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Peter Spitalny (Non-Executive Director)  
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Ardiden Limited shares (ADV) are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Dear Shareholder,

Welcome to the Ardiden 2018 Annual Report. I am pleased to report that during the past twelve months your Company has maintained a focused strategy of exploring, expanding, and advancing the Company's flagship Seymour Lake Lithium Project in Ontario, Canada. Notable milestones during the year include:

- Successful acquisition of 100% of Seymour Lake Lithium Project, with the final instalment payment of cash and shares being made to Stockport Exploration Inc.
- Initial Maiden JORC Compliant Mineral Resource Estimate for the North Aubry deposit; enabling commencement of metallurgical test work on bulk samples and securing support from the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines ("MNDM") and Whitesand First Nation Group for future mine development and production.
- Achievement of high-grade lithium concentrates of up to **6.43% Li<sub>2</sub>O** produced from Dense Media Separation test-work with up to 90% recovery rate obtained from drill core samples taken from Seymour Lake with confirmation that the spodumene particles are well-liberated at a coarse particle size with low-iron characteristics.
- Heavy Liquid Separation test-work conducted on bulk samples produced a high-grade lithium concentrate of **7.04% Li<sub>2</sub>O** using a liquid density of 2.95g/ml, whilst achieving a **91.63%** recovery.
- Production of battery grade Lithium Carbonate at **99.52% Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>** from downstream processing test-work conducted by leading lithium carbonate and hydroxide producer Shandong Ruifu Lithium Co Ltd.
- Expansion of the Ardiden geological team lead by appointment of Lithium Pegmatite expert Peter Spitalny, promptly identifying numerous new pegmatite exposures in the new claim areas during the large-scale field mapping program and completion of a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey.
- Approval of additional exploration claims at the Seymour Lake Project by MNDM creating a transport corridor which provides direct access from North Aubry to the Ferland Train Station situated upon the Canadian Transcontinental Railway.
- Staking approximately 400 claims on the eastern edge of the Project, more than doubling the size of the Seymour Lake Lithium Project to 16,654 Ha.
- Negotiation and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Whitesand First Nation (traditional owners) in relation to Ardiden's 100% owned Seymour Lake Lithium Project.
- Execution of an Option Agreement with White Metal Resources Corporation (TSX-V: WHM) to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Properties in Ontario, Canada.

Your Company has started the 2019 fiscal year with significant momentum building upon the engagement of Canaccord Genuity as its Corporate Advisor and a successful fully underwritten \$6.1m placement attracting recognised Institutional Substantial Shareholders to the Register. The Board has also been strengthened with the appointments of recognised Lithium Geologist Peter Spitalny and experienced Lithium Project Development Director Pauline Gately. All of these factors have enabled Ardiden to continue to explore, advance and grow the Seymour Lake Lithium Project, with a particular focus on the three main prospects of North, Central and South Aubry and the extensions of the lithium mineralised zones.

On behalf of the Board and Management I thank you for your continued support and look forward to a rewarding 2019.



Neil Hackett  
Chairman

Your Directors present their report for Ardiden Limited (the 'Company') and its controlled entities ('Consolidated Entity' or 'Group') for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

## 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names of the Directors of the Company in office during the financial year and up to the date of this report are as follows. Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

Directors	Position
Neil Hackett	Non-Executive Chairman (appointed 5 June 2012)
Brad Boyle	Executive Director & CEO (appointed 17 February 2016)
Dr Michelle Li	Non-Executive Technical Director (appointed 7 July 2016)
Peter Spitalny	Non-Executive Director (appointed 29 June 2018)
Pauline Gately	Non-Executive Director (appointed 14 August 2018)

## 2. INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

**Neil Hackett** (Non-Executive Chairman /Joint Company Secretary)

*B. Ec, FFin, GAICD (Merit)*

Mr Neil Hackett joined Ardiden as Director in June 2012 and was appointed Chairman in December 2015. He holds a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Western Australia, post-graduate qualifications in Applied Finance and Investment, and Financial Planning, and is a Graduate (Order of Merit) with the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr Hackett is an Affiliate of the Governance Institute of Australia and a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia. He is currently Non-Executive Director of ASX listed oil and gas explorer Calima Energy Limited, Non-Executive Director of WestCycle Inc, Board member of John XXIII College and Independent Board Advisor and Company Secretary to Footwear Industries Pty Ltd (trading as Steel Blue Boots). Neil's experience includes company secretary for Sundance Resources Ltd and Ampella Mining Ltd, 15 years in the funds management industry, and regulatory experience with the ASIC.

Mr Hackett is a member of the Audit and Risk, Remuneration and Nomination Committees.

Other directorships in listed companies in the last 3 years:

- (i) Calima Energy Limited (formerly Azonto Petroleum Ltd) (Current),
- (ii) Modun Resources Ltd (Resigned 11 March 2015), and
- (iii) African Chrome Fields Ltd (Resigned 8 August 2014).

**Brad Boyle** (Executive Director & CEO)

*LLB, MBA, GradDipAppCorpGov,*

Mr Boyle has extensive experience working in the resource and energy sectors, with a key focus on renewable energies. Brad is an experienced director of private and ASX listed oil and gas and diversified mineral exploration companies. Brad has a proven track record of strong communication with investors, stakeholders and financial institutions to ensure the market is fully informed providing the opportunity to raise appropriate capital to meet corporate objectives. Brad has established a global network of key stakeholders and strategic organisations with expertise in the renewable energy sector.

In addition, Brad has been legal counsel and company secretary for many listed and unlisted mining and exploration companies. Brad is an admitted legal practitioner, is a Chartered Company Secretary, an Associate of the Governance Institute of Australia and International Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. Brad is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Australian Corporate Lawyers Association.

Other directorships in listed companies in the last 3 years:

- (i) Triton Minerals Limited (Resigned 4 December 2015).

**Dr Michelle Li** (Independent Non-Executive Technical Director)

*PhD, Master of Metallurgical Engineering, Bachelor of Processing Engineering, Diploma of Business, GAICD*

Dr Li has more than 25 years of international mining experience, including senior executive roles with mining companies such as Grange Resources, Citic Pacific, Rio Tinto and Iluka Resources. She brings valuable technical and operational expertise to the Company as it advances its key lithium and graphite projects in Canada to the next stage.

She holds a PhD of metallurgical engineering from the University of Queensland, and also has a Bachelor degree and a Master's degree of mineral processing engineering from the China University of Mining Technology.

Her distinguished career has involved positions with leading global mining companies such as Rio Tinto in R&D roles and its iron ore expansion projects, Iluka Resources at its Eneabba operations, Grange Resources and Citic Pacific Mining.

Dr Li is Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committees and a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Other directorships in listed companies in the last 3 years:

- (i) Grange Resources Limited (Current), and
- (ii) Orion Metals (Resigned 21 March 2016).

**Peter Spitalny** (Non-Executive Director)

*BPE GradDipEd PGradDipAppGeology (EconomicGeology)*

Mr Spitalny is a well-respected exploration geologist who holds over 25 years' experience in mineral exploration focusing on lithium, gold, manganese, copper and nickel, and has worked in various mining jurisdictions which have included Australia, Canada, South America, Africa and Europe.

Most recently, Mr Spitalny completed investigations for AVZ Minerals Ltd on its Manono Lithium Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo and was the first geologist to recognise that there were three types of pegmatites present at Manono. His recommendations of exploration priorities and strategies were implemented during the resource-definition drilling completed on the Roche Dure pegmatite and he served as Competent Person for AVZ Minerals up until the definition of the maiden Mineral Resource for the Roche Dure pegmatite.

Mr Spitalny is member of the Technical, Remuneration and Nomination Committees.

**Pauline Gately** (Independent Non-Executive Director) – appointed 14 August 2018

*BA Hons (Econ), GradDipAcc*

Ms Gately has more than 20 years' experience in international investment banking, specialising in the Asian region, where she held senior positions with CitiBank, BNP International, Merrill Lynch and Deutsche Bank in the areas of research, funds management, economics and investment strategy, Ms Gately has also completed various projects for multilateral organisations including providing technical assistance on behalf of Asian Development Bank.

Ms Gately currently serves as the Executive Chairperson of SGX listed Alliance Mineral Assets Ltd, a 50% joint venture partner in the Bald Hill Lithium-Tantalum Project in Western Australia, which recently commenced production. Ms Gately joined Alliance Mineral Assets in 2011 and has been instrumental in driving the progress of Bald Hill through listing, establishing the joint venture with Tawana Resources, and into production.

Ms Gately is Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Other directorships in listed companies in the last 3 years:

- (i) Alliance Mineral Assets Ltd (Current)

### 3. INTEREST IN THE SHARES & OPTIONS OF THE COMPANY AND RELATED BODIES CORPORATE

As at the date of this report, the interests of the directors in the shares and options of Ardiden Limited were:

	Number of Ordinary Shares	Number of Options Over Ordinary Shares
Neil Hackett	19,420,101	5,000,000
Brad Boyle	6,293,909	10,000,000
Dr Michelle Li	312,500	5,062,500
Peter Spitalny	-	-
Pauline Gately	-	-

### 4. JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Jessamyn Lyons and Neil Hackett

**Jessamyn Lyons:** Ms Lyons is a Chartered Secretary with 15 years' experience working in the stockbroking and banking industries. Jessamyn is an Associate of the Governance Institute of Australia, having recently completed her Graduate Diploma of Corporate Governance and she holds a Bachelor of Commerce with the University of Western Australia with majors in Investment Finance, Corporate Finance and Marketing.

**Neil Hackett:** Refer above for details of experience and qualifications.

### 5. CORPORATE STRUCTURE

Ardiden Limited is a limited liability company that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Ardiden Limited has prepared a consolidated financial report incorporating the entities that it controlled during the financial year as follows:

Ardiden Limited	Parent Entity
Ardiden Canada Ltd	100% owned controlled entity
Billiton Island Pte Ltd	100% owned controlled entity

An application to deregister Billiton Island Pte Ltd, a Company which is 100% owned and controlled by Ardiden Limited, has been lodged and the Company is awaiting confirmation the entity has been struck off the register in Singapore.

Ardiden Canada Ltd, a Company which is 100% owned and controlled by Ardiden Limited, was incorporated on 25 January 2018 in Ontario, Canada.

### 6. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal continuing activities during the year of entities within the Consolidated Entity were the exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources.

### 7. REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

#### SEYMOUR LAKE LITHIUM PROJECT

During the past twelve months, Canadian focused lithium explorer and developer Ardiden Limited ("ADV" or "the Company") has maintained a focused strategy of exploring, expanding, and advancing the Company's flagship Seymour Lake Lithium Project in Ontario, Canada.

On 25 July 2017, Ardiden was pleased to announce the successful acquisition of 100% of Seymour Lake, with the final instalment payment of cash and shares being made to Stockport Exploration Inc.

Following the acquisition of Seymour Lake, Ardiden announced the initial Maiden JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimate for the North Aubry deposit. The definition of a JORC compliant resource at North Aubry was a key condition of a binding term sheet agreed between Ardiden and the Company's strategic development partner, Yantai Jinyuan Mining Machinery Co. Ltd ("Yantai").

This key milestone would then allow Yantai to commence metallurgical test work on bulk samples representing the estimated resource, and also advance support from the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines ("MNDM") and Whitesand First Nation Group for future mine development and production.

Ardiden has focused on the continued development of Seymour Lake with the overall aim of increasing the size and scale of the project. From an exploration and development standpoint at Seymour Lake, mineralisation remains open along strike and at depth and preliminary Exploration Targets were established for the Central and South Aubry prospect areas. These target areas cover about 1km strike of an interpreted 6km mineralised strike zone.

Ardiden's primary business strategy continues to be on advancing the Seymour Lake project towards production. Over the past year, the Company has been diligent and efficient with its ongoing drilling, exploration, metallurgical test-work, and environmental programs which have been designed to advance the Seymour Lake project, and better understand the feasibility and development of a suitable commercial processing flowsheet, which will allow Ardiden to produce a high-grade lithium concentrate which will then be delivered to a rapidly growing lithium market.

### **METALLURGICAL TEST-WORK**

On 31 August 2017, Ardiden announced that high-grade lithium concentrates of up to **6.16% Li<sub>2</sub>O** had been produced from flotation test-work obtained from drill core samples taken from the Seymour Lake Lithium Project. The flotation test was completed at the grind size (P80 = 150 µm), with the high-grade lithium concentrate of **6.16% Li<sub>2</sub>O** produced from a relatively high recovery of **75.7%**. The test-work confirmed that the spodumene particles are well-liberated at a very coarse particle size.

The flotation test-work results along with previous metallurgical and mineralogical programs completed by Ardiden confirm the high-quality nature of the low-iron spodumene located at the Seymour Lake Lithium Project.

Initial Heavy Liquid Separation test-work conducted on the samples from Seymour Lake produced a high-grade lithium concentrate of up to **6.74% Li<sub>2</sub>O**.

On 2 October 2017, Ardiden announced that a bulk sample taken from the North Aubry prospect of Seymour Lake had arrived in China and an initial metallurgical test-work program managed in conjunction with the Company's strategic partner, Yantai Jinyuan Mining Machinery Co., Ltd ("Yantai") had provided early success.



**Figure 1.** Excavator and truck collecting the bulk sample from North Aubry prospect.





**Figure 2.** Bulk sample of Spodumene bearing pegmatite obtained from the North Aubry prospect. Highlighted in the image are the large high quality Spodumene crystals

The test-work program completed by Yantai will assist Ardiden in the design of the lithium processing facility as part of the feasibility study of the Seymour Lake Lithium Project.

On 15 November 2017, Ardiden announced that the Metallurgical test-work program continued to demonstrate robust recoveries on the bulk sample obtained from the North Aubry Lithium deposit. Additional Heavy Liquid Separation (HLS) test-work conducted by Yantai on the bulk sample produced a very high-grade lithium concentrate of **7.04% Li<sub>2</sub>O** using a liquid density of 2.95g/ml, whilst achieving a very impressive **91.63%** recovery.

Furthermore, initial Dense Media Separation test-work on the bulk sample produced high-grade lithium concentrates of up to **6.92% Li<sub>2</sub>O & 6.05% Li<sub>2</sub>O**, with respective recoveries of **81.74%** and **85.58%**.

These positive results were obtained from the North Aubry bulk sample with coarse spodumene particles of up to 6.0mm with average head grade of 1.29% Li<sub>2</sub>O. The high-grade concentrate produced from the metallurgical test-work, continues to provide further evidence of the high-quality nature of the spodumene material from the Seymour Lake project.

The metallurgical test results support that gravity separation is a viable method to produce commercial grade lithium concentrate from the Seymour Lake project.



**Figure 3.** Images of Ardiden Director, Dr. Michelle Li inspecting the bulk sample of spodumene material at Yantai, obtained from the North Aubry Lithium deposit.

The strategic aim of the metallurgical tests is to develop a process flowsheet. The staged crushing process used is to increase the quantity of coarse material produced during the crushing phase. This process will then reduce the quantity of fine material generated and potentially assist Ardiden to reduce operational costs.



**Figure 4.** Images of a concentrate produced in 0.5mm to 6mm range (Left), Ardiden Director, Dr. Michelle Li inspecting the sample and discussing the test-work with Prof Gao (Right).

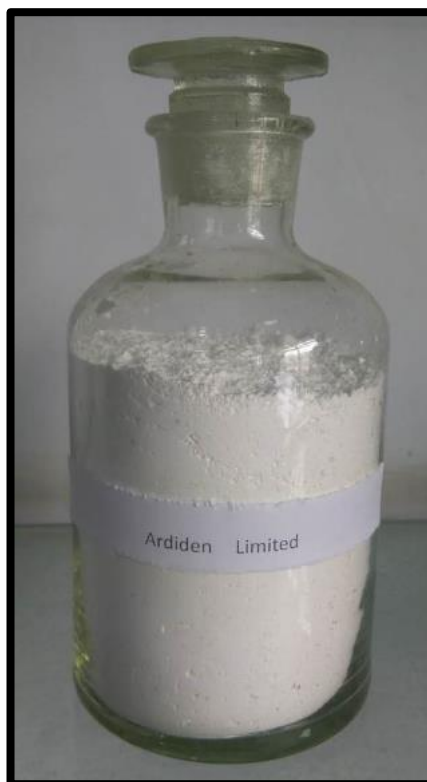


**Figure 5.** Images of Ardiden Director, Dr. Michelle Li inspecting Spiral separation test work.

On 12 February 2018, Ardiden announced that battery grade Lithium Carbonate at **99.52%  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$**  had been produced from initial downstream processing test-work conducted by leading lithium carbonate and hydroxide producer Shandong Ruifu Lithium Co. Ltd (“Ruifu”).

Tests confirm that high purity  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  can be produced from the spodumene concentrate obtained from the Seymour Lake Lithium Project bulk sample, and also demonstrates robust conversion rates.

The aim of the program was to test the spodumene concentrate suitability for commercial downstream Lithium Carbonate ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) production. The initial tests found the beta lithium converting rate produced a satisfactory 90%, however further testing will determine if the rate can be improved.



**Figure 6.** Final Lithium Carbonate ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) products of battery level.

Ruifu test-work report stated “After cross checking with the battery level lithium carbonate standards in China, we are confident to confirm that battery level  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  can be produced from the concentrate produced from Ardiden Limited samples...”

Further, the Ruifu report concluded: “With the feature of low viscosity and impurities of the concentrate after calcination and high efficiency in acidification, Ruifu thinks the concentrate can be fed into Ruifu’s operating facilities to produce high quality battery level  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  and it should be a premium product if it can come into the market in the future.”

## DRILLING RESULTS

During the past twelve months, Ardiden has continued to explore, advance and grow the Seymour Lake project, with a particular focus on the three main prospects of North, Central and South Aubry and the extensions of the lithium mineralised zones.

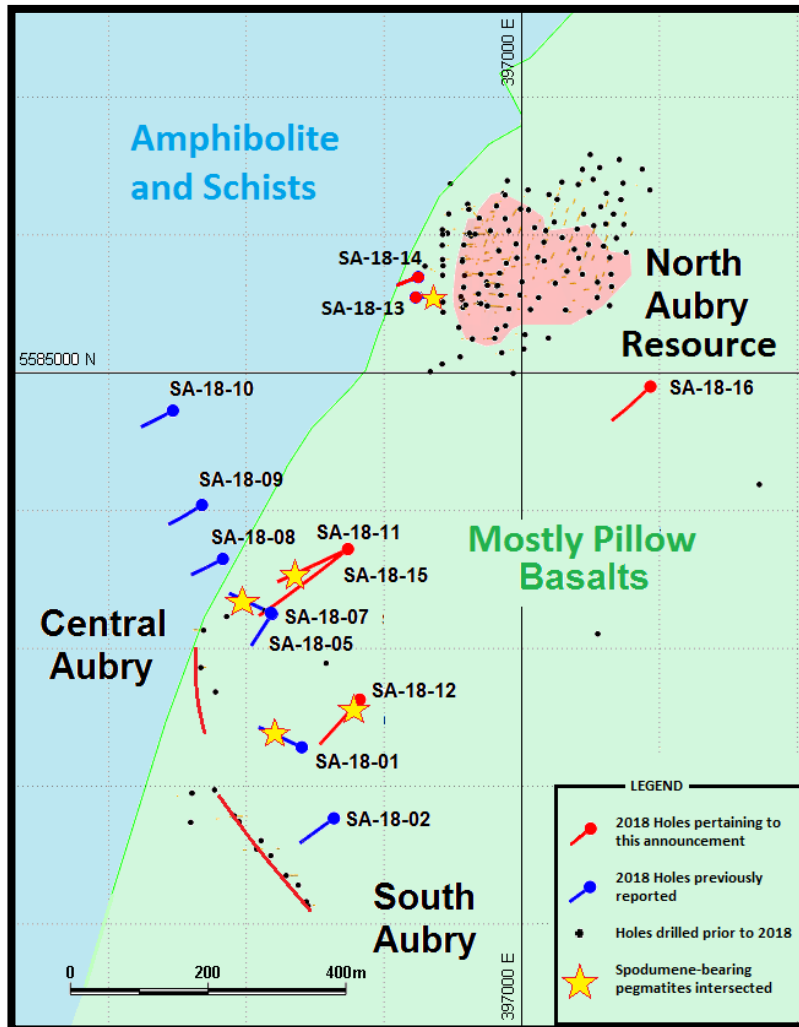
On 1 November 2017, Ardiden announced that drilling had confirmed down-plunge extensions to the north of North Aubry Lithium Deposit, with drill core assays of up to **4.38%  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$** .

The strong assay results received from 11 diamond drill holes completed, confirmed consistency and continuity of mineralisation outside the current Mineral Resource boundary at North Aubry, with multiple pegmatite zones extending north-eastwards.

Although the orientation and location of pegmatites within the Seymour Lake Lithium Project can be somewhat difficult to model and predict due to the variable fluid pathways during formation, confirmation of the interpreted extensions of the spodumene-bearing pegmatites and the verification of the presence of multiple spodumene-bearing pegmatite dykes provides confidence in Ardiden’s exploration model. The latest assay results provide the Company with a greater level of understanding and confidence in the project, while also steadily expanding the overall scale of Seymour Lake and its future resource expansion potential.

Some of the completed drill-holes were designed to test anomalous zones and structures indicated from historical litho-geochemical soil results and complemented by the completion of a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey. The drilling results confirmed that many of the structures interpreted from the GPR survey are indeed pegmatites and highlighted that GPR surveys will be of use in the design and planning of follow-up drilling programs at Seymour Lake.

On 27 April 2018, Ardiden announced strong assay results from the first round of diamond drill holes completed in the 2018 exploration expansion drilling program. Figure 7 shows drill-hole locations.



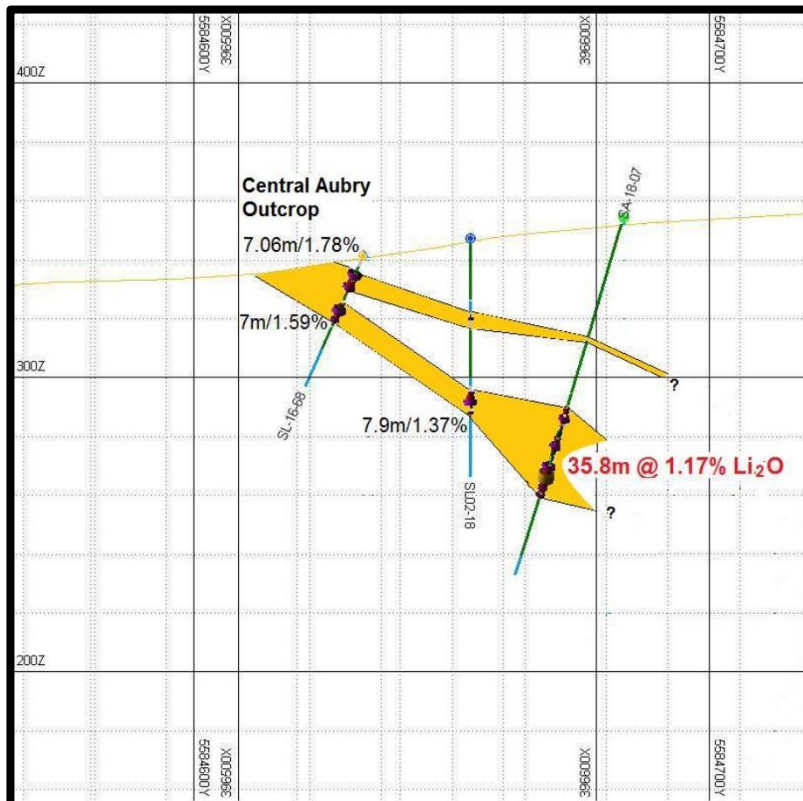
**Figure 7.** Plan view showing the drill hole locations (Red) of the SA-18 series drill-holes

The assay results included impressive high-grade intercepts grading up to **3.29% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (SA-18-07), which continued to support the expansion potential of the Seymour Lake project.

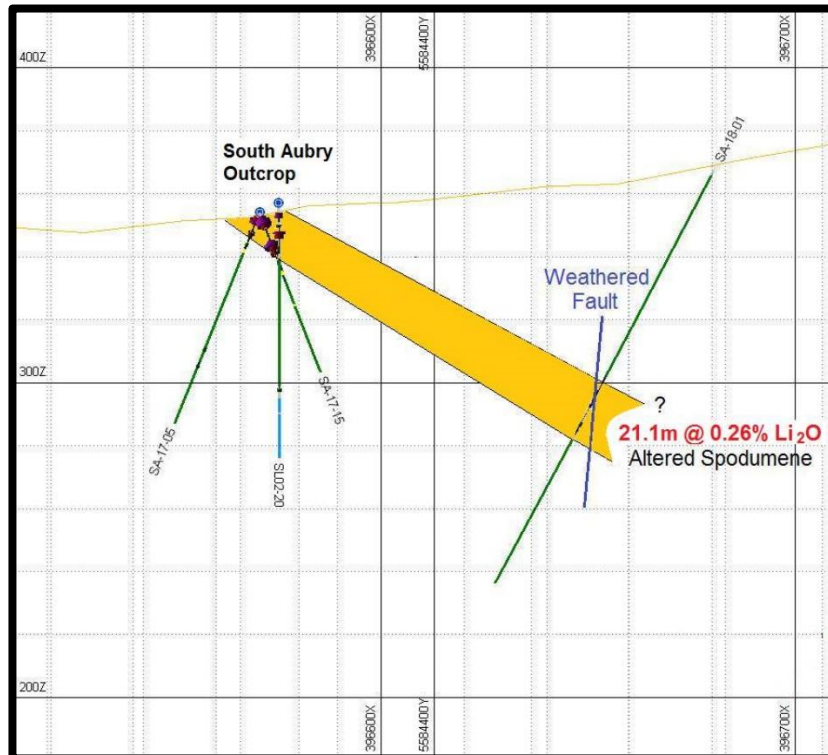
The drilling results confirmed consistency and continuity of mineralisation within the Central and South Aubry pegmatite structures, with significant thick lithium mineralised intercepts *e.g.* **35.80m at 1.17% Li<sub>2</sub>O from 73.00m down hole in SA-18-07** (Figures 8 and 9). The drilling results also confirmed the presence of multiple pegmatite zones extending north-eastwards with down-plunge continuity from Central and South Aubry, with mineralisation remaining open to the north, east, west and down-dip.



**Figure 8.** Image of the drill core obtained from drill hole SA-18-07, Note large pale green to whitish coarse tabular spodumene crystals with quartz and feldspar.

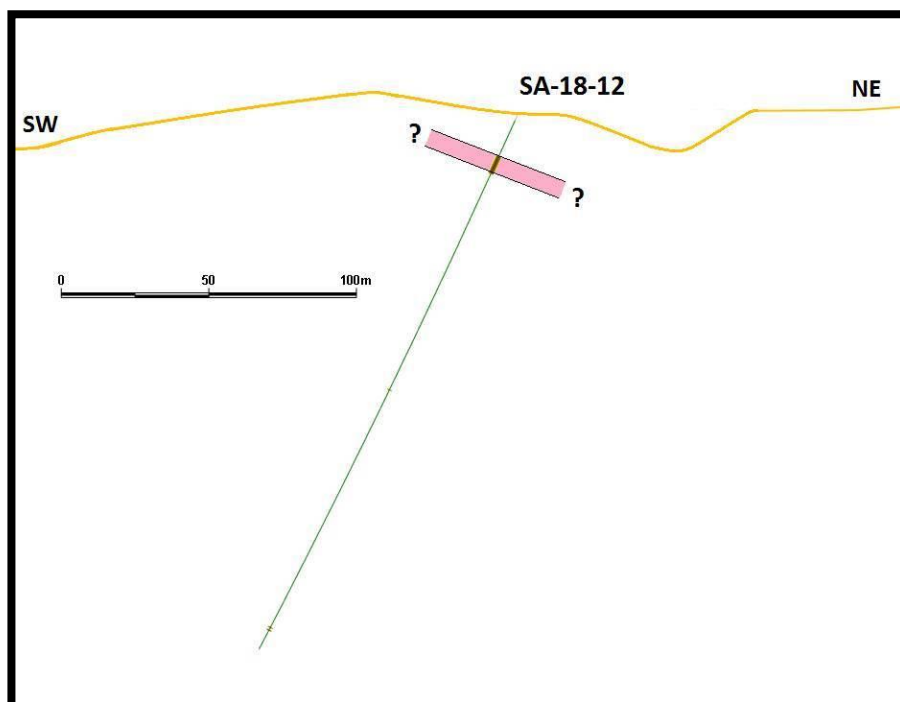


**Figure 9.** Cross Section at Central Aubry showing two pegmatite dykes and drill holes SA-16-69, SA02-17, SA-16-68, SA02-18 and SA-18-07



**Figure 10.** Cross Section at South Aubry showing a thick pegmatite sill and drill holes, SA-17-02, SA-17-05 and SA-17-15, SA-18-01.

The results attained by SA-18-11 and SA-18-12 are significant because in both cases spodumene-bearing pegmatites were intersected, however the results of SA-18-12 are particularly encouraging because the intersected pegmatite is near-surface and has potential to extend both along-strike and down-dip (Figure 11).

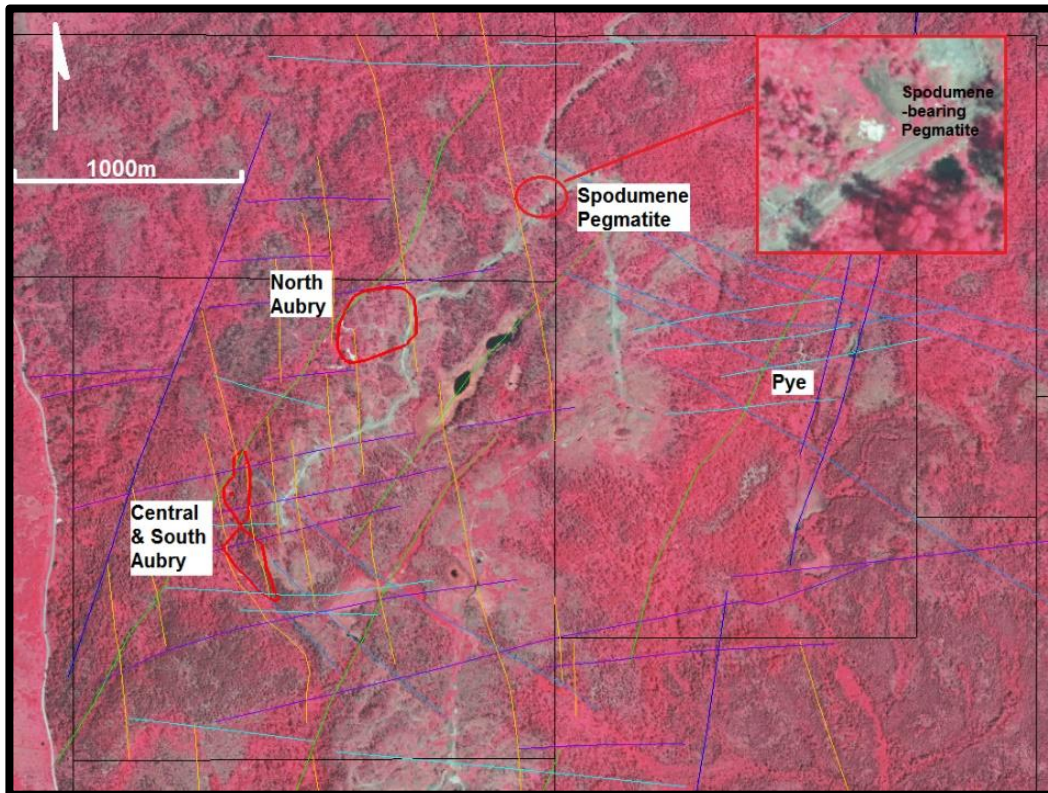


**Figure 11.** Cross-section of diamond drill hole SA-18-12 at Seymour Lake Lithium project.

On 14 May 2018, Ardiden announced that a detailed re-mapping program of the North Aubry, Central Aubry and South Aubry pegmatites had commenced.

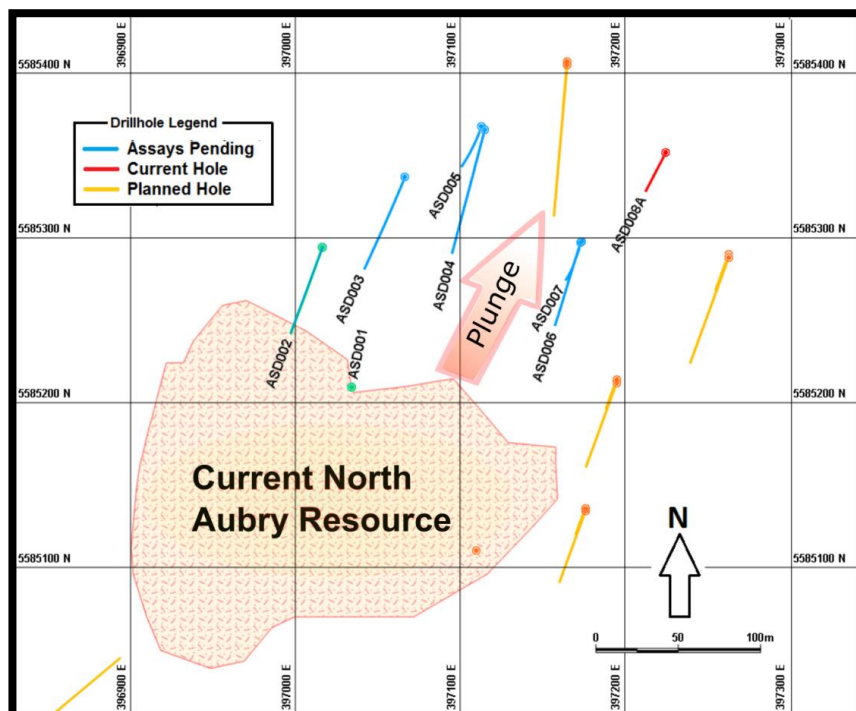
The Ardiden geological team lead by pegmatite expert Peter Spitalny promptly identified numerous new pegmatite exposures in the new claim areas during the reconnaissance tour for the large-scale field mapping program. The program

confirmed the presence of an additional spodumene bearing pegmatite, with Ardiden's geological mapping team identifying a pegmatite exposure approximately 700 metres north of the North Aubry deposit.



**Figure 12.** Site map showing the location of the North, Central and South Aubry prospects. The image also details the location of the new spodumene exposure, identified during the current mapping program. The coloured lines are the interpreted controlling structures and faults identified as a result of the GPR survey.

Subsequent to the end of the financial year, on 23 July 2018, Ardiden announced early drilling success via the commencement of a resource expansion diamond drilling program at North Aubry (Figure 13).



**Figure 13:** Location of planned, in-progress and completed drill-holes; current drilling at North Aubry.

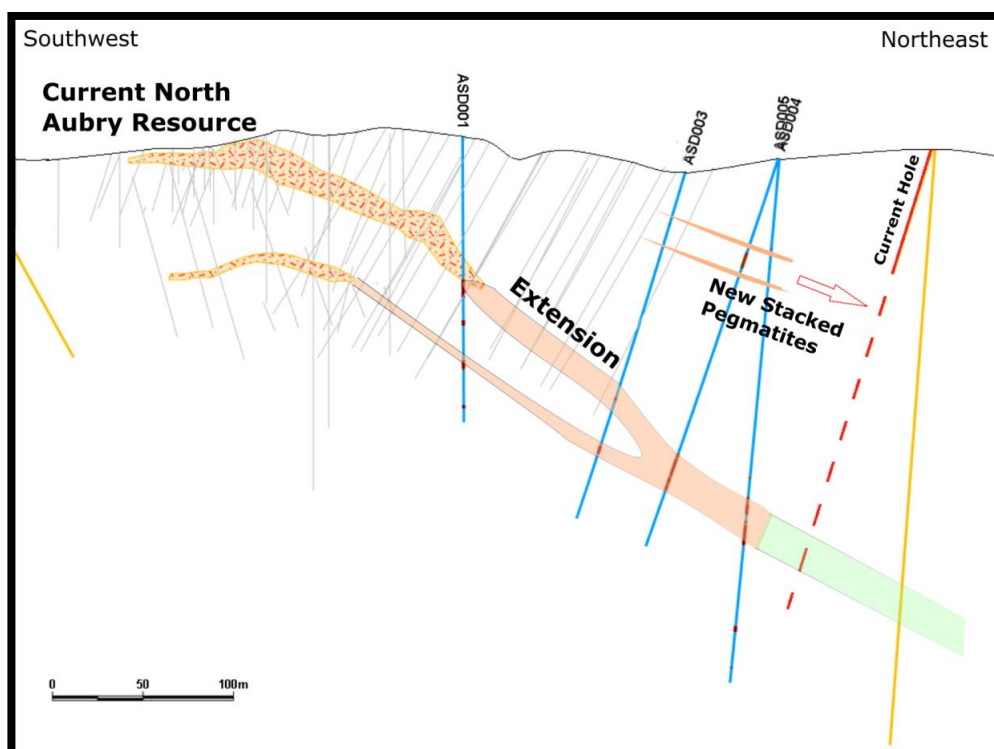
The drill program was designed to test and evaluate the interpreted continuation of the North Aubry pegmatites, both along strike and down-dip.

The 3000m program yielded early success with holes ASD001 and ASD002 intersecting spodumene-bearing pegmatite peripheral to the presently defined North Aubry Mineral Resource.

The primary aim of the 3000m program is to define, locate and add more lithium tonnage to complement the current lithium resource already defined at the North Aubry prospect.

Ardiden announced further encouraging results on 20 August 2018, confirming that holes ASD001 to ASD007 from the resource expansion drilling program at the North Aubry prospect, all intersected multiple spodumene-bearing pegmatites.

Of particular significance is the identification of new spodumene-bearing pegmatite dykes, intersected by holes ASD004 – ASD007 overlying the main North Aubry pegmatite dyke (Figure 14).



**Figure 14:** Schematic cross-section illustrating the pegmatite continuation and overlying pegmatites. *Note: the cross-section displayed as Figure 2 is a composite of adjacent sections, within which the thickness and depth of separate limbs of the pegmatite may vary slightly.*

The intersection of multiple pegmatites at various depths by each drill-hole confirm that the North Aubry prospect contains a series of “stacked” spodumene-bearing pegmatites within a zone extending towards the North East.

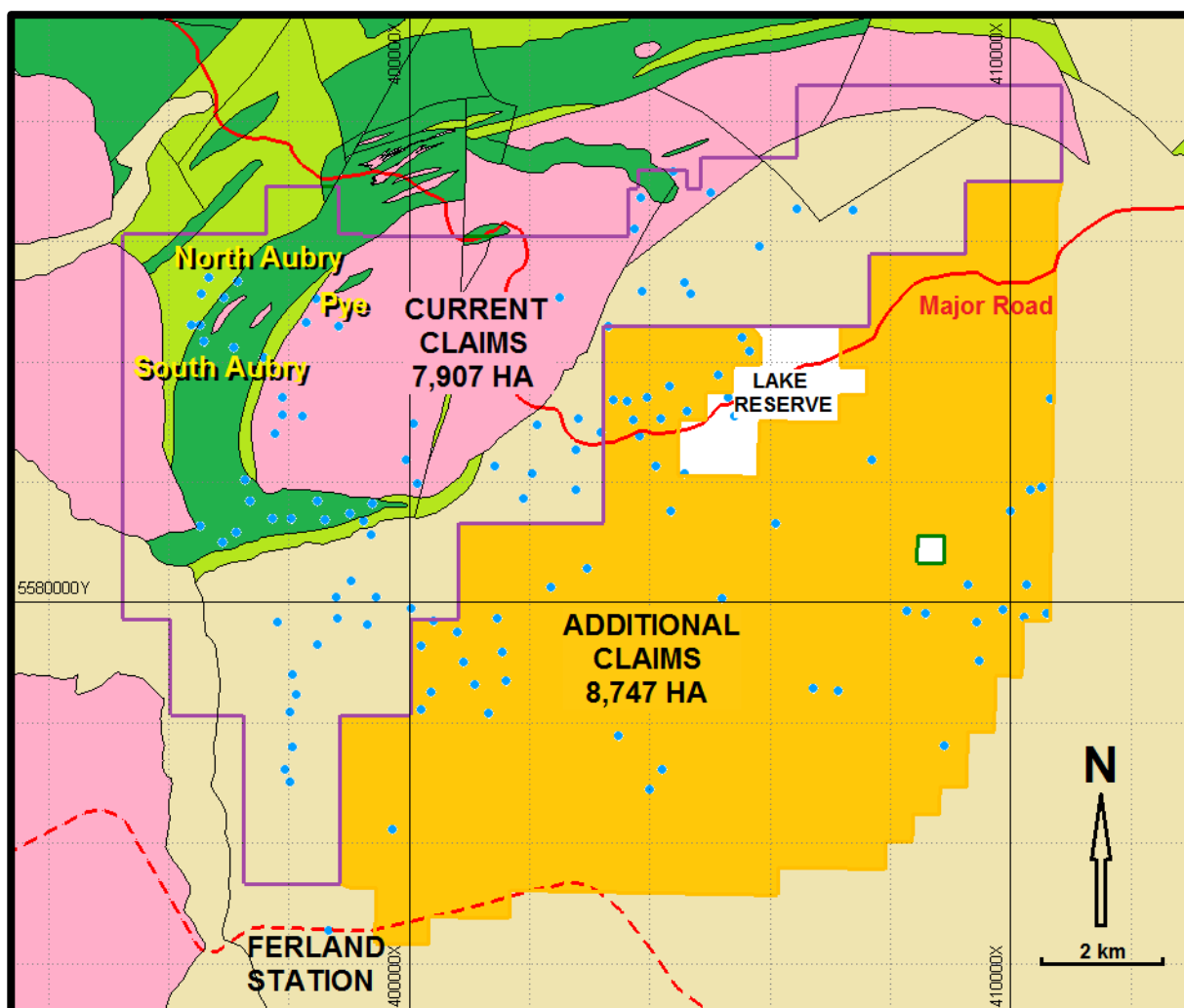
The possible presence of these dykes was indicated by the GPR survey completed earlier this year. However, the confirmation of the pegmatite presence validates Ardiden’s exploration model, and the Company believes there is potential to discover additional pegmatite dykes further to the North East. The drill holes show mineralisation consistency at various depths at North Aubry. Historic and recently generated data confirm potential to define a significantly larger Mineral Resource at North Aubry than previously indicated.

## PROJECT EXPANSION

On 19 December 2017, Ardiden announced the approval of two more exploration claims at the Seymour Lake project by Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MDNM). These claims have created a transport corridor providing direct access from North Aubry to the Ferland Train Station.

On 3 May 2018, Ardiden announced that the Company has staked approximately 8,750 hectares (400 claims) on the eastern edge of the Seymour Lake Project, after a detailed analysis and review of new satellite imagery. The addition of the new claims more than doubles the size of the project, and significantly expands the project eastwards (Figure 15).





**Figure 15.** Overview map of the expanded Seymour Lake project. Purple outlines the original claim areas held by Ardiden, the Yellow coloured area highlights the new area under application with the MNDM. The blue dots highlight many of the new exploration target locations on the project.

As a result of the Company securing these claims, a large number of prospective target locations were identified by Ardiden across the Seymour Lake landholding. These new targets were in addition to the previously identified 40 pegmatite exposures along the 5km strike zone, with several of these exposures hosting visible spodumene.

Continued data review at Seymour Lake provides Ardiden with a significant and diversified opportunity to explore and target new exploration targets across its 16,654 hectare landholding. The identification of new prospective areas has the potential to significantly increase the overall scale, size and value of the Seymour Lake project.

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

On 6 July 2017, Ardiden announced that it had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Whitesand First Nation (Whitesand) in relation to its 100% owned Seymour Lake Lithium Project. The Whitesand are the traditional land owners of the area on which the Seymour Lake Lithium Project is located. Since commencing exploration activities at Seymour Lake in early 2016, Whitesand have actively assisted Ardiden with drilling and exploration activities by providing heavy earthmoving equipment and field staff.

The MOU recognises the significance of this area and the interest held by the Whitesand, including heritage and cultural rights, and provides a framework of cooperation for the exploration and potential development of mineral resources on the project. The MOU requires that an Impact and Benefits Agreement (“IBA”) must be negotiated and agreed prior to the completion of a positive Feasibility Study and before the commencement of any mine development at the project. The prompt execution of this MOU reaffirms the active support already provided by Whitesand to Ardiden for the potential development of the Seymour Lake Lithium Project.

Furthermore, the execution of the MOU with Whitesand is a critical step forward in relation to the Term Sheet signed with strategic partner Yantai Jinyuan Mining Machinery Co., Ltd on 28 June 2017, which outlined a proposal for a design, build, operate and transfer (BOT) arrangement for a proposed Lithium Concentrate Processing Facility (“LCPF”) at Seymour Lake. The MOU with Whitesand allows positive steps forward with Yantai, which could fast-track the development of the project.

On 30 November 2017, Ardiden announced that its strategy to fast-track the development of Seymour Lake had received a significant boost with Yantai, the Whitesand First Nation and DST Engineering expressing their strong support for the project.

All parties reaffirmed their continued full support for the rapid development of the North Aubry lithium deposit.



**Figure 16.** Image of representatives from Whitesand First Nation, Yantai Jinyuan Mining Machinery Co., Ltd, Ardiden and DST Engineering Consultants at the Development and Strategy Meeting held in Armstrong, Ontario, Canada in November 2017.

The parties also commenced preliminary discussions regarding the execution of an Impact and Benefit Agreement (IBA), the next step in community consultation beyond the existing Memorandum of Understanding.

The IBA will outline any negative impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed operation, and the steps to be taken by both parties to ensure that those impacts are mitigated. Moreover, it will help to formalise how the community will share in the benefits of the project.

Whilst not legislated, the IBA is seen as a pre-requisite agreement to be completed before the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines would approve the Mining Licence for the Seymour Lake Lithium Project.

### North Aubry Site Visit

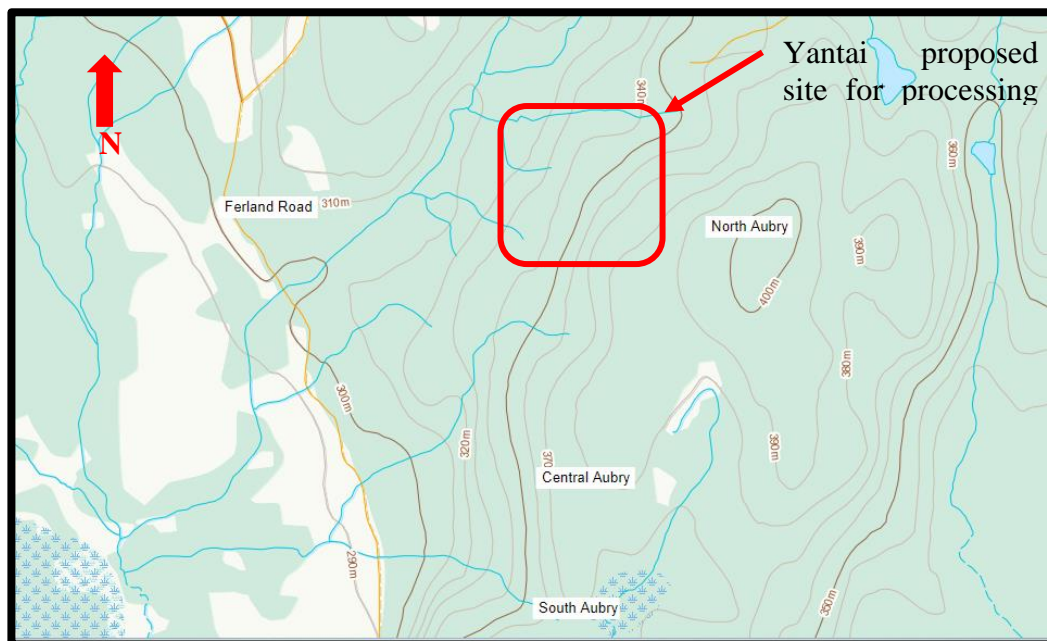
Following the Strategy and Development meeting conducted on 30 November 2017, all parties undertook a site visit to the North Aubry lithium deposit, allowing them to obtain a better understanding of the North Aubry resource area, topography, logistics and the overland access to the local infrastructure network at Armstrong and the historic Ferland train station.



**Figure 17.** Image of representatives from Whitesand First Nation, Yantai Jinyuan Mining Machinery Co., Ltd, Ardiden and DST Engineering Consultants on site at North Aubry, November 2017.

As a result of the development meetings and the site visit, a preliminary development strategy was formulated between Yantai and Ardiden. Subject to further detailed evaluation and consideration during the Feasibility Study, Ardiden will consider a number of development options, including the construction of a lithium processing facility on site at North Aubry, and a loading facility at the Ferland train station.

Ardiden continues to investigate the feasibility of the site proposed by Yantai for the lithium processing facility. This site is on the western edge of the North Aubry lithium deposit (refer Figure 18), a location which would enable the Company to take advantage of the naturally steep topography and allow it to use a gravity feed system, resulting in a potential reduction in the project's capital and operating cost.



**Figure 18.** Overview map of the Seymour Lake claim areas, showing North and South Aubry Prospects (not to scale).

## PICKLE LAKE GOLD PROJECT

On 2 August 2017, Ardiden announced the execution of an Option Agreement with White Metal Resources Corporation (TSX-V: WHM) to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Properties in Ontario, Canada.

The acquisition included four separate gold properties offering a mix of both advanced development opportunities and early stage exploration:

- Dorothy-Dobie Lake Property
- Kasagiminnis Lake Property
- South Limb Property
- Pickle Lake West Property

Over 25,000m of historical diamond drilling has been completed across the Pickle Lake Gold Properties, confirming the potential for multiple extensive gold mineralised zones at both Dorothy-Dobie Lake and Kasagiminnis Lake, with gold mineralisation remaining open along strike and at depth.

Dorothy-Dobie Lake Property has several gold mineralised zones traced over a strike length of 10km, along strike from the historical Golden Patricia Mine (operated by Barrick Gold from 1988 to 1997).

On 22 June 2018, Ardiden announced that the first seven drill holes from the due-diligence drill program at Pickle Lake, had intercepted the Iron Formation (I.F.) target zone at the Kasagiminnis Lake Property. The drilling confirmed continuity of thick I.F. zones from close to surface with down hole thicknesses of up to 43.7m (KAS-18-06), and mineralisation remaining open in all directions.

The 1,800m diamond drill program was designed to verify substantial historic gold intercepts at Pickle Lake, whilst also testing extensions of key gold mineralisation zones. The drill program had a primary focus on the highly prospective Kasagiminnis Lake Property (Figure 19).

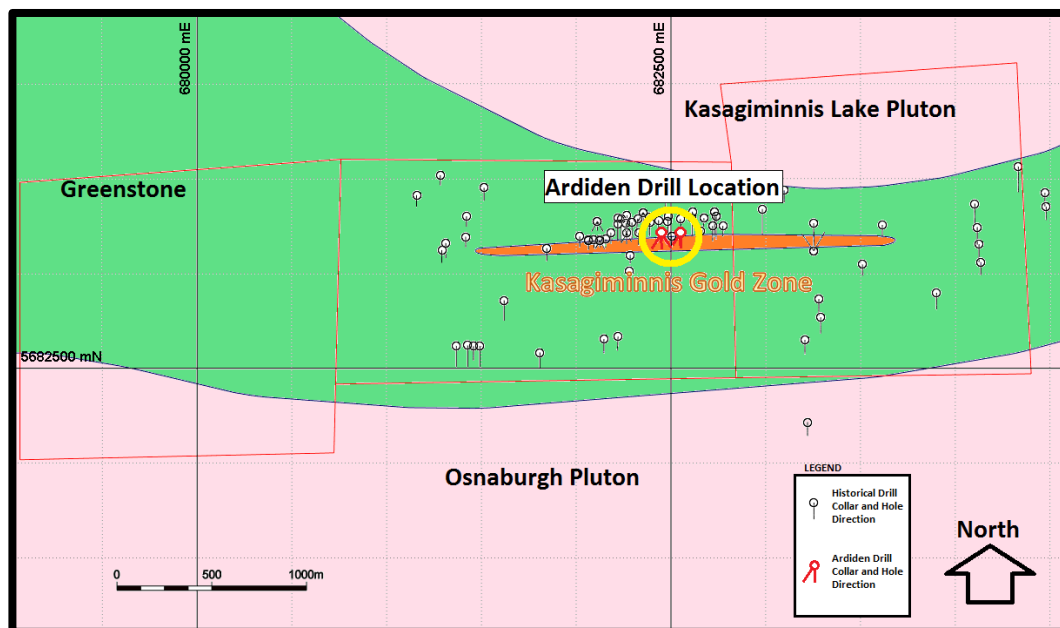


Figure 19. Drill-hole location plan within the Kasagiminnis Project.

Historical results from the Kasagiminnis Lake Property reveal the gold mineralisation is structurally controlled and hosted within an Iron Formation (I.F.) which lies within mafic and intermediate volcanic units. The iron formation contains magnetite and has a distinct associated magnetic anomaly (Figure 20).

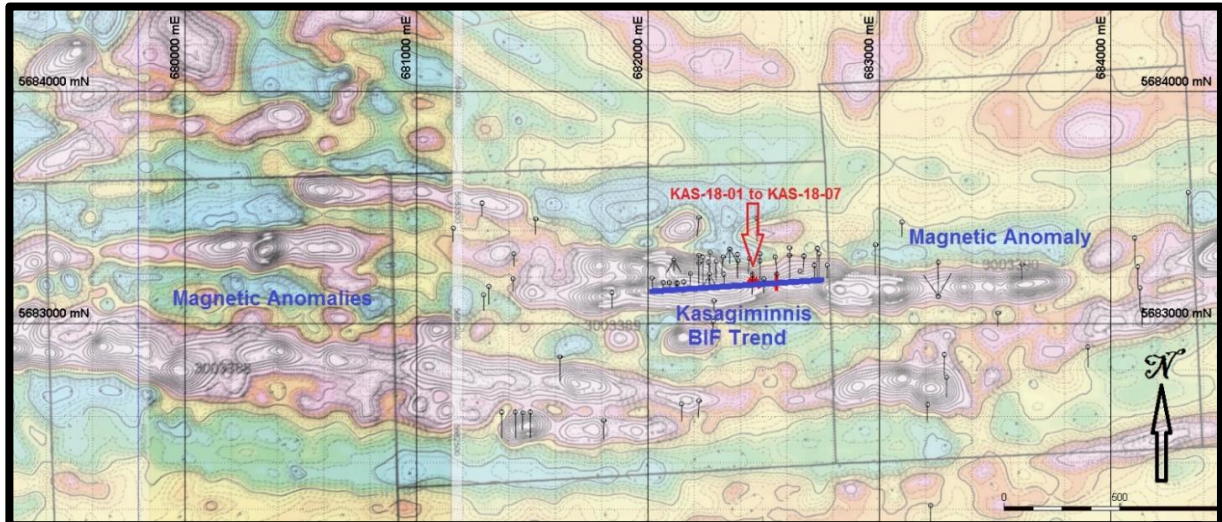


Figure 20. Image of the drill collar locations at the Kasagiminnis Lake Property. Details of drill holes KAS-18-01 to KAS-18-07, identified in red and historic drill-hole locations are grey.

The gold also appears to be associated with sulphides, chiefly pyrrhotite and pyrite (Figure 21) replacing magnetite within the I.F., a common mineralisation style. Course visible native gold is also present (Figure 22).

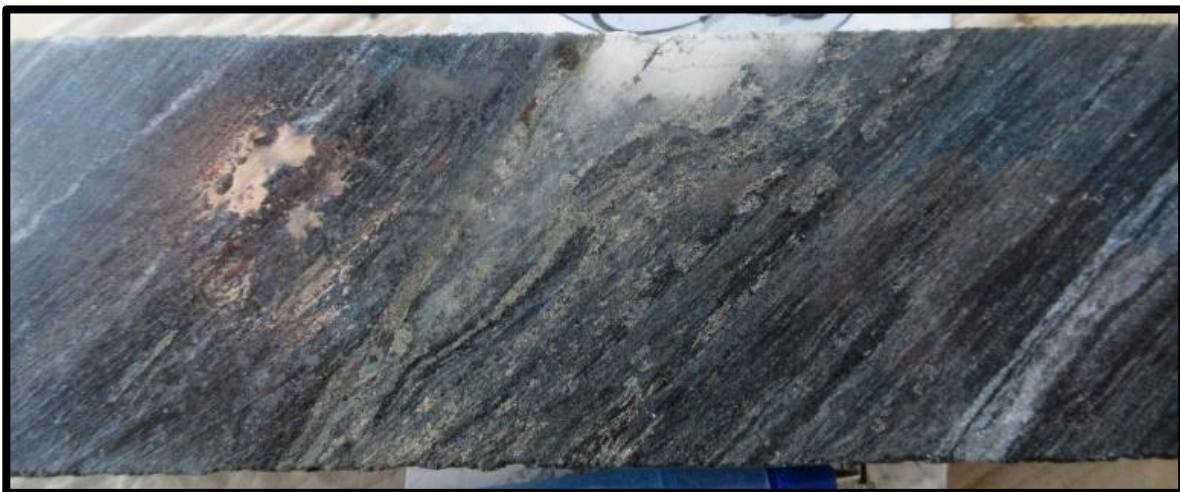


Figure 21. Image of drill core showing an example of the Iron Formation with sulphides from drill hole KAS-18-03.

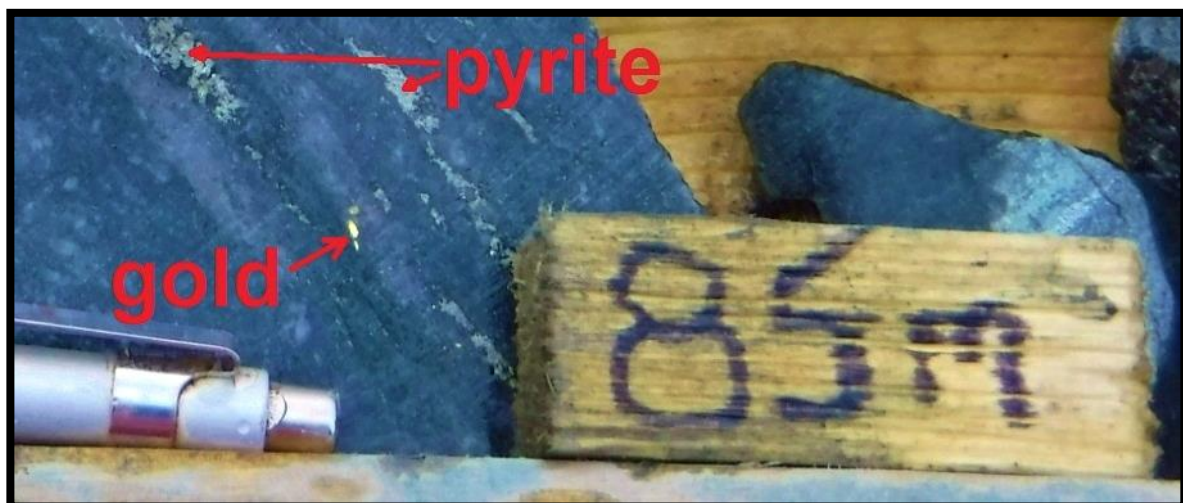
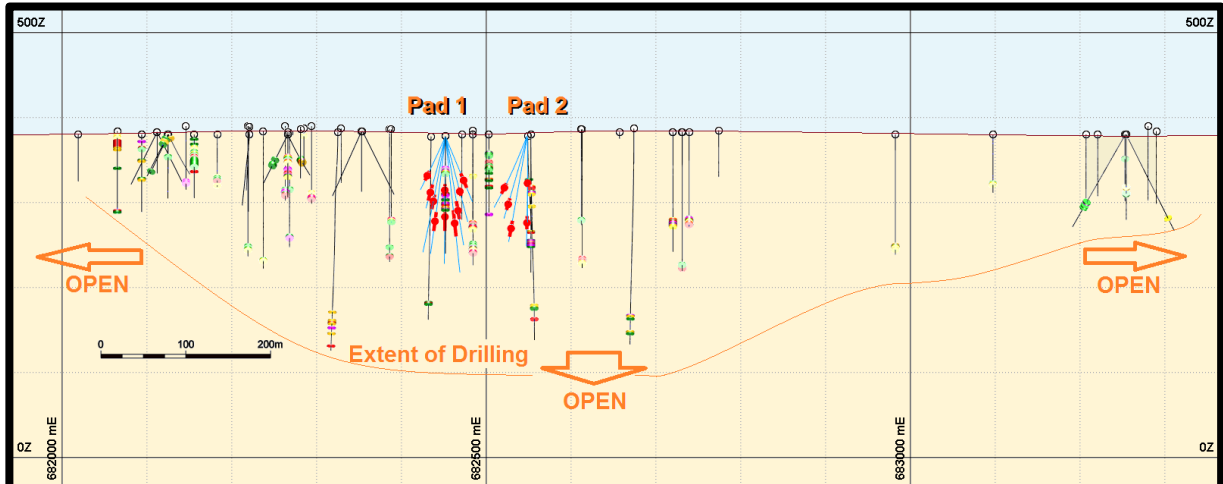


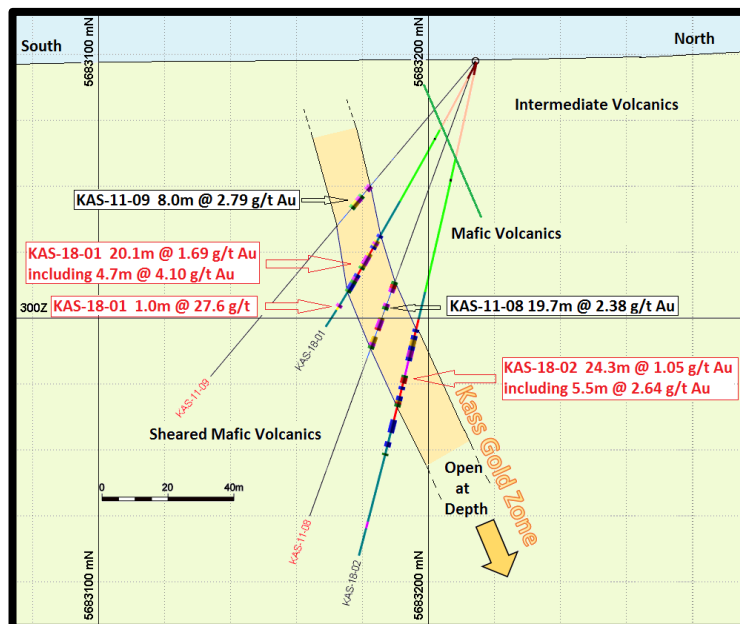
Figure 22. Image of drill core showing an example of visible gold from drill hole KAS-18-01 at 85m down-hole.

On 25 July 2018, Ardiden confirmed that the due-diligence diamond drill program had been completed at the Pickle Lake Gold Project and all 15 drill holes from the drill campaign had intersected the target zone. Mineralisation remains open in all directions. (Figure 23).

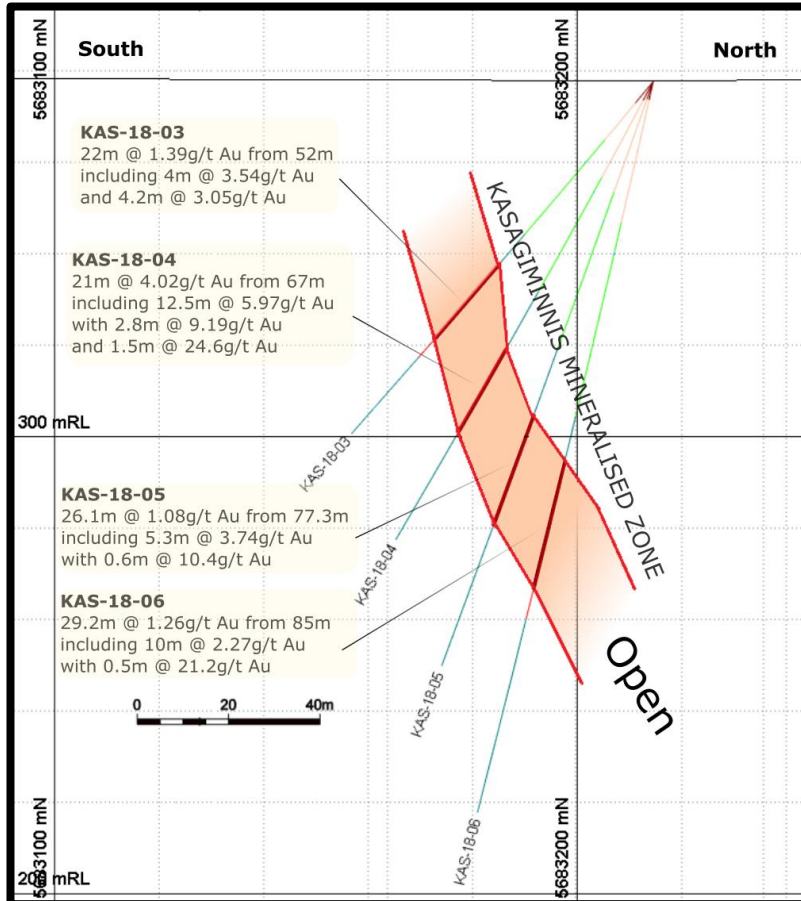


**Figure 23.** Long Section of Drill holes KAS-18-01 to KAS-18-15 on drill pads 1 and 2, showing the intersection of the I.F. target horizon at the Kasagiminnis Lake Property.

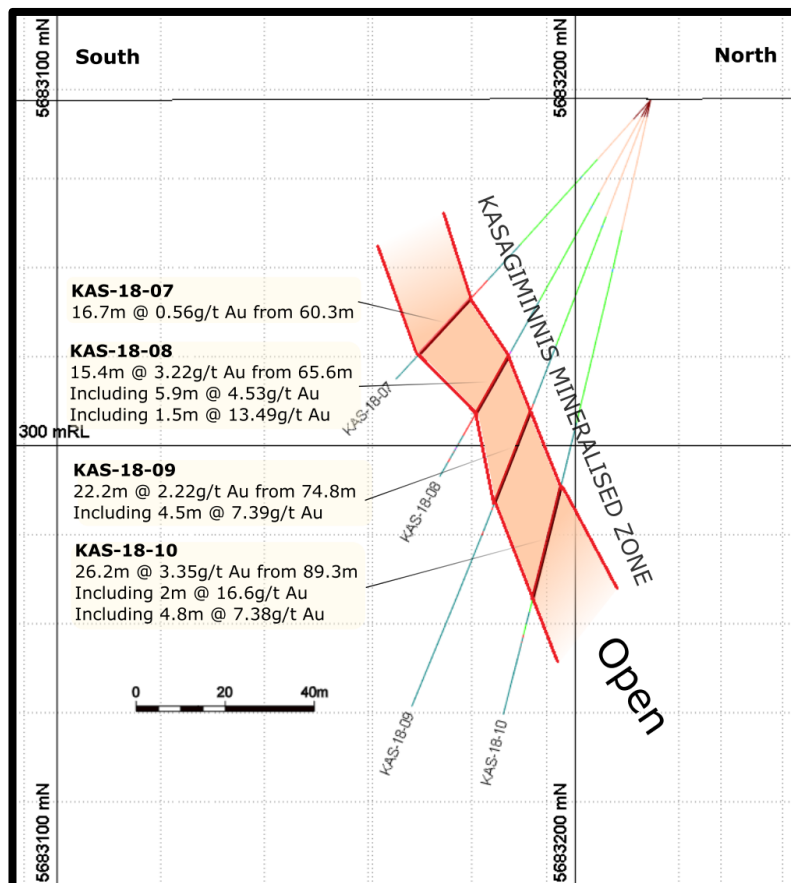
Results from the Kasagiminnis Lake Property reveal the gold mineralisation is structurally controlled and hosted within an east-west trending sheared mafic volcanic unit which lies below a series of intermediate tuff units. The mineralisation appears to be associated with sulphides replacing magnetite within a pre-existing alteration zone (Figures 24, to 27) which has subsequently been sheared, facilitating gold precipitation.



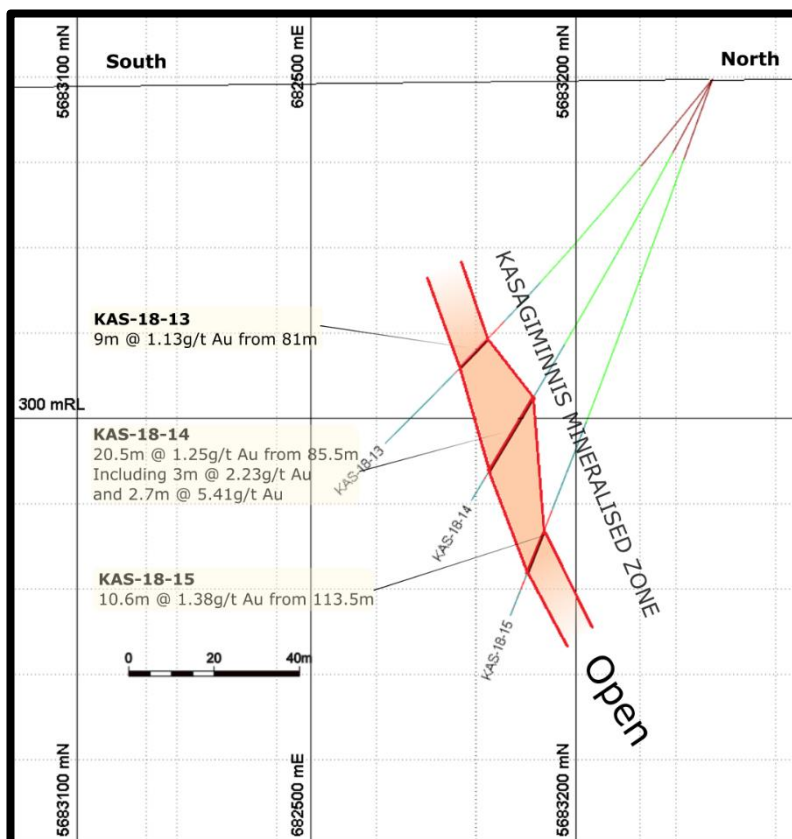
**Figure 24.** Section for holes KAS-18-01 and KAS-18-02



**Figure 25.** Section for holes KAS-18-03 to KAS-18-06



**Figure 26.** Section for holes KAS-18-07 to KAS-18-10



**Figure 27.** Section for holes KAS-18-13 to KAS-18-15

On 31 August 2018, Ardiden announced that the Company had received the remaining assay results from the due-diligence drill program at the Pickle Lake Gold Project. The receipt of these assay results completed the key initial objectives for Pickle Lake and their positive nature led to the decision to exercise the right pursuant to the Option Agreement signed with White Metal Resources Corporation (“White Metals”) to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Properties in Ontario, Canada.

Ardiden acquired a conditional 100% interest in the Project with a payment of CAD\$50,000 and the issue of 3M shares to White Metals and meeting the ongoing obligations of the underlying Option Agreements with Murchison Minerals Ltd (“Murchison Minerals” - formerly Manicouagan Minerals Inc) and Mr Ken Kukkee.

### OPTION TERMS

The Dorothy-Dobie Lake Property and Kasagiminnis Lake Property were jointly held between White Metal Resources, Murchison Minerals and Ken Kukkee, and are subject to the conditions of Option Agreements that were executed in 2016. The South Limb and Pickle Lake West properties were 100% owned by White Metal Resources.

To acquire a full 100% interest in all of Pickle Lake Gold properties, Ardiden will assume White Metal Resources’ obligations existing in the underlying Option Agreements that were executed with Murchison Minerals and Mr Ken Kukkee in 2016.

**Mr Ken Kukkee:** The option requires Ardiden to pay CAD\$40,000 and issue 2,490,387 shares over the next two years of the option period to acquire 100% ownership of the project claims. Further, Mr Kukkee is entitled to an annual advanced royalty payment of \$50,000 from 15 April 2026, if commercial scale production is not achieved by that time.

**Murchison Minerals Ltd:** The option requires Ardiden to expend a further CAD\$500,000 on the property over the next 12 months (work commitment) to acquire 100% ownership of the project claims.

### ROYALTIES

White Metal Resources will maintain the right to purchase an existing 1% NSR (held by Murchison Minerals) on the Murchison joint venture claims on the Dorothy-Dobie and Kasagiminnis properties, of which 0.5% NSR can be purchased for CAD\$1,000,000 and the second 0.5% NSR may be purchased for CAD\$1,500,000. White Metal Resources will also have the right of first refusal (“ROFR”) on the NSR.



Mr Ken Kukkee, the original vendor of the Kasagiminnis property, will retain a 2% NSR of which 1% NSR can be purchased by Ardiden for CAD\$1,000,000 along with a ROFR on the remaining 1% NSR.

With respect to the Ken Kukkee claims located within the Dorothy-Dobie claim group, Mr Kukkee retains a 2% NSR, of which 1% NSR can be purchased by Ardiden for CAD\$1,000,000. Ardiden shall retain a ROFR on the remaining 1% NSR. In addition, White Metal Resources will hold a 1% NSR on this same Kukkee Option claim group.

Finally, White Metal Resources will retain a 2% NSR on the Pickle Lake West and South Limb Properties, of which 1% NSR can be purchased by Ardiden for CAD\$1,000,000. Ardiden will have a ROFR on the remaining 1% NSR.

### **WISA LAKE LITHIUM PROJECT**

On 28 July 2017, Ardiden announced that the drill rig and geological team had been mobilising to site to commence a reconnaissance diamond drilling program at the Wisa Lake Lithium Project.

Due to unforeseen lengthy delays with Alset Minerals Corp., stakeholder engagement with the Lac la Croix First Nation was hindered, resulting in a delay in gaining site access which impacted on Ardiden's ability to commence the drilling program. Ardiden commenced stakeholder engagement and established a working relationship with the Lac la Croix First Nation community. The community was actively assisting Ardiden with drilling and exploration activities by providing access to heavy earthmoving equipment, workers, community infrastructure and facilities.

On 15 August 2017, Ardiden announced the drill rig and geological team were re-assigned to focus on the drilling program at the Seymour Lake Lithium Project and the Wisa Lake drill program was deferred.

On 23 August 2017, Ardiden announced that it had completed the successful acquisition of 100% of the Wisa Lake Lithium Project with a reduced final cash payment made to the vendor, Alset Minerals Corporation (formerly Alset Energy Inc.). As a result, Ardiden now has 100% ownership of all four projects in its Canadian lithium portfolio.

### **BOLD PROPERTIES PROJECT**

On 29 January 2018, Ardiden confirmed the successful acquisition of 100% of the early stage Bold Property Cobalt-Copper Project in Ontario, Canada with a final payment of 100,000 Ardiden shares made to the vendor, Benton Resources Inc.

Ardiden considers the greenfields Bold Property Project to be an attractive early-stage exploration opportunity, with several sulphide zones identified by historical exploration which returned encouraging cobalt, copper and nickel values from limited reconnaissance drilling and sampling data.

The project complements Ardiden's existing portfolio of lithium projects, providing it with exposure to additional metals (cobalt, copper and nickel) which are forecasted to be in high demand due to their consumption by the growing energy storage, battery and Electric Vehicle (EV) markets globally.

The acquisition of the Bold Property Project is consistent with the Company's strategy of establishing a strong pipeline of prospective mineral projects ranging from greenfields discovery opportunities to more advanced, near-term resource development projects which are highly leveraged to the forecast growth in the energy storage and lithium-ion battery sectors.

#### **Competent Person's Statement**

The information in this report that relates to exploration results is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting geological information and documentation in this report which has been reviewed by Mr Robert Chataway whom is a member of the Association of Professional Geologists of Ontario. Mr Chataway is not a full-time employee of the Company. Mr Chataway is employed as a Consultant Geologist. Mr Chataway has more than five years exploration experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken 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" (the JORC Code). Mr Chataway consents to the inclusion of the information in this report in the form and context in which it appears.

## 8. FINANCIAL POSITION & OPERATING RESULTS

The financial results of the Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 are:

	30-Jun-18	30-Jun-17	% Change
Cash and cash equivalents (\$)	6,919,138	1,487,160	365%
Net Assets (\$)	13,920,596	5,537,689	151%
Revenue (\$)	10,551	47,561	-78%
Net loss after tax (\$)	(2,755,449)	(701,453)	-293%
Loss per share (cents)	(0.25)	(0.11)	-108%

## 9. FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

The Company issued the following securities during the year:

- (i) On 14 July 2017, the Company completed a Share Purchase Plan (SPP) issuing 80,316,743 shares at a price of \$0.015 per share to existing eligible shareholders and the SPP underwriters to fund the Seymour Lake Phase 2 drilling program, due diligence exploration works on Wisa Lake and Bold Properties, and exploration activities on the Manitouwadge project.
- (ii) On 24 July 2017, the Company issued 22,054,112 shares to acquire the Seymour Lake Lithium Project, the issue price per share was a 20-day VWAP calculated before the option was announced which was \$0.0114 per share.
- (iii) On 2 August 2017, the Company issued 1,592,949 shares at \$0.016 per share to the vendors, White Metal Resources Corp., as part consideration, under the option agreement to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Project.
- (iv) On 9 August 2017, the Company issued 2,333,333 shares at \$0.015 per share to directors to fund the Seymour Lake Phase 2 drilling program, due diligence exploration works on Wisa Lake and Bold Properties, and exploration activities on the Manitouwadge project.
- (v) On 12 September 2017, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares at \$0.02 per share to a consultant in lieu of payment for services rendered in relation to the acquisition of the Seymour Lake Lithium Project.
- (vi) On 28 November 2017, the Company issued 76,187,500 shares at \$0.016 per share via a private placement to a strategic partner and the board of directors to fund ongoing resource drilling and exploration programs at its flagship Seymour Lake Lithium Project.
- (vii) On 17 January 2018, options with an exercise price of \$0.016 were converted into 6,250,000 shares, the capital received was used to fund ongoing resource drilling and exploration programs at Seymour Lake.
- (viii) On 25 January 2018, the Company issued 100,000 shares to acquire the Bold Properties Project, the issue price was the 10-day VWAP calculated before the option was announced which was \$0.024 per share.
- (ix) On 8 February 2018, the Company issued 125,000,000 shares at \$0.018 via a private placement to sophisticated investors to fund exploration at Seymour Lake and to begin the due diligence drilling program at Pickle Lake.
- (x) On 8 February 2018, options with an exercise price of \$0.016 were converted into 927,500 shares, the capital received was used to fund further exploration at Seymour Lake.
- (xi) On 14 February 2018, the Company issued 1,937,500 shares and converted 325,000 options at \$0.016 to related parties to fund ongoing resource drilling and exploration at the Seymour Lake Lithium Project.
- (xii) On 27 February 2018, the Company issued 4,000,000 shares at \$0.019 to Long State Investments Limited as part payment of the initiation fee for a funding agreement to fund ongoing exploration at Seymour Lake.
- (xiii) On 26 February 2018, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares at \$0.017 per share to the vendors, White Metal Resources Corp., as part consideration, under the option agreement to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Project.
- (xiv) On 11 April 2018, the Company issued 592,949 shares at \$0.014 per share in lieu of payment to the vendor of the Dorothy Dobie Properties as per the requirements of the option agreement to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Project.
- (xv) On 14 May 2018, the Company completed the first tranche of a private placement to sophisticated investors and raised \$3,800,000 via the issue of 292,307,692 shares at \$0.013 per share.
- (xvi) On 22 June 2018, the Company completed the second tranche of a private placement to sophisticated investors and raised \$2,310,000 via the issue of 177,692,308 shares at \$0.013 per share.
- (xvii) On 22 June 2018, 23,500,000 shares were issued at \$0.013 per share as payment for underwriting and corporate advisory services rendered by Canaccord Genuity Australia Pty Ltd who managed the private placement to raise \$6.11m for the Company.

## 10. DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid during the year and no recommendation is made as to dividends.

## **11. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS**

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Consolidated Entity that occurred during the financial year under review not otherwise disclosed in this report or in the financial report.

## **12. LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS**

The Company will continue to pursue its principal activity of exploration and evaluation, particularly in respect of its Lithium Projects, as outlined under the heading 'Operating and Financial Review' of this Report. The Company will also continue to pursue other potential investment opportunities to enhance shareholder value.

### **Exploration Risk**

Mineral exploration and development are high-risk undertakings, and there is no assurance that exploration of the Tenements will result in the discovery of an economic deposit. Even if an apparently viable deposit is identified there is no guarantee that it can be economically exploited.

The future exploration activities of the Company may be affected by a range of factors including geological conditions, limitations on activities due to permitting requirements, availability of appropriate exploration equipment, exploration costs, seasonal weather patterns, unanticipated operational and technical difficulties, industrial and environmental accidents and many other factors beyond the control of the Company.

## **13. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE**

On 31 July 2018, the Company exercised the option to acquire a conditional 100% interest in the Pickle Lake Gold Properties in Ontario, Canada. The acquisition includes four separate gold properties offering both advanced development opportunities and early stage exploration:

- (i) Dorothy-Dobie Lake Property,
- (ii) Kasagiminnis Lake Property,
- (iii) South Limb Property, and
- (iv) Pickle Lake West Property.

As per the terms of the option agreement with White Metal Resources Corporation to exercise the option to acquire a conditional 100% interest in the Pickle Lake Gold Project, the Company made a payment of CAD\$50,000 and issued 3,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.012 per share to White Metal Resources.

### OPTION TERMS

The Dorothy-Dobie Lake Property and Kasagiminnis Lake Property were jointly held between White Metal Resources, Murchison Minerals and Ken Kukkee, and are subject to the conditions of Option Agreements that were executed in 2016. The South Limb and Pickle Lake West properties were 100% owned by White Metal Resources.

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**Murchison Minerals Ltd:** The option requires Ardiden to expend a further CAD\$500,000 on the property over the next 12 months (work commitment) to acquire 100% ownership project claims.

Apart from the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen, since the end of the financial year, which significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Consolidated entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Consolidated entity in subsequent financial years.

## **14. MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

The numbers of meetings of directors (including meetings of committees of directors) held during the year and the number of meetings attended by each director were as follows:

	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Neil Hackett	11	11
Brad Boyle	10	10
Dr Michelle Li	11	11
Peter Spitalny (appointed 29 June 2018)	0	0
Pauline Gately (appointed 14 August 2018)	0	0

## **15. REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)**

This report details the nature and amount of remuneration for each director and executive of Ardiden Limited. The information provided in the remuneration report includes remuneration disclosures that are audited as required by the Corporations Act 2001 and its regulations.

For the purposes of this report Key Management Personnel of the Group are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the parent company.

For the purposes of this report the term “executive” includes those key management personnel who are not directors of the parent company.

### **Remuneration Committee**

During the year the Board carried out the role and responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee and is responsible for determining and reviewing the compensation arrangements for the Directors themselves. On 5 August 2016 a formalised remuneration committee was set up and the committee charter can be found on the Company website in the corporate governance section.

Executive remuneration is reviewed annually having regard to individual and business performance, relevant comparative remuneration and internal and independent external advice.

### **A. Remuneration policy**

The Board policy is to remunerate directors at market rates for time, commitment and responsibilities. The Board determines payments to the 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 non-executive directors’ fees that can be paid is subject to approval by shareholders in general meeting, from time to time. Fees for non-executive directors are not linked to the performance of the Consolidated Entity. However, to align directors’ interests with shareholders’ interests, the directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Company.

The Company’s aim is to remunerate at a level that will attract and retain high-caliber directors and employees. Company officers and directors are remunerated to a level consistent with the size of the Company.

The Company does not have a policy for limiting directors and executives’ exposure to compensation shares or options.

### **B. Remuneration structure**

In accordance with best practice corporate governance, the structure of non-executive director and executive compensation is separate and distinct.

### **Non-Executive Director Compensation**

#### *Objective*

The Board seeks to set aggregate compensation at a level that provides the Company with the ability to attract and retain directors of the highest calibre, whilst incurring a cost that is acceptable to shareholders.

#### *Structure*

The Constitution and the ASX Listing Rules specify that the aggregate fees of non-executive directors shall be determined from time to time by a general meeting. An amount not exceeding the amount determined is then divided between the directors as agreed. The latest determination approved by shareholders was an aggregate fee of \$250,000 per year.

The amount of aggregate compensation sought to be approved by shareholders and the manner in which it is apportioned amongst directors is reviewed annually. The Board considers advice from external consultants as well as the fees paid to non-executive directors of comparable companies when undertaking the annual review process. Non-Executive Directors' remuneration may include an incentive portion consisting of options, as considered appropriate by the Board and so as to conserve cash, which may be subject to Shareholder approval in accordance with ASX listing rules.

Separate from their duties as Directors, the Non-Executive Directors undertake work for the Company directly related to the evaluation and implementation of various business opportunities, including mineral exploration/evaluation and new business ventures, for which they receive a daily rate. If required, these payments are made pursuant to individual agreement with the non-executive Directors and are not taken into account when determining their aggregate remuneration levels.

### **Executive Compensation**

#### *Objective*

The Company aims to reward executives with a level and mix of compensation commensurate with their position and responsibilities within the Company so as to:

- reward executives for company and individual performance against targets set by appropriate benchmarks;
- align the interests of executives with those of shareholders;
- link rewards with the strategic goals and performance of the Company; and
- ensure total compensation is competitive by market standards.

#### *Structure*

In determining the level and make-up of executive remuneration, the Board negotiates a remuneration to reflect the market salary for a position and individual of comparable responsibility and experience. Due to the limited size of the Company and of its operations and financial affairs, the use of a separate remuneration committee is not considered appropriate. Remuneration is regularly compared with the external market by participation in industry salary surveys and during recruitment activities generally. If required, the Board may engage an external consultant to provide independent advice in the form of a written report detailing market levels of remuneration for comparable executive roles.

Remuneration consists of a fixed remuneration and a long-term incentive portion as considered appropriate.

Compensation may consist of the following key elements:

- Fixed Compensation; and
- Variable Compensation;
  - (i) Short Term Incentive (STI); and
  - (ii) Long Term Incentive (LTI).

#### *Fixed Remuneration*

The level of fixed remuneration is set so as to provide a base level of remuneration which is both appropriate to the position and is competitive in the market. Fixed remuneration is reviewed annually by the Board having regard to the Company and individual performance, relevant comparable remuneration in the mining exploration sector and external advice.

The fixed remuneration is a base salary or monthly consulting fee.

#### *Variable Pay - Long Term Incentives*

The objective of long term incentives is to reward directors/executives in a manner which aligns this element of remuneration with the creation of shareholder wealth. The incentive portion is payable based upon attainment of objectives related to the director's/executive's job responsibilities. The objectives vary, but all are targeted to relate directly to the Company's business and financial performance and thus to shareholder value. Due to the exploration phase of the Company, current remuneration is not linked to performance conditions and the Board has established detailed performance conditions which are reflected within LTI securities.

Long term incentives (LTI's) granted to directors/executives are delivered in the form of options.

LTI grants to Executives are delivered in the form of employee share options. These options are issued at an exercise price determined by the Board at the time of issue. The employee share options generally vest over a selected period.

The objective of the granting of options is to reward Executives in a manner which aligns the element of remuneration with the creation of shareholder wealth. As such LTI's are made to Executives who are able to influence the generation of shareholder wealth and thus have an impact on the Company's performance. The Board feels that the expiry date and

exercise price of options currently on issue to the directors and the executives are sufficient to align those of directors and executives with those of the shareholders. The Board will continue to monitor this policy to ensure that it is appropriate for the Company in future years.

The level of LTI granted is, in turn, dependent on the Company's recent share price performance, the seniority of the Executive and the responsibilities the Executive assumes in the Company.

Typically, the grant of LTIs occurs at the commencement of employment or in the event that the individual receives a promotion and, as such, is not subsequently affected by the individual's performance over time.

**C. Employment contracts of directors and senior executives**

**Contract with Neil Hackett as Non- Executive Chairman**

Term of Office: The contract is ongoing and on commercial terms with no additional termination benefits.

Fees: Mr Hackett is entitled to \$3,500 per month plus GST.

Additional work outside of normal duties as a Non-Executive Chairman, Mr Hackett has an engagement contract with the Company where he is entitled up to \$1,600 per day plus GST.

**Contract with Brad Boyle as Executive Director**

Commencement Date: 1 April 2017

Position: CEO & Executive Director

Term of Office: Continuing until terminated in accordance with this Agreement or otherwise modified by agreement of the Parties in writing.

Salary: Full-time base salary of \$250,000 per annum, plus statutory leave entitlements, time in lieu, superannuation and any incentive or bonuses. The salary will be paid by equal monthly instalments half in advance and half in arrears.

Bonus: Subsequent to year end the Company paid Mr Boyle a \$50,000 performance bonus (inclusive of superannuation obligations) for his performance and dedication to Ardiden as outlined in the Bonus section of his employment contract. The Bonus was approved by the Board via circular resolution and was accrued as a liability in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018.

Incentive Plans: Mr Boyle will be entitled to participate in any Company Employee Incentive Scheme adopted by the Company from time to time.

**Contract with Dr Michelle Li as Non- Executive Director**

Term of Office: The contract is ongoing and on commercial terms with no additional termination benefits.

Fees: Dr Li is entitled to \$3,500 per month plus GST.

Additional work outside of normal duties as a Non-Executive Director, Dr Li has an engagement contract with the Company where she is entitled up to \$1,600 per day plus GST.

**Contract with Peter Spitalny as Non- Executive Director (appointed 29 June 2018)**

Term of Office: The contract is ongoing and on commercial terms with no additional termination benefits.

Fees: Mr Spitalny is entitled to \$3,500 per month plus GST.

Additional work outside of normal duties as a Non-Executive Director, Mr Spitalny has an engagement contract with the Company where he is entitled up to \$1,500 per day plus GST to provide geological services via Hanree Holdings Pty Ltd.

**Contract with Pauline Gately as Non- Executive Director (appointed 14 August 2018)**

Term of Office: The contract is ongoing and on commercial terms with no additional termination benefits.

Fees: Ms Gately is entitled to \$3,500 per month plus GST.

**D. Details of remuneration for year**

The following persons were directors of Ardiden Limited during the financial year:

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Position</b>
Neil Hackett	Non-Executive Chairman (appointed 5 June 2012)
Brad Boyle	Executive Director & CEO (appointed 17 February 2016)
Dr Michelle Li	Independent Non-Executive Technical Director (appointed 7 July 2016)
Peter Spitalny	Non-Executive Director (appointed 29 June 2018)

**Executives**

There were no other persons that fulfilled the role of a key management person, other than those disclosed as Executive Directors.

**Remuneration**

Details of the remuneration of each Director and named executive officer of the Company, including their personally-related entities, during the year are as follows:

	Short-term employee benefits			Post-employment benefits	Share-based payments	Total	Percentage of remuneration consisting of options for the year %
	Salary & fees	Consulting fees	Other fees	Superannuation	Options & rights		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>30-Jun-18</b>							
<b>Directors</b>							
Neil Hackett (i)	42,000	17,712	-	-	9,142	<b>68,854</b>	13.3%
Brad Boyle (ii)	300,000	-	-	23,750	19,037	<b>342,787</b>	5.6%
Michelle Li (iii)	42,000	33,600	-	-	7,186	<b>82,786</b>	8.7%
Peter Spitalny (iv)	-	-	-	-	-		-%
<b>Total</b>	<b>384,000</b>	<b>51,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,750</b>	<b>35,365</b>	<b>494,427</b>	
<b>30-Jun-17</b>							
<b>Directors</b>							
Neil Hackett (i)	42,000	-	-	-	9,167	51,167	18%
Brad Boyle (ii)	327,096	-	-	31,074	66,667	424,837	16%
Michelle Li (iii)	42,000	8,727	-	-	6,430	57,157	11%
Piers Lewis (iv)	32,900	66,950	932	-	9,167	109,949	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>443,996</b>	<b>75,677</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>31,074</b>	<b>91,431</b>	<b>643,110</b>	

(i) Corporate Starboard Pty Ltd (a Company which Neil Hackett is a Director) received the following fees:

- 'Salary & fees' represent Director Fees totalling \$42,000.
- Consulting fees of \$17,712.

(ii) Brad Boyle received the following fees:

- 'Salary & fees' represent Director Fees totalling \$300,000 plus superannuation.
- Share-Based Payments: On 8 August 2017, the Company issued 10,000,000 unlisted conditional performance options to Mr Boyle.

(iii) Michelle Li received the following fees:

- 'Salary & fees' represent Director Fees totalling \$42,000.
- Consulting Fees of \$33,600.

**Option holdings of Key Management Personnel**

The movement during the reporting period in the number of options over ordinary shares in Ardiden Limited held directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each key management person, including related parties, is as follows:

**30-Jun-18**

Directors	Opening Balance	Granted as Remuneration	Placement Options	Exercise of Options	Expired Options	Closing Balance
Neil Hackett	5,000,000	-	125,000	(125,000)	-	5,000,000
Brad Boyle	10,000,000	10,000,000	200,000	(200,000)	(10,000,000)	10,000,000
Michelle Li	5,000,000	-	62,500	-	-	5,062,500
Peter Spitalny	-	-	-	-	-	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>387,500</b>	<b>(325,000)</b>	<b>(10,000,000)</b>	<b>20,062,500</b>

### Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel

The movement during the reporting period in the number of shares in Ardiden Limited held directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each key management person, including related parties, is as follows:

**30-Jun-18**

Directors	Opening Balance	Granted as Remuneration	Exercise of Options	Acquired	Other Adjustments	Closing Balance
Neil Hackett	12,259,845	-	125,000	7,035,256	-	19,420,101
Brad Boyle	2,324,678	-	200,000	4,019,230	*i (249,999)	6,293,909
Michelle Li	-	-	-	312,500	-	312,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,584,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>325,000</b>	<b>11,366,986</b>	<b>(249,999)</b>	<b>26,026,510</b>

Note (i): The adjustment pertains to the correction of the opening balance.

All equity transactions with the current key management personnel have been entered into under terms and conditions no more favourable than those the Group would have adopted if dealing at arm's length.

### Details of related corporations

Performance hurdles are attached to some options granted to Key Management Personnel during the year.

- (i) On 9 August 2017, the Company issued 10,000,000 unlisted conditional performance options. These options have an exercise price of \$0.02 and an expiry date of 9 August 2019. The options were approved by Shareholders at the General Meeting held on 8 August 2017.

#### Tranche 1 (5,000,000 unlisted options):

- Subject to defining at least one of the following:
  - (a) Five (5) million tonnes of Li<sub>2</sub>O, or
  - (b) Five (5) million tonnes of Graphite at 4% graphitic carbon, or
  - (c) 500,000 ounces of gold
 across current and potential future sourced Canadian projects; and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 10 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 3 cents.

#### Tranche 2 (5,000,000 unlisted options):

- Subject to the successful executive of an off-take agreement for at least five (5) thousand tonnes of lithium concentrate or five (5) thousand tonnes per annum of graphite concentrate or equivalent mineral concentrates as otherwise agreed, or the identification and securing of additional mineral projects that will give rise to suitable JORC compliant resources; and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 10 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 5 cents.

### E. Shares issued to key management personnel on exercise of compensation options

No shares were issued to Directors and Executives on exercise of compensation options during the financial year.

### F. Other related party transactions

There were no other related party transactions during the financial year.

### REMUNERATION REPORT – END



## 16. DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS INDEMNIFICATION

The Company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Company or a related body corporate:

- (a) indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer, including costs and expenses of successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- (b) paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred as an officer for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

## SHARE OPTIONS

At the date of this report, the unissued ordinary shares of Ardiden Limited under option, subject to Performance Conditions, are as follows:

Grant Date	Date of Expiry	Exercise Price	Number under Option
1 July 2016	1 July 2019	\$0.040	11,000,000
16 December 2016	1 July 2019	\$0.040	5,000,000
16 June 2017	31 December 2018	\$0.018	4,000,000
9 August 2017	9 August 2019	\$0.020	10,000,000
28 November 2017	29 November 2018	\$0.016	8,122,500
22 June 2018	31 December 2021	\$0.02	12,500,000
22 June 2018	31 December 2021	\$0.0225	12,500,000
22 June 2018	31 December 2021	\$0.025	12,500,000
			<b>75,622,500</b>

No person entitled to exercise these options had or has any right, by virtue of the option, to participate in any share issue of any other body corporate.

## 17. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

There have been no recorded incidents of non-compliance with any applicable international, national or local declarations, treaties, conventions or regulations associated with environmental issues during the reporting period. There have not been any known significant breaches of any environmental regulations during the year under review and up until the date of this report.

## 18. PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF COMPANY

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, and no proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the Company with leave of the Court under section 237.

## 19. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In recognising the need for the highest standards of corporate behaviour and accountability, the directors of Ardiden Limited support and have adhered to the principles of corporate governance and have established a set of policies and manuals for the purpose of managing corporate governance. The Company's detailed Corporate Governance Statement is lodged with ASX and available from the Company's website.

## 20. AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2018, as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, has been received and is included within the financial report.

Details of amounts paid or payable to the auditor for non-audit services provided during the year by the auditor are outlined in Note 5 to the financial statements. The directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The directors are of the opinion that the services do not compromise the auditor's independence as all non-audit services have been reviewed to ensure that they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor and none of the services

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undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in Code of Conduct APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neil Hackett".

Neil Hackett  
Non-Executive Chairman  
Perth, Western Australia  
Dated: 21 September 2018

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

To the directors of Ardiden Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 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**

**TJ Spooner FCA  
Director**

**Perth  
21 September 2018**

**ARDIDEN LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**



	Notes	30-June-18	30-June-17
		\$	\$
Interest revenue		10,551	45,161
Other income		-	2,400
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration, consulting and other expenses	3	(710,077)	(415,555)
Remuneration		(209,605)	(226,514)
Foreign exchange loss		(25,515)	(13,117)
Capital raising costs		(75,000)	-
Provision for Impairment expense		(1,605,008)	-
Share based payments		(140,795)	(93,828)
<b>Loss before income tax expense</b>		<b>(2,755,449)</b>	<b>(701,453)</b>
Income tax expense	4	-	-
<b>Net loss for the year</b>		<b>(2,755,449)</b>	<b>(701,453)</b>
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-
<b>Total other comprehensive loss for the year</b>		<b>(2,755,449)</b>	<b>(701,453)</b>
		<b>Cents</b>	<b>Cents</b>
<b>Loss per share attributed to the ordinary equity holders of the Company</b>			
Basic and diluted loss per share from continuing operations	6	(0.25)	(0.11)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**ARDIDEN LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2018**



	Notes	30-June-18 \$	30-June-17 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	6,919,138	1,487,160
Trade and other receivables	8	232,109	175,091
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>7,151,247</b>	<b>1,662,251</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	9	7,332,693	4,475,113
Plant and equipment	10	1,302	883
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>7,333,995</b>	<b>4,475,996</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>14,485,242</b>	<b>6,138,247</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	535,899	590,575
Provisions	12	28,747	9,983
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>564,646</b>	<b>600,558</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>564,646</b>	<b>600,558</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>13,920,596</b>	<b>5,537,689</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Issued Capital	13	47,817,992	36,744,431
Reserves	14	158,623	93,828
Accumulated losses	15	(34,056,019)	(31,300,570)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>13,920,596</b>	<b>5,537,689</b>

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**ARDIDEN LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**



	<b>Issued Capital</b>	<b>Options Reserve</b>	<b>Accumulated Losses</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 30 June 2016</b>	<b>35,787,168</b>	-	<b>(30,599,117)</b>	<b>5,188,051</b>
<b>Comprehensive income:</b>				
Loss for the year	-	-	(701,453)	(701,453)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	-	-	<b>(701,453)</b>	<b>(701,453)</b>
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>				
Securities issued during the year	983,242	-	-	983,242
Capital raising costs	(25,979)	-	-	(25,979)
Equity settled share based-based payments	-	93,828	-	93,828
<b>Total equity transactions</b>	<b>957,263</b>	<b>93,828</b>	-	<b>1,051,091</b>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2017</b>	<b>36,744,431</b>	<b>93,828</b>	<b>(31,300,570)</b>	<b>5,537,689</b>
<b>Comprehensive income:</b>				
Loss for the year	-	-	(2,755,449)	(2,755,449)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	-	-	<b>(2,755,449)</b>	<b>(2,755,449)</b>
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>				
Securities issued during the year	10,852,950	-	-	10,852,950
Equity settled share-based payments	704,309	64,795	-	769,104
Exercise of options	116,840	-	-	116,840
Capital raising costs	(600,538)	-	-	(600,538)
<b>Total equity transactions</b>	<b>11,073,561</b>	<b>64,795</b>	-	<b>11,138,356</b>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2018</b>	<b>47,817,992</b>	<b>158,623</b>	<b>(34,056,019)</b>	<b>13,920,596</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**ARDIDEN LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**



	Notes	30-June-18 \$	30-June-17 \$
<b>Cash flows used in operating activities</b>			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,027,426)	(541,840)
Interest received		12,178	43,534
<b>Net cash flows used in operating activities</b>	7(i)	<b>(1,015,248)</b>	<b>(498,306)</b>
<b>Cash flows used in investing activities</b>			
Payments for exploration expenditure		(4,226,514)	(2,405,997)
Payments for plant and equipment		(1,012)	(965)
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<b>(4,227,526)</b>	<b>(2,406,962)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from issue of securities and securities subscriptions		10,852,950	565,000
Proceeds from exercise of options		116,840	-
Payment of share issue costs		(295,038)	(204,986)
<b>Net cash flows from financial activities</b>		<b>10,674,752</b>	<b>360,014</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>5,431,978</b>	<b>(2,545,254)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,487,160	4,032,414
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	7	<b>6,919,138</b>	<b>1,487,160</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## **1. REPORTING ENTITY**

Ardiden Limited (the "Company") is a Company limited by shares, incorporated in Australia. The Company is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements. The financial statements of the Company are for the year ended 30 June 2018.

The address of the Company's registered office is Suite 12, Level 1, 11 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth WA 6005. The consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 30 June 2018 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group" and individually as "Group entities").

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in the Directors' Report.

## **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

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

#### **(a) Statement of Compliance**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) (including Australian Interpretations) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for profit orientated entities. The consolidated financial report of the Group and the financial report of the Company comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 21 September 2018. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

#### **(b) Basis of Measurement**

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

#### **(c) Functional and Presentation Currency**

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

#### **(d) Financial Position**

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of accounting principles applicable to a going concern, which assumes the commercial realisation of the future potential of the Company's and Group's assets and the discharge of their liabilities in the normal course of business.

As disclosed in the financial report, the Group recorded an operating loss of \$2,755,449 (2017: \$701,453) and a cash outflow from operating activities of \$1,015,248 (2017: \$498,306) for the year ended 30 June 2018 and at reporting date had a working capital surplus of \$6,586,601 (2017: \$1,061,693).

The Board considers that the Company is a going concern and currently has a cash balance of \$6,919,138 as at 30 June 2018 and can continue to fund the Group's operations for the 12-month period from the date of this financial report.

The Directors believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial report on a going concern basis because:

- The Company can issue additional equity under the Corporation Act 2001 and ASX Listing Rule 7.1 or otherwise; and
- The Company's commitment to exploration expenditure is discretionary and expenditure requirements are minimal.



**(e) Critical Accounting Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with AASBs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. 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 period are:

*Share Based Payment Transactions*

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted. The accounting estimates and assumptions relating to equity-settled share based payments transactions would have no impact on the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities within the next annual reporting period but may impact profit or loss or equity. Refer to note 14 for further details.

*Exploration and Evaluation Costs*

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred is accumulated in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are carried forward in respect of an area that has not at 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 relating to, the area of interest are continuing. Refer to Note 9 for further details.

*Impairment of Exploration and Evaluation Assets and Investments in and Loans to Subsidiaries*

The ultimate recoupment of the value of exploration and evaluation assets, the Company's investment in subsidiaries, and loans to subsidiaries is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively, sale, of the exploration and evaluation assets.

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 judgment 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;
- Fundamental economic factors that have an impact on the operations and carrying values of assets and liabilities.

Refer to Note 9 for further details.

*Income Tax Expenses*

Judgment 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. Refer to Note 4 for further details.

*Fair value measurement hierarchy*

The Group is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being: Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

The fair value of assets and liabilities classified as Level 3 is determined by the use of valuation models. These include discounted cash flow analysis or the use of observable inputs that require significant adjustments based on unobservable inputs.

**(f) Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Ardiden Limited ('company' or 'parent entity') as at 30 June 2018 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Ardiden Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in these financial statements as the 'Consolidated entity' or 'Group'.

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

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between entities in the Group are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. A change in ownership interest, without the loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction, where the difference between the consideration transferred and the book value of the share of the non-controlling interest acquired is recognised directly in equity attributable to the parent.

Non-controlling interest in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity of the Group. Losses incurred by the Group are attributed to the non-controlling interest in full, even if that results in a deficit balance.

Where the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets including goodwill, liabilities and non-controlling interest in the subsidiary together with any cumulative translation differences recognised in equity. The Group recognises the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any investment retained together with any gain or loss in profit or loss.

**(g) Segment Reporting**

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

**(h) Income Tax**

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

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to apply when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates that are enacted or substantively enacted, except for:

- (i) When the deferred income tax asset or liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting nor taxable profits; or
- (ii) When the taxable temporary difference is associated with interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

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

The carrying amount of recognised and unrecognised deferred tax assets are reviewed each reporting date. Deferred tax assets recognised are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that future taxable profits will be available for the carrying amount to be recovered. Previously unrecognised deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that there are future taxable profits available to recover the asset.

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

**(i) Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure**

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred is accumulated in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are carried forward only if they relate to an area of interest for which rights of tenure are current and in respect of which:

- such costs are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation or from sale of the area; or
- exploration and evaluation activities in the area have not, at reporting date, reached a stage which permit a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active operations in, or relating to, the area are continuing.

Accumulated costs in respect of areas of interest which are abandoned are written off in full against profit in the year in which the decision to abandon the area is made.

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.

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

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

A liability is current when: it is expected to be settled in normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are always classified as non-current.

**(k) Earnings Per Share**

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

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

**(l) Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Interest revenue is recognised as the interest accrues.

**(m) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and short-term deposits in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant rise or change of value.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

**(n) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

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

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the consolidated statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

**(o) Impairment**

*(i) Financial Assets*

A financial asset is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate. An impairment loss in respect of an available-for-sale financial asset is calculated by reference to its fair value. Individually significant financial assets are tested for impairment on an individual basis. The remaining financial assets are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics. All impairment losses are recognised either in the income statement or revaluation reserves in the period in which the impairment arises.

*(ii) Exploration and Evaluation Assets*

Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment when facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of the asset may exceed its recoverable amount at the reporting date.

Exploration and evaluation assets are tested for impairment in respect of cash generating units, which are no larger than the area of interest to which the assets relate.

*(iii) Non-Financial Assets Other Than Exploration and Evaluation Assets*

The carrying amounts of the Consolidated entity's non-financial assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. For goodwill and intangible assets that have indefinite lives or that are not yet available for use, the recoverable amount is estimated at each reporting date.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units, then to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit on a pro rata basis.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss has been recognised.

**(p) Investments**

All investments are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given and including acquisition charges associated with the investment.

After initial recognition, investments, which are classified as held for trading and available-for-sale, are measured at fair value. Gains or losses on investments held for trading are recognised in the income statement.

Gains or losses on available-for-sale investments are recognised as a separate component of equity until the investment is sold, collected or otherwise disposed of, or until the investment is determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously reported in equity is included in the income statement.

For investments that are actively traded in organised financial markets, fair value is determined by reference to Stock Exchange quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the reporting date.

**(q) Employee Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outlay of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Where the Company expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the income statement net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

**(r) Share-Based Payment Transactions**

*Equity settled transactions:*

The Group provides benefits to executive directors, employees and consultants of the Group in the form of share-based payments, whereby those individuals render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares (equity-settled transactions).

When provided, the cost of these equity-settled transactions with these individuals is measured by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined using an appropriate option pricing model.

In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any performance conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares Ardiden Limited (market conditions), if applicable.

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

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

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

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

**(s) Trade and Other Payables**

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are recognised at amortised cost which is the fair value of consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Group.

Payables to related parties are carried at the principal amount. Interest, when charged by the lender, is recognised as an expense on an accrual basis.

**(t) Issued Capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

**(u) Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade receivables, which generally have 30-90 day terms, are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for impairment is raised when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect the debt.

**(v) Goods and Services Tax (“GST”) and other Value Added Taxes**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of 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 taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

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 taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

**(w) New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted**

The Group has adopted all of the new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new, revised or amending Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

There was no significant impact on the accounting policies of the Group from the adoption of Accounting Standards and Interpretations during the year.

**(x) New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet adopted**

The AASB has issued the following new and amended accounting standards and interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. Based on the Group’s financial statements for 30 June 2018, the standards are not expected to have a significant impact when they are adopted.

Standard/Interpretation	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after	Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending
AASB 9 ‘Financial Instruments’, and the relevant amending standards	1 January 2018	30 June 2019
AASB 15 ‘Revenue from Contracts with Customers’	1 January 2018	30 June 2019
AASB 16 ‘Leases’	1 January 2019	30 June 2020

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**(y) Capital management**

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, so as to maintain a strong capital base sufficient to maintain future exploration and development of its projects. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets for in-specie distributions.

The Group's focus has been to raise sufficient funds through equity to fund exploration and evaluation activities. The Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. However, there are no external borrowings as at reporting date. Capital includes accumulated profits and an options reserve.

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the year. Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries is subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
<b>Capital Risk Management</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Total liabilities	564,646	600,558
Less: cash and cash equivalents	(6,919,138)	(1,487,160)
Net cash and cash equivalents asset	<b>(6,354,492)</b>	<b>(886,602)</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>13,920,596</b>	<b>5,537,689</b>
Debt to equity ratio	-46%	-16%

**3. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Administration, consulting and other expenses</b>		
<b>Loss has been determined after the following specific expenses:</b>		
Accounting and company secretary fees	123,859	66,950
ASX, ASIC and registry fees	132,665	79,140
Audit fees	40,159	31,396
Corporate consulting fees	61,753	50,941
Insurance fees	17,023	898
Tax fees	2,500	3,900
Travel and accommodation fees	157,998	91,063
Marketing fees	64,395	42,800
Other expenses	109,725	48,467
<b>Total administration, consulting and other expenses</b>	<b>710,077</b>	<b>415,555</b>

**4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
The component of tax expense comprise:		
Current tax	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-
<i>The income tax expense for the year differs from the prima facie tax as follows:</i>		
Loss before income tax expense	(2,755,449)	(701,453)
Prima facie income tax benefit at 30% (2017: 27.5%)	(826,635)	(192,900)
Add/(Less): tax effect of:		
Non-deductible items	601,793	129,962
Adjustments recognised in the current year in relation to the current tax of previous years	(196,444)	-
Effect of temporary differences that would be recognised directly in equity	(180,161)	-
Tax effect of temporary differences not recognised	601,447	63,597
Non-assessable income	-	(659)
<b>Total income tax expenditure</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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The corporate tax rate in Australia was changed from 28.5% to 27.5% with effect from 1 July 2016. This revised rate has not impacted the current tax asset for the current year but will do so in future periods. However, the impact of the change in tax rate has been taken into account in the measurement of deferred taxes at the end of the reporting period. The effect of this change in tax rate on deferred taxes has been disclosed in the reconciliation of deferred taxes below.

The following deferred tax balances have not been recognised:

	<u>30-June-18</u>	<u>30-June-17</u>
	\$	\$
Deferred Tax Assets:		
At 30% (2017: 27.5%)		
Carry forward revenue losses	2,833,419	2,413,745
Capital raising costs	197,634	11,845
Provisions and accruals	8,702	33,087
Trade & other receivables	20,369	-
	<u><b>3,060,124</b></u>	<u><b>2,458,677</b></u>

The tax benefit of the above Deferred Tax Assets will only be obtained if:

- (a) The company derives future assessable income of a nature and of an amount sufficient to enable the benefits to be utilized;
- (b) The company complies with the conditions for deductibility imposed by law; and
- (c) No changes in income tax legislation adversely affect the company in utilising the benefits.

## 5. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	<u>30-June-18</u>	<u>30-June-17</u>
<b>Amounts received or due and receivable by Nexia for:</b>		
(i) An audit or review of the financial report of the entity		
- Nexia Perth Audit Services	25,589	-
- PKF Mack	14,120	28,210
(ii) Other services in relation to the entity		
- Nexia Perth Audit Services	8,000	-
- PKF Mack	450	-
<b>Total auditor remuneration</b>	<u><b>48,159</b></u>	<u><b>28,210</b></u>

## 6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

	<u>30-June-18</u>	<u>30-June-17</u>
Basic and diluted loss per share from continuing operations (cents)	(0.25)	(0.11)
Net loss from continuing operations attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company (\$)	<u>(2,755,449)</u>	<u>(701,453)</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share (No.)	<u>1,100,724,494</u>	<u>617,274,397</u>

Options on issue at 30 June 2018 have a higher exercise price than the average market price of shares on issue during the year and are therefore considered anti-dilutive.



**7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	6,919,138	1,487,160

Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

**(i) Reconciliation of net loss after income tax to net cash flows used in operating activities:**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Net loss after income tax</b>	(2,755,449)	(701,453)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Provision for impairment expense	1,605,008	-
Share based payments	140,795	93,828
Depreciation	593	-
<b>Change in assets and liabilities:</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables *(i)	(16,691)	(31,354)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables *(i)	(8,268)	133,263
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	18,764	7,410
<b>Net cash flows used in operating activities</b>	<b>(1,015,248)</b>	<b>(498,306)</b>

Note (i): These movements exclude amounts relating to exploration.

**8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
Other receivables	232,109	175,091
	<b>232,109</b>	<b>175,091</b>

Due to the short term nature of these receivables, their carrying value is assumed to approximate their fair value.

**9. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Expenditure brought forward</b>	<b>4,475,113</b>	<b>1,422,758</b>
Expenditure incurred *(i)	4,462,588	3,052,355
Provision for impairment expense *(ii)	(1,605,008)	-
<b>Expenditure carried forward</b>	<b>7,332,693</b>	<b>4,475,113</b>

Note (i): Out of \$4,462,588 incurred, \$322,809 was paid by way of share-based payments.

Note (ii): In the 2018 financial year the Company decided to impair exploration expenditure incurred in relation to its Manitouwadge tenements in Canada as the Company has decided not to pursue the Manitouwadge project.

The ultimate recoupment of the mining tenements, exploration and evaluation expenditure carried forward is dependent upon the successful development and commercial exploitation and/or sale of the relevant areas of interest, at amounts at least equal to book value.

**10. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Opening net book amount</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>-</b>
Additions	1,012	965
Depreciation expense	(593)	(82)
<b>Closing net book amount</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>883</b>
Cost	1977	965
Accumulated amortisation	(675)	(82)
<b>Net book amount</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>883</b>

**11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
Trade and other payables (i)	445,305	550,571
Other payables	90,594	40,004
	<b>535,899</b>	<b>590,575</b>

Note (i): Due to the short term nature of these payables, their carrying value is assumed to approximate their fair value.

**12. PROVISIONS**

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>		
Annual leave provisions	28,747	9,983
	<b>28,747</b>	<b>9,983</b>

**13. ISSUED CAPITAL**

	<b>30 June 2018</b>		<b>30 June 2017</b>	
	\$	No.	\$	No.
<b>(a) Fully paid ordinary shares</b>	<b>47,817,992</b>	<b>1,673,880,218</b>	<b>36,744,431</b>	<b>856,762,632</b>
			<b>\$</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b>(b) Movement in ordinary shares</b>				
Balance at 30 June 2016			<b>35,787,168</b>	<b>788,845,615</b>
Issue of shares to acquire Root Lake Project		26/07/2016	151,925	7,596,238
Issue of shares to consultants in lieu of services		26/07/2016	12,500	500,000
Issue of shares to acquire Seymore Lake Project		22/08/2016	251,417	22,054,112
Issue of shares to acquire Atikokan Project		31/03/2017	2,400	100,000
Issue of shares to sophisticated investors		09/06/2017	565,000	37,666,667
Capital raising costs			(25,979)	-
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2017</b>			<b>36,744,431</b>	<b>856,762,632</b>
Issue of shares to under Share Purchase Plan (i)		14/07/2017	1,204,751	80,316,743
Issue of shares to acquire Seymour Lake Project (ii)		24/07/2017	242,595	22,054,112
Issue of shares to White Meta Resources Corp as part consideration under the option agreement (iii)		02/08/2017	25,487	1,592,949
Issue of shares to directors to fund Syemour Lake (iv)		09/08/2017	35,000	2,333,333
Issue of shares to consultant in lieu of services (v)		12/09/2017	20,000	1,000,000

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		\$	No.
Issue of shares via private placement to strategic partner (vi)	28/11/2017	1,219,000	76,187,500
Conversion of options to shares and issued shares to fund ongoing resource drilling at Seymore Lake (vii)	17/01/2018	100,000	6,250,000
Issue of shares to acquire Bold Properties Project (viii)	25/01/2018	2,426	100,000
Issue of shares via a private placement to fund exploration at Seymour Lake (ix)	08/02/2018	2,250,000	125,000,000
Conversion of options (x)	08/02/2018	14,840	927,500
Issue of shares and conversion of options (xi)	14/02/2018	36,200	2,262,500
Issue of shares to Long State Investment Limited (xii)	27/02/2018	76,000	4,000,000
Issue of shares to vendors as part consideration under option agreement (xiii)	01/03/2018	24,000	1,000,000
Issue of shares in lieu of payment to vendor of Dorothy Dobie Properties under option agreement (xiv)	11/04/2018	8,300	592,949
Issue of shares for first tranche to sophisticated investors under private placement (xv)	14/05/2018	3,800,000	292,307,692
Issue of shares for second tranche to sophisticated investors under private placement (xvi)	22/06/2018	2,310,000	177,692,308
Issue of shares as payment for underwriting and corporate advisory service (xvii)	22/06/2018	305,500	23,500,000
Capital raising costs		(600,538)	-
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2018</b>		<b>47,817,992</b>	<b>1,673,880,218</b>

- (i) On 14 July 2017, the Company completed a Share Purchase Plan (SPP) issuing 80,316,743 shares at a price of \$0.015 per share to existing eligible shareholders and the SPP underwriters to fund the Seymour Lake Phase 2 drilling program, due diligence exploration works on Wisa Lake and Bold Properties, and exploration activities on the Manitowadge project.
- (ii) On 24 July 2017, the Company issued 22,054,112 shares to acquire the Seymour Lake Lithium Project, the issue price per share was a 20-day VWAP calculated before the option was announced which was \$0.0114 per share.
- (iii) On 2 August 2017, the Company issued 1,592,949 shares at \$0.016 per share to the vendors, White Metal Resources Corp., as part consideration, under the option agreement to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Project.
- (iv) On 9 August 2017, the Company issued 2,333,333 shares at \$0.015 per share to directors to fund the Seymour Lake Phase 2 drilling program, due diligence exploration works on Wisa Lake and Bold Properties, and exploration activities on the Manitowadge project.
- (v) On 12 September 2017, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares at \$0.02 per share to a consultant in lieu of payment for services rendered in relation to the acquisition of the Seymour Lake Lithium Project.
- (vi) On 28 November 2017, the Company issued 76,187,500 shares at \$0.016 per share via a private placement to a strategic partner and the board of directors to fund ongoing resource drilling and exploration programs at its flagship Seymour Lake Lithium Project.
- (vii) On 17 January 2018, 6,250,000 options were exercised at \$0.016. The proceeds received were used to fund ongoing resource drilling and exploration programs at Seymour Lake.
- (viii) On 25 January 2018, the Company issued 100,000 shares to acquire the Bold Properties Project, the issue price was the 10-day VWAP calculated before the option was announced which was \$0.024 per share.
- (ix) On 8 February 2018, the Company issued 125,000,000 shares at \$0.018 via a private placement to sophisticated investors to fund exploration at Seymour Lake and to begin the due diligence drilling program at Pickle Lake.
- (x) On 8 February 2018, 927,500 options were exercised at \$0.016. The proceeds received were used to fund further exploration at Seymour Lake.
- (xi) On 14 February 2018, the Company issued 1,937,500 shares and 325,000 options were exercised at \$0.016 to related parties. The proceeds received were used to fund ongoing resource drilling and exploration at the Seymour Lake Lithium Project.
- (xii) On 27 February 2018, the Company issued 4,000,000 shares at \$0.019 to Long State Investments Limited as part payment of the initiation fee for a funding agreement to fund ongoing exploration at Seymour Lake.
- (xiii) On 26 February 2018, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares at \$0.017 per share to the vendors, White Metal Resources Corp., as part consideration, under the option agreement to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Project.
- (xiv) On 11 April 2018, the Company issued 592,949 shares at \$0.014 per share in lieu of payment to the vendor of the Dorothy Dobie Properties as per the requirements of the option agreement to acquire 100% of the Pickle Lake Gold Project.

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- (xv) On 14 May 2018, the Company completed the first tranche of a private placement to sophisticated investors and raised \$3,800,000 via the issue of 292,307,692 shares at \$0.013 per share.
- (xvi) On 22 June 2018, the Company completed the second tranche of a private placement to sophisticated investors and raised \$2,310,000 via the issue of 177,692,308 shares at \$0.013 per share.
- (xvii) On 22 June 2018, 23,500,000 shares were issued at \$0.013 per share as payment for underwriting and corporate advisory services rendered by Canaccord Genuity Australia Pty Ltd who managed the private placement to raise \$6.11m for the Company.

**(c) Terms and conditions of contributed equity**

Ordinary shares have the right to receive dividends as declared and, in the event of winding up the Company, to participate in proceeds from the sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the number of and amounts paid up on shares held. These shares have no par value. The Company has no externally imposed capital requirements.

Ordinary shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the Company.

**14. RESERVES**

	<b>30 June 2018</b>		<b>30 June 2017</b>	
	\$	No.	\$	No.
<b>(a) Options reserve</b>				
Balance at beginning of year	93,828	30,000,000	-	-
Conditional performance options issued during the year	15,880	10,387,500	93,828	30,000,000
Options issued during the year	3,756	52,737,500	-	-
Options vested during the year	78,492	-	-	-
Options exercised during the year	-	(7,502,500)	-	-
Options expired during the year	(33,333)	(10,000,000)	-	-
	<u>158,623</u>	<u>75,622,500</u>	<u>93,828</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>

The purpose of the reserve is to recognise the fair value of equity instruments issued by way of share based payments.

<b>(b) Movement in options</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>Weighted average exercise price (cents)</b>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2016</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Exercisable			
Unlisted conditional Performance Options (i)	01/07/2016	10,000,000	0.020
Unlisted conditional Performance Options (ii)	01/07/2016	11,000,000	0.040
Unlisted conditional Performance Options (iii)	16/12/2016	5,000,000	0.040
Unlisted conditional Performance Options (iv)	16/06/2016	4,000,000	0.018
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2017</b>		<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>0.030</b>
<b>Exercisable</b>		<b>30,000,000</b>	
Unlisted conditional Performance options (v)	09/08/2017	10,000,000	0.020
Unlisted Options (vi)	28/11/2017	15,237,500	0.016
Expiry of Options	31/12/2017	(10,000,000)	0.020
Conversion of Options	15/01/2018	(6,250,000)	0.016
Conversion of Options	08/02/2018	(927,500)	0.016
Unlisted options (vii)	14/02/2018	387,500	0.016
Conversion of Options	29/11/2018	(325,000)	0.016
Unlisted options (viii)	22/06/2018	12,500,000	0.020
Unlisted options (viii)	22/06/2018	12,500,000	0.0225
Unlisted options (viii)	22/06/2018	12,500,000	0.025
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2018</b>		<b>75,622,500</b>	<b>0.0202</b>

The weighted average life of the options as at 30 June 2018 is 2.81 years (2017: 1.73 years).

**(c) Fair value of options granted**

These options have been valued using the single share price barrier option-pricing model. The table below gives the assumptions made in determining the fair value of options on grant date.

- (i) On 1 July 2016, the Company issued 10,000,000 unlisted conditional performance options. These options had an expiry date of 31 December 2017 and were subject to the following performance hurdles:

**Tranche 1 (5,000,000 unlisted options):**

- The Company exercises one or more of the Seymour Lake Lithium Project and/or Root Lake Lithium Project options referred to in the ASX announcements dated 6 January 2016 and 10 February 2016; and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 20 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 4 cents.

**Tranche 2 (5,000,000 unlisted options):**

- The successful execution of an off-take agreement on terms acceptable to the Board of a minimum of 5,000tpa of contained lithium and / or 10,000tpa of contained graphite, and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 20 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 4 cents.

Tranche 2 of these options failed to vest at the date of expiry and the expense previously recognised was reversed during the financial year.

- (ii) On 1 July 2016, the Company issued 11,000,000 unlisted conditional performance options. These options have an expiry date of 1 July 2019 which are subject to the following performance hurdles that must be satisfied prior to being exercised:

**Tranche 1 (5,500,000 unlisted options):**

- The Company exercises one or more of the Seymour Lake Lithium Project and/or Root Lake Lithium Project options referred to in the ASX announcements dated 6 January 2016 and 10 February 2016; and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 20 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 8 cents.

**Tranche 2 (5,500,000 unlisted options):**

- The Company reaches a total JORC compliant resource of all projects of 5 MT, and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 20 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 10 cents.
- These options have been valued using the single share price barrier option-pricing model. The table below gives the assumptions made in determining the fair value of options on grant date.

- (iii) On 16 December 2016, the Company issued 5,000,000 unlisted conditional performance options. These options have an expiry date of 1 July 2019 which are subject to the following performance hurdles that must be satisfied prior to being exercised:

**Tranche 1 (2,500,000 unlisted options):**

- The Company reaches a total JORC compliant resource of all projects of 5 MT, and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 20 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 5 cents.

**Tranche 2 (2,500,000 unlisted options):**

- The Company reaches a total JORC compliant resource of all projects of 5 MT, and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 20 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 8 cents.

- (iv) On 16 June 2017, the Company issued 4,000,000 unlisted conditional performance options. These options have an expiry date of 31 December 2018 which are subject to the following performance hurdles that must be satisfied prior to being exercised:

**Tranche 1 (2,000,000 unlisted options):**

- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 20 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 2.5 cents.

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**Tranche 2 (2,000,000 unlisted options):**

- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 20 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 3.5 cents.

- (v) On 9 August 2017, the Company issued 10,000,000 unlisted conditional performance options. These options have an exercise price of \$0.02 and an expiry date of 9 August 2019. The options were approved by Shareholders at the General Meeting held on 8 August 2017.

**Tranche 1 (5,000,000 unlisted options):**

- Subject to defining at least one of the following:
  - (d) Five (5) million tonnes of Li<sub>2</sub>O, or
  - (e) Five (5) million tonnes of Graphite at 4% graphitic carbon, or
  - (f) 500,000 ounces of gold
 across current and potential future sourced Canadian projects; and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 10 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 3 cents.

**Tranche 2 (5,000,000 unlisted options):**

- Subject to the successful executive of an off-take agreement for at least five (5) thousand tonnes of lithium concentrate or five (5) thousand tonnes per annum of graphite concentrate or equivalent mineral concentrates as otherwise agreed, or the identification and securing of additional mineral projects that will give rise to suitable JORC compliant resources; and
- The volume weighted average price of shares traded on the ASX over 10 consecutive trading days after the date of grant of the conditional performance options is not less than 5 cents.

- (vi) On 28 November 2017, the Company issued 15,237,500 unlisted options. These options have an expiry date of 29 November 2018. The options were issued as free attaching options (1 option for every 5 shares purchased) via placement to sophisticated investors.

- (vii) On 14 February 2018, the Company issued 387,500 unlisted options. These options have an exercise price of \$0.016 per option and an expiry date of 29 November 2018.

- (viii) On 22 June 2018, the Company issued the following options in payment of corporate advisory fees to Canaccord Genuity who were the lead manager, underwriter and bookrunner to the \$6.11m capital raising announced on 8 May 2018:

- 12,500,000 unlisted options, exercise price of \$0.02 per option, expiring 31 December 2021;
- 12,500,000 unlisted options, exercise price of \$0.0225 per option, expiring 31 December 2021; and
- 12,500,000 unlisted options, exercise price of \$0.025 per option, expiring 31 December 2021.

These options have been valued using the single share price barrier option-pricing model. The table below gives the assumptions made in determining the fair value of options on grant date.

	(v)	(v)	(viii)	(viii)	(viii)
Grant date	9 Aug 2017	9 Aug 2017	22 Jun 2018	22 Jun 2018	22 Jun 2018
Number of options	5,000,000	5,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000	12,500,000
Expiry date	9 Aug 2019	9 Aug 2019	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2021
Estimated volatility	110%	110%	108%	108%	108%
Risk-free interest rate	1.78%	1.78%	2.105%	2.105%	2.105%
Exercise price	\$0.020	\$0.020	\$0.0200	\$0.0225	\$0.0250
Price of shares on grant date	\$0.016	\$0.016	\$0.0150	\$0.0150	\$0.0150
Value per option	\$0.00826	\$0.00773	\$0.00981	\$0.00952	\$0.00925

## 15. ACCUMULATED LOSSES

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July</b>	(31,300,570)	(30,599,117)
Net loss attributed to members	(2,755,449)	(701,453)
<b>Balance at 30 June</b>	<b>(34,056,019)</b>	<b>(31,300,570)</b>

## 16. FINANCIAL REPORTING BY SEGMENTS

The Group has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segments and assess their performance.

The Group operates in two operating segments, being mineral exploration and resources allocated to administration. This is the basis on which internal reports are provided to the Directors for assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources within the Group. There is one chief operating decision maker that oversees the exploration and administration costs of the organisation.

### (i) Segment performance

	<b>Exploration</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2018</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Interest Revenue	-	10,551	<b>10,551</b>
Other Income	-	-	-
<b>Total segment revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,551</b>	<b>10,551</b>

#### *Reconciliation of segment result to net loss before tax*

Amounts not included in segment result but reviewed by the Board

- Impairment expense	(1,605,008)	-	(1,605,008)
- Administration, consulting and other expenses			(1,210,992)
<b>Net loss before tax from continuing operations</b>			<b>(2,755,449)</b>

	<b>Exploration</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2017</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Interest Revenue	-	45,161	<b>45,161</b>
Other Income	-	2,400	<b>2,400</b>
<b>Total segment revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,561</b>	<b>47,561</b>

#### *Reconciliation of segment result to net loss before tax*

Amounts not included in segment result but reviewed by the Board

- Impairment expense	-	-	-
- Administration, consulting and other expenses			(749,014)
<b>Net loss before tax from continuing operations</b>			<b>(701,453)</b>

### (ii) Segment assets

	<b>Exploration</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2018</b>			
<b>Total segment asset</b>	<b>7,332,693</b>	<b>7,152,549</b>	<b>14,485,242</b>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2017</b>			
<b>Total segment asset</b>	<b>4,475,113</b>	<b>1,663,134</b>	<b>6,138,247</b>

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**(iii) Segment liabilities**

	Exploration	Administration	Total
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2018</b>			
<b>Total segment liabilities</b>	<b>333,980</b>	<b>230,666</b>	<b>564,646</b>
	Exploration	Administration	Total
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2017</b>			
<b>Total segment liabilities</b>	<b>362,417</b>	<b>238,141</b>	<b>600,558</b>

**17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE**

**(a) Controlled entities**

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Ardiden Limited and the subsidiaries listed in the following table.

	Country of Incorporation	% Equity Interest		Investment at Cost	
		30 June 2018	30 June 2017	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
		%	%	\$	\$
Biliton Island Pte Ltd	Singapore	100%	100	-	-
Ardiden Canada Ltd *	Canada	100%	-	-	-

\* Ardiden Canada Ltd was incorporated on 25 January 2018 in Ontario, Canada.

**(b) Parent entity**

Ardiden Limited is the ultimate Australian parent entity and ultimate parent of the Group.

**18. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES**

**(a) Details of Key Management Personnel**

Directors	Position
Neil Hackett	Non-Executive Chairman (appointed 5 June 2012)
Brad Boyle	Executive Director & CEO (appointed 17 February 2016)
Dr Michelle Li	Independent Non-Executive Technical Director (appointed 7 July 2016)
Peter Spitalny	Non-Executive Director (appointed 29 June 2018)
Pauline Gately	Independent Non-Executive Director (appointed 14 August 2018)

**(b) Key Management Personnel Compensation**

	30-June-18	30-June-17
	\$	\$
<b>Compensation by category</b>		
Short-term employee benefits	435,312	520,605
Post-employment benefits	23,750	31,074
Share-based payments	35,365	91,431
	<b>494,427</b>	<b>643,110</b>

**(c) Loans with Key Management Personnel**

There were no loans to key management personnel or their related entities during the financial year.



## 19. PARENT ENTITY DISCLOSURES

	<b>30-June-18</b>	<b>30-June-17</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>		
Total current assets	7,151,247	1,662,251
Total non-current assets	7,333,995	4,518,267
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>14,485,242</b>	<b>6,180,518</b>
Total current liabilities	564,646	600,558
Total non-current liabilities	-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>564,646</b>	<b>600,558</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Contributed equity	47,817,991	36,744,431
Option reserve	158,623	93,828
Accumulated losses	(34,056,018)	(31,258,299)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>13,920,596</b>	<b>5,579,960</b>
<b>Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income</b>		
Loss after income tax of the parent entity	(2,797,719)	(3,207,401)
<b>Total comprehensive loss of the parent entity</b>	<b>(2,797,719)</b>	<b>(3,207,401)</b>

## 20. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise payables, cash and short-term deposits. The Group manages its exposure to key financial risks in accordance with the Group's financial risk management policy. The objective of the policy is to support the delivery of the Group's financial targets while protecting future financial security.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk and liquidity risk. The Group uses different methods to measure and manage different types of risks to which it is exposed. These include monitoring levels of exposure to interest rates and assessments of market forecasts for interest rates. Ageing analysis of and monitoring of receivables are undertaken to manage credit risk, liquidity risk is monitored through the development of future rolling cash flow forecasts.

The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks as summarised below.

Primary responsibility for identification and control of financial risks rests with the Board. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of the risks identified below, including for interest rate risk, credit allowances and cash flow forecast projections.

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset and financial liability are disclosed in note 2 to the financial statements.

### **Risk Exposures and Responses**

#### ***Foreign exchange risk***

The Group undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currency and is exposed to foreign currency risk through foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the Group's functional currency.

The Group's exposure to foreign exchange risk is primarily related to future commitments as noted in note 22. These commitments are all related to the Canadian mining tenements, which are denominated in Canadian dollars.

**Interest Rate Risk**

The Group's exposure to risks of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's cash balances. The Group constantly analyses its interest rate exposure. Within this analysis consideration is given to potential renewals of existing positions, alternative financing positions and the mix of fixed and variable interest rates. As the Group has no interest bearing borrowings its exposure to interest rate movements is limited to the amount of interest income it can potentially earn on surplus cash deposits. The following sensitivity analysis is based on the interest rate risk exposures in existence at the reporting date.

At reporting date, the Group had the following financial assets exposed to variable interest rates that are not designated in cash flow hedges:

	30 June 2018		30 June 2017	
	Interest bearing \$	Non-interest bearing \$	Interest bearing \$	Non-interest bearing \$
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	3,377,771	3,541,367	1,425,279	61,881
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>3,377,771</b>	<b>3,541,367</b>	<b>1,425,279</b>	<b>61,881</b>

The following sensitivity analysis is based on the interest rate risk exposures in existence at the reporting date. The 0.5% (2017: 0.5%) sensitivity is based on reasonably possible changes, over a financial year, using an observed range of historical LIBOR movements over the last 3 years.

At 30 June 2018, if interest rates had moved, as illustrated in the table below, with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit and equity relating to financial assets of the Group would have been affected as follows:

	30-June-18 \$	30-June-17 \$
<b>Judgements of reasonably possible movements</b>		
<i>Post tax profit – higher/(lower)</i>		
Increase 0.5%	16,889	7,126
Decrease 0.5%	(16,889)	(7,126)
<i>Equity – higher/(lower)</i>		
Increase 0.5%	16,889	7,126
Decrease 0.5%	(16,889)	(7,126)

**Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group'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 Group's reputation.

Typically the Group ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses for a period of 60 days, including the servicing of financial obligations; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters.

The Group has no access to credit standby facilities or arrangements for further funding or borrowings in place.

The financial liabilities the Group had at reporting date were trade payables incurred in the normal course of the business and an amount owing pursuant to a contract of sale. Trade payables were non-interest bearing and were due within the normal 30-60 days terms of creditor payments.

*Maturities of financial liabilities*

The table below analyses the Group's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

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	Less than 1 month	1-3 months	3 months – 1 year	1-5 years	5+ years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount of liabilities
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>30 June 2018</b>							
Trade and other payables	534,568	1,331	-	-	-	535,899	535,899
	<b>534,568</b>	<b>1,331</b>	-	-	-	<b>535,899</b>	<b>535,899</b>
<b>30 June 2017</b>							
Trade and other payables	590,575	-	-	-	-	590,575	590,575
	<b>590,575</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>590,575</b>	<b>590,575</b>

***Credit risk***

Credit risk arises from the financial assets of the Group, which comprise deposits with banks and trade and other receivables. The Group's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counter party, with the maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. The carrying amount of financial assets included in the statement of financial position represents the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to those assets.

The Group does not hold any credit derivatives to offset its credit exposure.

Except for the above mentioned, the Group trades only with recognised, credit worthy third parties and as such collateral is not requested nor is it the Group's policy to securitise its trade and other receivables.

There are no significant concentrations of credit risk within the Group.

**21. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE**

On 31 July 2018, the Company exercised the option to acquire a conditional 100% interest in the Pickle Lake Gold Properties in Ontario, Canada. The acquisition includes four separate gold properties offering both advanced development opportunities and early stage exploration:

- (v) Dorothy-Dobie Lake Property,
- (vi) Kasagiminnis Lake Property,
- (vii) South Limb Property, and
- (viii) Pickle Lake West Property.

As per the terms of the option agreement with White Metal Resources Corporation to exercise the option to acquire a conditional 100% interest in the Pickle Lake Gold Project, the Company made a payment of CAD\$50,000 and issued 3,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.012 per share to White Metal Resources.

**OPTION TERMS**

The Dorothy-Dobie Lake Property and Kasagiminnis Lake Property were jointly held between White Metal Resources, Murchison Minerals and Ken Kukkee, and are subject to the conditions of Option Agreements that were executed in 2016. The South Limb and Pickle Lake West properties were 100% owned by White Metal Resources.

To acquire a full 100% interest in all of Pickle Lake Gold properties, Ardiden will assume White Metal Resources' obligations existing in the underlying Option Agreements that were executed with Murchison Minerals and Mr Ken Kukkee in 2016.

Mr Ken Kukkee: The option requires Ardiden to pay CAD\$40,000 and issue 2,490,387 shares over the next two years of the option period to acquire 100% ownership of the project claims. Further, Kukkee is entitled to an annual advanced royalty payment of \$50,000 from 15 April 2026, if commercial scale production is not achieved by that time.

Murchison Minerals Ltd: The option requires Ardiden to expend a further CAD\$500,000 on the property over the next 12 months (work commitment) to acquire 100% ownership project claims.

Apart from the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen, since the end of the financial year, which significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Consolidated entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Consolidated entity in subsequent financial years.

**22. COMMITMENTS**

**Exploration Commitments**

Amounts below relate to minimum tenement expenditure required on tenements held by the Company.

	<u>&lt;12 months</u>	<u>1-5 Years</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$
Exploration commitments	539,600	-	-
	<u>539,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There are no other commitments as at 30 June 2018.

**23. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

There are no contingent assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2018.

**24. DIVIDENDS**

There were no dividends paid or declared during the financial year.

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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**  
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In the directors' opinion:

1. the financial statements and accompanying notes set out on pages 36 to 60 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
  - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the economic entity's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
2. the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards, as disclosed in Note 2(a) to the financial statements;
3. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The directors have been given the declarations by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by section 295A.

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



Neil Hackett  
Non-Executive Chairman  
Perth, Western Australia  
Dated: 21 September 2018

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ardiden Limited

### Report on the financial report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Ardiden Limited (the Company and its subsidiaries (the Group)), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated 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 Group's financial position as at 30 June 2018 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 entity in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

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

#### 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>Capitalisation of Exploration and evaluation assets</b></p> <p><b><i>Refer to Note 9 (Exploration and evaluation expenditure)</i></b></p> <p>As at 30 June 2018 the carrying value of Exploration and Evaluation assets was \$7,332.693 (2017: \$4,478,113). The Group's accounting policy in respect of exploration and evaluation assets is outlined in Note 2e.</p> <p>This is a key audit matter due to the fact that significant judgement is applied in determining whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the capitalised Exploration and Evaluation assets meet the recognition criteria in terms of AASB 6 <i>Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources</i>; and</li> <li>facts and circumstances exist that suggest that the carrying amount of the Exploration and Evaluation assets may exceed their recoverable amount in accordance with AASB 6.</li> </ul>	<p>Our procedures focussed on evaluating management's assessment of the capitalised Exploration and Evaluation assets' carrying value. These procedures included, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We confirmed whether the rights of tenure to the areas of interest remained current at balance date;</li> <li>Obtained evidence of the future intention for the areas of interest, including reviewing future budgeted expenditure and related work programmes;</li> <li>We confirmed that capitalised costs relating to areas of interest for which no future work was planned had been fully impaired; and</li> <li>We obtained an understanding of the status of ongoing exploration programmes for the areas of interest.</li> </ul> <p>We also assessed the appropriateness of the accounting treatment and disclosure in terms of AASB 6.</p>

### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in Ardiden Limited's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2018, 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 entity'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: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar1.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar1.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 in pages 27 to 31 of the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2018.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Ardiden Limited for the year ended 30 June 2018, 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**



**TJ Spooner FCA**  
**Director**

**Perth**  
**21 September 2018**



**ARDIDEN LIMITED**  
**SHAREHOLDERS INFORMATION**  
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**HOLDINGS AS AT 10 September 2018:**

Number of Securities Held	FULLY PAID SHARES	
	No. of Holders	Securities
1 to 1,000	147	48,237
1,001 to 5,000	155	499,251
5,001 to 10,000	101	832,207
10,001 to 100,000	1,530	78,000,318
100,001 and over	1,484	1,597,500,205
<b>Total Number of Holders</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>1,676,880,218</b>

Number of holders of less than a marketable parcel 1,453

**Substantial Shareholders**

Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd via its nominee Merrill Lynch (Australia) Nominees Pty Limited is a substantial holder.

**Voting Rights**

The Constitution of the Company makes the following provision for voting at general meetings:

On a show of hands, every ordinary shareholder present in person, or by proxy, attorney or representative has one vote. On a poll, every shareholder present in person, or by proxy, attorney or representative has one vote for any share held by the shareholder.

**20 Largest Holders of Securities as at 10 September 2018:**

Fully Paid Ordinary Shares		No.	%
1	MERRILL LYNCH (AUSTRALIA) NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	86,045,618	5.13
2	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA LIMITED	83,072,323	4.95
3	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	60,835,148	3.63
4	UBS NOMINEES PTY LTD	41,341,020	2.47
5	MERRIWEE PTY LTD <MERRIWEE SUPER FUND A/C>	40,000,000	2.39
6	CG NOMINEES(AUSTRALIA)PTY LTD	23,500,000	1.40
7	DIVEDELI PTY LTD <CHONG & CHANG FAMILY A/C>	18,206,731	1.09
8	MR CHIN YONG CHONG	18,011,090	1.07
9	CORPORATE & RESOURCE CONSULTANTS PTY LTD	16,653,846	0.99
10	CORPORATE-STARBOARD PTY LTD	15,076,779	0.90
11	MR KIMBERLEY SCOTT + MRS SALLIE ANNE SCOTT <K & S SCOTT SUPER FUND A/C>	14,663,785	0.87
12	GRAHAM FORWARD PTY LTD <G J FAMILY A/C>	10,026,580	0.60
13	MR JOEL MEAN CHEW CHONG	10,000,000	0.60
14	MS OI MUI LAI	9,941,692	0.59
15	GOLDFIRE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	9,917,568	0.59
16	STF2 PTY LTD <STF2 SUPERFUND A/C>	9,830,000	0.59
17	MR NIKHIL THAKORBHAI PATEL	9,050,000	0.54
18	PERSHING AUSTRALIA NOMINEES PTY LTD <WESTAR CAPITAL LIMITED A/C>	9,038,462	0.54
19	MR DAVID KENDALL TERRY	8,095,000	0.48
20	MR DARYL O'BREE	7,700,000	0.46
		<b>501,005,642</b>	<b>29.88</b>

**Restricted Securities**

There are no restricted securities or securities subject to voluntary escrow.

**On-market Buy-back**

Currently there is no on-market buy-back of the Company's securities.

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<b>Options expire 1 July 2019, exercise price \$0.04</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Cranley Consulting Pty Ltd	5,000,000	45.45%
2	Corporate Starboard Pty Ltd	5,000,000	45.45%
3	Arron De Jesus Canicais	1,000,000	9.10%
		<b>11,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Options expire 1 July 2019, exercise price \$0.04</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Michelle Li	5,000,000	100%
		<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Options expire 31 December 2018, exercise price \$0.018</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Joel Chong	4,000,000	100%
		<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Options expire 9 August 2019, exercise price \$0.02</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Bradley Phillip Boyle	10,000,000	100%
		<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Tenements**

The company wishes to provide the following information in relation to additional information required by Listing Rule 5.3.3 Mining tenements held at 30 June 2018 and their location.

**SEYMOUR LAKE LITHIUM PROJECT:**

Crescent Lake Area	1245661	100%
Crescent Lake Area	1245646	100%
Crescent Lake Area	1245648	100%
Crescent Lake Area	1245662	100%
Crescent Lake Area	1245664	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4270593	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4270594	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4270595	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4270596	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4270597	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4270598	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279875	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279876	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279877	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279878	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279879	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279880	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279881	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279882	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279883	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279884	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279885	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279886	100%

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Crescent Lake Area	4279887	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279888	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279889	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279890	100%
Crescent Lake Area	4279891	100%
Ferland Station Area	4279869	100%
Ferland Station Area	4279870	100%
Ferland Station Area	4279871	100%
Ferland Station Area	4279872	100%
Ferland Station Area	4279873	100%
Ferland Station Area	4279874	100%
Ferland Station Area	4280710	100%
Ferland Station Area	4280711	100%
New Seymour Lake Claim Area Applications	518643 - 518645	100%
New Seymour Lake Claim Area Applications	518651 – 518687	100%
New Seymour Lake Claim Area Applications	519760 - 519798	100%
New Seymour Lake Claim Area Applications	519803 – 519930	100%
New Seymour Lake Claim Area Applications	519935 - 520119	100%

**MANITOUWADGE GRAPHITE PROJECT:**

Olie Lake Area	4268932	100%
Olie Lake Area	4268933	100%
Olie Lake Area	4268935	100%
Thomas Lake Area	4268934	100%
Flanders Lake Area	4279125	100%
Olie Lake Area	4279101	100%
Olie Lake Area	4279121	100%
Olie Lake Area	4279124	100%
Everest Lake Area	4274285	100%
Everest Lake Area	4274286	100%
Everest Lake Area	4274287	100%
Flanders Lake Area	4271613	100%
Flanders Lake Area	4271624	100%
Flanders Lake Area	4279611	100%
Olie Lake Area	4274282	100%
Olie Lake Area	4274283	100%
Olie Lake Area	4274284	100%
Olie Lake Area	4275721	100%
Everest Lake Area	4274288	100%
Flanders Lake Area	4274289	100%
Olie Lake Area	4268975	100%
Olie Lake Area	4268976	100%
Flanders Lake Area	4279892	100%

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**ROOT LAKE LITHIUM PROJECT:**

Root Lake Area (RI)	4283915	100%
Root Lake Area (RI)	4283916	100%
Root Lake Area (RI)	4283917	100%
Root Lake	36778	100%
Root Lake	36779	100%
Root Lake	36780	100%
Root Lake	36781	100%
Root Lake	36782	100%
Root Lake	36783	100%
Root Lake	36784	100%
Root Lake	36785	100%
Root Lake	36786	100%
Root Lake	36787	100%
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Root Lake	36789	100%
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Root Lake	37151	100%
Root Lake	37152	100%
Root Lake	37153	100%
Root Lake	37154	100%
Root Lake	37155	100%
Root Lake	37156	100%
Root Lake	37157	100%
Root Lake	37158	100%
Root Lake	37159	100%
Root Lake	37160	100%
Root Lake	38095	100%
Root Lake	38096	100%
Root Lake	38097	100%
Root Lake	38098	100%
Root Lake	38099	100%

**ROOT BAY LITHIUM PROJECT:**

Root Lake Area (Pat) (G-2189)	4282603	100%
Root Lake Area (Pat) (G-2189)	4282604	100%
Root Lake Area (Pat) (G-2189)	4282605	100%

**WISA LAKE LITHIUM PROJECT:**

Wolsely Lake area	4279506	100%
Wolsely Lake area	4279507	100%
Redhorse Lake area	4279508	100%
Wolsely Lake area	4279509	100%
Wolsely Lake area	4279511	100%

**BOLD PROPERTIES:**

Crowrock Lake Area	04281148	100%
Manion Lake Area	04281147	100%

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Sandbeach Lake Area (Ken)	4279524	100%
Sandbeach Lake Area (Ken)	4279525	100%

**PICKLE LAKE AREA CLAIMS:**

**Dorothy-Dobie Property**

Dobie Lake Area	3008539	Due Diligence Review
Dobie Lake Area	4207745	Due Diligence Review
Dobie Lake Area	4207746	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	3008435	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	3008541	Due Diligence Review
Dobie Lake Area	4251144	Due Diligence Review
Dobie Lake Area	4251145	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4248421	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4248422	Due Diligence Review
Dobie Lake Area	4212124	Due Diligence Review
Dobie Lake Area	4212125	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4212116	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4212117	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4212118	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4212119	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4212120	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4212121	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4212122	Due Diligence Review
Meen Lake Area	4212123	Due Diligence Review

**Kasagiminniss Lake Property**

Little Ochig Lake Area	4207793	Due Diligence Review
Little Ochig Lake Area	4207794	Due Diligence Review
Little Ochig Lake Area	4207795	Due Diligence Review

**West Pickle Lake Property**

Kapkichi Lake Area	4279226	Due Diligence Review
Kapkichi Lake Area	4279227	Due Diligence Review
Kapkichi Lake Area	4279228	Due Diligence Review
Kapkichi Lake Area	4279229	Due Diligence Review
Kapkichi Lake Area	4279230	Due Diligence Review

**South Limb Property**

Dona Lake Area	4279217	Due Diligence Review
Dona Lake Area	4279218	Due Diligence Review
Dona Lake Area	4279219	Due Diligence Review
Dona Lake Area	4279220	Due Diligence Review
Dona Lake Area	4279221	Due Diligence Review
Dona Lake Area	4279222	Due Diligence Review
Dona Lake Area	4279231	Due Diligence Review

**Matapesatakun Bay Claims (Hasaga Extension)**

Matapesatakun Bay Area	4251408	Due Diligence Review
Matapesatakun Bay Area	4251409	Due Diligence Review