 26,569 metres were drilled across the KGP tenement package.

At the Berwick, Carnoustie East and Central Zone encouraging results have been returned from mixed RC and AC drilling programmes. Further drilling is planned for Carnoustie, 5 kilometres north-west of Bibra, where previous results indicate the potential for a steeply dipping intrusive related orebody with mineralisation remaining open up and down dip and along strike to the north and south. At Central Lode, in the Mumbakine Well project area, results from a 7,520m (154 holes) aircore drilling programme has extended the mineralisation strike length to 2 kilometres, with composite results identifying a low-level gold anomaly.

Follow up near mine drilling programmes will continue throughout FY25.

A regional aircore drilling programme was completed at the Mission Road and Badlands prospects, both less than 20 kilometres from the Bibra open pit, having been identified through gravity imagery data. This drilling forms part of a 25,000m regional programme that is targeting multiple gravity-high anomalies along magnetic corridors in proximity to known gold occurrences. Results are expected in the second half of the year.

Multiple exploration targets will be progressed further throughout FY25.

In December 2024, the Company agreed with Latitude 66 Ltd (ASX:LAT) to acquire the prospective Sylvania Project tenements located contiguous to the Company's KGP tenure in the Pilbara region (Refer Figure 1). The tenements cover approximately 1,740 square kilometres, increasing the Company's tenement holding to approximately 3,800 square kilometres and consolidates the Company's holding of Pilbara craton greenstones in proximity to the highly prospective Pilbara-Yilgarn craton margin. Exploration for gold in the region has generally been limited with only early-stage work conducted, mostly during the 1990's. There has been very little serious focus on gold in the region despite there being substantial evidence for widespread gold mineralisation.

The transaction consideration was \$1.5 million, which the Company settled through the issue of fully paid ordinary Capricorn shares to Latitude. Additionally, there is a 1% net smelter royalty on the sale of all precious minerals and a 1.5% net smelter royalty in respect to the sale of non-precious minerals extracted from the Sylvania Project area. Further future consideration includes:

- \$750,000 upon the announcement by Capricorn of a JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate in excess of 200,000 ounces of gold on the Sylvania Project; and
- \$750,000 upon the announcement by Capricorn of a board decision to commence a stand-alone commercial mining operation on the Sylvania Project tenements.

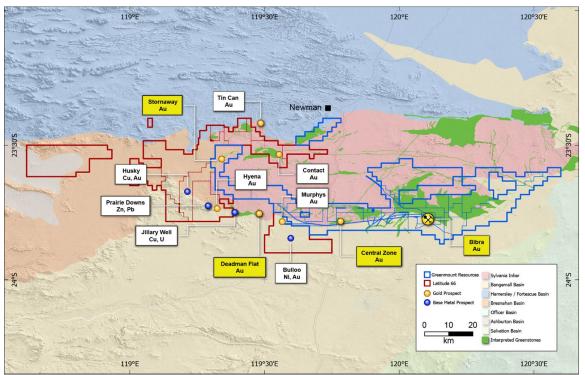


Figure 1: Sylvania Project tenements (red) alongside existing KGP tenements.

#### **Reserves & Resources**

In August 2024 the company announced an annual resource and reserve update for KGP.

The updated KGP Ore Reserve Estimate ("ORE") of 1.43 million ounces (2023: 1.25 million ounces) is an increase of 333,000 ounces after accounting for mining depletion.

The updated Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") is 2.25 million ounces (2023: 2.22 million ounces) an increase of 24,000 ounces after accounting for mining depletion.

#### Mt Gibson Gold Project

#### **Project Development**

Significant progress continues to be made towards the development of the MGGP, including:

- In December 2023, Capricorn referred the development of the MGGP to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), based on comprehensive environmental assessment work over the last two and a half years. In June 2024, Capricorn received advice from DCCEEW relating to the assessment of the MGGP referral. As expected, the project will be assessed as a Controlled Action via Public Environment Report (PER). In December 2024, the Company submitted the MGGP PER to the DCCEEW in accordance with guidelines for the PER developed by DCCEEW and issued to Capricorn in July 2024.
- In May 2024, Capricorn lodged the referral of the MGGP to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under Part IV of the Western Australian EP Act to commence the WA assessment process, which will run parallel with the Commonwealth assessment. The referral was validated by the EPA in July 2024 and will be assessed on referral information.
- Installation of the 400-room accommodation village for the operation is nearing completion. Handover of the full camp is expected in Q3. Total spend to December 2024 of \$29.9 million on construction works represents an early investment from the \$260 million MGGP capital budget, a strategic decision to expedite progress and compress the ultimate construction timeframe.

#### Exploration

During the half-year a total of 368 holes for 44,219 metres were drilled across the MGGP tenement package.

Drilling under the Orion and Lexington pits continued to return broad, high-grade gold intercepts, demonstrating that mineralisation extends significantly at depth. At both locations, mineralisation has been extended over significant strike and depths, remaining open in all directions. Once all assays are received, the Company will work to assess each projects underground economic potential.

Approvals for additional drilling were received for first pass aircore programmes across a number of near mine targets, including Mexicola, Sundance, Ace High, Gunslinger and Big Whiskey. Results received indicate the areas high prospectively to host additional near-surface satellite resources as well as major gold discoveries.

Drilling at the unmined Aries deposit is the first conducted by the Company at this location. Significant results from the drilling programme have validated historical data at this prospect, which is located along strike of the previously mined Wombat Open Pit and Underground deposit. A maiden resource was included in the November ORE update. Encouragingly, significant results received during the half-year were predominantly extensional to the current resource.

Large scale archaeological and ethnographic clearance works have been completed and are progressing over future exploration areas.

#### Reserves & Resources

In November 2024 the company announced an annual resource and reserve update for MGGP.

The updated MGGP Ore Reserve Estimate ("ORE") of 89.8 million tonnes at 0.9g/t for 2.59 million ounces (April 2024: 1.83 million ounces) represents a 41% increase of 758,000 ounces to reserves.

The updated Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") of 150.4 million tonnes at 0.8g/t for 3.99 million ounces (April 2024: 3.31 million ounces) represents a 21% increase of 686,000 ounces to the resource estimate.

#### Subsequent events

There were no material events arising subsequent to 31 December 2024, to the date of this report which may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations and the state of affairs of the Group in the future.

#### Rounding off

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Director's Reports) Instrument 2016/191 and in accordance with that Instrument, amounts in the consolidated financial statements and Director's report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

#### Auditors' Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporation Act 2001 is set out on the following page and forms part of the Directors' Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

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Mr Mark Clark Executive Chairman Perth, Western Australia 5 March 2025



# Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

# To the Directors of Capricorn Metals Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review of Capricorn Metals Ltd for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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R Gambitta *Partner* Perth 5 March 2025

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# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the half year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	31 December 2024 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000
Revenue	2	201,365	181,620
Costs of goods sold	3	(113,095)	(89,831)
Gross profit	5	88,270	91,789
Interest income	2	3,855	2,446
Option premium income	2	90	-
Other income	2	35	74
		3,980	2,520
Personnel costs		(3,948)	(4,036)
Share-based payment expense	20	(3,612)	(2,676)
Depreciation		(247)	(214)
Amortisation		-	-
Administration expenses		(1,530)	(1,306)
Exploration & evaluation expenditure		(38)	(115)
Finance costs	4	(19,824)	(7,177)
Total expenses		(29,199)	(15,524)
Profit before income tax expense		63,051	78,785
Income tax expense		(19,945)	(24,426)
Profit for the period		43,106	54,359
Other comprehensive income <i>:</i>			
Items that may be reclassified to the profit or loss:			
Foreign operations – foreign currency translation difference		1	11
Cashflow hedges – effective portion of change in fair value		(18,149)	(8,568)
Tax effect for other comprehensive income items		-	2,570
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of tax		(18,148)	(5,987)
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to members o the parent entity	f	24,958	48,372
Earnings per share:			
Basic profit per share (cents per share)		11.13	14.45
Diluted profit per share (cents per share)		11.08	14.38

	Note	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
Current assets		\$'000	\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	5	355,473	119,917
Receivables	5	7,027	3,255
Other assets		266	1,174
Inventories	6	32,213	16,073
Other financial assets	7	616	4,865
Assets classified as held for sale	8	2,500	2,500
Total current assets		398,095	147,784
Non-current assets			
Inventories	6	81,407	77,909
Other financial assets	7	949	1,294
Plant and equipment	9	148,686	149,951
Right of use assets	10	37,215	39,883
Deferred exploration and evaluation costs	11	157,673	137,028
Mine properties under development	12	30,274	18,819
Mine properties	13	48,958	50,891
Total non-current assets		505,162	475,775
Total assets		903,257	623,559
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	48,222	50,293
Income tax payable		18,176	-
Lease liabilities	15	10,044	9,633
Borrowings	16	50,642	50,658
Provisions	17	2,298	2,031
Other financial liabilities	18	56,081	-
Total current liabilities		185,463	112,615
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	15	19,379	23,819
Provisions	17	33,453	32,762
Other financial liabilities	18	90,746	97,282
Deferred tax liabilities		39,456	47,816
Total non-current liabilities		183,034	201,679
Total liabilities		368,497	314,294
Net assets		534,760	309,265
Equity			
Issued capital	19	400,222	203,297
Reserves		(55,388)	(35,786)
Retained earnings		189,926	141,754
Total equity		534,760	309,265

				Foreign currency			
		Issued	Retained	translation		Share-based	
		capital	earnings	reserve	Hedge Reserve	payment reserve	Total
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2023		203,422	49,981	(1,055)	4,189	-	256,537
Profit for the period		-	54,359	-	-	-	54,359
Other comprehensive income		-	-	11	-	(5,998)	(5,987)
Total comprehensive income		-	54,359	11	-	(5,998)	48,372
Issue of shares		100	-	-	-	-	100
Costs of capital raised		(122)	-	-	-	-	(122)
Share based payments		-	-	-	2,676	-	2,676
Transfer		-	4,210	-	(4,210)	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2023		203,400	108,550	(1,044)	2,655	(5,998)	307,563
Balance as at 1 July 2024		203,297	141,754	(1,042)	(39,264)	4,520	309,265
Profit for the period		-	43,106	-	-	-	43,106
Other comprehensive income		-	-	1	(18,149)	-	(18,148)
Total comprehensive income		-	43,106	1	(18,149)	-	24,958
Issue of shares	19	201,500	-	-	-	-	201,500
Costs of capital raised	19	(4,575)	-	-	-	-	(4,575)
Share based payments		-	-	-	-	3,612	3,612
Transfer		-	5,066	-	-	(5,066)	-
Balance as at 31 December 2024		400,222	189,926	(1,041)	(57,413)	3,066	534,760

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the half year ended 31 December 2024

		31 December 2024	31 December 2023
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from gold sales		213,397	181,620
Payments to suppliers and employees		(127,819)	(100,374)
Interest received		3,107	2,242
Interest paid		(3,251)	(3,255)
Other income		35	74
Income tax paid		(714)	-
Net cash used in operating activities		84,755	80,307
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant & equipment		(7,735)	(9,170)
Payments for capitalised exploration expenditure		(20,373)	(15,898)
Payments for mine properties & development		(10,081)	-
Payments for acquisition of assets		(38)	-
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(38,227)	(25,068)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from exercise of shares	19	200,000	-
Transaction costs from issue of shares	19	(6,211)	-
Option Premium Income		90	-
Repayment of borrowings		-	-
Repayment of lease liabilities		(4,851)	(4,710)
Net cash provided by financing activities		189,028	(4,710)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		235,556	50,529
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	5	119,917	106,471
Effect of exchange rates on cash holdings in foreign currencies		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	5	355,473	157,000

#### **REPORTING ENTITY**

Capricorn Metals Ltd is a for profit company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia, whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The Company's registered office and principal place of business is:

Level 3, 40 Kings Park Road WEST PERTH WA 6005

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries are described in the Directors Report.

#### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the half year ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial statements, which are available on the Company's website, and any public announcements made during the half year.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 5 March 2025.

#### USE OF JUDGEMENT AND ESTIMATES

In preparing these consolidated interim financial statements, management has made judgements and estimates that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those described in the last annual financial statements.

#### NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ADOPTED

The Group has not elected to early adopt any new or amended standards or interpretations that are issued but not yet effective.

The Group has not adopted any new standard and amendments or interpretation to standards from 1 July 2024 which had a material effect on the financial position or performance of the Group.

#### NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

Refer to Note 25.

#### 1. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The following table presents profit and loss information for reportable segments for the half-years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023, and assets and liabilities for reportable segments as at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024.

	Karla	winda	Mt G	ibson	Unallo	ocated	Т	otal
	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000						
Revenue								
Revenue	213,397	181,620	-	-	-	-	213,397	181,620
Hedge Accounting Revenue Adjustments	(12,032)	-	-	-	-	-	(12,032)	-
Other income	2,495	2,446	-	-	1,485	74	3,980	2,520
	203,860	184,066	-	-	1,485	74	205,345	184,140
Result								
Profit/(loss) before income tax	71,468	86,976	(119)	(79)	(8,298)	(8,112)	63,051	78,785
Finance costs	(19,248)	(7,026)	7	9	(583)	(160)	(19,824)	(7,177)
Depreciation	(10,015)	(10,960)	(138)	(2)	(243)	(212)	(10,396)	(11,174)
Amortisation	(1,933)	(2,156)	-	-	-	-	(1,933)	(2,156)
	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	30 Jun 2024 \$'000						
Assets/Liabilities								
Segment assets	534,179	474,675	163,206	137,317	205,872	11,567	903,257	623,559
Segment liabilities	(295,529)	(250,481)	(13,531)	(12,652)	(59,437)	(51,161)	(368,497)	(314,294)

#### 2. REVENUE & OTHER INCOME

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Revenue			
Gold Sales <sup>(i)</sup>	201,365	181,620	
Interest income	3,855	2,446	
Option Premium Income	90	-	
Rental income	35	74	
	205,345	184,140	

(i) Includes a non-cash deduction of \$12.0m from hedge accounting revenue adjustments referenced in Note 1. These adjustments reflect the fair value movement at the time of early settlement for 12,000 ounces of forward contracts with an original designation date of 30 September 2024 and 12,000 ounces of forward contracts with an original designation date of 31 December 2024. This follows the settlement of 52,000 ounces of gold forward contracts in June 2024 and the adoption of hedge accounting in July 2023.

#### Gold forward contracts

As part of the risk management policy of the Group and in compliance with the conditions required by the Group's financier Macquarie, the Group has entered into gold forward contracts to manage the gold price of a proportion of anticipated sales of gold.

Previously, the gold forward contracts were only settled via the physical delivery of gold which did not require the gold forwards to be recognised at fair value on the balance sheet. These contracts were treated as sale contracts with revenue recognised once gold has been delivered to Macquarie or its agent.

Since July 2023, the Group has designated its gold financial instruments as hedge instruments by adopting hedge accounting.

In June 2024, the Company cash settled 52,000 ounces of outstanding gold forward contracts. In accordance with accounting standards, the fair value movement was recorded in the hedge reserve and remains there until the contracts' original designated delivery dates, at which point it is recognised as a hedge accounting revenue adjustment, offsetting actual revenue.

The remaining gold forwards are now recognised at fair value on the balance sheet (refer Note 18).

Set out below is the settlement timeframe for the remaining gold forward contracts, gold call options and gold put options as at 31 December 2024.

	Gold for physical delivery	Contracted gold sale price	Value of committed sales	Mark-to- market
	ounces	\$	\$'000	\$'000
Within one year				
- Put options	28,000	3,432	96,096	79
- Fixed forward contracts	11,000	2,327	25,597	(22,135)
Between one and five years				
- Fixed forward contracts	44,000	2,327	102,388	(90,746)
- Call options	16,700	2,260	37,742	(33,947)

Mark-to-market has been calculated with reference to a spot price of \$4,245 per ounce as at 31 December 2024.

Mark-to-market represents the value of the open contracts at balance date, calculated with reference to the gold average forward price at that date. A negative amount reflects a valuation in the counterparty's favour.

#### 3. EXPENSES

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Costs of goods sold		
Costs of production	(90,052)	(67,975)
Royalties	(11,101)	(8,776)
Depreciation of Mine plant and equipment	(6,683)	(7,522)
Right of use asset depreciation (refer Note 10)	(3,326)	(3,402)
Amortisation of mine properties (refer Note 13)	(1,933)	(2,156)
	(113,095)	(89,831)

#### 4 FINANCE COSTS

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest on borrowings	(1,958)	(1,916)
Interest on lease liabilities	(1,277)	(1,411)
Unwinding of discount on provisions (refer Note 17)	(408)	(358)
Fair value loss on equity investments	(547)	(179)
Fair value loss on gold put options	(4,048)	(439)
Fair value loss on gold call options (refer Note 18)	(11,586)	(2,874)
	(19,824)	(7,177)

#### 5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank	355,473	119,917
6. INVENTORY		
Current		
Ore stockpiles	24,244	7,455
Gold in circuit	3,666	4,725
Bullion on hand	2,787	2,571
Consumable stores	1,516	1,322
	32,213	16,073
Non-Current		
Ore Stockpiles	81,407	77,909
7. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Current		
Gold call options at FVTPL	345	-
Gold put options at FVTPL	79	4,126
Equity Investments	192	739
Total Current Other Assets	616	4,865
Non-Current		
Gold call options at FVTPL	949	1,294

#### Gold option assets

The gold option assets represent the fair value of the gold call option contract entered into on 6 January 2020 and the gold put option contracts purchased on 14 June 2024.

Equity Investments	2024	2023
As at 1 July	739	953
Additions	-	-
Fair value adjustment	(547)	(179)
As at 31 December	192	774

Fair value of listed shares and assumptions	ue of listed shares and assumptions 31 December 2024	
Evion Group NL (formerly BlackEarth Minerals NL)		
Fair value per listed share	\$0.027	\$0.034
Latitude 66 Limited (formerly DiscovEx Resources Limited)		
Fair value per listed share	\$0.038	\$0.200(1)
(1) Share price reflected on a 100:1 basis due to a share consolidation.		
8. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE		
	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Property asset	2,500	2,500

The Group intends to dispose of a freely held property asset located in Antanarirvo, Madagascar within the next 12 months. This property of 19,373m<sup>2</sup> containing a number of buildings, including offices, warehouses and villa accommodation, is a unique asset with limited potential buyers.

A valuation was completed by Cabinet D'Expertise Audit Techniques Et Conseils Qualities in June 2023 of 9,019,164,000 Ariary which translates to AUD \$3,095,816 as at 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: AUD \$3,047,262) Based on the current valuation, the Directors considered the carrying value appropriate for the half year ended 31 December 2024. The fair value of the freehold land was determined based on the market comparable approach that reflects recent transaction prices for similar properties.

#### 9. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings & Infrastructure	Plant & Equipment	Mobile Plant & Equipment	Furniture & Equipment	Capital WIP	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net carrying amount at 1 July 2023	41,282	95,858	3,262	7,447	5,453	153,302
Additions	1,475	3,822	2,771	791	5,560	14,419
Transfer to mine properties under development	-	-	-	-	(1,850)	(1,850)
Depreciation	(3,597)	(9,585)	(1,525)	(1,213)	-	(15,920)
Net carrying amount at 30 June 2024	39,160	90,095	4,508	7,025	9,163	149,951
As at 30 June 2024						
Cost	51,307	120,639	8,014	10,677	9,163	199,800
Accumulated depreciation	(12,147)	(30,544)	(3,506)	(3,652)	-	(49,849)
Net carrying amount at 30 June 2024	39,160	90,095	4,508	7,025	9,163	149,951

Net carrying amount at 1 July 2024 Additions Depreciation	Buildings & Infrastructure \$'000 39,160 4,065 (1,528)	Plant & Equipment \$'000 90,095 3,978 (4,240)	Mobile Plant & Equipment \$'000 4,508 416 (834)	Furniture & Equipment \$'000 7,025 89 (469)	Capital WIP \$'000 9,163 (2,742)	Total \$'000 149,951 5,806 (7,071)
Net carrying amount at 31 December 2024	41,697	89,833	4,090	6,645	6,421	148,686
As at 31 December 2024 Cost	55,372	124,617	8,430	10,766	6,421	205,606
Accumulated depreciation	(13,675)	(34,784)	(4,340)	(4,121)	- 0,421	(56,920)
Net carrying amount at 31 December 2024	41,697	89,833	4,090	6,645	6,421	148,686

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#### 10. RIGHT OF USE ASSETS

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024	
	\$'000	\$'000	
As at 1 July	39,883	45,364	
Additions	658	1,706	
Depreciation charge for the year	(3,326)	(7,187)	
As at 31 December	37,215	39,883	

#### 11. DEFERRED EXPLORATION & EVALUATION COSTS

	31 December 2024	
	\$'000	\$'000
As at 1 July	137,028	105,723
Expenditure for the period	19,107	35,209
Acquisition of tenements	1,538	305
Transfer to mine properties	-	(4,209)
As at 31 December	157,673	137,028

#### Commitments

Exploration expenditure commitments represent tenement rentals and expenditure requirements that may be required to be met under the relevant legislation should the Group wish to retain tenure on all current tenements in which the Group has an interest.

The terms and conditions under which the Group retains title to its various tenements require it to meet tenement rentals and minimum levels of exploration expenditure as gazetted by the Western Australian government, as well as local government rates and taxes.

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Within one year	4,856	4,008	
Exploration commitments at reporting date not recognised as liabilities	4,856	4,008	

Annual exploration expenditure after one year will be a similar commitment to that within one year, however this amount is increased if new exploration tenements are added to the Group's portfolio or reduced, if exploration tenements are removed from the Group's portfolio.

#### 12. MINE PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

#### Accounting policy

Mine properties under development represents the costs incurred in preparing mines for production and includes plant and equipment under construction and operating costs incurred before commercial production commences. These costs are capitalised to the extent they are expected to be recouped through successful exploitation of the related mining leases.

Once production commences, these costs are transferred to property, plant and equipment and mine properties, as relevant, and are depreciated and amortised using the units-of-production method based on the estimated economically recoverable reserves to which they relate or are written off if the mine property is abandoned.

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
Mine properties under development	\$'000	\$'000
As at 1 July	18,819	-
Construction Expenditure	11,455	16,969
Transfers from CWIP	-	1,850
As at 31 December	30,274	18,819

#### **13. MINE PROPERTIES**

	Other	Pre-production	Rehabilitation	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net carrying amount at 1 July 2024	21,771	14,232	14,888	50,891
Additions	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Exploration	-	-	-	-
Amortisation (refer note 3)	(818)	(542)	(573)	(1,933)
Net carrying amount at 31 December 2024	20,953	13,690	14,315	48,958
As at 31 December 2024				
Cost	26,422	18,865	19,469	64,756
Accumulated amortisation	(5,469)	(5,175)	(5,154)	(15,798)
Net carrying amount at 31 December 2024	20,953	13,690	14,315	48,958

(1) Other refers to exploration and evaluation expenditure in relation to areas of interest in which mining has commenced.

#### 14. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables	25,265	31,995
Accrued expenses	16,274	11,850
Other payables	6,683	6,448
	48,222	50,293
15. LEASE LIABILITIES		
Current		
Lease liabilities	10,044	9,633
Non-Current		
Lease liabilities	19,379	23,819
16. BORROWINGS		
	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Bank loans	50,642	50,658

Borrowings comprise of amounts drawn down and outstanding on a general-purpose corporate loan facility of \$50 Million with Macquarie Bank Limited ("Macquarie"). The facility accrues interest at the bank bill rate plus 3% and is repayable with a single bullet repayment in June 2025. Capricorn can elect to repay (part or full) the loan at any time without penalty. The facility includes customary liquidity and debt service covenants. The Group is in compliance with its covenants.

Macquarie holds a first ranking, registered fixed and floating charge over all the assets of Capricorn Metals Ltd and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Greenmount Resources Pty Ltd (owner of the Karlawinda Gold Project), Crimson Metals Pty Ltd and Metrovex Pty Ltd (owners of the Mt Gibson Gold Project) as security for the facility provided by Macquarie.

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#### 17. PROVISIONS

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Current			
Annual leave	2,088	1,821	
Rehabilitation	210	210	
	2,298	2,031	
Non-current			
Long service leave	1,036	775	
Right of Use asset demobilisation	806	785	
Rehabilitation	31,611	31,202	
	33,453	32,762	
Provision for rehabilitation			
As at 1 July	31,412	29,397	
Provisions re-measured during the year	-	1,213	
Unwinding of the discount	408	802	
As at 31 December	31,820	31,412	

The Group assesses site rehabilitation liabilities on an annual basis. The provision recognised is based on an assessment of the estimated cost of closure and reclamation of the areas using internal information concerning environmental issues in the exploration and previously mined areas, discounted to present value.

Significant estimation is required in determining the provision for site rehabilitation as there are many factors that may affect the timing and ultimate cost to rehabilitate sites where mining and/or exploration activities have previously taken place. These factors include future development/exploration activity, changes in the costs of goods and services required for restoration activity and changes to the legal and regulatory framework.

These factors may result in future actual expenditure differing from the amounts currently provided.

#### **18. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES**

	31 December 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Current		
Gold call options at FVTPL	33,947	-
Gold forwards at FVTPL	22,134	-
	56,081	-
Non-current		
Gold call options at FVTPL	-	22,361
Gold forwards at FVTPL	90,746	74,921
	90,746	97,282

#### Gold call options

Gold call option liability refers to the fair value of the gold call option contract entered into on 6 January 2020. The contract involves the sale of 16,700 ounces at a strike price of \$2,260 per ounce and an expiry date of 30 June 2025. Subsequent measurement of the gold call option contracts is at fair value at balance date with any changes in the fair value immediately recognised in the profit or loss.

Gold call options	31 December 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
As at 1 July	22,361	13,926
Fair value adjustments (refer Note 4)	11,586	8,435
As at 31 December	33,947	22,361

#### **Gold forwards**

Gold forward liability refers to the fair value of the remaining gold forward contracts at year end which expire at various dates up until 31 December 2026.

Previously the Company was required to only recognise the fair value the gold forward contracts that settled.

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
Gold forwards	\$'000	\$'000
As at 1 July	74,921	83,177
Fair value adjustments	37,960	56,092
Closure of gold forward contracts	-	(64,348)
As at 31 December	112,880	74,921

#### Hedge accounting

The Group designates certain financial liabilities as hedging instruments to hedge the variability in cash flows associated with highly probable forecast transactions arising from changes in the gold price.

At inception of designated hedging relationships, the Group documents the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. The Group also documents the economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, including whether the changes in cash flows of the hedged item and hedging instrument are expected to offset each other.

#### 19. ISSUED CAPITAL

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024 \$'000	
	\$'000		
Ordinary shares – issued and fully paid	400,222	203,297	
	Number of shares	\$'000	
Movement in ordinary shares on issue:			
As at 1 July 2023	375,958,175	203,422	
Issue of shares on project deliverable bonus <sup>(1)</sup>	22,779	100	
Issue of shares on exercise of performance rights <sup>(2)</sup>	1,547,077	-	
Transaction costs	-	(31)	
Share Issue costs – Tax	-	(194)	
As at 30 June 2024	377,528,031	203,297	
As at 30 June 2024	377,528,031	203,297	
Issue of shares on capital raising $^{(3)}$	33,333,334	200,000	
Issue of shares on exercise of performance rights <sup>(4)</sup>	1,221,211	-	
Issue of shares on acquisition – Tenements <sup>(5)</sup>	228,391	1,500	
Transaction costs	-	(6,211)	
Tax effect of deferred tax deductions posted directly to equity	-	1,636	
As at 31 December 2024	412,310,967	400,222	

(1) On 1 December 2023, 22,779 shares with a fair value of \$4.39 a share were issued in consideration as a deliverable bonus to Tetris Environmental Pty Ltd for the Mt Gibson Gold project.

(2) During the 2024 financial year 1,547,077 performance rights were exercised for nil value to employees in accordance with the shareholder approved Performance Rights Plan.

(3) On 7 November 2024, the Company successfully completed a capital raise, issuing 33,333,334 shares at an issue price of \$6.00 per share, resulting in total proceeds of \$200m. The capital raise was undertaken to aid in full funding of the Karlawinda Expansion Project and the Mt Gibson Gold Project.

(4) During the 2025 financial year 1,449,602 performance rights were exercised for nil value to employees in accordance with the shareholder approved Performance Rights Plan.

(5) On the 13 December 2024, 228,391 shares with a fair value of \$6.57 a share were issued in consideration for the acquisition of the Sylvania project as announced on 9 December 2024.

#### 20. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

#### Performance Rights

In May 2024, 100,000 performance rights were granted to KMP, Mr Paul Criddle under the Group's Performance Rights Plan (Issue 1). 50% of the rights will vest on 1 July 2025 and the remaining rights will vest on 1 July 2026.

In June 2024, 170,000 performance rights were granted to employees of the Company under the Group's Performance Rights Plan (Issue 2). 20,000 of the rights vested on 30 September 2024, 50,000 of the rights will vest on 1 July 2025, 50,000 of the rights will vest on 1 July 2026, and the remaining rights will vest on 1 July 2027.

In June 2024, 120,000 performance rights were granted to KMP, Mr William Nguyen under the Group's Performance Rights Plan (Issue 3). 50% of the rights will vest on 18 June 2026 and the remaining rights will vest on 18 June 2027.

In November 2024, 153,272 Performance rights were granted to KMP, Mr Mark Clark under the group's Performance Rights Plan (Issue 4). 100% of these rights will vest on 30 June 2027.

In December 2024, 184,384 Performance rights were granted to employees of the Company under the Group's Performance Rights Plan (Issue 5). 7,613 of the rights will vest on 10 December 2026 and the remaining rights will vest on 10 December 2027.

The fair value at the grant date was estimated using a Black Scholes option pricing model (Issue 1, Issue 2, Issue 3, Issue 5) and a Monte Carlo simulation (Issue 4).

The below table details the terms and conditions of the grants and the assumptions used in estimating the fair value:

Item	lssue 1	Issue 2	Issue 3	Issue 4	Issue 5
Grant date	20 May 2024	3 Jun 2024	18 Jun 2024	19 Nov 2024	10 Dec 2024
Value at grant date	\$4.870	\$4.620	\$4.700	\$6.430	\$6.930
Exercise price	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Risk free rate	4.20%	4.20%	4.20%	4.08%	3.75%
Volatility	40%	40%	65%	45%	59% & 78%
Performance period (yrs)	1-2 years	0 - 3 years	2 - 3 years	3 years	2 - 3 years
Test Date	1/7/25 & 1/7/26	30/9/24, 1/7/25, 1/7/26 & 1/7/27	18/6/26 & 18/6/27	30/6/27	10/12/26 & 10/12/27
Remaining performance period (yrs)	0.50 - 1.50	0.50 - 2.50	1.46 - 2.46	2.50	1.94 - 2.94
Weighted average fair value	\$4.870	\$4.620	\$4.700	\$4.503	\$6.930

The fair value of the Performance Rights granted during the half year was \$3,804,365. The Group recognised an expense for these new grants of \$718,455.23 for the period ended 31 December 2024.

In the half year ended 31 December 2024, the Group has recognised total share-based payments expense (for new and existing grants) of \$3,612,000 in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (31 December 2023: \$2,676,000).

#### 21. DEED OF CROSS GUARANTEE

Capricorn Metals Ltd and its subsidiaries are parties to a Deed of cross guarantee under which each company guarantees the debts of the others.

By entering into the deed, the wholly owned entities have been relieved from the requirement to prepare a financial report and Directors' report under ASIC Corporations (Wholly-owned Companies) Instrument 2016/785 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

- Capricorn Metals Ltd
- Greenmount Resources
- Crimson Metals Pty Ltd
- Metrovex Pty Ltd
- Malagasy Graphite Holding Pty Ltd

The above companies represent a 'closed group' for the purpose of the Legislative instrument, and as there are no other parties to the Deed of cross guarantee that are controlled by Capricorn Metals Ltd, they also represent the 'extended closed group'.

#### 22. COMMITMENTS

The group has physical gold delivery commitments and exploration expenditure commitments which are disclosed in notes 2 and 11 respectively.

#### 23. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2024 Capricorn Metals Ltd has bank guarantees totalling \$311,000 (30 June 2024: \$311,000).

As at 31 December 2024 the Group has a \$2 million (30 June 2024: \$2 million) Bank Guarantee Facility with Macquarie under the existing Project Loan Facility in relation to the lateral pipeline that links Goldfields Gas Pipeline to the KGP.

#### 24. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There were no material events arising subsequent to 31 December 2024, to the date of this report which may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations and the state of affairs of the Group in the future.

#### 25. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

A number of new standards, amendments of standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning from 1 July 2024 and earlier application is permitted, however, the Group has not early adopted these standards in preparing these consolidated financial statements.

The Group has reviewed these standards and interpretations and has determined that none of these new or amended standards and interpretations will significantly affect the Group's accounting policies, financial position or performance.

The Directors of the company declare that:

- (a) The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 9 to 23, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (i) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date.

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

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

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Mr Mark Clark Executive Chairman Perth, Western Australia 5 March 2025



# Independent Auditor's Review Report

To the shareholders of Capricorn Metals Ltd

# **Report on the Half Year Financial Report**

# Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying *Half Year Financial Report* of Capricorn Metals Ltd.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Half Year Financial Report of Capricorn Metals Ltd does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the *Group's* financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

- The Half Year Financial Report comprises the:
- Condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024;
- Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity and Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date;
- Notes comprising material accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- Directors' Declaration.

The *Group* comprises Capricorn Metals Ltd (the Company) and the entities it controlled at the half year's end or from time to time during the half-year.

## **Basis for conclusion**

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity.* Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our report.

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



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

The Directors of the Company are responsible for:

- Preparing the Half Year Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group, and in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- Implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Half Year Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group, and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the Half Year Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Half Year Financial Report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Half Year Financial Report does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a Half Year Financial Report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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R Gambitta *Partner* Perth 5 March 2025