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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022*

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## Corporate Directory

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**Managing Director/CEO**

David Crook

**Non-Executive Chairman**

Terry Gardiner

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Adrian Griffin

**Company Secretary/CFO**

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## Directors' Report

Your Directors present their financial report on Charger Metals NL (the 'Company' or 'Charger') for the year ended 30 June 2022.

### Directors

The names of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

- David Crook – Managing Director/CEO;
- Terry Gardiner – Non-Executive Chairman;
- Adrian Griffin – Non-Executive Director (appointed 26 November 2021), and;
- Alan Armstrong – Non-Executive Director (resigned 31 December 2021).

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

### Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

On 5 July 2021, the Company issued 30,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.20 per share under its Prospectus dated 27 May 2021, raising \$6,000,000 (before costs).

On 5 July 2021, the Company issued 12,150,000 ordinary shares at \$0.20 per share and 1,000,000 unlisted options valued at \$0.107 per option as part consideration for the purchase of interest in the Coates, Coates North, Lake Johnston and Bynoe Projects completing the both the Lithium Australia Acquisition and Mercator Acquisition. The options are exercisable at \$0.30 per option, with an expiry date of 9 July 2024.

On 7 July 2021 the Company was admitted to the Official list of the ASX.

Other than the above, no significant changes in the Company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

### Operating Results

The loss of the Company for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$1,719,743 (2021: \$379,859).

### Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Company during the financial year was the entering into agreements to acquire interests in mineral exploration and evaluation tenements, conducting exploration work on those interests as well as seeking out further exploration, acquisition and joint venture opportunities.



## Directors' Report (continued)

### Review of Operations

Charger Metals NL listed on the ASX on 9 July 2021 to explore for battery metals in three emerging mineral provinces.



**Figure 1: Targeting battery metals in 3 emerging Australian mineral provinces**

#### **Bynoe Lithium Project, NT (Charger 70%)**

The Bynoe Project occurs within the Litchfield Pegmatite Field, Northern Territory, approximately 80km southeast of Darwin and is considered prospective for the preferred lithium mineral, spodumene<sup>1</sup>.

The Project is surrounded by the extremely large tenement holdings of Core Lithium Limited's Finiss Lithium Project, which has commenced development and mining.

During the year, the Company completed an aeromagnetic survey and approximately 3,000 soil geochemistry samples were analysed. When combined with additional publicly available drilling information the interpretation by the Company's consultants concluded that the Project shows potential to host multiple lithium-caesium-tantalum (LCT) pegmatite systems.

The Company received approval for its Mine Management Plan from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (Mining and Petroleum) as a precursor to drilling.

<sup>1</sup> Spodumene is the preferred ore mineral for commercial extraction and provision of lithium chemicals into the lithium battery industry.



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## Directors' Report (continued)

The Company applied for an Aboriginal heritage clearance early this year through the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority, a NT governmental agency. Once received, drilling can commence in cleared areas.

### Lake Johnston Lithium Project, WA (Charger 70%-100%)

Previous government and industry explorers had identified pegmatites at the Lake Johnston Project, located approximately 470km east of Perth, Western Australia. More recent work by Charger has confirmed that a number of these pegmatites have LCT affinities, making them prospective for lithium. LCT pegmatites have formed within a 50km long corridor and include the high priority Medcalf spodumene discovery and much of the Mount Day LCT pegmatite field.

During the year approximately 7,100 soil geochemistry samples throughout the Lake Johnston Project, including the Mt Day and Medcalf Prospect areas, were analysed.

The Medcalf Prospect has the most advanced target and is being prepared for drilling. The drill target consists of a swarm of about 20 anastomosing, spodumene-bearing pegmatite dykes that outcrop in an area between 500m and 800m long, within a corridor 300m wide.

A program of approximately 40 RC holes is proposed to test the Medcalf Prospect spodumene-pegmatites. Ahead of drilling, the Company must complete a Spring flora survey and an Aboriginal heritage protection survey.

The Mt Day prospect has many outcrops of LCT pegmatites, however further fieldwork is required before drill targets will be proposed.

### Coates Ni Cu Co Platinum Group Elements (PGE) Project, WA (Charger 70%-85% interest)

The Company recognised that the Coates mafic intrusive complex is prospective for nickel, copper and platinum group elements mineralisation following a review of geochemical results from an earlier exploration company. The Coates Project is located approximately 60km northeast of Perth, Western Australia.

This year Charger initially completed a SkyTEM<sup>2</sup> helicopter-borne geophysical survey and then a follow-up, higher precision, ground-based FLTEM geophysical survey.

The Company initiated 5 drill holes at the T1 Prospect, where EM conductor targets coincide with a geochemical anomaly. Drilling returned 593m of diamond core, with 4 holes reaching the prescribed target depth. One hole was abandoned due to poor rock conditions. Assays have not yet been received.

### Competent Person Statement – Exploration Strategy

*The information in this announcement that relates to exploration strategy and geological results is based on information provided to or compiled by David Crook BSc GAICD who is a Member of The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Crook is Managing Director of Charger Metals NL.*

*Mr Crook has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and exploration processes as reported herein 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'.*

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<sup>2</sup> EM is an abbreviation for "electromagnetic." FLTEM means "fixed-loop time domain electromagnetic" and SkyTEM is a trade name for a helicopter-platformed time domain electromagnetic system.



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## Directors' Report (continued)

*JORC Table 1 was included in the following announcements released to the ASX:*

### **Coates Project**

- 14 October 2021: "SkyTEM Survey confirms prospective nickel-copper-PGE targets".
- 7 April 2022: "Charger confirms massive sulphide targets at its Coates Nickel-Copper-PGE Project near Julimar".

### **Bynoe Project**

- 17 January 2022: "Charger's targeting suggests Large Lithium System at Bynoe".

### **Lake Johnston Project**

- 9 June 2022 "Charger confirms large lithium system at Lake Johnston Project".

*Charger confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this report and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the exploration results continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.*

## **Corporate Activities**

The Company completed the acquisition of its interests in its three projects in early July 2021. On 9 July 2021, the Company listed on the ASX after successfully raising \$6,000,000 before costs as outlined in its Prospectus dated 27 May 2021.

In November 2021 the Company appointed Mr Adrian Griffin to the Board as a Non-Executive Director.

Mr Alan Armstrong resigned as a director of the Company effective from 31 December 2021.

## **Financial Position**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company has reported a net loss for the year of \$1,719,743 (2021: \$379,859) and a cash outflow from operating activities of \$1,012,200 (2021: \$170,057).

As at 30 June 2022 the Company had \$3,467,990 in cash and cash equivalents (2021: \$79,991) and a working capital surplus of \$3,294,685 (2021: deficit of \$220,280). The Company successfully completed an IPO raising \$6,000,000 (before costs) and commenced official quotation on the ASX on 9 July 2021. Subsequent to year end the Company completed a share placement raising \$5,500,000 (before costs). The Directors manage discretionary expenditure in line with the Company's cash flow and are confident that there are sufficient funds to meet the Company's working capital requirements for a minimum of 12 months from the date of this report. Accordingly the Directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

## **Dividends Paid or Recommended**

There have been no dividends paid or declared since the start of the financial year.



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## Directors' Report (continued)

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Judgement has been exercised in considering the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had, or may have, on the Company based on known information. This consideration extends to the nature of the products and services offered, customers, supply chain, staffing and geographic regions in which the consolidated entity operates. Other than as addressed in specific notes, there does not currently appear to be either any significant impact upon the financial statements or any significant uncertainties with respect to events or conditions which may impact the Company unfavourably as at the reporting date or subsequently as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Events After the Reporting Date

In July 2022, the Company commenced its maiden diamond drilling programme at the Coates Project, targeting Ni Cu Co PGE mineralisation.

In September 2022, 25,000 Class B Performance Rights were converted into ordinary shares (for nil consideration).

In September 2022, the Company completed a strongly supported \$5,500,000 (before costs) share placement through the issue of 11,000,000 new shares in the Company at an issue price of \$0.50 per share.

In September 2022, the Company announced that 4 diamond holes for 593m had been completed at the Coates Project, with each intersecting the targeted Coates Mafic Intrusion, with the fifth abandoned due to poor weather conditions. An assemblage of pyrrhotite and pyrite with accessory chalcopyrite, in 5–30-centimetre bands, was intersected in holes targeting FLTEM conductors at depths close to the modelled target depth. Assay results are required to determine the exact widths and grades of the sulphide mineralisation identified and these are expected in late October.

In September 2022, the Company announced that project-wide soil geochemistry and mapping programs had been completed ahead of drilling at the Medcalf Lithium Prospect. Medcalf is being prepared for drilling during the December 2022 quarter.

No further matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

### Likely Developments and Expected Results of the Operations

The Company will continue its mineral exploration activities at and around its exploration projects with the object of identifying commercial resources.

### Environmental Regulations

The Company has a policy of complying with or exceeding its environmental performance obligations. The Board believes that the Company has adequate systems in place for the management of its environmental requirements. The Company aims to ensure the appropriate standard of environmental care is achieved, and in doing so, that it is aware of, and complies with, all environmental legislation. The Directors are not aware of any breach of environmental legislation for the financial year under review.





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## Directors' Report (continued)

### Information on Directors

The names and details of the Directors of the Company in office as at the date of this report and anytime during the financial year are:

**Mr David Crook (BSC, GAICD, MAIG, MAUSIMM)**

***Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer | Appointed 27 November 2020***

Mr Crook is an experienced Managing Director with a strong technical and commercial background. Mr Crook has 40 years' experience as a geologist with a demonstrated discovery and production record including in nickel, gold, caesium and lithium, which included 16 years as Managing Director of ASX-listed Pioneer Resources Limited. Mr Crook was part of the geological teams that made discoveries at Mt Jewell (gold), Sinclair (caesium), Dome North (lithium), Kalpini and Goongarrie (nickel laterite), Radio Hill (nickel sulphide) and Gidgee Gold Mine (gold). Mr Crook has the following interest in shares, options and rights in the Company as at the date of this report – 833,334 ordinary shares, 500,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 on or before 9 July 2024 and 466,667 performance rights.

**Mr Terry Gardiner (BBUS)**

***Non-Executive Chairman | Appointed 27 November 2020***

Mr Gardiner was appointed to the Board of Directors upon incorporation. He has strong experience in capital raising, support, promotion and corporate advisory services to listed companies in Australia and overseas. He has 30 years' experience investing in capital markets and extensive experience in funds management for sophisticated and private investors. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of Cazaly Resources Limited and Galan Lithium Limited. He is also an Executive Director of Barclay Wells Ltd, a boutique stock broking firm with offices in Perth and Melbourne. Mr Gardiner has the following interest in shares, options and rights in the Company as at the date of this report – 366,667 ordinary shares, 650,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 on or before 9 July 2024 and 133,333 performance rights.

**Mr Adrian Griffin**

***Non-Executive Director | Appointed 26 November 2021***

Mr Griffin has more than 40 years of experience in the mining industry – ranging from project identification, through exploration, development and financing, and oversight of integrated mining and processing facilities. Mr Griffin was a founding director of Northern Minerals Limited until retiring in November 2020 (the first heavy-rare-earths producer outside China) and Managing Director of Lithium Australia Limited (retired May 2022) and brings particular expertise in a wide range of mineral exploration and mineral processing techniques, particularly in the lithium and nickel sectors. Mr Griffin has the following interest in shares, options and rights in the Company as at the date of this report – 2,792,117 ordinary shares, 1,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 on or before 9 July 2024 and 133,333 performance rights.

**Mr Alan Armstrong (BBUS, CA, GAICD)**

***Non-Executive Director | Appointed 27 November 2020 | Resigned 31 December 2021***

Mr Armstrong was appointed to the Board of Directors upon incorporation. He is an experienced Director with a demonstrated history of working in the mining & metals industry. He has strong business development professional experience and holds a Grad Dip CA from Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



## Directors' Report (continued)

### Company Secretary

**Mr Jonathan Whyte (BCOM, CA)**

***Appointed 27 November 2020***

Mr Whyte is a Chartered Accountant with extensive corporate, company secretarial and financial accounting experience, predominantly for listed resource sector companies. Mr Whyte is currently Company Secretary of AIM-listed Empyrean Energy Plc as well as ASX-listed companies Ironbark Zinc Ltd, Infinity Lithium Corporation Ltd and Peninsula Energy Ltd. Mr Whyte has the following interest in shares, options and rights in the Company as at the date of this report – 183,333 ordinary shares, 200,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 on or before 9 July 2024 and 66,667 performance rights.

### Shares and Options

On 5 July 2021, the Company issued 12,150,000 ordinary shares at \$0.20 per share and 1,000,000 unlisted options valued at \$0.107 per option as part consideration for the purchase of interest in the Coates, Coates North, Lake Johnston and Bynoe Projects completing both the Lithium Australia Acquisition and Mercator Acquisition. The options are exercisable at \$0.30 per option, with an expiry date of 9 July 2024.

On 5 July 2021, 1,600,000 unlisted options valued at \$0.107 per option, exercisable at \$0.30 per option, with an expiry date of 9 July 2024, were granted to Lead Manager, Pamplona Capital Pty Ltd.

On 8 September 2021, the Company issued 31,034 ordinary shares at \$0.58 per share as part consideration for the provision of marketing and investor relations services.

On 13 October 2021, 1,000,000 unlisted options valued at \$0.283 per option, exercisable at \$0.60 per option, with an expiry date of 13 October 2024, were granted to consultants for the provision of marketing and investor relations services.

On 18 January 2022, 650,000 Performance Rights were granted to employees and consultants of the Company in three equal tranches with expiry dates from 1 December 2024 to 1 December 2026, with a total valuation of \$358,605.

On 14 February 2022, 1,100,000 Performance Rights were granted to Directors of the Company in three equal tranches with expiry dates from 1 December 2024 to 1 December 2026, following approval at a General Meeting of shareholders on 10 February 2022, with a total valuation of \$924,880.

On 20 April 2022, 200,000 unlisted options valued at \$0.341 per option, exercisable at \$0.90 per option, with an expiry date of 28 February 2024, were granted to a consultant for services rendered.

As at the date of this report, the unissued ordinary shares of the Company under option are as follows:

Details	Grant Date	Number	Exercise Price (\$)	Date of Expiry
Unlisted Options	Various	6,000,000	\$0.30	9 July 2024
Unlisted Options	13 Oct 2021	1,000,000	\$0.60	13 Oct 2024
Unlisted Options	20 Apr 2022	200,000	\$0.90	28 Feb 2024
Performance Rights	Various	1,175,000	\$0.00	Various



## Directors' Report (continued)

### Shares Issued on Vesting of Rights

During or since the end of the year, the Company issued 575,000 ordinary shares as a result of the vesting and conversion of the following Performance Rights:

Details	Number of Rights Vested/ Shares Issued	Total Value (\$)
Performance Rights – Class B	575,000	424,625

### Meetings of Directors

At this time the Board does not consider it appropriate to establish any Committees. The Board considers that due to the relative small size of the Company that the interests of the Company are best served by the full Board completing the functions normally delegated to Committees. This will be reviewed as the Company grows in size.

During the financial year, 3 meetings of Directors were held. Attendances by each Director during the year were as follows:

Directors	Directors' Meetings	
	Number Eligible to Attend	Number Attended
David Crook	3	3
Terry Gardiner	3	3
Adrian Griffin	2	2
Alan Armstrong	2	2

### Indemnification of Officers

During or since the end of the financial year the Company has given an indemnity or entered into an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows:

The Company has paid premiums to insure each of the following Directors and key personnel against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of Director and Officer of the Company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company. The amount of the premium was \$19,980 to insure Directors and Officers of the Company.

### Corporate Governance Statement

The Company's 2022 Corporate Governance Statement has been released as a separate document and is located on the Company's website at: <https://chargermetals.com.au/corporate/>

### Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or 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 any part of those proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.



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## Directors' Report (continued)

### Rounding of Amounts

The Company is an entity to which ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191 applies and, accordingly, amounts in the financial statements and Directors' Report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2022 has been received and can be found on page 17 of the financial report.

### Remuneration Report - Audited

This report details the nature and amount of remuneration for each key management person of the Company, and for the executives receiving the highest remuneration.

#### Remuneration policy

The Company's remuneration policy has been designed to align key management personnel objectives with shareholder and business objectives by providing a fixed remuneration component and offering specific long-term incentives based on key performance areas affecting the Company's financial results. The Company's Board believes the remuneration policy to be appropriate and effective in its ability to attract and retain the best key management personnel to run and manage the Company, as well as create goal congruence between Directors, Executives and Shareholders.

The Board's policy for determining the nature and amount of remuneration for key management personnel of the Company is as follows:

- The remuneration policy, setting the terms and conditions for the key management personnel, was developed by the remuneration committee and approved by the Board.
- All key management personnel receive a base salary (which is based on factors such as length of service and experience), plus superannuation where applicable.
- The remuneration committee reviews key management personnel packages annually by reference to the Company's performance, executive performance and comparable information from industry sectors.

The Company is an exploration entity, and therefore speculative in terms of performance. Consistent with attracting and retaining talented executives, Directors and senior executives are paid market rates associated with individuals in similar positions, within the same industry.

Options have previously been issued to Directors to provide a mechanism to participate in the future development of the Company and an incentive for their future involvement with and commitment to the Company.

Further options and performance incentives may be issued as the entity moves from an exploration entity to a producing entity, and key performance indicators such as profits and growth can be used as measurements for assessing board performance.

The key management personnel receive a superannuation guarantee contribution where required by the government, which was 10% for the year ended 30 June 2022, and do not receive any other retirement benefits.

All remuneration paid to key management personnel is valued at the cost to the Company and expensed. Shares given to key management personnel are valued as the difference between the market price of those shares and the amount



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## Directors' Report (continued)

paid by the key management personnel. Options are valued using the Black-Scholes valuation methodology. Performance Rights are valued using the Hoadley valuation model.

The Board policy is to remunerate Non-Executive Directors at market rates for time, commitments and responsibilities. The remuneration committee determines payments to the Non-Executive Directors and reviews their remuneration annually, based on market practice, duties and accountability. Independent external advice is sought when required. The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to Non-Executive Directors is subject to approval by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. To align Directors' interests with shareholder interests, the Directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Company and are able to participate in the employee option plan.

### **Employment Details of Directors and Members of Key Management Personnel**

The employment terms and conditions of Key Management Personnel are formalised in contracts of employment.

#### **Mr David Crook**

*Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer*

- Consultancy services agreement – no fixed term;
- Base minimum consultancy fee of \$10,240 per month, exclusive of GST;
- Notice period – 2 months; and
- No termination benefit is specified in the agreement.

#### **Mr Terry Gardiner**

*Non-Executive Chairman*

- Terms of agreement – no fixed term;
- Director's fee of \$25,000 per annum, inclusive of superannuation - from 1 March 2021 until listing date;
- Director's fee of \$50,000 per annum, inclusive of superannuation - from the date of listing on the ASX; and
- No notice period or termination benefit is specified in the agreement.

#### **Mr Adrian Griffin**

*Non-Executive Director*

- Terms of agreement – no fixed term;
- Director's fee of \$50,000 per annum, exclusive of GST; and
- No notice period or termination benefit is specified in the agreement.

#### **Mr Alan Armstrong**

*Non-Executive Director*

- Terms of agreement – no fixed term;
- Director's fee of \$25,000 per annum, exclusive of GST - from 1 March 2021 until listing date;
- Director's fee of \$50,000 per annum, exclusive of GST - from the date of listing on the ASX; and
- No notice period or termination benefit is specified in the agreement.

#### **Mr Jonathan Whyte**

*Company Secretary*

- Consultancy services agreement – no fixed term;
- Consultancy fee charged at commercial hourly rates; and
- No notice period or termination benefit is specified in the agreement.



## Directors' Report (continued)

### Table of Benefits and Payments for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

Key Management Personnel	Year	Short-Term	Post-Employment Benefits	Share-Based Payments			Total	Proportion of Remuneration Related to Performance
		Salary & Fees	Superannuation	Shares	Options	Rights <sup>5</sup>		%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
David Crook <sup>1</sup>	2022	132,560	-	-	-	239,579	372,139	64.38%
	2021	51,980	-	7,500	6,538	-	66,018	-
Terry Gardiner	2022	44,966	4,497	-	-	68,690	118,153	58.14%
	2021	7,610	723	2,500	8,500	-	19,333	-
Adrian Griffin <sup>2</sup>	2022	29,861	-	-	-	68,690	98,551	69.70%
	2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alan Armstrong <sup>3</sup>	2022	24,462	-	-	-	-	24,462	-
	2021	8,333	-	2,500	3,269	-	14,102	-
Jonathan Whyte <sup>4</sup>	2022	28,870	-	-	-	21,916	50,786	43.15%
	2021	11,000	-	-	2,615	-	13,615	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>260,719</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>398,875</b>	<b>664,091</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>78,923</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>20,922</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,068</b>	

#### Notes:

1. Services provided by OreSource Pty Ltd as trustee for the OreSource Trust of which Mr Crook is the Trustee.
2. Mr Griffin was appointed as Non-Executive Director effective 26 November 2021. Services provided by Future Technology Trust, of which Mr Griffin is a Trustee.
3. Mr Armstrong resigned as Non-Executive Director effective 31 December 2021. Services provided by Mining Corporate Pty Ltd, of which Mr Armstrong is an employee.
4. Services provided by Keyport Investments Pty Ltd, of which Mr Whyte is a Director.
5. On 18 January 2022, 100,000 Performance Rights were granted to Mr Whyte in three equal tranches with expiry dates from 1 December 2024 to 1 December 2026. On 14 February 2022, 1,100,000 Performance Rights were granted to Directors of the Company in three equal tranches with expiry dates from 1 December 2024 to 1 December 2026, following approval at a General Meeting of shareholders on 10 February 2022. The rights have been independently valued using the Hoadley model and are being expensed over their respective vesting periods.



## Directors' Report (continued)

### Number of Shares Held by Key Management Personnel for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The number of shares in the Company held during the year by each Director and other members of key management personnel of the Company including their personally related parties is set out below:

Key Management Personnel	Held at 1 July 2021	Performance		Net Change Other <sup>1,2</sup>	Held at 30 June 2022
		Rights Converted <sup>3</sup>	On Market Trades		
David Crook	550,001	233,333	50,000	-	833,334
Terry Gardiner	250,000	66,667	50,000	-	366,667
Adrian Griffin <sup>1</sup>	N/A	66,667	-	2,725,450	2,792,117
Alan Armstrong <sup>2</sup>	50,000	-	-	(50,000)	N/A
Jonathan Whyte	100,000	33,333	50,000	-	183,333
<b>Total</b>	<b>950,001</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>2,675,450</b>	<b>4,175,451</b>

Notes:

1. Mr Griffin was appointed as Non-Executive Director effective 26 November 2021. The movement in Net Change Other refers to ordinary shares held by Mr Griffin on appointment.
2. Mr Armstrong resigned as Non-Executive Director effective 31 December 2021. The movement in Net Change Other refers to ordinary shares held by Mr Armstrong on resignation.
3. On 20 January 2022, the Company announced that the price milestone hurdle for Performance Rights Class B had been met, being the Company's share price trading on or above a 15-day VWAP of \$0.75. 400,000 Class B Performance Rights held by key management personnel were subsequently converted into ordinary shares on 14 and 15 February 2022.

### Number of Options Held by Key Management Personnel for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The number of options over ordinary shares in the Company held during the year by each Director and other members of key management personnel of the Company including their personally related parties is set out below:

Key Management Personnel	Held at 1 July 2021	Options Exercised	Option Lapsed	Net Change Other <sup>1,2</sup>	Held at 30 June 2022
Terry Gardiner	650,000	-	-	-	650,000
Adrian Griffin <sup>1</sup>	N/A	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Alan Armstrong <sup>2</sup>	250,000	-	-	(250,000)	N/A
Jonathan Whyte	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>2,350,000</b>

Notes:

1. Mr Griffin was appointed as Non-Executive Director effective 26 November 2021. The movement in Net Change Other refers to options held by Mr Griffin on appointment.
2. Mr Armstrong resigned as Non-Executive Director effective 31 December 2021. The movement in Net Change Other refers to options held by Mr Armstrong on resignation.



## Directors' Report (continued)

### Number of Rights Held by Key Management Personnel for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The number of performance rights over ordinary shares in the Company held during the year by each Director and other members of key management personnel of the Company including their personally related parties is set out below:

Key Management Personnel	Held at 1 July 2021	Rights Granted <sup>1</sup>	Rights Exercised <sup>2</sup>	Net Change Other	Held at 30 June 22
David Crook	-	700,000	(233,333)	-	466,667
Terry Gardiner	-	200,000	(66,667)	-	133,333
Adrian Griffin	N/A	200,000	(66,667)	-	133,333
Alan Armstrong	-	-	-	-	N/A
Jonathan Whyte	-	100,000	(33,333)	-	66,667
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>(400,000)</b>	-	<b>800,000</b>

#### Notes:

- On 18 January 2022, 100,000 Performance Rights were granted to Mr Whyte in three equal tranches with expiry dates from 1 December 2024 to 1 December 2026. On 14 February 2022, 1,100,000 Performance Rights were granted to Directors of the Company in three equal tranches with expiry dates from 1 December 2024 to 1 December 2026, following approval at a General Meeting of shareholders on 10 February 2022. The Performance Rights have been independently valued using the Hoadley model and are being expensed over their respective vesting periods.

The Performance Rights will vest subject to satisfaction of the following performance milestones:

#### **Performance Rights Class A**

By 1 December 2026, the Company delineates on the tenements on which it holds an interest an inferred resource under the JORC Code of:

- 10,000 tonnes of contained nickel;
- 10,000,000 tonnes equal to or greater than 1.2% lithium oxide; or
- 100,000 ounces of gold equivalent.

#### **Performance Rights Class B**

By 1 December 2024, the Company's share price trades on or above a 15-day VWAP of \$0.75, being a 80.72% increase from the closing price of the Company's shares of \$0.415 as at valuation date of 3 December 2021. On 20 January 2022, the Company announced that the price milestone hurdle for Performance Rights Class B had been met.

#### **Performance Rights Class C**

By 1 December 2025, the Company's share price trades on or above a 15-day VWAP of \$1.00, being a 140.96% increase from the closing price of the Company's shares of \$0.415 as at valuation date of 3 December 2021.





## Directors' Report (continued)

Valuation and Assumptions of Performance Rights (Mr Whyte):	Class A	Class B	Class C
Grant date	17 Jan 2022	17 Jan 2022	17 Jan 2022
Number	33,333	33,333	33,334
Share price	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.58
Exercise price	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil
Barrier price	-	\$0.75	\$1.00
Expiry date	1 Dec 2026	1 Dec 2024	1 Dec 2025
Volatility	-	100%	100%
Risk-free interest rate	-	1.14%	1.55%
Value per right	\$0.58	\$0.54	\$0.53
Total fair value	\$19,333	\$18,073	\$17,764
<b>Expense vested during the year</b>	<b>\$1,782</b>	<b>\$18,073</b>	<b>\$2,061</b>

Valuation and Assumptions of Performance Rights (Directors):	Class A	Class B	Class C
Grant date	10 Feb 2022	10 Feb 2022	10 Feb 2022
Number	366,665	366,667	366,668
Share price	\$0.85	\$0.85	\$0.85
Exercise price	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil
Barrier price	-	\$0.75	\$1.00
Expiry date	1 Dec 2026	1 Dec 2024	1 Dec 2025
Volatility	-	100%	100%
Risk-free interest rate	-	1.46%	1.79%
Value per right	\$0.85	\$0.85	\$0.82
Total fair value	\$311,665	\$311,667	\$301,548
<b>Expense vested during the year</b>	<b>\$29,840</b>	<b>\$311,667</b>	<b>\$36,287</b>

- On 20 January 2022, the Company announced that the price milestone hurdle for Performance Rights Class B had been met, being the Company's share price trading on or above a 15-day VWAP of \$0.75. 400,000 Class B Performance Rights held by key management personnel were subsequently converted into ordinary shares on 14 and 15 February 2022.

### End of Audited Remuneration Report

This Report of the Directors, incorporating the Remuneration Report, is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Board

David Crook  
Managing Director/CEO  
29 September 2022

To the directors of Charger Metals NL

**Auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001***

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 there have been:

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



**Nexia Perth Audit Services Pty Ltd**



**Muranda Janse Van Nieuwenhuizen**

Director

Perth  
29 September 2022



## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

		Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021
	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
Notes	\$	\$
Other income	760	-
Corporate & compliance expenses	(350,150)	(254,253)
Directors' fees	(240,606)	(68,646)
Consulting fees	(253,678)	-
Share-based payments expense	6 (871,194)	(56,960)
Impairment expense	9 (2,925)	-
Depreciation expense	(1,950)	-
<b>Loss before income tax</b>	<b>(1,719,743)</b>	<b>(379,859)</b>
Income tax expense	3 -	-
<b>Net loss for the year/period</b>	<b>(1,719,743)</b>	<b>(379,859)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year/period</b>	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss attributable to owners of the Company</b>	<b>(1,719,743)</b>	<b>(379,859)</b>
Loss per share		
- Basic and diluted (cents per share)	4 (3.44)	(5.71)

*The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*



## Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2022

		30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2021 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	3,467,990	79,991
Trade and other receivables	8	82,367	138,450
Total Current Assets		<u>3,550,357</u>	<u>218,441</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	9	4,099,094	297,382
Property, plant & equipment		9,592	-
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>4,108,686</u>	<u>297,382</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><b>7,659,043</b></u>	<u><b>515,823</b></u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	255,672	438,721
Total Current Liabilities		<u>255,672</u>	<u>438,721</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u><b>255,672</b></u>	<u><b>438,721</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>7,403,371</b></u>	<u><b>77,102</b></u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	12	8,720,046	412,501
Reserves	13	782,927	44,460
Accumulated losses		(2,099,602)	(379,859)
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u><b>7,403,371</b></u>	<u><b>77,102</b></u>

*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 2022

Notes	Issued Capital \$	Reserves \$	Accumulated losses \$	Total \$
<b>Balance as at Incorporation Date</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
Loss for the period	-	-	(379,859)	(379,859)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	(379,859)	(379,859)
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>				
Issue of share capital	12	400,000	-	400,000
Share-based payments	6	12,500	44,460	56,960
Total transactions with owners		412,500	44,460	456,960
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>412,501</b>	<b>44,460</b>	<b>(379,859)</b>	<b>77,102</b>

Notes	Issued Capital \$	Reserves \$	Accumulated losses \$	Total \$
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2021</b>	<b>412,501</b>	<b>44,460</b>	<b>(379,859)</b>	<b>77,102</b>
Loss for the year	-	-	(1,719,743)	(1,719,743)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(1,719,743)	(1,719,743)
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>				
Issue of share capital	12	8,859,070	(411,070)	8,448,000
Share-based payments	6	-	978,249	978,249
Costs of capital	6	(551,525)	171,288	(380,237)
Total transactions with owners		8,307,545	738,467	9,046,012
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>8,720,046</b>	<b>782,927</b>	<b>(2,099,602)</b>	<b>7,403,371</b>

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 2022

		Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021
	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
Notes	\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,012,960)	(170,057)
Interest received	760	-
<b>Net cash flows used in operating activities</b>	<b>(1,012,200)</b>	<b>(170,057)</b>
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<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Payments for exploration and evaluation	(1,297,316)	(68,021)
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(11,542)	-
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,308,858)</b>	<b>(68,021)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from issue of shares	6,000,000	400,001
Capital raising costs	(290,943)	(81,932)
<b>Net cash flows generated from financing activities</b>	<b>5,709,057</b>	<b>318,069</b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,387,999	79,991
Cash and cash equivalents the beginning of the year	79,991	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year/period</b>	<b>3,467,990</b>	<b>79,991</b>
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The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report of Charger Metals NL (the 'Company' or 'Charger') for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 was approved for issue in accordance with a resolution of Directors on 29 September 2022. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of Charger Metals NL.

The Company is a no liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all periods presented.

#### **Statement of Compliance**

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Interpretations) issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* as appropriate for profit oriented entities. The financial report of the Company complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and Interpretations as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

#### **Basis of Measurement**

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and going concern basis, and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement of fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

#### **New, Revised or Amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations Adopted**

The Company has adopted all of the new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are mandatory for the current reporting year. The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any impact on the financial performance or position of the Company.

Any new, revised or amending Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted. No significant impact is expected from the adoption of the new, revised or amended Accounting Standards.

#### **Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company has reported a net loss for the year of \$1,719,743 (2021: \$379,859) and a cash outflow from operating activities of \$1,012,200 (2021: \$170,057).

As at 30 June 2022 the Company had \$3,467,990 in cash and cash equivalents (2021: \$79,991) and a working capital surplus of \$3,294,685 (2021: deficit of \$220,280). The Company successfully completed an IPO raising \$6,000,000 (before costs) and commenced official quotation on the ASX on 9 July 2021. Subsequent to year end the Company completed a share placement raising \$5,500,000 (before costs). The Directors manage discretionary expenditure in line with the Company's cash flow and are confident that there are sufficient funds to meet the Company's working capital requirements for a minimum of 12 months from the date of this report. Accordingly the Directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### **Rounding of Amounts**

The Company is an entity to which ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191 applies and, accordingly, amounts in the financial statements and Directors' Report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### **Current and Non-Current Classification**

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the Company's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting year; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting year. All other assets are classified as non-current.

#### **Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and Other Similar Taxes**

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

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

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

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

#### **Key Estimates, Judgments and Assumptions**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments and estimates relating to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from the estimates made. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The key estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting year are disclosed in the relevant notes.

#### **Operating Segments**

The Company has identified its operating segments based on internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors (chief operating decision makers) in assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources. Segments are identified on the basis of area of interest. Financial information about each segment is provided to the chief operating decision makers on at least a monthly basis.

The Company has one reportable operating segment as follows:

- Australia





## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Judgment has been exercised in considering the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had, or may have on the Company based on known information. This consideration extends to the nature of the products and services offered, customers, supply chain, staffing and geographic regions in which the Company operates. Other than as addressed in specific notes (if relevant), there does not currently appear to be either any significant impact upon the financial statements or any significant uncertainties with respects to events or conditions which may impact the Company unfavourably as at the reporting date or subsequently as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Note 2. Auditor's Remuneration

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Nexia Perth Audit Services Pty Ltd, the auditor of the Company:

	30 June 2022 \$	Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
<b>Auditor's Remuneration</b>		
Audit of financial statements	11,000	8,000
Review of interim financial statements	8,000	2,000
Preparation of Independent Assurance Report	-	7,500
<b>Total Auditor's Remuneration</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>17,500</b>

#### Note 3. Income Tax Expense

	30 June 2022 \$	Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
<b>a) The components of tax (benefit)/expense comprise:</b>		
Current tax	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-
	-	-
<b>b) Reconciliation of income tax to prima facie tax payable</b>		
Accounting loss before tax	(1,719,743)	(379,859)
Income tax (benefit)/expense @ 25% (2021: 30%)	(429,936)	(113,958)
Add/(deduct) tax effect of:		
• Non-deductible expenses	219,817	17,088
• Impact of change in future corporate tax rate	16,145	-
• Movement in deferred tax positions not recognised	(452,582)	13,400
• Revenue losses not recognised	646,556	83,470
Income tax (benefit)/expense attributable to entity	-	-



Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	30 June 2022 \$	Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
<b>c) The following deferred tax balances have not been recognised:</b>		
Deferred Tax Assets @ 25% (2021: 30%)		
Carried forward revenue losses	711,943	83,470
Business Related Costs	87,794	-
Provisions and accruals	2,284	13,400
	<b>802,021</b>	<b>96,870</b>
Deferred Tax Liabilities @ 25% (2021: 30%)		
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	410,009	-
Other	7,950	-
	<b>417,959</b>	<b>-</b>

**Accounting Policy**

The charge for current income tax expense is based on the profit for the year adjusted for any non-assessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or are substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is accounted for using the liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on either accounting profit or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or liability is settled. Deferred tax is credited in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income except where it relates to items that may be credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is adjusted directly against equity.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future tax profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the Company will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

**Key Estimates, Judgments and Assumptions**

Judgement is required in assessing whether deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised on the statement of financial position. Deferred tax assets, including those arising from temporary differences, are recognised only when it is considered more likely than not that they will be recovered, which is dependent on the generation of future assessable income of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefits to be utilised.



## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### Change in Corporate Tax Rate

There was a legislated change in the corporate tax rate that applies to future income years. The impact of this reduction in the corporate tax rate has been reflected in the unrecognised deferred tax positions and the prima face income tax reconciliation above.

#### Note 4. Loss Per Share

The following reflects the income and share data used in the calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS):

	30 June 2022 \$	Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
<b>a) Reconciliation of earnings to loss</b>		
Loss used to calculate basic and diluted EPS	(1,719,743)	(379,859)

  

	30 June 2022 No.	Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021 No.
<b>b) Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year</b>		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculating basic and dilutive EPS	49,935,847	6,646,992

As the Company is in a loss position, the options outstanding at 30 June 2022 have no dilutive effects on the earnings per share calculation.

#### Accounting Policy

##### **Basic earnings per share**

Basic earnings per share is determined by dividing the net profit after income tax attributable to members of the Company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year.

##### **Diluted earnings per share**

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



## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### Note 5. Key Management Personnel

Names and positions held of the Company's key management personnel in office at any time during the financial year are:

Key Management Personnel	Position
David Crook <sup>1</sup>	Managing Director/CEO
Terry Gardiner	Non-Executive Chairman
Adrian Griffin <sup>2</sup>	Non-Executive Director (appointed 26 November 2021)
Alan Armstrong <sup>3</sup>	Non-Executive Director (resigned 31 December 2021)
Jonathan Whyte <sup>4</sup>	Company Secretary

- Services provided by OreSource Pty Ltd ATF OreSource Trust of which Mr Crook is the Trustee. Total remuneration paid to entity during the financial year of \$132,560 (2021: 51,980).
- Services provided by Future Technology Trust, of which Mr Griffin is a Trustee. Total remuneration paid to entity during the financial year of \$29,861 (2021: nil).
- Services provided by Mining Corporate Pty Ltd, of which Mr Armstrong is an employee. Total remuneration paid to entity during the financial year of \$24,462 (2021: 8,333).
- Services provided by Keyport Investments Pty Ltd, of which Mr Whyte is a Director. Total remuneration paid to entity during the financial year of \$28,870 (2021: 11,000).

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company during the year are as follows:

	30 June 2022 \$	Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
<b>Key Management Personnel Compensation</b>		
Short-term employment benefits	260,719	78,923
Post-employment benefits	4,497	723
Share-based payments	398,875	33,422
<b>Total Key Management Personnel Compensation</b>	<b>664,091</b>	<b>113,068</b>

Key management personnel remuneration has been included in the Remuneration Report section of the Directors' Report.

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

- No amounts in addition to those disclosed in the Remuneration Report in the Directors' Report were paid or payable to Directors or members of key management personnel of the Company at the end of the year; and
- There were no loans to key management personnel at the end of the year.



Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

Note 6. Share-Based Payments

	30 June 2022 \$	Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
<b>Reserves (Note 13)</b>		
Options issued to Lead Manager - (capital raising costs) <sup>1</sup>	171,288	-
Options issued to a nominee of Mercator - (exploration and evaluation) <sup>2</sup>	107,055	-
Options issued to consultants - (share-based payments expense) <sup>3,4</sup>	350,947	-
Performance rights - (share-based payments expense) <sup>5</sup>	520,247	-
Shares issued to Directors	-	12,500
Options issued to Directors, Officers and Advisors	-	44,460
<b>Total Share-Based Payments - Reserves</b>	<b>1,149,537</b>	<b>56,960</b>

Notes:

- On 5 July 2021, 1,600,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 per option, with an expiry date of 9 July 2024, were granted to Lead Manager, Pamplona Capital Pty Ltd.

<b>Valuation and Assumptions of Options:</b>	
Grant date	5 Jul 2021
Number	1,600,000
Share price	\$0.20
Exercise price	\$0.30
Expiry date	9 Jul 2024
Volatility	100%
Risk-free interest rate	0.19%
Value per option	\$0.107
Total fair value	\$171,288
<b>Expense vested during the year</b>	<b>\$171,288</b>

- On 5 July 2021, the Company issued 1,000,000 unlisted options as part consideration for the purchase of an interest in the Coates North Project completing the Mercator Acquisition. The options are exercisable at \$0.30 per option, with an expiry date of 9 July 2024.

<b>Valuation and Assumptions of Options:</b>	
Grant date	5 Jul 2021
Number	1,000,000
Share price	\$0.20
Exercise price	\$0.30
Expiry date	9 Jul 2024
Volatility	100%
Risk-free interest rate	0.19%
Value per option	\$0.107
Total fair value	\$107,055
<b>Expense vested during the year</b>	<b>\$107,055</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

3. On 13 October 2021, 1,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.60 per option, with an expiry date of 13 October 2024, were granted to consultants for the provision of marketing and investor relations services.

<b>Valuation and Assumptions of Options:</b>	
Grant date	13 Oct 2021
Number	1,000,000
Share price	\$0.49
Exercise price	\$0.60
Expiry date	13 Oct 2024
Volatility	100%
Risk-free interest rate	0.48%
Value per option	\$0.283
Total fair value	\$282,653
<b>Expense vested during the year</b>	<b>\$282,653</b>

4. On 20 April 2022, 200,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.90 per option, with an expiry date of 28 February 2024, were granted to a consultant for services rendered.

<b>Valuation and Assumptions of Options:</b>	
Grant date	20 Apr 2022
Number	200,000
Share price	\$0.74
Exercise price	\$0.90
Expiry date	28 Feb 2024
Volatility	100%
Risk-free interest rate	2.20%
Value per option	\$0.341
Total fair value	\$68,294
<b>Expense vested during the year</b>	<b>\$68,294</b>

5. On 18 January 2022, 650,000 Performance Rights (Tranche 1) were granted to employees and consultants of the Company in three equal tranches with expiry dates from 1 December 2024 to 1 December 2026.

On 14 February 2022, a further 1,100,000 Performance Rights (Tranche 2) were granted to Directors of the Company in three equal tranches with expiry dates from 1 December 2024 to 1 December 2026, following approval at a General Meeting of shareholders on 10 February 2022.

The Performance Rights will vest subject to satisfaction of the following performance milestones:

#### **Performance Rights Class A**

By 1 December 2026, the Company delineates on the tenements on which it holds an interest an inferred resource under the JORC Code of:

- (i) 10,000 tonnes of contained nickel;
- (ii) 10,000,000 tonnes equal to or greater than 1.2% lithium oxide; or
- (iii) 100,000 ounces of gold equivalent.



## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### Performance Rights Class B

By 1 December 2024, the Company's share price trades on or above a 15-day VWAP of \$0.75, being a 80.72% increase from the closing price of the Company's shares of \$0.415 as at valuation date of 3 December 2021. On 20 January 2022, the Company announced that the price milestone hurdle for Performance Rights Class B had been met.

#### Performance Rights Class C

By 1 December 2025, the Company's share price trades on or above a 15-day VWAP of \$1.00, being a 140.96% increase from the closing price of the Company's shares of \$0.415 as at valuation date of 3 December 2021.

Valuation and Assumptions of Performance Rights (Tranche 1):	Class A	Class B	Class C
Grant date	17 Jan 2022	17 Jan 2022	17 Jan 2022
Number	216,665	216,666	216,669
Share price	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.58
Exercise price	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil
Barrier price	-	\$0.75	\$1.00
Expiry date	1 Dec 2026	1 Dec 2024	1 Dec 2025
Volatility	-	100%	100%
Risk-free interest rate	-	1.14%	1.55%
Value per right	\$0.58	\$0.54	\$0.53
Total fair value	\$125,666	\$117,476	\$115,463
<b>Expense vested during the year</b>	<b>\$11,585</b>	<b>\$117,476</b>	<b>\$13,392</b>

Valuation and Assumptions of Performance Rights (Tranche 2):	Class A	Class B	Class C
Grant date	10 Feb 2022	10 Feb 2022	10 Feb 2022
Number	366,665	366,667	366,668
Share price	\$0.85	\$0.85	\$0.85
Exercise price	\$Nil	\$Nil	\$Nil
Barrier price	-	\$0.75	\$1.00
Expiry date	1 Dec 2026	1 Dec 2024	1 Dec 2025
Volatility	-	100%	100%
Risk-free interest rate	-	1.46%	1.79%
Value per right	\$0.85	\$0.85	\$0.82
Total fair value	\$311,665	\$311,667	\$301,548
<b>Expense vested during the year</b>	<b>\$29,840</b>	<b>\$311,667</b>	<b>\$36,287</b>

#### Note 7. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2021 \$
Cash at bank and in hand	3,467,990	79,991
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>3,467,990</b>	<b>79,991</b>



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#### Accounting Policy

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of 3 months or less, and bank overdrafts that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### Note 8. Trade and Other Receivables

	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
GST receivable	50,567	42,651
Prepayments	31,800	95,799
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<b>82,367</b>	<b>138,450</b>

#### Accounting Policy

Trade and other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

Collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for expected credit losses is raised when some doubt as to collection exists.

#### Provision for Impairment of Receivables

Current trade and term receivables are non-interest bearing loans and generally on 30-day terms. Non-current trade and term receivables are assessed for recoverability based on the underlying terms of the contract. A provision for expected credit losses is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade or term receivable is impaired.

There are no balances within trade and other receivables that contain balances that are past due. It is expected these balances will be received when due.

#### Note 9. Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure

	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
	\$	\$
<b>Movement in Carrying Value:</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	297,382	-
Exploration expenditure capitalised	3,804,638	297,382
Impairment expense	(2,925)	-
<b>Carrying Amount at the End of the Year</b>	<b>4,099,095</b>	<b>297,382</b>

#### Accounting Policy

Exploration and evaluation costs, including the costs of acquiring licences, are capitalised as exploration and evaluation assets on an area of interest basis. Costs incurred before the Company has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Exploration and evaluation assets are only recognised if the rights of interest are current and either:

- The expenditures are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest; or





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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

- Activities in the area of interest have not, at the reporting date, reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves and active and significant operations in, or in relation to, the area of interest are continuing.

A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest.

An impairment exists when the carrying amount of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure relating to an area of interest exceeds its recoverable amount. The asset is then written down to its recoverable amount. Any impairment losses are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the extraction of mineral resources in an area of interest are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area of interest are first tested for impairment and then reclassified from exploration and evaluation expenditure to mining property and development assets within property, plant and equipment and depreciated over the life of the mine.

Costs of site restoration are provided over the life of the facility from when exploration commences and are included in the costs of that stage. Site restoration costs include the dismantling and removal of mining plant, equipment and building structures, waste removal, and rehabilitation of the site in accordance with clauses of the mining permits. Where applicable, such costs are determined using estimates of future costs, current legal requirements and technology on an undiscounted basis.

#### **Key Estimates, Judgments and Assumptions**

##### ***Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets***

The ultimate recoupment of the value of exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively, sale, of the exploration and evaluation asset.

Impairment tests are carried out on a regular basis to identify whether the asset carrying values exceed their recoverable amounts. There is significant estimation and judgement in determining the inputs and assumptions used in determining the recoverable amounts.

The key areas of judgement and estimation include:

- Recent exploration and evaluation results and resource estimates;
- Environmental issues that may impact on the underlying tenements; and
- Fundamental economic factors that have an impact on the planned operations and carrying values of assets and liabilities.

##### ***Carrying Value of Exploration and Evaluation Assets***

The Company assessed the carrying value of its exploration and evaluation expenditure for indicators of impairment and concluded that impairment testing of the project was not triggered. An impairment expense of \$2,925 (2021: nil) was recognised in relation to non-core tenements relinquished during the year.



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#### Note 10. Trade and Other Payables

	30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2021 \$
<b>Current</b>		
Trade payables	82,447	155,042
Accrued expenses	173,225	283,679
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<b>255,672</b>	<b>438,721</b>

#### Accounting Policy

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting year for goods and services received by the Company during the reporting year which remains unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amount being normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

#### Note 11. Financial Risk Management

The Company's financial instruments consists mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable.

#### Financial Risk Management Policies

##### a) Treasury Risk Management

The Board meets on a regular basis to analyse financial risk exposure and to evaluate treasury management strategies in the context of the most recent economic conditions and forecasts. The Board's overall risk management strategy seeks to assist the Company in meeting its financial targets, whilst minimising potential adverse effects on financial performance.

Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the Board on a regular basis. These include the use of credit risk policies and future cash flow requirements.

##### b) Financial Risk Exposures and Management

The main risks the Company is exposed to through its financial instruments are liquidity risk, credit risk and price risk.

##### i. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation. Typically the Company ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters.



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	Financial Asset & Financial Liability Maturity Analysis							
	Within 1 Year	Within 1 Year	1-5 Years	1-5 Years	Over 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total	Total
	30 June 2022	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	3,467,990	79,991	-	-	-	-	3,467,990	79,991
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>3,467,990</b>	<b>79,991</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>3,467,990</b>	<b>79,991</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>								
Trade payables	82,447	155,042	-	-	-	-	82,447	155,042
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>82,447</b>	<b>155,042</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>82,447</b>	<b>155,042</b>

ii. Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's receivables from customers and investment securities. The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at reporting date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements. The Company does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or Company of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the Company.

Credit risk related to balances with banks and other financial institutions are managed in accordance with approved Board policy. The Company's current investment policy is aimed at maximising the return on surplus cash, with the aim of outperforming the benchmark within acceptable levels of risk return exposure and to mitigate the credit and liquidity risks that the Company is exposed to through investment activities.

The following table provides information regarding the credit risk relating to cash and money market securities based on Standard and Poor's counterparty credit ratings.

	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
	\$	\$
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
A-Rated	3,467,990	79,991

iii. Price risk

- Commodity price risk

The Company is not directly exposed to commodity price risk. However, there is a risk that the changes in prevailing market conditions and commodity prices could affect the viability of the project.

- Equity price risk

Equity price risk arises from equity securities held. Material investments are managed on an individual basis and all buy and sell decisions are approved by the board.



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iv. Interest rate risk exposure analysis

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting year whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments. The Company does not use derivatives to mitigate these exposures.

	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate 30 June 2022 %	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate 30 June 2021 %	Floating Interest Rate 30 June 2022 \$	Floating Interest Rate 30 June 2021 \$	Non-Interest Bearing 30 June 2022 \$	Non-Interest Bearing 30 June 2021 \$
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash at bank & on hand	0.20%	-	3,467,990	-	-	79,991
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>			<b>3,467,990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,991</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Trade payables	-	-	-	-	82,447	155,042
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,447</b>	<b>155,042</b>

#### Fair Value

Fair values are those amounts at which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Fair values may be based on information that is estimated or subject to judgement, where changes in assumptions may have a material impact on the amounts estimated. Areas of judgement and the assumptions have been detailed below. Where possible, valuation information used to calculate fair value is extracted from the market, with more reliable information available from markets that are actively traded. In this regard, fair values for listed securities are obtained from quoted market prices. Where securities are unlisted and no market quotes are available, fair value is obtained using discounted cash flow analysis and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

The following methods and assumptions are used to determine the net fair values of financial assets and liabilities:

- Cash and short-term investments – the carrying amount approximates fair value because of their short term to maturity;
- Trade receivables and trade payables – the carrying amount approximates fair value; and
- Other assets and liabilities approximate their carrying value.

No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form.



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Note 12. Issued Capital

	30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2021 \$
50,981,035 fully paid ordinary shares (30 June 2021: 8,250,001 fully paid ordinary shares)	8,720,046	412,501

	30 June 2022 No.	30 June 2021 No.
<b>a) Ordinary Shares – Number of Shares</b>		
Balance at beginning of the year/period	8,250,001	1
Shares issued during the year/period:		
• Shares issued - Initial Public Offering <sup>1</sup>	30,000,000	-
• Shares issued - acquisition of exploration projects <sup>2</sup>	12,150,000	-
• Shares issued to consultants <sup>3</sup>	31,034	-
• Conversion of performance rights <sup>4</sup>	550,000	-
• Shares issued during prior period	-	8,250,000
<b>Total at the end of the year/period</b>	<b>50,981,035</b>	<b>8,250,001</b>

	30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2021 \$
<b>b) Ordinary Shares – Value of Shares</b>		
Balance at beginning of the year/period	412,501	1
Shares issued during the year/period:		
• Shares issued - Initial Public Offering <sup>1</sup>	6,000,000	-
• Shares issued - acquisition of exploration projects <sup>2</sup>	2,430,000	-
• Shares issued to consultants <sup>3</sup>	18,000	-
• Conversion of performance rights <sup>4</sup>	411,070	-
• Shares issued during prior period	-	412,500
Less:		
• Capital raising costs	(551,525)	-
<b>Total at the end of the year/period</b>	<b>8,720,046</b>	<b>412,501</b>

Notes:

- On 5 July 2021, the Company issued 30,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.20 per share under its Prospectus dated 27 May 2021.
- On 5 July 2021, the Company issued 12,150,000 ordinary shares as part consideration for the purchase of interests in the Coates, Coates North, Lake Johnston and Bynoe Projects completing both the Lithium Australia Acquisition and Mercator Acquisition.
- On 8 September 2021, the Company issued 31,034 ordinary shares as part consideration for the provision of marketing and investor relations services in lieu of cash.
- On 20 January 2022, the Company announced that the price milestone hurdle for Performance Rights Class B had been met, being the Company's share price trading on or above a 15-day VWAP of \$0.75. 550,000 Class B Performance Rights were subsequently converted into ordinary shares on various dates prior to 30 June 2022.



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Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of shares held. The fully paid ordinary shares have no par value.

At the shareholders' meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands.

#### c) Options

The unissued ordinary shares of the Company under option at 30 June 2022 are as follows:

Date of Expiry	Exercise Price (\$)	Number under Option
9 July 2024	\$0.30	6,000,000
13 October 2024	\$0.60	1,000,000
28 February 2024	\$0.90	200,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,200,000</b>

A reconciliation of the total options on issue is as follows:

	30 Jun 2022 No.	30 Jun 2021 No.
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,400,000	-
Issued during the year <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	3,800,000	3,400,000
Exercised during the year	-	-
Expired during the year	-	-
<b>Total at the end of the year</b>	<b>7,200,000</b>	<b>3,400,000</b>

Notes:

1. On 5 July 2021, 1,600,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.30 per option, with an expiry date of 9 July 2024, were granted to Lead Manager, Pamplona Capital Pty Ltd.
2. On 5 July 2021, the Company issued 1,000,000 unlisted options as part consideration for the purchase of an interest in the Coates North Project completing the Mercator Acquisition. The options are exercisable at \$0.30 per option, with an expiry date of 9 July 2024.
3. On 13 October 2021, 1,000,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.60 per option, with an expiry date of 13 October 2024, were granted to consultants for the provision of marketing and investor relations services.
4. On 20 April 2022, 200,000 unlisted options exercisable at \$0.90 per option, with an expiry date of 28 February 2024, were granted to a consultant for services rendered.

#### d) Capital Management

The Directors' primary objective is to maintain a capital structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital to the Company. At reporting date, the Company has no external borrowings. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

#### Accounting Policy

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. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options, or for the acquisition of a business, are included in the cost of the acquisition as part of the purchase consideration.



## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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#### Key Estimates, Judgments and Assumptions

The Company measures the cost of equity settled transactions by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value of share options is determined by an external valuer using an appropriate valuation model.

#### Note 13. Reserves

##### a) Share-Based Payments Reserve

The share-based payments reserve records items recognised as expenses on valuation of employee share and consultants' options.

A reconciliation of the movement in the share-based payments reserve is as follows:

	30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2021 \$
At the beginning of the year	44,460	-
Share-based payments (Note 6)	1,149,537	44,460
Conversion of performance rights (Note 12)	(411,070)	-
<b>Total at the end of the year</b>	<b>782,927</b>	<b>44,460</b>

#### Accounting Policy – Share-Based Payments

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

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

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

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

The cost of cash-settled transactions is initially, and at each reporting date until vested, determined by applying either the Binomial or Hoadley option valuation model, taking into consideration the terms and conditions on which the award was granted. The cumulative charge to profit or loss until settlement of the liability is calculated as follows:

- During the vesting period, the liability at each reporting date is the fair value of the award at that date multiplied by the expired portion of the vesting period;



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- From the end of the vesting period until settlement of the award, the liability is the full fair value of the liability at the reporting date.

All changes in the liability are recognised in profit or loss. The ultimate cost of cash-settled transaction is the cash paid to settle the liability.

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

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

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

#### Note 14. Events After the Reporting Date

In July 2022, the Company commenced its maiden diamond drilling programme at the Coates Project, targeting Ni Cu Co PGE mineralisation.

In September 2022, 25,000 Class B Performance Rights were converted into ordinary shares (for nil consideration).

In September 2022, the Company completed a strongly supported \$5,500,000 (before costs) share placement through the issue of 11,000,000 new shares in the Company at an issue price of \$0.50 per share.

In September 2022, the Company announced that 4 diamond holes for 593m had been completed at the Coates Project, with each intersecting the targeted Coates Mafic Intrusion, with the fifth abandoned due to poor weather conditions. An assemblage of pyrrhotite and pyrite with accessory chalcopyrite, in 5–30-centimetre bands, was intersected in holes targeting FLTEM conductors at depths close to the modelled target depth. Assay results are required to determine the exact widths and grades of the sulphide mineralisation identified and these are expected in late October.

In September 2022, the Company announced that project-wide soil geochemistry and mapping programs had been completed ahead of drilling at the Medcalf Lithium Prospect. Medcalf is being prepared for drilling during the December 2022 quarter.

No further matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.





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**Note 15. Contingent Assets and Liabilities**

**Lithium Australia Acquisition Agreement - Coates, Lake Johnston and Bynoe Projects**

The Company acquired a 70% interest in the Coates, Lake Johnston and Bynoe Projects in early July 2021 by reimbursing Lithium Australia \$100,000 of exploration expenditure and issuing 9,600,000 fully paid ordinary shares in the Company to Lithium Australia. In addition, the Company must pay Lithium Australia or its nominee the deferred consideration (consisting of either \$200,000 or 2,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares in the Company) if Charger, by 4 December 2026, delineates a JORC Code compliant inferred resource.

**Mercator Acquisition Agreement - Coates North Project**

In July 2021, the Company acquired the 85% interest in the Coates North Project by issuing 2,550,000 fully paid ordinary shares and 1,000,000 unlisted options in the Company. The Company may also have to meet deferred consideration consisting of either \$200,000 or 2,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares in the Company which is contingent on certain milestones being met in relation to the development of the tenement.

The Company is unaware of any other contingent assets or liabilities that may have a material impact on the Company's financial position.

**Note 16. Cash Flow Reconciliation**

Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with loss after income tax:

	<b>30 June 2022 \$</b>	<b>Date of Incorporation 27 Nov 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$</b>
Operating loss after tax	(1,719,743)	(379,859)
<b>Non-cash flows in loss:</b>		
Share-based payments expense	871,194	56,960
Consulting fees – share based	18,000	-
Depreciation expense	1,950	-
Impairment expense	2,925	-
<b>Movements in assets and liabilities:</b>		
(Increase) in trade and other receivables relating to operating activities	(33,211)	(56,518)
(Decrease)/increase in trade payables relating to operating activities	(153,315)	209,360
<b>Net cash outflows from operating activities</b>	<b>(1,012,200)</b>	<b>(170,057)</b>



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**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
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**Note 17. Capital Commitments**

In order to maintain current rights of tenure to exploration tenements the Company is required to perform minimum exploration work to meet the minimum expenditure requirements specified by various State Governments.

	<b>30 June 2022 \$</b>	<b>30 June 2021 \$</b>
<b>Minimum Tenement Expenditure Commitments</b>		
Within one year	491,396	243,500
Later than one year but no later than five years	1,965,585	974,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,456,981</b>	<b>1,217,500</b>



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## Directors' Declaration For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The Directors of the Company declare that:

The financial statements, notes and additional disclosures included in the Directors' report are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:

- a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company;
- c) the financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as stated in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Crook', with a horizontal line underneath.

David Crook  
Managing Director/CEO

29 September 2022

## Independent Audit Report to the Members of Charger Metals NL

### Report on the financial report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Charger Metals NL ("the Company"), which comprises statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### Basis for opinion

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

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

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

#### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p><b>Funding and Liquidity</b>  <b>Refer to Note 1 (Going Concern)</b></p> <p>Charger Metals NL is an Australian exploration company incorporated to buy interests in precious metals and battery minerals projects in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.</p> <p>The exploration activities of the Company have not yet advanced to a stage where it is able to generate revenue. Accordingly, the Company is reliant on funding from external sources, such as capital raisings, to support its operations. We focussed on whether the Company had sufficient cash resources and access to funding to allow the Company to continue as a going concern.</p> <p>The adequacy of funding and liquidity as well as the relevant impact on the going concern assessment is a key audit matter due to the inherent uncertainties associated with the future exploration activities of the Company's projects and the level of funding required to support those activities.</p>	<p>We evaluated the Company's funding and liquidity position at 30 June 2022 and its ability to repay its debts as and when they fall due for a minimum of 12 months from the date of signing the financial report. In doing so, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ obtained management's cash flow forecast for the period up to September 2023;</li> <li>▪ assessed the reliability and completeness of management's assumptions by comparing the forecast cash flows to those of the previous period and in the context of our understanding of the Company's future plans and operating conditions; and</li> <li>▪ considered events subsequent to year end to determine whether any additional facts or information have become available since the date on which management made its assessment.</li> </ul>

### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in Charger Metals NL annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

### 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 gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

## **Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report**

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

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

[https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2\\_2020.pdf](https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2_2020.pdf).

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

## **Report on the Remuneration Report**

### ***Opinion on the Remuneration Report***

We have audited the Remuneration Report included within the Directors' Report on pages from 11 to 16 for the year ended 30 June 2022.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Charger Metals NL for the year ended 30 June 2022, complies with Section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### **Responsibilities**

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



**Nexia Perth Audit Services Pty Ltd**



**Muranda Janse Van Nieuwenhuizen**

Director

Perth

29 September 2022



## ASX Additional Information

### a) Distribution of Shareholders as at 28 September 2022

Spread of Holdings	Number of Ordinary Shareholders	Number of Shares
1 – 1,000	199	134,017
1,001 – 5,000	582	1,557,888
5,001 – 10,000	266	2,212,600
10,001 – 100,000	487	15,895,493
100,001 – and over	76	42,206,037
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>62,006,035</b>

### b) Top 20 Shareholders as at 28 September 2022

Position	Holder Name	Holding	%
1	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	9,600,000	15.48
2	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	6,194,612	9.99
3	GUNSYND PLC	3,168,877	5.11
4	MR ADRIAN CHRISTOPHER GRIFFIN	2,725,450	4.40
5	LIND GLOBAL MACRO FUND LP	2,502,000	4.04
6	WARRIOR STRATEGIC PTY LTD	1,681,701	2.71
7	CADENCE MINERALS PLC	1,199,463	1.93
8	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD	1,044,747	1.68
9	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	858,486	1.38
10	MR DAVID CROOK	833,334	1.34
11	TREASURY SERVICES GROUP PTY LTD <NERO RESOURCE FUND A/C>	700,000	1.13
12	MR RAYMOND CLARENCE GARDENER + MISS HINEAKA BLACK <TUMEKE SUPER FUND A/C>	670,000	1.08
13	CICCHINO PTY LTD <CICCHINO SHARE A/C>	600,000	0.97
14	GURRAVEMBI INVESTMENTS PTY LTD <SUPER FUND A/C>	550,000	0.89
15	GALAN LITHIUM LIMITED	500,000	0.81
16	MRS FIONA LANGSFORD CERIC	492,279	0.79
17	MRS ALISON CLAIRE OVENDEN	450,000	0.73
18	NORTH LAURA NOMINEES PTY LTD <THE A S CONDON FAMILY A/C>	400,000	0.65
19	CRANPORT PTY LTD <NO 7 - AB A/C>	372,582	0.60
20	MR TERRY JAMES GARDINER	366,667	0.59
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34,910,198</b>	<b>56.30</b>
	<b>Total issued capital - selected security class(es)</b>	<b>62,006,035</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### c) Ordinary share capital

- The number of shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel of shares is 213, totalling 148,413 ordinary shares.
- Each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each member present at a meeting or by proxy has one vote on a show of hands.



**d) Tenement Schedule as at 30 June 2022**

Tenement	Project	% interest
E70/5198	Coates Project, Western Australia	70%
ELA70/5437 *	Coates Project, Western Australia	70%
P70/1752	Coates Project, Western Australia	70%
P70/1753	Coates Project, Western Australia	70%
R70/59	Coates Project, Western Australia	85% - subject to Yankuang Bauxite Interest
EL30897	Bynoe Lithium and Gold Project, Northern Territory	70%
E63/1809	Lake Johnston Lithium and Gold Project, Western Australia	70%
E63/1866	Lake Johnston Lithium and Gold Project, Western Australia	70%
ELA63/2129 *	Lake Johnston Lithium and Gold Project, Western Australia	100%
E63/1903	Lake Johnston Lithium and Gold Project, Western Australia	100% - Okapi currently earning a 75% interest in E63/1903 excluding rights to all lithium and associated minerals that occur within lithium-caesium-tantalum pegmatites
E63/1722	Lake Johnston Lithium Project, Western Australia	70% interest in lithium rights under the Lithium Rights Agreement with Lefroy Exploration Limited
E63/1723	Lake Johnston Lithium Project, Western Australia	70% interest in lithium rights under the Lithium Rights Agreement with Lefroy Exploration Limited
E63/1777	Lake Johnston Lithium Project, Western Australia	70% interest in lithium rights under the Lithium Rights Agreement with Lefroy Exploration Limited

\* Exploration Licence Applications