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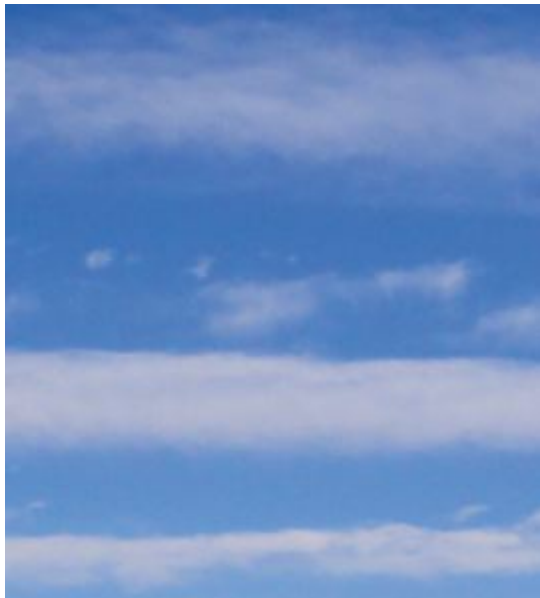
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Orocobre Limited is building a substantial Argentinian-based industrial minerals company focused on the exploration, development and operation of its portfolio of lithium, potash and boron (borates) mineral resources.

As the leading resource developer in Argentina's "Lithium Triangle", the Company is well-positioned to soon become a significant, low cost producer of lithium, with world-class assets and partners, and a promising portfolio of lithium deposits to meet the continued strong growth in lithium battery markets.

Orocobre is dual listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") under the symbol "ORE" and on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "ORL". The Company has recently been included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index.

Highlights



Salar de Olaroz Lithium-Potash Project:

- Completion of joint venture agreement with Toyota Tsusho Corporation (“TTC”) in October 2012 for funding and construction of the project. The joint venture provides for a comprehensive funding package for construction of this US\$229 million (est.) project, including very favourable terms on US\$192 million of low-cost project debt guaranteed by a Japanese government agency (JOGMEC), and a direct 25 per cent equity investment (including US\$55 million cash) in the TTC.
- Detailed engineering phase completed, resulting in design capacity increase to 17,500 tonnes per annum (“tpa”) of lithium carbonate from 16,400 tpa provided for in the Feasibility Study due to increase in expected brine grade arising from 3D finite difference modeling. Projected potash recovery also increased to approximately 20,000 tpa from 10,000 tpa in the Feasibility Study.
- All material construction contracts, except lithium carbonate plant, have been tendered and site preparation for the construction phase has already commenced. Full-scale construction expected to be underway by end of October 2012 on track for initial commercial construction by April 2014.
- Olaroz project approved by the Expert Committee responsible for assessing lithium projects in Jujuy province.
- Orocobre enters into agreement with Jujuy Energia y Minería Sociedad del Estado (“JEMSE”), the mining investment company owned by the provincial Government of Jujuy, whereby JEMSE will hold an 8.5% ownership in Olaroz.
- Final governmental approval received and mining leases granted for Olaroz Project.
- Produced increasing quantities of battery grade material from our lithium carbonate pilot plant at Olaroz for key global customers' qualification and marketing processes.

Salar de Cauchari Lithium-Potash Project:

- Exploratory drilling program yields encouraging results.
- Brine body expected to allow integration with planned Olaroz lithium carbonate production facility.

Salinas Grandes Lithium-Potash Project:

- Detailed technical report filed on maiden resource estimate of 239,000 tonnes of lithium carbonate and 1.0 million tonnes of potash. Brine chemistry is attractive, with a low Mg/Li ratio, high K/Li ratio, and low sulphate & calcium levels.

Borax Argentina:

- Acquired Borax Argentina from Rio Tinto in August 2012. With a 50-year history of operating in the Salta-Jujuy region, this borates chemicals and minerals producer's operations include three open pit mines, concentrators, refining capacity and significant land. Strategically, this acquisition highly complements Orocobre's pre-existing regional assets and evolving development plans in northern Argentina.

Chairman's Letter

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

Orocobre experienced a year of notable achievements. I am proud to report that we have met the many challenges before us, and achieved critical milestones that allow the company to rapidly move from explorer to developer, and developer to producer. Over the coming eighteen months, our Company will transform itself from a successful developer into a meaningful Argentine based industrial minerals company producing large quantities of low-cost battery grade lithium, along with a growing portfolio of boron products from the recently acquired Borax Argentina.

Our flagship Olaroz lithium project was our top priority and principal focus over the last year. During the year we continued to produce from our lithium carbonate pilot plant at Olaroz increasing quantities of battery grade material used for future customers' qualification processes. We secured all approvals and permits needed to construct and operate our Olaroz lithium operation. And we were able to complete the negotiation of the final terms and conditions for the project's financing with our strategic partner Toyota Tsusho Corporation ("TTC"). Subsequent to year-end, on October 17, 2012, we are pleased to report that we executed the definitive TTC Joint Venture and associated financing arrangements to provide the comprehensive debt and equity funding package for construction of the US\$229 million Olaroz project. This funding package includes up to US\$192million of low-cost (sub 4.5% rate, 10 year fixed term) project debt guaranteed by our valued partners Toyota Tsusho and the Japanese government organization, JOGMEC. Construction of our 17,500 tonnes per year Phase 1 lithium carbonate operation will commence at the end of October 2012, with expectation of initial commercial production by Q2 2014. As part of this process, Orocobre was able to enter into an agreement with Jujuy Energia y Minería Sociedad del Estado ("JEMSE"), the recently formed mining investment company owned by the provincial Government of Jujuy Argentina, whereby JEMSE now holds an 8.5 per cent equity interest in the Olaroz Project, provides assistance during the project's development, and is aligned with the interests of the company.

In a world of relatively sluggish economic growth, our company is fortunate to be a part of the lithium industry, with robust demand growth driven by rising consumption in rechargeable lithium-ion batteries. Lithium-ion batteries have become the most important storage technology in the areas of portable and mobile applications, such as smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, and electric cars. Further evidence of market strength and continued demand growth is the extensive investments around the world for new battery manufacturing plants. While portable consumer goods alone continue to provide impressive growth for lithium batteries, the emerging mass production of hybrid, plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles presents significant upside potential for lithium demand. Because of these market

the Company is well-positioned to soon become a significant, low cost producer of lithium with world-class assets and partners



Chairman James Calaway, Managing Director & CEO Richard Seville and General Manager Jose de Castro meet with Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner, Jujuy Governor Eduardo Fellner, representatives of national and provincial governments, and local communities to present the Olaroz Project.

forces and the rarity of supply from prized low-cost lithium brine projects, capital markets are recognizing the inherent value of a near term, high-grade brine project like Orocobre's Salar de Olaroz.

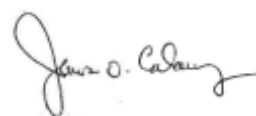
In addition to progress at our flagship Olaroz project, we continue to make strides defining our other lithium-potash interests in Salar de Cauchari and Salinas Grandes. The results of this year's drilling program at Cauchari confirmed expectations that an attractive lithium brine body exists under our properties, and should be able to be quickly and inexpensively drilled and transported to our Olaroz facilities for processing into lithium carbonate. Work on a maiden NI 43-101 compliant Cauchari resource estimate should be released by the end of October 2012. At Salinas Grandes, a maiden resource estimate and results of initial pumping tests were announced in March 2012. While these results were somewhat disappointing due to the lack of thickness of high lithium concentration brine aquifers, an estimated inferred resource equivalent to 239,200 tonnes of lithium carbonate and 1.03 million tonnes of potash (potassium chloride) was discovered. As a result, we continue to believe Salinas Grandes can become a valuable part of our long-term future in the region.

In August 2012, we made a strategic decision to acquire Borax Argentina from global miner Rio Tinto. Borax Argentina's operations, including three open pit mines, concentrators, refining capacity and significant landholdings, solidifies Orocobre's presence and operational experience in northern Argentina. Borax Argentina has operated in the Salta-Jujuy region for over 50 years, and is well established as a reliable supplier of refined boron minerals, or borates, to the industrial and agricultural sectors in Brazil and Argentina. This acquisition represented the type of operating business that is complementary to our pre-existing regional assets – in terms of both the minerals and the experience on the land base. After a nearly two year due diligence and negotiating process, we believe that this business is a strategic fit with our long-term plans to be the Argentine leader in the lithium, boron and potash industries. We also believe that Borax Argentina has promising organic growth prospects given its large asset base, strong production infrastructure and capable management team, and the healthy long-term market outlook for boron related minerals. I want to acknowledge my fellow Directors, who have worked tirelessly to nurture and guide the company over the past year. Our young and rapidly growing company is indeed fortunate to have board members with such solid business experience and strong values to oversee our company.

At Orocobre we understand that our future is dependent upon being able to attract and retain the most capable people. As the scope of our work rapidly expands, we are determined to continue to strengthen our values and culture so that we have a committed and cohesive team. I want to express my sincere thanks to our determined and capable CEO, Richard Seville, and

the strong team he has assembled in Argentina led by the able General Manager, Jose de Castro. He and his team's tenacity and commitment during this past year have produced the excellent results at Orocobre. Indeed, this year has been filled with great challenges and accomplishment. We set our course, defined our milestones, and delivered the critical results that have materially de-risked the company. In the year to come, we will execute the construction of the Olaroz lithium operation, and integrate and improve operating results at Borax Argentina. I want to thank our shareholders for their support. We will strive to continue to earn your trust and confidence as we enter the construction and operational phase of our promising young company.

Sincerely yours,



James D. Calaway

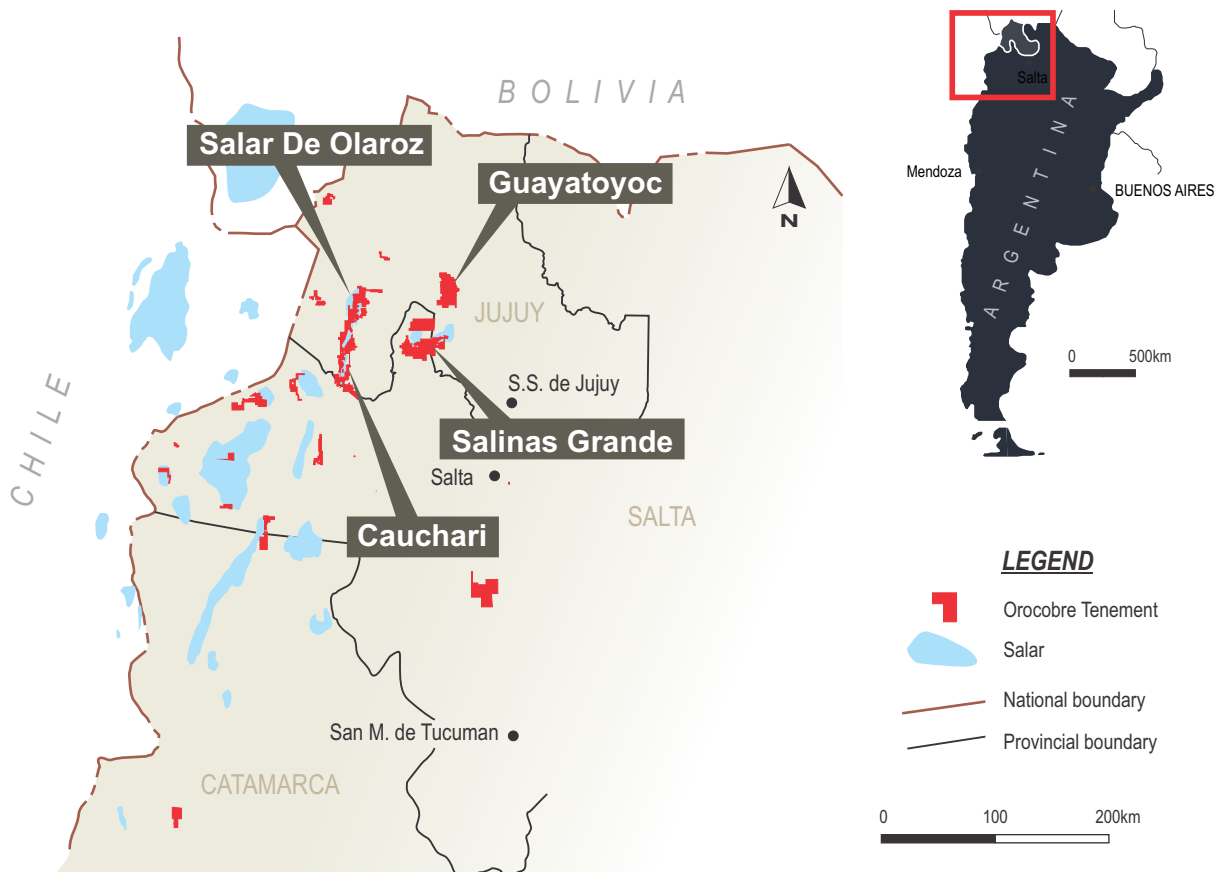
Chairman of the Board of Directors
October 20, 2012

Review of Operations

Orocobre has interests in a portfolio of large target exploration properties in Argentina.

These can be split into two groups. The first group of properties are held by 100% owned Argentine subsidiary, Sales de Jujuy S.A. and contain those properties associated with its flagship Salar de Olaroz Lithium-Potash Project. The second group are held by 85% owned South American Salars S.A. which is exploring for minerals associated with salars (salt lakes) including lithium, potash and boron and has properties in fourteen salars. These include the Salar de Salinas Grandes potash-lithium project, Guayatoyoc potash project and Salar de Cauchari lithium-potash project.

Further details on these projects are available on the Company's website - www.orocobre.com.



Project Activities

Olaroz Project



The Olaroz Project, located in the Puna region of Jujuy Province of northern Argentina approximately 230 kilometres northwest of the capital city of Jujuy at an altitude of 3,900 metres above sea level, is the Company's flagship project. The Company holds rights to properties (or to applications for properties) at the Olaroz Project covering approximately 63,000 hectares, of which approximately 21,000 hectares is prospective salt crust and salar margins. The Company has a strategic partner on the Olaroz Project with Toyota Tsusho Corporation.

During the year the Company made substantial progress on key activities required to commence construction of commercial operations at the Olaroz Project, relating to the project approvals and project financing. In addition detailed engineering design and procurement processes have been advanced.

Olaroz Development Approval

Orocobre has been engaged with the government of Jujuy in its efforts to receive final approval for the Olaroz Project since March 2011 when the government declared lithium a strategic mineral resource and introduced a secondary approvals process for lithium related projects.

In June 2012 the Company received confirmation that the Expert Committee responsible for assessing lithium projects in Jujuy province had recommended approval of the Olaroz Project. As part of the approvals process, the Company entered into a binding agreement with Jujuy Energia y Minería Sociedad del Estado ("JEMSE"), whereby JEMSE will hold an equity interest in the Olaroz Project and will provide assistance as needed during the project's development. A summary of the arrangements is provided below:

- JEMSE will hold an 8.5% equity interest in the Olaroz Project through Orocobre's Argentine holding company Sales de Jujuy;
- JEMSE will be required to meet its share of the construction funding required for the Olaroz Project. These funds will be loaned by Orocobre to JEMSE and will be repayable out of 33.3% of dividend distributions JEMSE receives from the Olaroz Project;
- All project debt obligations to Mizuho Bank and JOGMEC will have priority over distributions of any profit due to JEMSE; and,
- JEMSE will provide key construction assistance services to the Olaroz Project, and will take a leading role liaising with municipal, provincial and national government departments and customs authorities.

Orocobre considers these arrangements to be an important milestone for the Company, closely aligning the interests of the Province of Jujuy with those of Orocobre and its project partners and provides a framework for a favourable ongoing working relationship between Orocobre and the Province of Jujuy.

The terms of our agreement with JEMSE are on a par with similar agreements entered into to facilitate the development of mining projects in Argentina in the past, and given the overall investment climate in Argentina, this represents a balanced approach to public-private collaboration, and will permit the project to be financed and operated in a profitable manner.

Subsequent to year-end, in July 2012, following the recommendation of the Expert Committee, the Jujuy Government, through the joint resolution of the Production Minister and Secretary to the Government, approved the development of the Olaroz lithium project. Following receipt of the development approval, the mining leases for the project have been granted.

Project Financing

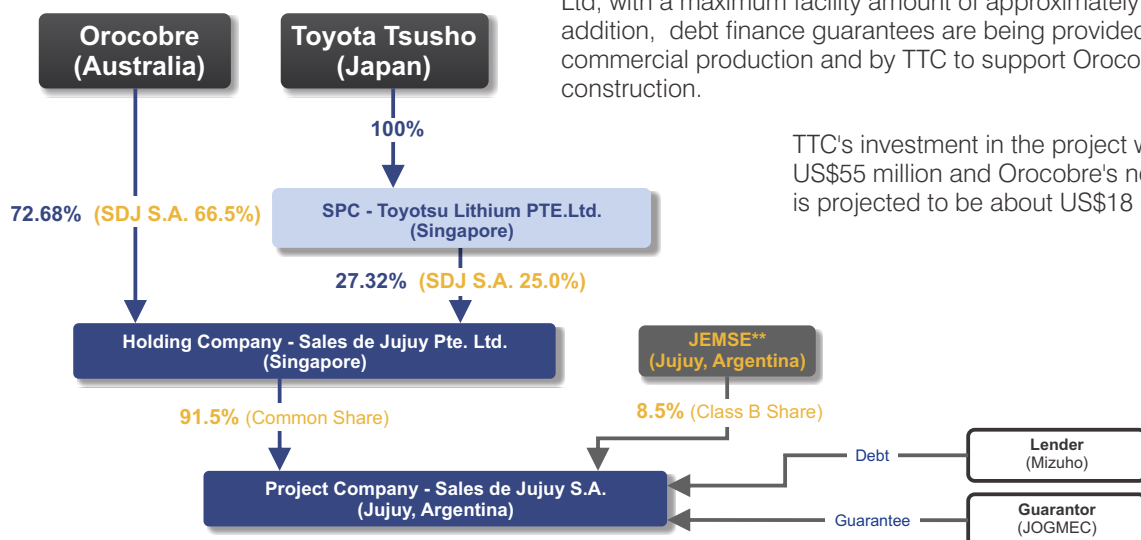
Orocobre's relationship with Toyota Tsusho ("TTC") commenced in January 2010, following the execution of a preliminary agreement which established a framework towards financing and development of Olaroz Project, with TTC's conditional 25% equity participation. Since then, the companies have successfully collaborated to advance the Project through to a final investment decision.

Following year-end, in mid-October 2012, Orocobre and Toyota Tsusho executed the definitive Shareholders Agreement for a joint venture to develop the Olaroz project. The execution of this definitive Joint Venture Agreement and associated financing was the culmination of a two and a half year process, and should be viewed as a solid vote of confidence in the project by TTC, Mizuho and JOGMEC. Overall, this comprehensive funding package for the US\$229 million (est.) Olaroz project is a very favourable combination of low-cost project debt guaranteed by a Japanese government organization, JOGMEC, and a direct cash investment by TTC to acquire a 25 per cent equity position in the project.

The Olaroz Project Joint Venture will be operated through Orocobre's restructured Argentine subsidiary, Sales de Jujuy S.A. ("SDJ SA"), with the shareholders being Sales de Jujuy Pte Ltd (a Singaporean company that is the joint venture vehicle for Orocobre and TTC) and Jujuy Energia y Minería Sociedad del Estado ("JEMSE"), the mining investment company owned by the provincial Government of Jujuy, Argentina. The effective Olaroz Project equity interest will be Orocobre 66.5%, TTC 25.0% and JEMSE 8.5%.

As part of its obligations under the January 2010 preliminary agreement, Toyota Tsusho has successfully procured a substantial and low cost project debt facility. The debt financing, will be provided by Mizuho Corporate Bank Ltd, with a maximum facility amount of approximately US\$192 million. In addition, debt finance guarantees are being provided by JOGMEC during commercial production and by TTC to support Orocobre during construction.

TTC's investment in the project will be approximately US\$55 million and Orocobre's net funding requirement is projected to be about US\$18 million.



Olaroz Long-term Pumping Tests and 3-D Model Simulations

During the year, the Company undertook a long-term pumping test on the Olaroz salar. The pumping test was located in the area of the proposed extraction well field. The well produced high grade brine throughout the test, with average lithium concentrations of 875 ± 10 mg/L, 22% higher than the adjacent diamond drill hole used in the resource estimate that gave 717 ± 80 mg/L Li. The test ran for over three months at a flow rate of 14 litres per second. Interpretation of the data suggests that preferential flow is taking place to the well from specific geological units, where the permeability and grade are higher. The information obtained will allow these specific units to be targeted during production. The flow rate was limited by the capacity of the pump, not by the well or aquifer, so that under production conditions average well flow rates may be expected to be significantly better than the design of 15 litres per second.

The results from the long-term pumping test, together with the data accumulated from previous activity are being used to build and calibrate a 3-D finite difference model of fluid flow and solute transport across the salar.

Preliminary results from the model indicate that the cone of depression resulting from the well field pumping will be limited in extent, and the grade will decline only slowly over the project life, well within the capacity of the solar ponds to ensure a consistent feed to the plant. The model will be used to forecast and control production throughout the project life, as well as to investigate potential production increases. The slow predicted declines in grade coupled with excellent flow rates, suggest the possibility of future project expansions.

Project Engineering Update

During the year Orocobre and its engineering partner, Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM), continued to focus on detailed project engineering and procurement to allow construction to commence at Olaroz once the final governmental approval was received and financing has been completed. Engineering and procurement work on the ponds, bore-fields, and related infrastructure to support construction is now complete, allowing the Company to award contracts and start construction immediately after the financing closes. SKM has been involved in the Olaroz Project for over a year and previously completed the engineering and capital and operating cost estimates for the definitive Feasibility Study.





Resource Estimate

In 2011, the Company announced a measured and indicated resource of 1,752 million cubic metres of brine at 690 mg/L Lithium, 5,730 mg/L Potassium and 1,050 mg/L Boron at the Olaroz Project which is equivalent to 6.4 million tonnes of lithium carbonate and 19.3 million tonnes of potash (potassium chloride) based on 5.32 tonnes of lithium carbonate being equivalent to 1 tonne of lithium and 1.91 tonnes of potash being equivalent to one tonne of potassium.

Details of the measured and indicated resources are given in the table below.

| Resource Category | Brine Body Parameters | | | | Concentration | | | Tonnes of Contained Metal | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Area km ² | Thickness metres | Mean specific yield % | Brine volume cubic kms | Lithium mg/L | Potassium mg/L | Boron mg/L | Lithium Million Tonnes | Potassium Million Tonnes | Boron Million Tonnes |
| Measured Resource | 93 | 54 | 8.4% | 0.42 | 632 | 4930 | 927 | 0.27 | 2.08 | 0.39 |
| Indicated Resource | 93 | 143 | 10.0% | 1.33 | 708 | 6030 | 1100 | 0.94 | 8.02 | 1.46 |
| Measured and Indicated Resource | 93 | 197 | 9.6% | 1.75 | 690 | 5730 | 1050 | 1.21 | 10.10 | 1.85 |

South American Salars Joint Venture

South American Salars Pty Ltd was established in 2008 to focus on the exploration and exploitation of minerals found in salars in South America, separate from the Company's development of the Olaroz Project. Through the joint venture the Company has earned an 85% ownership interest in South American Salars. All ongoing funding for South American Salars is provided at the discretion of Orocobre by way of a loan to the joint venture on commercial terms. The Toyota Tsusho Agreement does not include the projects held by South American Salars.

South American Salars now holds approximately 300,000 hectares of properties in 14 areas. These include Salar de Cangrejillo/Salines Grandes, Guayatoyoc and Salar de Cauchari.

Salar de Salinas Grandes Potassium-Lithium Project (Orocobre 85%)

In March 2012, the Company announced an initial resource estimate and issued encouraging results of pumping tests for the Salinas Grandes lithium-potash project in Salta province, northwest Argentina. Salinas Grandes is located 70 kilometres southeast of the company's flagship Salar de Olaroz project.

An independent hydrogeological assessment estimated an inferred resource of 56.5 million cubic metres of brine at 795 milligrams per litre lithium and 9,550 milligrams per litre potassium, which is equivalent to 239,200 tonnes of lithium carbonate and 1.03 million tonnes of potash (potassium chloride), based on 5.32 tonnes of lithium carbonate being equivalent to one tonne of lithium and 1.91 tonnes of potash being equivalent to one tonne of potassium.

Details are given in the table below.

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| | Area km ² | Thickness metres | Mean specific yield % | Brine volume cubic kms | Lithium mg/L | Potassium mg/L | Boron mg/L | Lithium Million Tonnes | Potassium Million Tonnes | Boron Million Tonnes |
| Inferred Resource | 116.2 | 13.3 | 4.1% | 56.5 | 795 | 9,547 | 283 | 44,960 | 539,850 | 12,100 |

The estimate extends to an average depth of 13.3 meters, and applies the company's property boundaries and a 1,000 mg/l Li cut-off from the extensive surface pit sampling data to establish peripheral resource boundaries. No internal cut-off boundaries have been used because it is inappropriate to apply them in a fluid resource where extraction will cause mixing. The weighted average specific yield used is 4.1 %.

The shallow brine body has attractive grades and excellent chemistry, with a low magnesium to lithium ratio of 2.5, a high potassium to lithium ratio of 12.5 and a low sulphate to lithium ratio of 5.8 in the central area of drilling, rising to 10.6 for the area covered by all the company properties over the salar. Test work since late 2010 suggests high recoveries of both potassium and lithium could be expected using a simple, low operating cost, process route. Laboratory scale testing has produced potassium (82-89% KCl), prior to washing to obtain +95% KCl.

The low sulphate levels of the Salinas Grandes brine indicate that potash recovery would be high as a co-product of lithium carbonate production with potentially eight tonnes of potash produced for each tonne of lithium carbonate produced.

Pump testing of auger drill holes determined hydraulic conductivities (K values) in the shallow resource zone averaged 3 m/day, with the exception of one hole which had a substantially higher K value (~ 50 m/day) and may reflect a more permeable channel within the salar. The pump tests were carried out with low flow rates (generally < 1.5 l/s), due to the small hole and casing size and related equipment limitations.

To better understand the behaviour of pumping from the shallow brine unit, four pump tests on purpose-constructed large diameter test production bores at different locations across the salar are planned for the next phase. These will evaluate brine extraction and the stability of brine grade over a long period of time, up to a year, to better understand the potential for commercial production.

The next stage is to undertake long-term pumping tests in four locations within the shallow resource. Provided that adequate pumping rates can be sustained over time, with stable and economic lithium and potassium grades, the company anticipates undertaking further drilling and a preliminary economic assessment for the project.

Salar de Cauchari Project (Orocobre 85%)

In January, 2011 Orocobre announced encouraging results from exploratory well drilling completed at the Company's Salar de Cauchari property, located five kilometres south of the Company's Olaroz Project. The company's South American Salars subsidiary (85%) holds rights to over 30,000 hectares of property at Cauchari.

The objective of the drilling program was to delineate a brine body at the Cauchari Project and to allow a resource estimate to be undertaken. The company's drill program tested the area on the company's leases directly to the southeast of the highest-grade part of the brine body drill tested by Lithium Americas Corp. on its Cauchari lithium project.

The Cauchari Project is located adjacent to the Olaroz Project and is part of the same basin, with similar brine chemistry. The Company considers the two salars to form a single property and so does not currently anticipate developing a separate operation at the Cauchari Project. Instead, the Company will determine the value of producing brines from Cauchari and, assuming a development takes place at Olaroz, utilizing those brines through common infrastructure with Olaroz.

If sufficient resource is delineated in the Cauchari Project, the Cauchari brines could be developed and processed at the planned Olaroz Project facilities for an incremental capital cost. This development strategy would require a capacity expansion of the Olaroz processing facilities beyond the currently planned rate of 17,500 tonnes per year of battery-grade lithium carbonate. Similarities in brine type are expected to allow Cauchari brine to be integrated into the planned operation with minor modifications to the processing route.

Competent Person Statements

The technical information in respect of the Salinas Grandes initial resource estimate and in respect of the exploratory drilling results at Cauchari has been prepared by Murray Brooker, a consultant to the Company. Murray Brooker is a geologist and hydrogeologist and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Murray has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101. Murray Brooker consents to the inclusion in this announcement of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

The work reported in this announcement in respect of Olaroz Project long-term pumping tests and 3D model simulations has been undertaken under the supervision of John Houston, a consultant to the Company. Mr Houston is a Chartered Geologist and Fellow of the Geological Society of London, who acts as a competent person under the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101. John Houston consents to the inclusion in this announcement of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

All other technical information in this announcement has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Neil Stuart, a non-executive director of Orocobre. Neil Stuart is a geologist and is a Fellow of The Australasian Institution of Mining and Metallurgy. Neil has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined in NI 43-101. Neil Stuart consents to the inclusion in this announcement of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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Social Responsibility & Community Relations



Orocobre's Corporate Social Responsibility forms part of the Company's management strategies through all Group companies. This is reflected in various relationships the Company maintains with local communities, business partners and employees. The aim is to sustainably develop the Company's assets in a responsible and committed manner, compatible with local community development and best environmental practice.

Community

The Company has developed relationships with local communities based upon 5 fundamental pillars: Education, Health, Production, Transparency and Empowerment. It aims to improve the quality of life of the people, their infrastructure and skills to be able to participate in regional development opportunities.

Education

During the year the Company initiated a number of programmes aimed at children and young people of the Argentine Puna region including technology, sporting and educational activities. The Company also implemented a large number of training sessions to provide local community members with skills required to access employment opportunities in the developing local mining and processing industry.

Health

The Company has also been active in the area of preventive health, jointly with the "Beñen Hospital" in Susques (Jujuy Province) and the Hospital of San Antonio de los Cobres, Salta Province. These health programs offer local towns and villages pediatric, ophthalmology, free glasses, odontology, audiology and nutrition services not previously available. In schools, the Company provides workshops on environmental care, treatment of waste and its reprocessing.



Business Development

The Company is also active in the generation and development of local businesses. These projects are at different stages of deployment depending on the nature of different communities in the Puna region. Businesses established to service the Olaroz Project include the "Las Vertientes" canteen service that will provide food service to approximately 400 people during the construction stage of Olaroz salar and the "RIVAC" mining services company whose owners are residents of the community. In addition, laundry, bakery, transport and accommodation projects are also underway.



Labour Exchange

The Company has developed a Labor Exchange in collaboration with the communities of Susques (Jujuy). This programme is intended to proportionately distribute the labor available in local communities among the local suppliers. This assesses the needs of these communities and current skill sets in order to implement appropriate training courses.

Director's and Management



James D. Calaway
Executive Chairman

Mr. Calaway is a respected business and civic leader in Houston, Texas. He and his family have had considerable experience and success in building young companies into successful commercial enterprises. Mr. Calaway and his family have played major roles in the development of both public and private companies in the United States, including companies engaged in oil and gas exploration and production, and commercial wind-farm development.

He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of DataCert Inc, the global leader in legal operations management, and as a Director on several other U.S. corporate boards. Mr. Calaway also serves on various boards in regards to the civic affairs of Houston.



Richard P. Seville
Managing Director & CEO

Mr. Seville is a mining geologist and geotechnical engineer with 30 years' experience in exploration, mine development and mine operations. He also has significant corporate experience, in the roles of CEO and Operations Director in ASX/AIM listed mining companies.

He is presently a non executive director of ASX and AIM listed Leyshon Resources Limited.



John W. Gibson, Jr.
Non-Executive Director

Mr. Gibson is a recognised leader in the energy technology and services industry with more than 25 years of global energy experience. Mr. Gibson currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Tervita Corporation, a major Canadian environmental and energy services company. He is also currently serving on the Board of Directors of Parker Drilling, an NYSE-listed company.

Prior to joining Tervita, Mr. Gibson served as Chief Executive Officer of an enterprise software solutions company serving oil and gas industry clients and has held senior positions with the Halliburton Group of Companies, most recently as President of Halliburton's Energy Services Group.

Mr. Gibson also serves on the Boards of Directors for Tervita, Blue Spark Energy Inc., and I-Pulse Inc. He is a member of the University of Houston Energy Advisory Committee, the Houston Baptist University Board of Trustees, and the Advisory Council of the Institute for Global Ethics.

Mr. Gibson holds a Bachelor of Science (Geology) from Auburn University and a Master of Science (Geology) from the University of Houston. He is a member of several professional societies.



Federico Nicholson
Non-Executive Director

Mr. Federico Nicholson is a well known and respected business leader in northern Argentina. Mr. Nicholson currently serves as an Executive Director of Ledesma S.A.A.I., a diversified agro-industrial producer that specializes in sugar, alcohol, paper, fruits, juices, livestock and grains. In addition to his Board duties he has full responsibility for Ledesma's Public Affairs and Corporate Management. Ledesma employs more than 5,500 people, making it the largest employer in Jujuy province where Orocobre's flagship Salar de Olaroz project is located. Mr. Nicholson is also the Vice President of the Argentine Industrial Union (UIA), the country's leading business advocacy group. Mr. Nicholson's other current roles include President of the Argentine North Regional Sugar Center, Vice President of the Argentine Pulp and Paper Association, and Deputy Secretary of the Argentine Food Industries Association.

Mr. Nicholson's previous experience includes serving as President of the Argentine National Industrial Movement and Vice President of the Argentine Corn Starch and Syrups Chamber.

Mr. Nicholson is Law Graduate from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Fernando Oris de Roa
Non-Executive Director

Mr. Oris de Roa is a highly successful business leader with a history of developing and operating large enterprises in Argentina and with a reputation for integrity and social responsibility in his business life. His highly developed understanding of the relationship between the public and private sectors in Argentina adds significant value to the board.

Mr. Oris de Roa began his 23 year career with a large international trading company, Continental Grain, in 1970. He held progressive positions in the United States, Spain, Switzerland, Brazil and Argentina before assuming responsibility for all of Latin America. In 1993, he led a group to purchase a S.A. San Miguel, and as its Chief Executive is widely credited in turning this company into the largest and most profitable lemon and lemon products company in the world. From 2003 to 2011, he was Chief Executive of Avex S.A., a large integrated poultry company. Mr. Oris de Roa has also held roles as a Director of Patagonia Gold, with special responsibilities relating to community relationships, and as founder of a research group focused on the role of public and private partnerships and best practices for business development.

Mr. Oris de Roa holds a Masters of Public Administration from The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



Courtney Pratt
Non-Executive Director

Mr. Pratt is one of Canada's most esteemed business leaders, and has enjoyed a 40-year career at the helm of some of the Canada's top industrial concerns, particularly in the energy, minerals, and mining sectors. From 2004 to 2006, he was President and CEO of Stelco, a major Canadian steel producer and then served as Stelco's Chairman until the company's sale to US Steel in 2007. Earlier, Mr. Pratt served as the president and CEO of Toronto Hydro, North America's largest municipally owned electricity distributor. He also served as President and subsequently as Chairman of Noranda Inc, a global diversified natural resource company headquartered in Toronto. In this capacity he served as a Director of Noranda Minerals, Falconbridge, Battle Mountain Gold, Noranda Forest (Chairman), Norcen Energy and Canadian Hunter.

Mr. Pratt currently serves as Chairman of Knightsbridge Human Capital and the Toronto Region Research Alliance and is a Director of Moosehead Breweries, the 407ETR toll road, and the Ontario Advisory Council of Telus, a large Canadian telecommunications company. Mr. Pratt also serves in regards to community involvement with Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN), Canadian Council on Learning and Toronto City Summit Alliance. Mr. Pratt was awarded the Order of Canada in January 1999.



Neil F. Stuart
Non-Executive Director

Mr. Stuart has over 40 years' experience in the minerals industry as an exploration geologist encompassing commodities, such as gold, base metals, coal, uranium and various industrial minerals. Throughout his career, he has been heavily involved in project delineation and acquisition in Australia, Mexico and Argentina. As a founding Director of Oroplata Limited, he was instrumental in acquiring the highly prospective Cerro Negro gold project and advancing the project until it merged with Andean Resources in 2004.

He was a founding director of the Orocobre and an executive Director of the Company until January 2010. He is currently the non-executive Chairman of ASX listed Bowen Energy Ltd and a non-executive director of ASX-listed Elementos, Overseas & General Ltd. and Axiom Mining Limited.

Mr. Stuart is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and the James Cook University, Queensland.



Paul A. Crawford
Company Secretary

Mr. Crawford is an accountant with over 30 years of commercial experience, including various technical and management roles within the minerals, coal and petroleum industries. He has also had significant corporate experience in the management and governance of ASX-listed resource and mining companies. His roles have also encompassed capital raising and investor relations.

Mr. Crawford is currently a non-executive director of ActivEX Limited.



Jose Gustavo de Castro Alem
General Manager, Argentina

Mr. de Castro Alem is an experienced chemical engineer and mining industry professional. He has over 15 years industry experience and has held senior executive and operational positions, including Operations Manager, for several international mining companies located in Argentina and Chile including FMC Argentina S.A., Hochschild Mining plc and Anglo Gold Ashanti. He has also worked with an engineering and equipment supply group in Chile and Argentina. Mr. de Castro Alem has direct experience in lithium and was responsible for the commissioning and early operation of FMC Lithium's lithium carbonate plant in Argentina, the only lithium carbonate plant currently operational in Argentina. Mr de Castro Alem has a Business Administration IEDE (Chile) and a Chemical Engineering degree from the Universidad Nacional de Salta.



Mark Smith
Finance and Administration Manager

Mr. Smith is an accountant with 30 years of commercial experience, including 16 years in various financial and management roles within the minerals and coal industries. He has also had significant corporate experience in the management and financial control of ASX-listed transport and waste disposal companies. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the University of Technology, Brisbane.

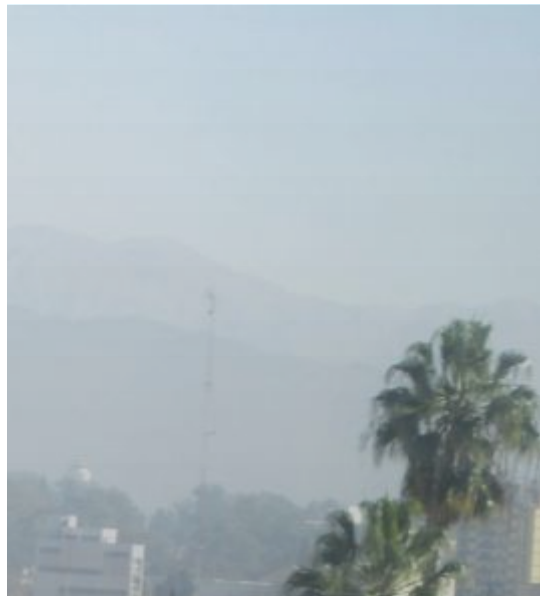


Bruce Rose
Vice-President, Corporate Development

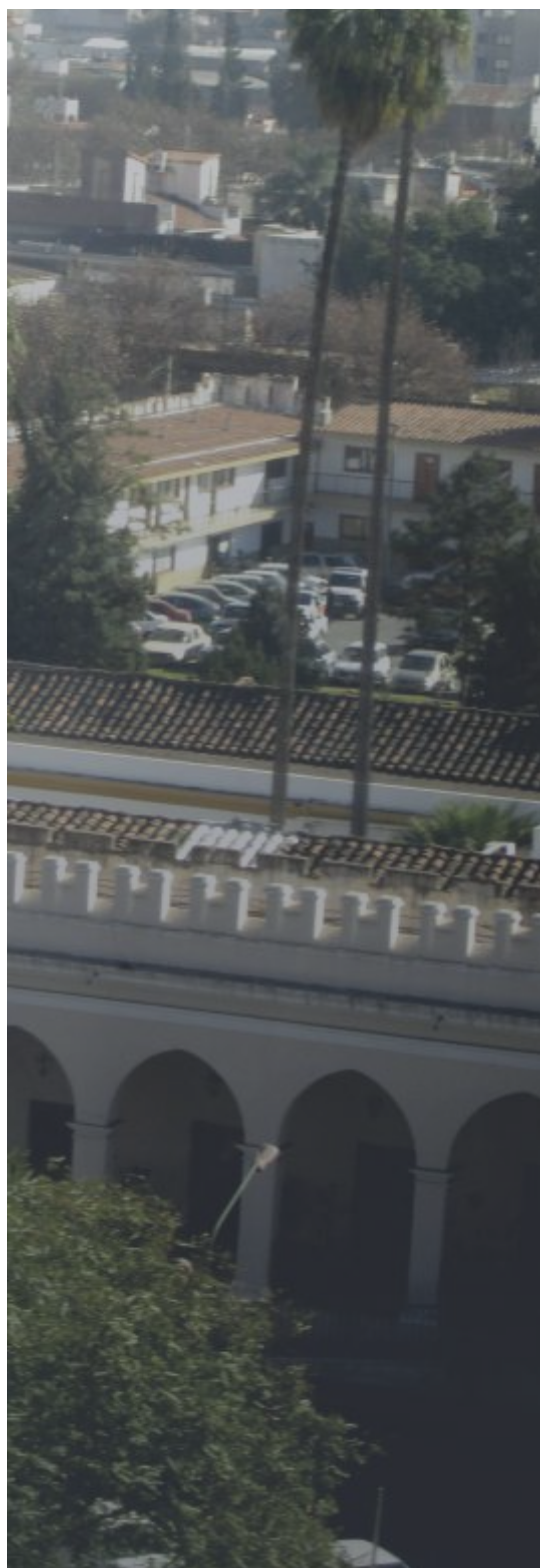
Mr. Rose has extensive experience in corporate development, investor relations, and operational roles within the resources and transport sectors. Mr. Rose was the Chief Operating Officer for Ara Safety Inc. Previously, Mr. Rose was Vice President of Corporate Development for the Ainsworth Group of Companies, a leading integrated manufacturer of engineered wood products. Prior to that, he held various senior leadership positions over 17 years in the rail transportation sector. Mr. Rose holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Victoria and an M.B.A. from the University of British Columbia.

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Directors' Report

Your Directors present their report and financial statements of the Group, being the Company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June, 2012.

Directors

The Directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the financial year are listed below. During the year there were 9 Director meetings. The Board and Committee meetings attended by each Director were:

| DIRECTORS | Board | | Audit Committee | | Remuneration Committee | |
|----------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| | Meetings | Attend | Meetings | Attend | Meetings | Attend |
| James Calaway | 9 | 9 | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Richard Seville | 9 | 9 | - | - | - | - |
| Neil Stuart | 9 | 9 | - | - | - | - |
| John Gibson | 9 | 8 | 6 | 6 | - | - |
| Courtney Pratt | 9 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Fernando Oris de Roa | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Federico Nicolson | 9 | 8 | - | - | - | - |

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

Company Secretary

Paul Crawford held the position of Company Secretary at the end of the financial period. Mr Crawford is a CPA and holds accounting, company secretarial and business law qualifications. He has been Company Secretary of the Company since its incorporation.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Group during the year was mineral exploration and project evaluation in Argentina. During the year, activity focused on the Olaroz project approval process with the Provincial Government of Jujuy, project funding arrangements, resource definition at Salar de Salinas Grandes and implementation of the Group's corporate development strategy. There were no significant changes in the nature of the Group's activities during the financial year.

Operating Result

The group's operating loss for the year, after applicable income tax and non-controlling interests was \$2,830,028 (2011: \$1,789,856). Group exploration and evaluation expenditure for the year totalled \$18,966,205 (2011: \$16,208,604).

Financial Position

The net assets of the Orocobre group decreased to \$58,230,890 (2011: \$62,811,499) during the year to 30 June 2012, including cash balances of \$16,480,515 (2011: \$37,678,205). This reduction in cash balance has resulted largely from exploration, evaluation and initial development planning undertaken on Olaroz and other company projects. The value of exploration and evaluation assets carried on the balance sheet at 30 June 2012 is \$43,720,233 (2011: \$27,249,892).

As described above, further funding commitments in relation to the Olaroz Project are subject to the completion of a definitive joint venture operating agreement with Toyota Tsusho and the related project financing agreements. The Company anticipates that, if these agreements are entered into, the investment by Toyota Tsusho and the related project financing would be sufficient, together with the

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Company's current cash and cash equivalents, for the Company to finance all or substantially all of the current estimated capital cost (including allowances for contingency, owners' costs, capitalised interest, debt service reserve accounts and insurance) of the Olaroz Project. The specific financing requirements, if any, will depend on the final terms of these agreements.

Further financing by the Company would be required in the event that there is a significant increase during construction in actual expenditure from the current estimate in the capital cost of the Olaroz Project or the Company acquires any new projects, and may also be required to advance any deposits identified as a result of the Company's ongoing exploration program or for additional working capital. At this time, the necessity, quantum and timing of these potential financings cannot be estimated. Based on the assessments of the Company's assets in general and economics of the Olaroz Project to date, the Company believes that it will be able to raise such funds, if and when they should they be required subject to normal market conditions. However, there can be no assurance that additional financing will be available, as and when required or, if available, that it will be on terms acceptable to the Company.

The directors believe that the group is currently in a strong and stable financial position to support its expanding activities.

Information on Directors

The Company's Directors have significant public company management experience, together with a strong background in mineral exploration and management, project development, financial markets, accounting and finance. Their experience covers many resource sectors in Australia and internationally. The names and qualifications of current directors are summarised as follows:

James D. Calaway BA – Economic, MA – Politics, Philosophy & Economics
Executive Chairman

Mr Calaway was appointed a director in May 2009. Mr Calaway is a respected business and civic leader in Houston, Texas. He has considerable experience and success in building young companies into successful commercial enterprises. Mr. Calaway and his family have played major roles in the development of both public and private companies in the United States, including companies engaged in oil and gas exploration and production, and commercial wind-farm development. Mr. Calaway currently serves as Chairman of the Board of DataCert Inc, the global leader in legal operations management and serves as a Director on several other U.S. corporate boards. Mr. Calaway is a graduate of the University of Texas and University of Oxford. He is a member of the Remuneration Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Elementos Limited

Richard P. Seville B Sc, MEngSc, MAusIMM, ARSM
Managing Director & CEO

Mr Seville was appointed a director in April 2007. Mr Seville is a mining geologist and geotechnical engineer with 25 years' experience covering exploration, mine development and mine operations. He has also had significant corporate experience, having had many years in the role of Operations Director and/or CEO in ASX/AIM listed mining companies. His roles have also encompassed capital raising and investor relations. Mr Seville is a graduate of the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College and James Cook University North Queensland.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Leyshon Resources Ltd

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Neil F. Stuart

MSc., FAus.IMM, MMICA, MAIG

Non-Executive Director

Mr Stuart is a founding shareholder and has been a director since incorporation. He has over 40 years' experience in the minerals industry and is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of The Australian Institute of Geoscientists. He has considerable experience in many commodities including gold, base metals, coal and uranium and he has been heavily involved in project delineation and acquisition in Australia, Mexico and Argentina. He has held executive director roles with a number of ASX listed companies in the past. Mr. Stuart is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and James Cook University of North Queensland

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Bowen Energy Limited; Axiom Mining limited; OGL Resources Limited; Elementos Limited

John W. Gibson

Bachelor of Geology, Masters Degree in Geology

Non-executive Director

Mr Gibson was appointed a director in March, 2010. Mr Gibson, is a recognised leader in the energy technology and services industry with more than 25 years of global energy experience. Mr. Gibson currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Tervita Corporation, a major Canadian environmental and oil field services company.

Prior to joining Tervita, Mr Gibson served as Chief Executive Officer of an enterprise software solutions company serving oil and gas industry clients and has held senior positions with the Halliburton Group of Companies, most recently as President of Halliburton's Energy Services Group.

Mr. Gibson serves on the Boards of Directors for Tervita, Blue Spark Energy Inc., and I-Pulse Inc. He is a member of the University of Houston Energy Advisory Committee, and Houston Baptist University Board of Trustees.

Mr Gibson holds a Bachelor of Science from Auburn University and a Master of Science from the University of Houston and is a member of several professional societies. He is Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Nil

Courtney Pratt

Non-Executive Director

Mr Pratt was appointed a director in March 2010. Mr Pratt has enjoyed a 40-year career at the helm of some of Canada's top industrial businesses, particularly in the energy, minerals, and mining sectors. From 2004 to 2006, he was President and CEO of Stelco, a major Canadian steel producer, guiding it through a court supervised restructuring, and then served as Stelco's Chairman until the company's sale to US Steel Corporation in 2007. Earlier, Mr Pratt serves as the President and CEO of Toronto Hydro, North America's largest municipally owned electricity distributor. He also served as President and subsequently as Chairman of Noranda Inc., a global diversified natural resource company headquartered in Toronto. In this capacity he served as a director of Noranda Minerals Inc., Falconbridge Ltd., Battle Mountain Gold Company, Noranda Forest Inc., (Chairman), Norcen Energy Resources Limited and Canadian Hunter Exploration Limited.

Mr Pratt served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Region Research Alliance to March 2010. He is also Chairman of Knightsbridge Human Capital and a director of Moosehead Breweries Limited, 407 International Inc. and CMA Holdings, the physician services arm of the Canadian Medical Association. Mr Pratt was awarded the Order of Canada in January 1999. He is Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member Audit Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Nil

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Fernando Oris de Roa Masters of Public Administration

Non-Executive Director

Mr Oris de Roa was appointed a director in June 2010. Mr Oris de Roa is a highly successful business leader with a history of developing and operating large enterprises in Argentina and with a reputation for integrity and social responsibility in his business life. Mr Oris de Roa began his 23 year career with large trading company, Continental Grain, in 1970, working in USA, Spain, Switzerland, Brazil and Argentina and rose through the ranks to be responsible for all of Latin America. As Chief Executive, he is widely credited with turning S.A. San Miguel into the largest and most profitable lemon and lemon products company in the world. The process of restructuring included listing S.A. San Miguel on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange in 1997.

Mr Oris de Roa has been Chief Executive and significant shareholder of Avex S.A. since 2004. He has also held the role of Director of Patagonia Gold and holds a Masters of Public Administration from The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is a member of the Audit Committee.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Nil

Federico Nicolson Bachelor of Law

Non-Executive Director

Mr Nicholson was appointed a director in September, 2010. Mr Nicholson currently serves as an Executive Director of Ledesma S.A.A.I. (Ledesma), a diversified Argentine agro-industrial producer that specializes in sugar, alcohol, paper, fruits, juices, livestock and grains. In addition to his Board duties he has full responsibility for Ledesma's Public Affairs and Corporate Management.

Mr Nicholson is also the Vice President of the Argentine Industrial Union (UIA), the country's leading business advocacy group. He also serves as a President of the Argentine North Regional Sugar Centre, Vice President of the Argentine Pulp and Paper Association, and Deputy Secretary of the Food Industries Association. Mr Nicholson is the former President of the National Industrial Movement, and former Vice President of the Argentine Corn Starch and Syrups Chamber. Mr Nicholson is law graduate from Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Directorships held in other ASX listed companies in the last three years: Nil

The relevant interest of each director held directly or indirectly in shares and options issued by the Company at the date of this report is as follows:-

| Directors | Shares | Options |
|---------------|-----------|---------|
| JD Calaway | 8,828,000 | 150,000 |
| RP Seville | 4,821,500 | - |
| NF Stuart | 5,642,996 | 100,000 |
| JW Gibson | 25,000 | 100,000 |
| C Pratt | - | 100,000 |
| F Oris de Roa | - | 100,000 |
| F Nicolson | - | 100,000 |

Remuneration Report

This report details the nature and amount of remuneration for each director and other key executive personnel.

The Company's remuneration policy seeks to align director and executive objectives with those of shareholders and business, while at the same time, recognising the early development stage of the Group and the criticality of funds being utilised to achieve development objectives. The Board believes that the current policy has been appropriate and effective in achieving a balance of objectives.

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The Company's policy for determining the nature and amount of remuneration of board members and key executives is as follows:

The remuneration structure for executives is based on a number of factors, including length of service, particular experience of the individual concerned, individual performance and overall performance of the group.

The remuneration policy, setting the terms and conditions for the managing director was developed and approved by the non-executive directors. The managing director receives payments provided for under an employment agreement.

Board policy is to remunerate non-executive directors at market rates for comparable companies for time, commitment and responsibilities. Individuals may elect to salary sacrifice part of their fees as increased payments towards superannuation. The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to non-executive directors is subject to approval by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting and is not linked to the performance of the Company. However, to align directors' interests with shareholder interests, directors are encouraged to hold equity interests in the Company. The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to non-executive directors approved by shareholders is currently \$400,000. One-third, by number, of non-executive directors retire by rotation at the Company's annual general meeting.

The Company currently has short term and long term performance based incentive components built into director and executive employment agreements. The Company's remuneration policy provides for long-term incentives to be offered through an employee share option plan. During the current year 650,000 options were granted under this plan to directors and 400,000 options were granted to key management personnel since the end of the year and up to the date of this report. Further details on options issued under the Plan are set out in note 19 in the financial statements. No key management personnel are entitled to receive securities which are not incentive based as part of their remuneration. Company policy prohibits holders of such options from entering hedge arrangements on any unvested options.

Short term incentives are based on key performance indicators which are set regularly and include factors such as operational and financial performance. Performance factors currently in use are all based on internal factors. Performance is monitored by the Remuneration Committee.

The company does not engage remuneration consultants, however the Board has established a Remuneration Committee to take primary responsibility for determining and reviewing the Company's remuneration policy, remuneration levels and performance of both executive and non-executive directors. Independent external advice will be sought when required. The remuneration of each director and key officer of the Company during the year was as follows:

| 2012 | Short term benefits | | | Post | Total |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Key Management Personnel | Fees/ Salary (\$) | Non- Cash Benefits (\$) | Equity Settled Options (\$) | Employment Super- annuation (\$) | |
| James D Calaway (i) (ii) | 300,000 | - | 39,033 | - | 339,033 |
| Neil F Stuart (i) | 40,000 | - | 26,023 | - | 66,023 |
| Richard P Seville (iii) | 587,395 | - | - | 29,925 | 617,320 |
| John W Gibson | 40,000 | - | 26,023 | - | 66,023 |
| Courtney Pratt | 40,000 | - | 26,023 | - | 66,023 |
| Fernando Oris de Roa | 40,000 | - | 26,023 | - | 66,023 |
| Federico Nicolson | 40,000 | - | 26,023 | - | 66,023 |
| Paul A Crawford (i) | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 1,087,395 | - | 169,148 | 29,925 | 1,286,468 |

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| 2011 | Short term benefits | | | Post Employment Super-annuation (\$) | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Key Management Personnel | Fees/ Salary (\$) | Non-Cash Benefits (\$) | Equity Settled Options (\$) | | Total (\$) |
| James D Calaway (i) (ii) | 127,279 | - | - | - | 127,279 |
| Neil F Stuart (i) | 40,000 | - | - | - | 40,000 |
| Richard P Seville (iii) | 498,717 | - | - | 28,125 | 526,842 |
| John W Gibson | 40,104 | - | - | - | 40,104 |
| Courtney Pratt | 40,515 | - | - | - | 40,515 |
| Fernando Oris de Roa | 40,000 | - | - | - | 40,000 |
| Federico Nicolson | 31,222 | - | - | - | 31,222 |
| Paul A Crawford (i) | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 817,837 | - | - | 28,125 | 845,962 |

- (i) In addition to the individual remuneration amounts shown in the above table, \$64,930 was paid to Lithium Investors LLC, an entity associated with Mr Calaway and \$144,075 was paid to Cambridge Business & Corporate Services, an entity associated with Mr Crawford for professional services rendered to the Company during the year. Refer to note 17 of the financial report.
- (ii) Mr Calaway's fees/salary figure comprises \$75,000 director fees, \$125,000 for corporate development and investor relations services and \$100,000 bonus. The bonus represents a special payment awarded by the Board for the exceptional and successful effort in gaining the required approvals for the Olaroz project. This figure is included for accounting purposes but was not paid in the 2012 financial year.
- (iii) Included in salary for Mr Seville is a \$215,000 (2011: \$157,000) bonus payment for achievement of operational and performance targets.

Following are employment details of persons who were key management personnel of the group during the financial period.

| Key Management Personnel | Position held & change during period | Contract Details | Proportion of Remuneration: | | | Total |
|--------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | Related to performance | | Not related to performance | |
| | | | Cash | Options | Salary & Fees | |
| JD Calaway | Executive Chairman Remuneration Committee | No fixed term, termination as provided by Corporations Act | - | 15.7% | 84.3% | 100% |
| RP Seville | Managing Director | No fixed term, 3 months notice to terminate, 12 mth severance pay | 34.8% | - | 65.2% | 100% |
| NF Stuart | Non-executive Director | No fixed term, termination as provided by Corporations Act | - | 39.4% | 60.6% | 100% |
| JW Gibson | Non-executive Director | No fixed term, termination as | - | 39.4% | 60.6% | 100% |

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| Key Management Personnel | Position held & change during period | Contract Details | Proportion of Remuneration: | | | Total |
|--------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | Related to performance | | Not related to performance | |
| | | | Cash | Options | Salary & Fees | |
| | Chairman Audit Committee | provided by Corporations Act | | | | |
| C Pratt | Non-exec. Director Audit C'tee Remuneration Committee Chair | No fixed term, termination as provided by Corporations Act | - | 39.4% | 60.6% | 100% |
| F Oris de Roa | Non-exec. Director Audit C'tee Remuneration Committee | No fixed term, termination as provided by Corporations Act | - | 39.4% | 60.6% | 100% |
| F Nicolson | Non-executive Director (appointed 15/09/10) | No fixed term, termination as provided by Corporations Act | - | 39.4% | 60.6% | 100% |
| PA Crawford | Company Secretary | No fixed term, termination by notice | - | - | 100% | 100% |

The terms of appointment of the Non-executive Directors provide for the payment of fixed directors' fees and consulting fees for services provided in addition to their commitment as directors.

Options granted as remuneration

During the year the Company issued equity based performance remuneration to the non-executive directors in the form of share options. These were long term incentives to better align the interests of the Company and Directors. This was approved by the shareholders at the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Details of these options are summarised below.

| Key Management Personnel | Vested No. | Granted No. | Grant Date | Value per Option at Grant Date | Total Value | Terms & Conditions of Grant | | |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | Exercise price | First Exercise Date | Last Exercise Date |
| JD Calaway | nil | 150,000 | 1.12.2011 | \$0.76 | \$113,850 | \$1.50 | 1.12.2011 | 1.11.2016 |
| NF Stuart | nil | 100,000 | 1.12.2011 | \$0.76 | \$76,000 | \$1.50 | 1.12.2011 | 1.11.2016 |
| JW Gibson | nil | 100,000 | 1.12.2011 | \$0.76 | \$76,000 | \$1.50 | 1.12.2011 | 1.11.2016 |
| C Pratt | nil | 100,000 | 1.12.2011 | \$0.76 | \$76,000 | \$1.50 | 1.12.2011 | 1.11.2016 |
| F Oris de Roa | nil | 100,000 | 1.12.2011 | \$0.76 | \$76,000 | \$1.50 | 1.12.2011 | 1.11.2016 |
| F Nicolson | nil | 100,000 | 1.12.2011 | \$0.76 | \$76,000 | \$1.50 | 1.12.2011 | 1.11.2016 |

Employment Contract of Key Management Personnel

An agreement for services between the Company and the Chairman was established from February 2011. The agreement provides for a fixed remuneration of A\$125,000 per annum for the performance of specified functional duties on behalf of the CEO. These duties are performed in addition to the duties of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

A contract for service between the Company and the Managing Director was completed in October 2010. It does not provide for a fixed term of employment but provides for annual review of the compensation

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value. The contract also provides the opportunity to earn a cash bonus of up to 75% of the annual base salary, subject to achieving annual key performance indicators. The contract also allows for participation in a long term incentive plan as operated by the Company (no such plan is currently in place).

The Company may terminate the Managing Director's contract without cause by giving 3 months' notice. If terminated without cause, the Managing Director is entitled to a severance payment equal to 12 months of annual base salary.

In the case of serious misconduct the Company can terminate employment at any time. The terms of this agreement are not expected to change in the immediate future.

The terms of appointment of the Non-executives provide for the payment of fixed Director's fees and consulting fees for services provided in addition to their commitment as directors.

Company performance, shareholder wealth and director and executive remuneration

As outlined above, the Company's remuneration policy seeks to align directors' and executives' objectives with shareholders and business, whilst recognising the developmental stage of the Company. The following table shows some key performance data of the group for the last 4 years, together with the share price at the end of the respective financial years.

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Exploration & evaluation expenditure (\$) | 3,282,514 | 12,776,410 | 16,208,604 | 18,966,205 |
| Net assets (\$) | 10,249,103 | 34,251,637 | 62,811,499 | 58,230,890 |
| Share Price at Year-end (\$) | 0.59 | 1.70 | 2.06 | 1.845 |
| Dividends Paid (\$) | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Dividends

No dividend has been proposed or paid since the start of the year.

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the year.

Options

At the date of this report, the unissued ordinary shares of the Company under options are as follows:-

| Grant Date | Expiry Date | Exercise Price | No. Under Option |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| 9 August 2010 | 30 June 2013 | \$2.03 | 435,000 |
| 9 August 2010 | 30 June 2015 | \$2.03 | 400,000 |
| 1 December 2011 | 30 June 2016 | \$1.50 | 650,000 |
| 31 July 2012 | 30 July 2017 | \$1.50 | 400,000 |

No person entitled to exercise these options had or has any right by virtue of the options to participate in any share issue of any other body corporate. During the year, 650,000 options were granted pursuant to the Company's Employee and Officer Share Option Plan. An additional 400,000 options were granted under the Plan after the end of the year.

During the year 125,000 ordinary shares in the Company were issued on exercise of options. This relates to options granted in 2008 and exercised at A\$0.375. No amounts are unpaid on the shares.

There are no other unissued shares or interests under option of any controlled entity within the group at the reporting date.

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Subsequent Events, Future Developments, Prospects and Business Strategies

Following development approval and grant of mining leases in relation to the Olaroz project, the Company will move to finalise project funding and commence development during the coming year. The Directors will continue to carry out an active exploration program on its other Argentine tenements as detailed in the Company's various public announcements. Directors will also continue to review external opportunities which may arise with a view to acquisition, farm-in or corporate investment.

The Company has issued 125,000 shares subsequent to balance date following the exercise of options raising \$46,875.

Since the end of the financial year, the Company has granted 400,000 options to staff under the Employee & Officer Share Option Plan. Options vest progressively over a number of years, are exercisable at \$1.50 and expiring on 30 July 2017.

As previously mentioned by the company in its public announcements, in addition to the active exploration and development program on its Argentine tenements, the company from time to time reviews other opportunities for resource exploration and development. At the date of signing these financial statements no specific opportunities have been committed to. However the Company is currently assessing a potential acquisition opportunity but there can be no assurance that any transaction will occur.

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

Environmental Issues

The group is not subject to any significant environmental regulation under the law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory of Australia. The group is subject to environmental regulation in relation to its exploration activities in Argentina.

The Directors monitor the Group's compliance with environmental obligations. The Directors are not aware of any compliance breach arising during the year and up to the date of this report.

Corporate Governance

In recognising the need for the highest standards of corporate behaviour and accountability, the Directors of Orocobre Limited support and where practicable or appropriate have adhered to the ASX Principles of Corporate Governance. The Company's corporate governance statement is contained within this annual report.

Indemnifying Directors, Officers and Auditors

The Company has entered into a Deed with each of the Directors whereby the Company has agreed to provide certain indemnities to each Director to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act and to use its best endeavours to obtain and maintain directors' and officers' indemnity insurance, subject to such insurance being available at reasonable commercial terms.

The economic entity has paid premiums to insure each of the Directors and Officers of the Company against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the Company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company. The contracts include a prohibition on disclosure of the premium paid and nature of the liabilities covered under the policy.

The Company has not given an indemnity or entered into an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums in respect of any person who is or has been an auditor of the Company or a related body corporate during the year and up to the date of this report.

Directors' Report

Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings. The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Non-audit Services

The board of directors is satisfied that the provision of non-audit services during the year is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The directors are satisfied that the services disclosed below did not compromise the external auditor's independence for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services are reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee on behalf of the board to ensure they do not adversely affect the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and
- the nature of the services provided do not compromise the general principles relating to auditor independence in accordance with APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants set by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

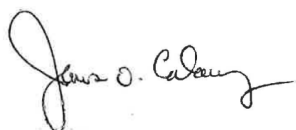
During the year the Company paid its lead auditor \$14,800 for other assurance services.

Overseas firms associated with the company's lead auditor received fees totalling \$2,592 for other accounting compliance services.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 has been received and is included in this financial report.

The directors' report incorporating the remuneration report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



James D Calaway
Chairman



Richard P Seville
Managing Director

Signed: 17 August 2012



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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER S 307C OF THE
CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF OROCOBRE
LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITY'S**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2012 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor 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.

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

Hayes Knight Audit (Qld) Pty Ltd



A.M. Robertson

Director

Date: 17 August 2012

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Corporate Governance Statement

This Corporate Governance Statement outlines the key principles and practices of Orocobre Limited ("Orocobre" or the "Company"), which represents its system of governance. The Company's Board is committed to implementing best practice corporate governance procedures and has adopted ASX's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations* as released by the ASX Corporate Governance Council (the "Principles") as the basis for its corporate governance policies.

In viewing this Statement, shareholders are reminded that the Company is an exploration company operating in a volatile market, committed to maintaining a lean and efficient corporate structure. The Company advises that where its practices are not entirely consistent with the ASX Principles this is because the Board considers some of the recommendations not to be applicable to the Company's size and the nature of its current operations. However, the Board and management of the Company are committed to the progressive implementation of the Principles, appropriate to each stage of the Company's development.

A summary of compliance with the Principles are provided below.

PRINCIPLE 1: LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

Lay Solid foundations for management and oversight

The Board's role is to govern the Company and to ensure that it represents effectively the interests of all shareholders. In governing the Company, the Directors must act in the best interests of the Company as a whole. The Executive Directors manage the day to day activities of the Company in accordance with the direction and delegations of the Board and the Board oversees the activities of the Executive Directors in carrying out these delegated duties.

In carrying out its governance role, the main task of the Board is to drive the performance of the Company. The Board must also ensure that the Company complies with all of its contractual, statutory and any other legal obligations, including the requirements of any regulatory body. The Board has the final responsibility for the successful operations of the Company.

1.1 Companies should establish the functions reserved to the board and those delegated to senior executives and disclose these functions.

The Company has developed a Board Charter, which documents the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and senior executives. In general, the Board is responsible for, and has the authority to determine, all matters relating to the policies, practices, management and operations of the Company. It is required to do all things that may be necessary to be done in order to carry out the objectives of the Company.

To assist the Board in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities, the following Committees were established:

- (a) Audit Committee, which is responsible for monitoring and advising the Board on the Orocobre internal and external audit, risk management and regulatory compliance policies and procedures;
- (b) Remuneration Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the remuneration practices of Orocobre, advising the Board on the composition of the Board, its Committees and Senior Executives and reviewing the performance of Senior Executives.

The Board is collectively responsible for:

- financial strategic objectives;
- oversight of control and accountability systems;
- the appointment, appraising, removal and remuneration of the Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary;
- input into and final approval of corporate strategy;
- evaluating and approving the annual operating budget and business plans and holding management accountable for delivery of same;
- evaluating and approving and monitoring the progress of major capital and operating expenditure, capital management and all major corporate transactions;
- monitoring compliance with all legal and regulatory and ethical obligations;
- reviewing any risk management system (which may be a series of systems established on a per-project basis) and internal compliance and controls;

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- with the assistance of the Remuneration Committee, approving remuneration policies and employment terms for Non-Executive Directors, Executives and employees;
- establishing criteria for and monitoring performance of Senior Executives;
- approving and monitoring financial and other reporting to the market, shareholders, employees and other stakeholders;
- determining Orocobre's dividend policy, the operation of dividend re-investment plan (if any) and the amount and timings of all dividends; and
- appointing the Chairman of Orocobre.

The Board will convene regular meetings as frequently as may otherwise be required to deal with urgent matters which might arise between scheduled meetings.

Newly appointed Directors will be provided with formal appointment letters setting out the key terms and conditions regarding their appointment. Similarly, senior executives (the Managing Director and Chairman) are provided with formal job descriptions and letters of appointment clearly stating their term of office, duties, rights and responsibilities, and entitlements on termination.

The Board Charter is available in the corporate governance section of the Orocobre website.

1.2 Companies should disclose the process for evaluating the performance of senior executives.

Senior executives' performance is reviewed against a range of quantitative and qualitative measures and the Board reviews the past performance of Orocobre as well as the executives'. Any remuneration reviews also take into account length of service, particular experience of the individual concerned, overall performance of Orocobre and the individual and market practice with respect to comparable positions.

The Board reviews the Managing Director's performance and the Managing Director reviews other executives' performance. The results of the Managing Director's performance reviews of senior executives are reported to the Board for information. The performance of senior executives is reviewed on a formal basis annually. The Board's review of the Managing Director's performance and the Managing Director's review of senior executive's performance was undertaken during the year.

PRINCIPLE 2: STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE

Structure the board to add value

To add value to the Company, the Board has been formed so that it has effective composition, size and commitment to adequately discharge its responsibilities and duties. The Board of Orocobre currently comprises seven Directors. Mr Richard Seville who is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer and Mr James Callaway, who is the Executive Chairman of the Board, are considered executive Directors. The remaining five directors are independent non-executive Directors. Further details of the Directors such as their qualifications and experience along with their terms of office are set out in the Directors' Report.

Within the cost limits appropriate to a company of Orocobre's size, the Board has been structured to provide optimum experience and oversight of the Company's operations. All Directors should bring specific skills and experience that add value to the Company. The Board considers that the existing Directors bring the range of skills, knowledge and experience necessary to govern the Company effectively. The Board regularly reviews its composition, skill base and effectiveness of the Board.

2.1 A majority of the board should be independent directors.

Orocobre had a majority of independent directors throughout the year. As at the date of this Annual Report, the Board consists of a majority of independent directors. The Board comprises one Executive Director and six Non-executive Directors. There are four Non-executive Directors that are independent. The Executive Chairman of the Board, Mr James Callaway, is not independent as he is associated with a substantial shareholder in the Company. The four Non-executive Directors that are independent are: Mr Courtney Pratt, Mr John Gibson, Mr Oris de Roa and Mr Federico Nicholson, meet the criteria for independence proposed by the Principles.

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While determining the independent status of Directors, the Board has considered whether the Director:

- a) holds less than five percent of the voting shares of the Company (in conjunction with their associates); or is an officer of the Company, or otherwise associated directly with a shareholder of more than five percent of the voting shares of the Company;
- b) has within the last three years, been employed in an executive capacity by the Company or another group member;
- c) has within the last three years been a principal of a material professional adviser or a material consultant to the Company or another group member, or an employee materially associated with the service provided. In this context, the relationship with the professional adviser or consultant shall be deemed to be material if payments from the Company exceed 10% of the Company's annual expenditure to all professionals and consultants or exceed 10% of the recipient's annual revenue for advisory or consultancy services;
- d) is a material supplier or customer of the Company or another group member, or an officer of or otherwise associated directly or indirectly with a material supplier or customer. In this context, the relationship with the supplier or customer shall be deemed to be material if annual payments to or from that supplier or customer exceed 10% of the annual consolidated gross revenue of either the Company or that supplier or customer; and
- e) has a material contractual relationship with the Company or other group member other than as a Director of the Company.

2.2 The chair should be an independent director.

Orocobre is not compliant with this Recommendation, however, at this time in the Company's stage of development, the most suitable person to be appointed Chairman is Mr Callaway.

2.3 The roles of chairperson and chief executive officer should not be exercised by the same person.

Orocobre is compliant with this Recommendation. The Chairman does not perform executive functions and is not considered the chief executive officer, however, the Chairman does provide consulting services to the Company.

The Company's Managing Director, Mr Seville is the chief executive officer. The Managing Director is responsible for running the affairs of the Company under delegated authority from the Board, including the implementation of the policies and strategy set by the Board. There is a clear division of responsibilities between the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer

2.4 The board should establish a nomination committee.

This recommendation is not applicable to Orocobre because currently the function of the nomination committee is undertaken by the full Board. The size and nature of the Company's activities do not justify the establishment a separate committee at this time. The Board regularly reviews the composition, skill base and effectiveness of the Directors of the Board.

2.5 Companies should disclose the process for evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors.

The Company did not undertake a formal performance review process of the Board and its individual directors throughout the financial year as the Company intends to perform this review subsequent to 30 June 2012.

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Induction and Education

New Directors will undergo an induction process in which they will be given a full briefing on the Company. Where possible, this includes meetings with key executives, tours of the premises, an induction package and presentations. Information conveyed to new Directors includes:

- details of the role and responsibilities of a Director;
- formal policies on Director appointment as well as conduct and contribution expectations;
- details of all relevant legal requirements;
- access to a copy of the Board Charter;
- guidelines on how the Board processes function;
- details of past, recent and likely future developments relating to the Board;
- background information on and contact information for key people in the organisation;
- an analysis of the Company;
- a synopsis of the current strategic direction of the Company including a copy of the current strategic plan and annual budget; and
- a copy of the Constitution of the Company.

In order to achieve continuing improvement in Board performance, all Directors are encouraged to undergo continual professional development.

Access to information and Independent Professional Advice

Each Director has the right of access to all Company information and to the Company's executives. Further, the Board collectively and each Director, subject to informing the Chairman, has the right to seek independent professional advice from a suitably qualified advisor, at the Company's expense, up to specified limits, to assist them to carry out their responsibilities. Where appropriate, a copy of this advice is to be made available to all other members of the Board.

PRINCIPLE 3: PROMOTE ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING

3.1 Companies should establish a code of conduct and disclose the code or a summary of the code.

The Board requires high standards of conduct and responsibility from Directors and officers. As part of its commitment to recognising the legitimate interest of stakeholders, the Company has developed a Code of Conduct to guide compliance with legal and other obligations to stakeholders, which include employees, clients, customers, government authorities, creditors and the community. Directors are required to adhere to industry standards in conduct and dealings and promote a culture of honesty, fairness and ethical behaviour into its internal compliance policy and procedures as well as dealing with stakeholders.

The Company is committed to implementing this Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code is given to all contractors and relevant personnel, including Directors and each individual is accountable for such compliance.

Any breach of applicable laws, accepted ethical commercial practices or other aspects of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action. Depending on the severity of the breach, such disciplinary action may include reprimand, formal warning, demotion or termination of employment/engagement (as the case may be).

Similar disciplinary action may be taken against any manager who directly approves of such action or has knowledge of the action and does not take appropriate remedial action.

Breach of applicable laws or regulations may also result in prosecution by the appropriate authorities. The Company will not pay, directly or indirectly, any penalties imposed on any personnel as a result of a breach of law or regulation.

Personnel are expected to report any instances of suspected non-compliance and these will be investigated fairly. Individuals who report suspected non-compliance in good faith will be appropriately protected.

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The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website.

Company Securities Trading Policy

The Company has a Securities Trading Policy pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 12.9. According to this policy, all Directors, senior executives, employees, contractors and consultants, whilst in possession of material, non-public, market price sensitive information, are subject to three restrictions:

- they must not deal in securities where they are in possession of inside information;
- they must not cause or procure anyone else to deal in those securities; and
- they must not communicate the information to any person if they know or ought to know that the other person will use the information, directly or indirectly, for dealings in securities.

Directors, senior executives, employees, contractors and consultants are required to advise the Chairman and company secretary of their intentions prior to undertaking any transaction in the Company's securities. If a Director, senior executive, employee, contractor or consultant is considered to possess material, non-public, market price sensitive information, they will be precluded from making a security transaction until after the time of public release of that information.

The Securities Trading Policy is available on the Company's website.

3.2 Companies should establish a policy concerning diversity and disclose the policy or a summary of that policy.

The Company has implemented a Diversity Policy which is available on its website. The Diversity Policy is a commitment by the Company to actively seek to maintain a diverse workforce to create a workplace that is fair and inclusive, applies fair and equitable employment practices and provides a working environment that will allow all employees to reach their full potential.

3.3 Companies should disclose in each annual report the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the Board in accordance with the Diversity Policy and progress towards achieving them.

The Company is of the view that any measurable statistical objectives on a diverse workforce must be fit for purpose, in line with the Company strategic objectives and ensure the Company is in compliance with all relevant legislative requirements. As at the date of this Annual Report, the Company is of the opinion that measurable objectives are not appropriate at its present stage of development, however, the Company will consider implementation of measurable objectives in future.

3.4 Companies should disclose in each annual report the proportion of women employees in the whole organisation, women in senior executive positions and women on the Board

Due to the size and scale of operations of the Company, the Board believes that a longer term gender diversity objective is more appropriate.

As at the date of this Annual Report, 0% of Board, 19% of employees and 2% of senior executives are women. The Company will look to increase gender diversity at a Board and senior executive level in future years as the Company aims to progress from exploration to production.

PRINCIPLE 4: SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

4.1 The board should establish an audit committee.

The Board has established an Audit Committee to assist the Board. Details of the Members of the Audit Committee and their attendance at Committee Meetings are set out in Directors' Report.

4.2 The structure of the audit committee.

The Audit Committee consists of three Non-executive Directors. There is a majority of independent directors on the Audit Committee and the Chairman is Mr John Gibson who is an independent Non-Executive Director. The other members of the Audit Committee are Mr Pratt and Mr Oris de Roa.

4.3 The audit committee has a formal charter.

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set out in a formal charter approved by the Board. The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website under "Corporate Governance".

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4.4 Reporting on Principle 4

External auditor

After a recommendation has been made by the Audit Committee, the Board is responsible for the initial appointment of the external auditor and the appointment of a new external auditor when any vacancy arises. Any appointment made by the Board must be ratified by shareholders at the next annual general meeting of the Company. Candidates for the position of external auditor of the Company must be able to demonstrate complete independence from the Company and an ability to maintain independence through the engagement period. Further the successful candidate must have arrangements in place for the rotation of the audit engagement partner on a regular basis.

The Board may select an external auditor based on criteria relevant to the business of the Company such as experience in the industry in which the Company operates, references, cost and any other matters deemed relevant by the Board. The Board reviews the performance of the external auditor on an annual basis.

PRINCIPLE 5: MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE

5.1 Policy for compliance with continuous disclosure

The Board has adopted a policy and rules to ensure the Company complies with its obligations under the ASX Listing Rule 3.1 – Continuous Disclosure. The Board has designated the Company Secretary as the person responsible for overseeing and coordinating disclosure of information to the ASX as well as communicating with the ASX.

In accordance with the ASX Listing Rules, the Company immediately notifies the ASX of information:

1. concerning the Company that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's shares; and
2. that would, or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly invest in securities in deciding whether to acquire or dispose of the Company's shares.

Such matters are advised to the ASX immediately they are identified as being material. Upon confirmation of receipt from the ASX, the Company posts all information disclosed in accordance with this policy on its website in an area accessible by the public.

5.2 Reporting on Principle 5

A summary of the Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website.

PRINCIPLE 6: RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS

6.1 Communications policy

The Board respects the rights of its Shareholders and to facilitate the effective exercise of those rights, it has adopted a policy on communication with Shareholders and implemented a set of processes to ensure timely and effective communication with Shareholders and the wider investment community. The Company is committed to:

- communicating effectively with shareholders through releases to the market via ASX, the Company's website, information mailed to shareholders and the general meetings of the Company;
- giving shareholders ready access to balanced and understandable information about the Company and corporate proposals;
- making it easy for shareholders to participate in general meetings of the Company and ask questions regarding the conduct of audit and about the functioning of the Company generally; and
- making it possible for shareholders to receive communication by electronic means.

The Company also makes available a telephone number and email address for shareholders to make enquiries of the Company.

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6.2 Reporting on Principle 6

The Company's Shareholder Communications Policy is available on the Company's website.

PRINCIPLE 7: RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK

7.1 Policies on risk oversight and management

The Company has developed a framework for risk management and internal compliance and control systems that cover organisational, financial, environmental, sustainability, compliance, strategic, ethical conduct, technological, financial reporting market related and operational aspects of the Company's affairs.

The objective of this Risk Management Framework is to:

- ensure the identification of material business risks across each of the key risk areas;
- encourage appropriate tolerance of risks across the Company;
- establish procedures to analyse risks within agreed parameters across the Company;
- establish procedures to monitor and manage material business risk; and
- ensure a risk framework is in place which can react should the risk profile of the business change.

Key components of the Risk Management Framework are:

- identifying and assessing all material business risks;
- managing, monitoring and wherever possible, mitigating, identified material business risks;
- reporting periodically; and
- assessing the effectiveness of the risk management framework.

Management meets regularly to discuss material business risks and the management of those risks. Management reports to the Board on risk management on a regular basis, including advising of any material changes in the Company's risk profile.

The Company's Risk Management Policy is available on the Company's website.

7.2 Report on risk management and internal control system

The Board is responsible for setting the risk philosophy and risk appetite for the Company and approving the overall risk management and internal control system.

Presently, the full Board carries out the functions of a risk management committee as the Board's view is that a separate committee to manage the risk management functions is not warranted by the Company at this time.

The Board reviews the management of material business risks and the adequacy of the risk management and internal control framework on a regular basis. Management has reported to the Board on the effectiveness of the management of material business risks.

7.3 Attestation by Chief executive officer (or equivalent) and chief financial officer (or equivalent)

The Managing Director/CEO, and the Chief Financial Officer, have given written confirmation to the board that:

- the declaration provided in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control ; and
- the Company's risk management and internal control system is operating effectively in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks.

7.4 Reporting on Principle 7

A summary of the Company's Risk Management Policy, internal compliance and control system is available on the Company's website.

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PRINCIPLE 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

8.1 Establishment of a remuneration committee.

The Board has established a Remuneration Committee that assumes responsibilities in relation to remuneration matters such as remuneration, recruitment, retention and termination policies and procedures, senior executives' remuneration and incentives, superannuation arrangement and the setting of the remuneration framework for Directors.

The Chairman of the Committee is Mr Courtney Pratt and the other members of the Committee are Mr James Calaway and Mr Fernando Oris de Roa. Details of the members of the Remuneration Committee and their attendance at Committee Meetings are set out in the Directors' Report.

The Company is committed to remunerating its Executive Directors, Non-executive Directors and future executives in a manner that is market-competitive, consistent with best practice and supporting the interests of shareholders.

Details of the Company's remuneration policy are provided in the accompanying Directors' Report and Financial Statements.

The Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Orocobre website under Corporate Governance.

8.2 Structure of Non-executive and Executive Director Remuneration

The Company clearly distinguishes the form of remuneration for Non-executive Directors and executives. Non-executive Director fees are not linked to company performance however, components of executive remuneration is clearly linked to the achievement of company goals.

Board policy is to remunerate Non-executive Directors at market rates for comparable companies for time, commitment and responsibilities. Non-executive Directors' are remunerated by way of fees, in the form of cash, non-cash benefits, or superannuation contributions. The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to Non-executive Directors is subject to approval by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting and are not linked to the performance of the Company. At present, this maximum aggregate amount is \$400,000. No other form of retirement benefit is paid.

The remuneration policy and setting the terms and conditions for Executive Directors was developed and approved by Non-executive Directors. Executive Directors receive payments under consultancy agreements with the Company. No other form of retirement benefit is paid.

The Company has prohibited the entering into transactions in associated products which limit the economic risk of participating in unvested entitlements under any equity-based remuneration.

Further details are available in the Remuneration Report of the Directors' Report.

8.3 Reporting on Principle 8

Details of the members of the Remuneration Committee and their attendance at Committee Meetings are set out in the Directors' Report. Details of the Company's remuneration policy are outlined in the Remuneration Report section of the Directors' Report, along with the names of the Directors, their qualifications and experience and the term of office held by each Director.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2012

| | | Economic Entity | |
|--|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Note | 2012 | 2011 |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue | 2 | 1,602,946 | 1,324,656 |
| Corporate & administrative expenses | | (1,321,213) | (1,420,121) |
| Employee benefits expenses | 3 | (2,169,030) | (1,944,680) |
| Occupancy costs | | (169,253) | (160,517) |
| Capitalised exploration & evaluation expenditure written off | | (756,014) | - |
| Foreign currency gain/(loss) | | (182,024) | 356,489 |
| Loss before income tax | | (2,994,588) | (1,844,173) |
| Income tax expense | 4 | - | - |
| Loss for the year | | (2,994,588) | (1,844,173) |
| Other Comprehensive income | | | |
| Translation of foreign controlled entities | | (1,828,244) | (5,127,145) |
| Net gain on revaluation of financial assets | | (172,473) | 81,071 |
| Other Comprehensive income for the period, net of tax | | (2,000,717) | (5,046,074) |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period | | (4,995,305) | (6,890,247) |
| Loss attributable to: | | (2,830,028) | |
| Members of the parent entity | | (164,560) | (1,789,856) |
| Non-controlling interest | | | (54,317) |
| | | (2,994,588) | (1,844,173) |
| Total Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to: | | | |
| Members of the parent entity | | (4,830,745) | (6,835,930) |
| Non-Controlling interest | | (164,560) | (54,317) |
| | | (4,995,305) | (6,890,247) |
| Basic earnings per share (cents per share) | 5 | (2.74) | (1.88) |
| Diluted earnings per share (cents per share) | 5 | (2.74) | (1.88) |
| Dividends per share (cents per share) | | - | - |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 30 June 2012

| | | Economic Entity | |
|----------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Note | 2012 | 2011 |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 7 | 16,480,515 | 37,678,205 |
| Trade and other receivables | 8 | 284,655 | 311,264 |
| Other | 9 | 61,655 | 119,673 |
| Total Current Assets | | 16,826,825 | 38,109,142 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Financial assets | 10 | 96,634 | 269,107 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 11 | 779,421 | 340,088 |
| Exploration and evaluation asset | 12 | 43,720,233 | 27,249,892 |
| Other receivables | 8 | 2,928,963 | 2,146,973 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | 47,525,251 | 30,006,060 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 64,352,076 | 68,115,202 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 13 | 6,121,186 | 5,303,703 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 6,121,186 | 5,303,703 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 6,121,186 | 5,303,703 |
| NET ASSETS | | 58,230,890 | 62,811,499 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Issued Capital | 14 | 76,029,387 | 75,960,637 |
| Reserves | 15 | (6,799,147) | (5,144,376) |
| Accumulated losses | | (11,150,770) | (8,320,743) |
| Parent interest | | 58,079,470 | 62,495,518 |
| Non controlling interest | | 151,420 | 315,981 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 58,230,890 | 62,811,499 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30 June 2012

| Economic Entity | Note | Share Capital | Accumulated Losses | Option Reserve | Foreign Currency Translation Reserve | Financial Assets Reserve | Non controlling Interests | Total |
|--|------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at 1 July 2010 | | 40,954,5 | (6,530,887) | 31,502 | (453,828) | (120,000) | 370,298 | 34,251,637 |
| Loss attributable to members of the company | | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,789,856) |
| Loss attributable to non controlling interests | | - | - | - | - | - | (54,317) | (54,317) |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | | - | - | - | (5,127,145) | 81,071 | - | (5,046,074) |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) | | - | (1,789,856) | - | (5,127,145) | 81,071 | (54,317) | (6,890,247) |
| Shares issued during the period | 14 | 37,611,864 | - | - | - | - | - | 37,611,864 |
| Transaction costs | | (2,636,654) | - | - | - | - | - | (2,636,654) |
| Options expensed during the period | 14 | - | - | 474,899 | - | - | - | 474,899 |
| Options exercised during the period | 14 | 30,875 | - | (30,875) | - | - | - | - |
| Balance at 30 June 2011 | | 75,960,637 | (8,320,743) | 475,526 | (5,580,973) | (38,929) | 315,981 | 62,811,499 |
| Loss attributable to members of the company | | - | (2,830,027) | - | - | - | - | (2,830,027) |
| Loss attributable to non-controlling interests | | - | - | - | - | - | (164,561) | (164,561) |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | | - | - | - | (1,828,244) | (172,473) | - | (2,000,717) |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) | | - | (2,830,027) | - | (1,828,244) | (172,473) | (164,561) | (4,995,305) |
| Shares issued during the period | 14 | 56,875 | - | - | - | - | - | 56,875 |
| Options expensed during the period | 14 | - | - | 357,821 | - | - | - | 357,821 |
| Options exercised during the period | 14 | 11,875 | - | (11,875) | - | - | - | - |
| Balance at 30 June 2012 | | 76,029,387 | (11,150,770) | 821,472 | (7,409,217) | (211,402) | 151,420 | 58,230,890 |

The accompanying

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the year ended 30 June 2012

| | | Economic Entity | |
|---|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Note | 2012 | 2011 |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | (4,123,164) | (6,291,808) |
| Net Interest received | | 1,448,556 | 1,145,815 |
| Other income | | 143,578 | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 16 | (2,531,030) | (5,145,993) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Capitalised exploration expenditure | 12 | (18,200,189) | (16,057,008) |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 11 | (646,059) | (313,409) |
| Purchase of listed shares | 10 | - | (58,036) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | | 46,033 | 14,730 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | | (18,800,215) | (16,413,723) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Proceeds from issue of shares | 14 | 46,875 | 37,460,268 |
| Costs associated with share issue | 14 | - | (2,528,316) |
| Funds provided under joint venture agreement | | - | 67,107 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | | 46,875 | 34,999,059 |
| Net increase in cash held | | (21,284,370) | 13,439,343 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | | 37,678,205 | 24,482,793 |
| Effect of exchange rates on cash holdings in foreign currencies | | 86,680 | (243,931) |
| Cash at end of year | 7 | 16,480,515 | 37,678,205 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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These consolidated financial statements and notes represent those of Orocobre Limited and Controlled Entities (the "consolidated group" or "group").

The separate financial statements of the parent entity, Orocobre Limited, have not been presented within this financial report as permitted by the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 17 August 2012 by the directors of the company.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Australian Corporations Act 2001. The group is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the IASB. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow information, the financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of entities controlled by Orocobre Limited at the end of the reporting period. A controlled entity is any entity over which Orocobre Limited has the ability and right to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from the entity's activities.

Where controlled entities have entered or left the group during the year, the financial performance of those entities is included only for the period of the year that they were controlled. A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 25 to the financial statements.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all intragroup balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated group have been eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests, being the equity in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to a parent, are reported separately within the equity section of the consolidated statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income. The non-controlling interests in the net assets comprise their interests at the date of the original business combination and their share of changes in equity since that date.

Business Combinations

Business combinations occur where an acquirer obtains control over one or more businesses.

A business combination is accounted for by applying the acquisition method, unless it is a combination involving entities or businesses under common control. The business combination will be accounted for from the date that control is attained, whereby the fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) assumed is recognised (subject to certain limited exemptions).

When measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination, any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement is also included. Subsequent to initial recognition, contingent consideration classified as equity is not remeasured and its subsequent

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is remeasured each reporting period to fair value, recognising any change to fair value in profit or loss, unless the change in value can be identified as existing at acquisition date.

All transaction costs incurred in relation to the business combinations are expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

The acquisition of a business may result in the recognition of goodwill or a gain from a bargain purchase.

Income Tax

The income tax expense (income) for the year comprises current income tax expense (income) and deferred tax expense (income).

Current income tax expense charged to profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income. Current tax liabilities (assets) are measured at the amounts expected to be paid to (recovered from) the relevant taxation authority.

Deferred income tax expense reflects movements in deferred tax asset and deferred tax liability balances during the year as well unused tax losses.

Current and deferred income tax expense (income) is charged or credited outside profit or loss when the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit or loss.

Except for business combinations, no deferred income tax is recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled and their measurement also reflects the manner in which management expects to recover or settle the carrying amount of the related asset or liability.

Deferred tax assets relating to temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the benefits of the deferred tax asset can be utilised.

Where temporary differences exist in relation to investments in subsidiaries, branches, associates and joint ventures, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is not probable that the reversal will occur in the foreseeable future.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset where a legally enforceable right of set-off exists and it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where: (a) a legally enforceable right of set-off exists; and (b) the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur in future periods in which significant amounts of deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be recovered or settled.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

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

The depreciation rates used for plant and equipment are in the range between 20% and 40%.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

Exploration and Development Expenditure

Exploration, evaluation and development expenditures incurred are capitalised in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are only capitalised to the extent that they are expected to be recovered through the successful development of the area or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage that permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

Accumulated costs in relation to an abandoned area are written off in full against profit in the year in which the decision to abandon the area is made.

When production commences, the accumulated costs for the relevant area of interest are amortised over the life of the area according to the rate of depletion of the economically recoverable reserves.

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

Restoration Costs

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

Any changes in the estimates for the costs are accounted for on a prospective basis. In determining the costs of site restoration, there is uncertainty regarding the nature and extent of the restoration due to community expectations and future legislation. Accordingly the costs have been determined on the basis that the restoration will be completed within one year of abandoning the site.

Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted).

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, or cost.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the *effective interest method*.

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

The *effective interest method* is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) over the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

The group does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of accounting standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

Available-for-sale investments

Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into any of the other categories of financial assets due to their nature or designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with any remeasurements other than impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current assets when they are expected to be sold after 12 months from the end of the reporting period. All other available-for-sale financial assets are classified as current assets.

Financial Liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the group assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset or group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") having occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered to constitute a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the group recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expire or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period the group assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will include the consideration of external and internal sources of information, including dividends received from subsidiaries, associates or jointly controlled entities deemed to be out of pre-acquisition profits. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (eg in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits available on demand with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Issued Capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the group's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy any vesting requirements. Those cash flows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows attributable to employee benefits.

Equity-settled compensation

The group operates an employee share ownership plan. Share-based payments to employees are measured at the fair value of the instruments issued and amortised over the vesting periods. Share-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of goods or services received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued, if it is determined the fair value of the goods or services cannot be reliably measured, and are recorded at the date the goods or services are received. The corresponding amount is recorded to the option reserve. The fair value of options is determined using the Binomial Option Valuation pricing model. The number of shares and options expected to vest is reviewed and adjusted at the end of each reporting period such that the amount recognised for services received as consideration for the equity instruments granted is based on the number of equity instruments that eventually vest.

Revenue and Other Income

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST (or overseas, VAT), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the relevant taxation authority.

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 ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the group has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Earnings per Share (EPS)

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to equity holders of the company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for any bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year.

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

Foreign Currency Transactions and Balances

Functional and presentation currency

The functional currency of each of the group's entities is measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which that entity operates. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the parent entity's functional currency.

Transaction and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items are translated at the year-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost continue to be carried at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are reported at the exchange rate at the date when fair values were determined.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of monetary items are recognised in profit or loss, except where deferred in equity as a qualifying cash flow or net investment hedge.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items are recognised directly in other comprehensive income to the extent that the underlying gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income; otherwise the exchange difference is recognised in profit or loss.

Group companies

The financial results and position of foreign operations, whose functional currency is different from the group's presentation currency, are translated as follows:

- assets and liabilities are translated at year-end exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period;
- income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the period; and
- retained earnings are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction.

Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations with functional currencies other than Australian dollars are recognised in other comprehensive income and included in the foreign currency translation reserve in the statement of financial position. These differences are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the operation is disposed of.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

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

The group makes estimates and judgements in applying the accounting policies. Critical judgements in respect of accounting policies relate to exploration and evaluation assets, whereby exploration and evaluation expenditure is capitalised in certain circumstances, primarily where activities in the area of interest have not yet reached a stage which permits reasonable assessment of economically recoverable reserves. Otherwise expenditure is expensed.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Comparative Figures and Financial Period

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the group. The group has decided not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements. The group's assessment of the new and amended pronouncements that are relevant to the group but applicable in future reporting periods is set out below:

AASB 9: Financial Instruments (December 2010) and AASB 2010–7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010) [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19 & 127] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

These Standards are applicable retrospectively and include revised requirements for the classification and measurement of financial instruments, as well as recognition and derecognition requirements for financial instruments.

The key changes made to accounting requirements include:

- simplifying the classifications of financial assets into those carried at amortised cost and those carried at fair value;
- simplifying the requirements for embedded derivatives;
- removing the tainting rules associated with held-to-maturity assets;
- removing the requirements to separate and fair value embedded derivatives for financial assets carried at amortised cost;
- allowing an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument;
- requiring financial assets to be reclassified where there is a change in an entity's business model as they are initially classified based on: (a) the objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; and (b) the characteristics of the contractual cash flows; and
- requiring an entity that chooses to measure a financial liability at fair value to present the portion of the change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in other comprehensive income, except when that would create an accounting mismatch. If such a mismatch would be created or enlarged, the entity is required to present all changes in fair value (including the effects of changes in the credit risk of the liability) in profit or loss.

The group has not yet been able to reasonably estimate the impact of these pronouncements on its financial statements.

AASB 2010–8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets [AASB 112] (applies to periods beginning on or after 1 January 2012).

This Standard makes amendments to AASB 112: Income Taxes and incorporates Interpretation 121: Income Taxes – Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets into AASB 112.

Under the current AASB 112, the measurement of deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets depends on whether an entity expects to recover an asset by using it or by selling it. The amendments introduce a presumption that an investment property is recovered entirely through sale. This presumption is rebutted if the investment property is held within a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment property over time, rather than through sale.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The amendments are not expected to significantly impact the group.

AASB 10: Consolidated Financial Statements, AASB 11: Joint Arrangements, AASB 12: Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, AASB 127: Separate Financial Statements (August 2011), AASB 128: Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (August 2011) and AASB 2011-7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Consolidation and Joint Arrangements Standards [AASB 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 101, 107, 112, 118, 121, 124, 132, 133, 136, 138, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 5, 9, 16 & 17] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

AASB 10 replaces parts of AASB 127: Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements (March 2008, as amended) and Interpretation 112: Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities. AASB 10 provides a revised definition of control and additional application guidance so that a single control model will apply to all investees. The group has not yet been able to reasonably estimate the impact of this Standard on its financial statements.

AASB 11 replaces AASB 131: Interests in Joint Ventures (July 2004, as amended). AASB 11 requires joint arrangements to be classified as either “joint operations” (where the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities) or “joint ventures” (where the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the arrangement). Joint ventures are required to adopt the equity method of accounting (proportionate consolidation is no longer allowed).

AASB 12 contains the disclosure requirements applicable to entities that hold an interest in a subsidiary, joint venture, joint operation or associate. AASB 12 also introduces the concept of a “structured entity”, replacing the “special purpose entity” concept currently used in Interpretation 112, and requires specific disclosures in respect of any investments in unconsolidated structured entities. This Standard will affect disclosures only and is not expected to significantly impact the group.

To facilitate the application of AASBs 10, 11 and 12, revised versions of AASB 127 and AASB 128 have also been issued. These Standards are not expected to significantly impact the group.

AASB 13: Fair Value Measurement and AASB 2011-8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13 [AASB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 2010-7, 101, 102, 108, 110, 116, 17, 118, 119, 120, 121, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141, 1004, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 131 & 132] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

AASB 13 defines fair value, sets out in a single Standard a framework for measuring fair value, and requires disclosures about fair value measurement.

AASB 13 requires:

- inputs to all fair value measurements to be categorised in accordance with a fair value hierarchy; and
- enhanced disclosures regarding all assets and liabilities (including, but not limited to, financial assets and financial liabilities) to be measured at fair value.

These Standards are not expected to significantly impact the group.

AASB 2011-9: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income [AASB 1, 5, 7, 101, 112, 120, 121, 132, 133, 134, 1039 & 1049] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2012).

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The main change arising from this Standard is the requirement for entities to group items presented in other comprehensive income (OCI) on the basis of whether they are potentially reclassifiable to profit or loss subsequently.

This Standard affects presentation only and is therefore not expected to significantly impact the group.

AASB 119: Employee Benefits (September 2011) and AASB 2011-10: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 119 (September 2011) [AASB 1, AASB 8, AASB101, AASB124, AASB134, AASB1049 & AASB 2011-8 and Interpretation 14] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013).

These Standards introduce a number of changes to accounting and presentation of defined benefit plans. The group does not have any defined benefit plans and so is not impacted by the amendment.

AASB 119 (September 2011) also includes changes to the accounting for termination benefits that require an entity to recognise an obligation for such benefits at the earlier of:

- (i) for an offer that may be withdrawn – when the employee accepts;
- (ii) for an offer that cannot be withdrawn – when the offer is communicated to affected employees; and
- (iii) where the termination is associated with a restructuring of activities under AASB 137: Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets, and if earlier than the first two conditions – when the related restructuring costs are recognised.

AASB 2012-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities': Principally amends AASB 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' to require disclosure of information that will enable users of an entity's financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements, including rights of set-off associated with the entity's recognised financial assets and recognised financial liabilities, on the entity's financial position

AASB 2012-3: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities': Adds application guidance to AASB 132 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' to address inconsistencies identified in applying some of the offsetting criteria of AASB 132, including clarifying the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off" and that some gross settlement systems may be considered equivalent to net settlement

AASB 2012-4: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Government Loans': Adds an exception to the retrospective application of Australian Accounting Standards under AASB 1 'First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards' to require that first-time adopters apply the requirements in AASB 139 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (or AASB 9 'Financial Instruments') and AASB 120 'Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance' prospectively to government loans (including those at a below-market rate of interest) existing at the date of transition to Australian Accounting Standards

AASB 2012-5: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Annual Improvements 2009-2011 Cycle': Makes amendments resulting from the 2009-2011 Annual Improvements Cycle. The Standard addresses a range of improvements, including the following: repeat application of AASB 1 is permitted (AASB 1); and clarification of the comparative information requirements when an entity provides a third balance sheet (AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements'), and

AASB 1048: Interpretation of Standards (revised)': Identifies the Australian Interpretations and classifies them into two groups: those that correspond to an IASB Interpretation and those that do not. Entities are required to apply each relevant Australian Interpretation in preparing financial

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

statements that are within the scope of the Standard. The revised version of AASB 1048 updates the lists of Interpretations for new and amended Interpretations issued since the June 2010 version of AASB 1048

AASB 2012-2: AASB 2012-4 and AASB 2012-5 apply to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013. AASB 2012-3 applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014. AASB 1048 applies to annual reporting periods ending on or after 30 June 2012. Earlier application of the Standards is permitted, with some conditions.

The group has not yet been able to reasonably estimate the impact of these changes to AASB 119.

| | Economic Entity | |
|--|-----------------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ |

NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

Operating activities:

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Interest - other persons | 1,449,720 | 1,145,815 |
| Other revenue | 143,578 | 178,841 |
| Gain of sale of plant & equipment | 9,648 | - |
| Profit on disposal of discontinued operation (a) | 1,602,946 | 1,324,656 |

NOTE 3: PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR

Included in expenses are the following items:

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Capitalised exploration & evaluation expenditure written-off | 756,014 | - |
| Depreciation & amortisation | 125,279 | 96,735 |
| Rental expense on operating lease | 112,760 | 112,309 |
| Foreign currency translation losses/(gains) | 182,024 | (356,489) |

Employee benefits expense comprises:

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Short term benefits | 4,434,142 | 2,891,859 |
| Contributions to defined contribution plans | 64,237 | 52,518 |
| Share based payments | 357,821 | 474,898 |
| Less capitalised as exploration expenditure | (2,687,170) | (1,474,595) |

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 2,169,030 | 1,944,680 |
|-----------|-----------|

NOTE 4: INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The prima facie tax on the operating loss is reconciled to income tax expense as follows:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Prima facie tax payable/(benefit) on loss from ordinary activities before income tax at 30% (2011: 30%). | (898,376) | (553,252) |
| Adjust for tax effect of: | | |
| Non-deductible amounts | (240,627) | (112,888) |
| Tax losses and temporary differences not brought to account | 1,139,003 | 1,383,643 |
| Income tax expense/(benefit) attributable to entity | - | - |
| Weighted average effective tax rate | 0.00% | 0.00% |

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NOTE 4: INCOME TAX EXPENSE (continued)

The Group has unconfirmed carry forward losses of approximately \$11,000,000 in Australia and \$4,000,000 in foreign losses (2011: \$10,000,000).

As set out in note 1, the availability of these losses is dependent upon compliance with income tax legislation in Australia and foreign jurisdictions.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities not brought to account, the net benefit of which will only be realised if the conditions for deductibility set out in Note 1 occur.

| | 2012 \$ | 2011 \$ |
|--|------------|------------|
| Temporary differences (comprising share issue costs, provisions and other items) | 63,186 | 907,394 |
| Tax losses | 5,132,010 | 3,127,710 |
| Net unbooked deferred tax asset | 5,195,196 | 4,035,104 |

NOTE 5: EARNINGS PER SHARE

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Loss for the financial year | 2,994,588 | 1,844,173 |
| Exclude non-controlling interest | (164,560) | (54,317) |
| Net loss used in the calculation of basic and dilutive EPS | 2,830,028 | 1,789,856 |

| | No. | No. |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in the calculation of basic EPS | 103,184,354 | 95,314,588 |
| Weighted average number of options outstanding | - | - |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in the calculation of dilutive EPS | 103,184,354 | 95,314,588 |

Options to acquire ordinary shares in the parent entity are the only securities considered as potential ordinary shares in determination of diluted EPS. Options issued are not presently dilutive and have been excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS.

NOTE 6: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

| | 2012 \$ | 2011 \$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| Remuneration of the auditor of the parent entity for: | | |
| - auditing or reviewing the financial report | 61,300 | 47,500 |
| - other assurance services | 14,800 | 5,000 |
| - other services (due diligence) | - | 38,000 |
| | 76,100 | 90,500 |
| Remuneration of other auditors of subsidiaries for: | | |
| - auditing or reviewing the financial report | 107,803 | 51,965 |
| - other services (accounting compliance) | 2,592 | 7,705 |
| | 110,395 | 59,670 |

NOTE 7: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash at bank and on hand | 2,063,596 | 1,261,170 |
| Short term deposits | 14,416,919 | 36,417,035 |
| | 16,480,515 | 24,482,793 |

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is the same amount as shown in the statement of financial position. The effective interest rate on short term deposits was 5.3% (2011: 3.2%). Deposits have an average maturity of 56 days.

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NOTE 8: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

| | 2012 \$ | 2011 \$ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current: | | |
| Related party receivables | 17,528 | 32,242 |
| Other receivables | 267,127 | 279,022 |
| | <u>284,655</u> | <u>311,264</u> |
| Non Current: | | |
| VAT Tax Credits | 2,928,963 | 2,146,973 |

There are no balances within other receivables that are impaired and past due. It is expected these balances will be received when due. Impaired assets are provided for in full. There are no balances with terms that have been renegotiated but which would otherwise be past due or impaired. The amounts are non-interest bearing and generally on 30 days terms. No collateral is held over receivables.

Credit Risk — Trade and Other Receivables

Included in non-current receivables is \$2,928,963 (2011: \$2,146,973) being VAT recoveries due from the Argentine revenue authority. This amount represents a significant concentration of credit risk to the Group. On a geographical basis the Group has total receivables of A\$3,103,006 (2011: A\$2,284,427) denominated in Argentine pesos, which represents a significant concentration of credit risk to the Group. The class of assets described as Trade and Other Receivables is considered to be the main source of credit risk related to the Group.

NOTE 9: OTHER ASSETS

| | 2012 \$ | 2011 \$ |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Current: | | |
| Prepayments | 61,655 | 119,673 |

NOTE 10: FINANCIAL ASSETS

Available for sale financial assets (at fair value)

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Non-current - Shares in listed entity | 96,634 | 269,107 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|

NOTE 11: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Plant and equipment | | |
| At cost | 1,000,698 | 462,832 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (221,277) | (122,744) |
| Total plant and equipment | <u>779,421</u> | <u>340,088</u> |

Reconciliation of the carrying amounts for property, plant and equipment is set out below:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance at the beginning of year | 340,088 | 200,938 |
| Additions | 646,059 | 313,409 |
| Disposals | (34,904) | (7,968) |
| Depreciation expense | (125,279) | (96,735) |
| Foreign currency translation movement | (46,543) | (69,556) |
| Carrying amount at the end of year | <u>779,421</u> | <u>340,088</u> |

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NOTE 12: EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSET

| | 2012 \$ | 2011 \$ |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Exploration and evaluation expenditure carried forward in respect of areas of interest are: | | |
| Exploration and evaluation phase - at cost | 43,720,233 | 27,249,892 |
| Movement in exploration and evaluation asset: | | |
| Opening balance - at cost | 27,249,892 | 15,376,489 |
| Capitalised exploration expenditure | 18,966,205 | 16,208,604 |
| Exploration expenditure written-off - current year | (756,014) | - |
| Foreign currency translation movement | (1,739,850) | (4,335,201) |
| Carrying amount at the end of year | 43,720,233 | 27,249,892 |

Recoverability of the carrying amount of exploration assets is dependent on the successful exploration and development of projects or alternatively through the sale of the areas of interest.

Capitalised exploration expenditure includes \$10,000 (2011: \$151,596) settled by way of share issue (note 14).

As detailed in the Directors' Report, the Company has entered into a binding agreement with Jujuy Energia y Minería Sociedad del Estado ("JEMSE"), whereby JEMSE will acquire an 8.5% equity interest in the Olaroz Project and provide assistance as needed during the project's development. JEMSE will only acquire this equity position upon completion of the project financing by Mizuho Corporate Bank and JOGMEC.

| | 2012 \$ | 2011 \$ |
|--|------------|------------|
| NOTE 13: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES | | |
| Current: | | |
| Sundry payables and accrued expenses | 1,624,613 | 1,023,590 |
| Joint venture contributions received (a) | 4,397,280 | 4,198,545 |
| Short term employee benefits | 87,293 | 66,237 |
| Payable to related entities | 12,000 | 15,331 |
| Total trade & other payables (unsecured) | 6,121,186 | 5,303,703 |

- (a) In January 2010, the parent entity entered into an agreement to establish a joint venture with Toyota Tsusho Corporation ("TTC"), a Toyota Group company to develop the Olaroz Lithium-Potash Project in Argentina. Under the agreement TTC has provided US\$4.5million to fund the completion of the Definitive Feasibility Study and other associated pre-development activities. Subject to the finalising of the terms of a joint venture operating agreement TTC may acquire a 25 percent equity interest in the joint venture at a cost based on the NPV estimated from the Definitive Feasibility Study. Contributions received to date of US\$4,500,000, may be applied as consideration for TTC's equity interest in the joint venture directly. Alternatively if a form of joint venture does not proceed, the \$US 4,500,000 contribution will be applied to the issue of shares in Orocobre Ltd to TTC at a pre-determined price. TTC is yet to give notice on its intentions.

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| NOTE 14: ISSUED CAPITAL | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Fully paid ordinary shares | 75,960,637 | 75,960,637 |
| Ordinary shares | No. | No. |
| Balance at the beginning of the reporting period | 103,063,894 | 91,036,426 |
| Shares issued during the year: | | |
| Previous financial year | - | 12,027,468 |
| 29 July 2011– Option exercise at \$0.375 | 125,000 | - |
| 15 August 2011 – Tenement acquisition at \$1.63 | 6,135 | - |
| Balance at reporting date | 103,195,029 | 103,063,894 |

Capital raised during the year totalled \$46,875 (2011: \$37,611,864 less \$2,636,654 of costs).

Effective 1 July 1998, the Corporations legislation in place abolished the concepts of authorised capital and par value shares. Accordingly, the Company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares.

Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the parent entity in proportion to the number of shares held. At shareholders' meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands.

| Options | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| | No. | No. |
| Unlisted Share Options | 1,485,000 | 960,000 |
| Balance at the beginning of the reporting period | 960,000 | 525,000 |
| Options issued during the year | 650,000 | 835,000 |
| Exercise of options during the year | (125,000) | (325,000) |
| Options lapsed during the year | - | (75,000) |
| Balance at reporting date | 1,485,000 | 960,000 |

During the year, 650,000 options were granted to Directors. Options are exercisable at \$1.50, with 650,000 expiring 1 December 2016. Refer to Note 20 for details of share based payments.

The amount expensed during the period in relation to all options is \$357,821 (2011: \$474,899). This amount has been credited to the Option Reserve.

Capital Management

Exploration companies such as Orocobre are funded exclusively by share capital. There is no debt. The group's capital comprises its share capital supported by financial assets.

Management controls the capital of the group to ensure that it can fund its operations and continue as a going concern. Capital management policy is to fund its exploration activities by way of equity, and by joint venture. No dividend will be paid while the group is in exploration stage. There are no externally imposed capital requirements. There have been no changes to the capital management policy since the prior year.

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NOTE 15: RESERVES

Foreign currency translation reserve:

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

Options reserve:

The options reserve records amounts recognised as expenses on valuation of share options granted for services provided. When options are exercised, the relevant valuation applicable to those options is transferred from the Option Reserve to Share Capital.

Financial assets reserve:

The financial assets reserve records revaluation of financial assets.

NOTE 16: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

| | 2012 \$ | 2011 \$ |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Loss after Income Tax: | | |
| Loss from ordinary activities after income tax | (2,994,588) | (1,844,173) |
| Non-cash flows in loss from ordinary activities: | | |
| Options expense | 357,821 | 474,898 |
| Depreciation | 125,279 | 96,735 |
| Sale of assets | (9,648) | (4,237) |
| Unrealised foreign exchange gain | 182,024 | (1,148,270) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in receivables | (913,702) | (2,390,041) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in payables | 667,791 | (397,385) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in prepayments | 53,993 | 66,480 |
| Cash flows from operations | (2,531,030) | (5,145,993) |

Non-cash Financing and Investing Activities

Share Issues:

During the year 6,135 (2011: 70,570) shares were issued, representing \$10,000 (2011: \$151,596) under a mineral tenement acquisition agreement.

NOTE 17: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Transactions with Key Management Personnel

Key Management Personnel compensation and equity interests are detailed in Note 19.

During the year, the parent entity engaged Cambridge Business & Corporate Services, an entity controlled by Mr Crawford, company secretary of the parent entity, to provide accounting, company secretarial and other services to the parent entity. Professional fees for the provision of these services for the year totalled \$144,075 (2011: \$130,900). At balance date an amount of \$6,800 (2011: \$9,350) was owing.

During the year, the parent entity engaged Lithium Investors LLC, an entity associated with Mr Calaway, a director of the parent entity, to provide technical services to the parent entity. Professional fees for the provision of these services for the year totalled \$121,079 (2011: \$163,552). At balance date an amount of \$5,200 was owing (2011: \$5,981).

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NOTE 17: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Other related parties

Elementos Limited, listed on the ASX, is a related party of the Group as Mr Calaway is a director of that company, and Mr Crawford is a company secretary.

During the year, the company was party to a cost reimbursement agreement for services provided to OGL Resources Limited, Elementos Limited, DiamonEx Limited and Coronation Resources Limited. A total of \$11,457 (2011: \$ nil) was received under this agreement from OGL Resources Ltd, a total of \$48,934 (2011: \$149,204) was received under this agreement from Elementos Ltd, a total of \$496 (2011: \$ nil) was received under this agreement from DiamonEx Ltd, and a total of \$25,970 (2011: \$12,389) was received from Coronation Resources Limited. At balance date an amount of \$4,578 (2011: \$ nil) was owing from OGL Resources Limited, an amount of \$nil (2011: \$10,172) was owing from Elementos Limited, an amount of \$496 (2011: \$19,774) was owing from DiamonEx Limited, and an amount of \$2,282 (2010: \$ nil) was owing from Coronation Resources Limited. Mr Crawford is a director of Coronation Resources and DiamonEx Limited.

The parent entity's shareholding in the controlled entities is detailed in note 10. The company also provides finance to its controlled entities.

NOTE 18: COMMITMENTS

Exploration Commitments

The economic entity must meet minimum expenditure commitments in relation to option agreements over exploration tenements and to maintain those tenements in good standing.

The following commitments exist at balance date but have not been brought to account. If the relevant mineral tenement is relinquished the expenditure commitment also ceases.

| | 2012 \$ | 2011 \$ |
|--|------------|------------|
| Not later than 1 year | 826,953 | 2,025,787 |
| Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years | 4,451,184 | 2,355,495 |
| Total commitment | 2,278,137 | 4,381,282 |

Operating Lease Commitments

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

| | | |
|--|----------|--------|
| Not later than 1 year | 123,335 | 99,279 |
| Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years | 257,881- | - |
| Total commitment | 381,216 | 99,279 |

Contract Services

The group has contractual commitments to the Provincial Government of Jujuy and its mining company (JEMSE).

| | | |
|--|---------|---|
| Not later than 1 year | 323,739 | - |
| Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years | 314,232 | - |
| Total commitment | 637,971 | - |

Contingencies

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of the reporting period.

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NOTE 19: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION & EQUITY

(a) The names of key management personnel of the entity at any time during the financial year are:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| James D. Calaway | Director - Executive Chairman |
| Richard P. Seville | Director - Executive |
| Neil F. Stuart | Director - Non-Executive |
| John W. Gibson | Director - Non-Executive |
| Courtney Pratt | Director - Non-Executive |
| Ferando Oris de Roa | Director - Non-Executive |
| Frederico Nicolson | Director - Non-Executive |
| Paul A Crawford | Company Secretary |

Other than the directors & company secretary the economic entity has no key management personnel.

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| (b) Key Management Personnel Compensation | | |
| Short-term employee benefits | 967,395 | 817,837 |
| Post-employment benefits | 29,925 | 28,125 |
| Other long-term benefits | - | - |
| Share-based payments | 169,148 | - |
| | <u>1,186,468</u> | <u>845,962</u> |

Detailed disclosures on compensation for key management personnel are set out in the Remuneration Report included in the Directors' Report.

(c) Number of shares held by key management personnel (i)

| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 2012 | Opening Balance | Options Converted | Compensation | Purchased / (Sold) | Balance 30 June 2012 |
| Directors: | | | | | |
| James D. Calaway | 8,454,000 | - | - | 374,000 | 8,828,000 |
| Neil F. Stuart | 5,622,996 | - | - | 20,000 | 5,642,996 |
| Richard P. Seville | 4,821,500 | - | - | - | 4,821,500 |
| John W. Gibson | 25,000 | - | - | - | 25,000 |
| Courtney Pratt | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ferando Oris de Roa | - | - | - | - | - |
| Frederico Nicholson | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other: | | | | | |
| Paul A. Crawford | 2,703,685 | - | - | - | 2,703,685 |
| Total | <u>21,627,181</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>394,000</u> | <u>22,021,181</u> |

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NOTE 19: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION & EQUITY (continued)

| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2011 | Opening Balance | Options Converted | Compen- sation | Purchased / (Sold) | Balance 30 June 2011 |
| Directors: | | | | | |
| James D. Calaway | 8,454,000 | - | - | - | 8,454,000 |
| Neil F. Stuart | 5,552,996 | - | - | 70,000 | 5,622,996 |
| Richard P. Seville | 4,821,500 | - | - | - | 4,821,500 |
| John W. Gibson | 25,000 | - | - | - | 25,000 |
| Courtney Pratt | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ferando Oris de Roa | - | - | - | - | - |
| Frederico Nicholson | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other: | | | | | |
| Paul A. Crawford | 3,055,185 | - | - | (351,500) | 2,703,685 |
| Total | 21,908,681 | - | - | (281,500) | 21,627,181 |

(i) Represents shares held directly or indirectly. The company does not issue shares as a form of remuneration.

(d) Number of options held by Key Management Personnel (i)

Options held by key management personnel during the previous financial year were:

| 2012 | Opening Balance | Converted | Compen- sation | Purchased / (Sold) | Balance 30 June 2011 |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Directors: | | | | | |
| James D. Calaway | - | - | 150,000 | - | 150,000 |
| Neil F. Stuart | - | - | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Richard P. Seville | - | - | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| John W. Gibson | - | - | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Courtney Pratt | - | - | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Ferando Oris de Roa | - | - | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Frederico Nicholson | - | - | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Other: | | | | | |
| Paul A. Crawford | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | 650,000 | - | 650,000 |

(i) Represents options held directly or indirectly.

Details of options provided as compensation for key management personnel are set out in the Remuneration Report included in the Directors' Report.

No options were held by key management personnel during the previous financial year.

NOTE 20: SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

(a) Options

The parent entity had 960,000 share options on issue at the start of the year, 125,000 with an exercise price \$0.375 expiring 31 July 2011, 435,000 with an exercise price \$2.03 expiring 30 June 2013, and 400,000 with an exercise price \$2.03 expiring 30 June 2015.

During the year, 125,000 of these options were exercised.

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NOTE 20: SHARE BASED PAYMENTS (continued)

During the year 650,000 share options were granted pursuant to the company's Employee & Officer Share Option Plan for nil consideration. Options are exercisable at \$1.50 each with 650,000 expiring on 1 December 2016.

All options granted are over ordinary shares, which confer a right of one ordinary share per option. The options hold no voting or dividend rights. At the end of the financial year there are 650,000 options on issue to key management personnel (2011: nil).

Options movements in the year are:

| | 2012 | | 2011 | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| | No. of Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price | No. of Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| | No | \$ | No | \$ |
| Outstanding at the start of the year | 960,000 | 1.815 | 525,000 | 0.375 |
| Granted | 650,000 | 1.500 | 835,000 | 2.030 |
| Forfeited | - | - | (75,000) | 0.375 |
| Exercised | (125,000) | 0.375 | (325,000) | 0.375 |
| Outstanding at year-end | 1,485,000 | 1.798 | 960,000 | 1.815 |
| Exercisable at year-end | 635,000 | 2.030 | 442,500 | 1.562 |

At the date of exercise, the weighted average share price was \$1.845. The options outstanding at 30 June 2012 had a weighted average exercise price of \$2.03 and a weighted average remaining contractual life of 3.0 years.

The weighted average fair value of options granted during the year was \$0.759 (2011: \$0.859).

The fair value of options granted is deemed to represent the value of the employee services received over the vesting period. The fair value of equity settled options is estimated at the date of grant using a binomial option valuation model with the following inputs:

| Financial year of Issue | 2011 | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number Issued | 325,000 | 325,000 | 435,000 | 400,000 |
| Fair value at grant date | \$0.73 | \$0.79 | \$0.84 | \$0.88 |
| Share price | \$1.46 | \$1.46 | \$2.17 | \$2.17 |
| Exercise price | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | \$2.03 | \$2.03 |
| Expected volatility | 75.00% | 75.00% | 75.00% | 75.00% |
| Option life | 4.0 years | 3.0 years | 2.0 years | 4.0 years |
| Expected dividends | nil | nil | nil | nil |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.70% | 4.70% | 4.70% | 4.70% |

Historical volatility has been the basis for determining expected share price volatility as it is assumed that this is indicative of future movements.

(b) Shares

During the year 6,135 shares were issued to third parties as share based payments for the acquisition of exploration assets. The weighted average value of these shares, determined by reference to market price was \$1.63. An amount of \$10,000 has been included in capitalised exploration expenditure for the year, in relation to this share based payment.

During the previous year 70,570 shares were issued to third parties as share based payments for the acquisition of exploration assets. The weighted average value of these shares, determined by reference to market price was \$2.15. An amount of \$151,596 was included in capitalised exploration expenditure for the year, in relation to this share based payment.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

NOTE 21: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

(a) Financial Risk Management

The group's financial instruments comprise deposits with banks, financial assets, amounts receivable and payable.

The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide finance for group operations.

Risk Management Policies

A finance committee consisting of key management of the group meet on a regular basis to analyse exposure and to evaluate treasury management strategies in the context of the most recent economic conditions and forecasts.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the group's risk management framework. Management is responsible for developing and monitoring the risk management policies and reports to the Board.

Financial Risks

The main risks the economic entity is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. There is a minor exposure to price risk through the financial assets. These risks are managed through monitoring of forecast cashflows, interest rates, economic conditions and ensuring adequate funds are available.

Interest Rate Risk

The group's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates arises in relation to the group's bank balances.

This risk is managed through the use of variable rate term deposits.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. This risk is managed by ensuring, to the extent possible, that there is sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the group's reputation.

The group's activities are primarily funded from equity sources.

Financial instrument composition and maturity analysis:

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Financial assets: | | |
| Within 12 months | | |
| - cash & cash equivalents | 16,480,515 | 37,678,205 |
| - receivables | 284,655 | 311,264 |
| | 16,765,170 | 37,989,469 |
| 1 to 5 years | | |
| - receivables | 2,928,963 | 2,146,973 |
| Over 5 years | | |
| - shares in listed entity | 96,634 | 269,107 |
| Total | 19,790,767 | 40,405,549 |
| Financial liabilities: | | |
| Within 12 months | | |
| - payables | 6,121,186 | 5,303,703 |

Net expected inflow on financial instruments within 12 months is \$10,643,984 (2011: \$32,685,766), 1 to 5 years \$2,928,963 (2011: \$2,146,973), over 5 years \$96,634 (2011: \$269,107).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

NOTE 21: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

Foreign Currency Risk

The group is exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies arising from the purchase of goods and services in currencies other than the group's measurement currency. The Group does not currently undertake any hedging of foreign currency items. See note 21 (c) for further details.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is managed and reviewed regularly by the finance committee. It arises from exposures to certain financial instruments and deposits with financial institutions. The finance committee monitors credit risk by actively assessing the rating quality and liquidity of counter parties. Only banks and financial institutions with an 'A' rating are utilised.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

The group does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the group, other than bank balances (Note 7) and the non current receivable (Note 8).

Commodity Price Risk

The Company's prospects and share price will be influenced by the price obtained from time to time for the commodities targeted in its exploration programs, namely lithium chemicals and potash and, to a lesser extent, boron chemicals and other minerals. The prices of such commodities have fluctuated widely in recent years and are affected by factors beyond the control of the Company including, but not limited to, the relationship between global supply and demand for such minerals which may be affected by, among other things, development and commercial acceptance of lithium based applications and technologies and/or the introduction of new technologies that may not be based on lithium, forward selling by producers, the cost of production, new mine developments and mine closures, advances in various production technologies for such minerals and general global economic conditions. The prices of such commodities are also affected by the outlook for inflation, interest rates, currency exchange rates and supply and demand issues, including those resulting from the current global financial crises. Also, major lithium producers may attempt to sell lithium products at artificially low prices in order to drive new entrants out of the market. These factors may have an adverse affect on the Company's exploration and any subsequent development and production activities, as well as its ability to fund its future activities.

(b) Net Fair Values

No financial assets or liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in a standardised form, other than available for sale financial assets .

Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down, as the group intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements. Fair values are materially in line with carrying values. The available for sale assets comprise listed investments for which a level 1 fair value hierarchy has been applied (quoted price in an active market).

(c) Sensitivity Analysis

The group has performed sensitivity analysis relating to its exposure to interest rate risk. At year end, the effect on profit and equity as a result of a 1% change in the interest rate, with all other variables remaining constant would be +/- \$164,805 (2011: \$376,782).

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NOTE 21: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The group has performed sensitivity analysis relating to its exposure to foreign exchange risk. At year end, the effect on profit and equity as a result of a 10% change in the Argentine Peso, with all other variables remaining constant would be +/- \$287,527 (2011: \$206,987).

This exposure arises from Argentine Peso bank accounts and receivables, offset by payables. Net exposure is ARS13,320,398 (2011: ARS9,105,085) and equivalent A\$2,875,269 (2011: A\$2,069,874).

At year end, the effect on profit and equity as a result of a 10% change in the United States Dollar, with all other variables remaining constant would be +/- \$428,332 (2011: \$408,855). This exposure arises from a United States Dollar bank account, and a United States Dollar loan agreement with Toyota Tsusho Corporation. Net exposure is US\$4,383,375 (2011: US\$4,383,434) and equivalent A\$4,283,317 (2011: A\$4,088,548).

At year end, the effect on profit and equity as a result of a 10% change in the Canadian Dollar, with all other variables remaining constant would be +/- A\$370 (2011: A\$418). This exposure arises from a Canadian Dollar bank account. Net exposure is CAD3,845 (2011: CAD4,325) and equivalent A\$3,697 (2011: A\$4,178).

(d) Financial Assets

The Group's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable, loans to and from subsidiaries, bills, leases, preference shares and derivatives.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

| | Note | Consolidated Group | |
|--|------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2012 | 2011 |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Financial assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 7 | 16,480,515 | 37,678,205 |
| Available-for-sale financial assets: | | | |
| – at fair value: | | | |
| – listed investments | 10 | 96,634 | 269,107 |
| Total financial assets | | 16,577,149 | 37,947,312 |
| Financial liabilities | | | |
| Financial liabilities at amortised cost: | | | |
| – trade and other payables | 13 | 6,121,186 | 5,303,703 |
| Total financial liabilities | | 6,121,186 | 5,303,703 |

NOTE 22: SEGMENT REPORTING

The economic entity operates internationally, in the mineral exploration industry. The exploration focus is on lithium, potash and salar minerals in Argentina. The economic entity has one reportable segment, being its exploration activity.

In determining operating segments, the entity has had regard to the information and reports the chief operating decision maker uses to make strategic decisions regarding resources. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is considered to be the chief operating decision maker and is empowered by the Board of Directors to allocate resources and assess the performance of the economic entity. The CEO assesses and reviews the business using a total exploration activity approach.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

NOTE 22: SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

Geographical Information

| | Australia | | Argentina | | Economic Entity | |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| Segment revenue | 1,535,827 | 1,307,408 | 67,119 | 17,248 | 1,602,946 | 1,324,656 |
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Segment assets | 16,374,727 | 37,451,930 | 47,977,349 | 30,663,272 | 64,352,076 | 68,115,202 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Segment liabilities | 5,454,833 | 4,692,499 | 666,353 | 611,204 | 6,121,186 | 5,303,703 |

Segment accounting policies

Segment accounting policies are consistent with those adopted in the annual financial statements of the Group.

NOTE 23: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

As previously mentioned by the Company in its public announcements, in addition to the active exploration and development program on its Argentine tenements, the Company from time to time reviews other opportunities for resources exploration and development. At the date of signing these financial statements no specific opportunities have been committed to. However the Company is currently assessing a potential acquisition opportunity but there can be no assurance that any transaction will occur.

Since the end of the financial year, the Company has granted 400,000 options to staff under the Employee & Officer Share Option Plan. Options vest progressively over a number of years, are exercisable at \$1.50 and expiring on 30 July 2017.

Subsequent to year-end, in July 2012, following the recommendation of the Expert Committee, the Jujuy Government, through the joint resolution of the Production Minister and Secretary to the Government, approved the development of the Olaroz lithium project. Following receipt of the development approval, the mining leases for the project have been granted.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 17 August 2012 by the Board of Directors.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

NOTE 24: PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION

The following information relates to the parent entity, Orocobre Limited at 30 June 2012. This information has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards using consistent accounting policies as presented in note 1. The information is extracted from the books and records of the parent.

| | 30 June 2012 | 30 June 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Current assets | 16,217,886 | 37,594,841 |
| Non-current assets | 55,914,683 | 34,626,294 |
| Total assets | 72,132,569 | 72,221,135 |
| Current liabilities | 5,454,833 | 4,692,500 |
| Non-current liabilities | - | - |
| Total liabilities | 5,454,833 | 4,692,500 |
| Contributed equity | 76,029,387 | 75,960,637 |
| Reserves | 610,070 | 436,597 |
| Accumulated losses | (9,961,721) | (8,868,599) |
| Total equity | 66,677,736 | 67,528,635 |
| Loss for the year | (1,093,122) | (3,738,644) |
| Other comprehensive income | (172,473) | 81,071 |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | (1,265,595) | (3,657,573) |

Orocobre Limited has not entered into any guarantees, in the current or previous financial year, in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries. The company had no contingent liabilities at year end. As set out in note 18 the Company has an operating lease commitment for \$381,216 (2011: \$99,279).

NOTE 25: CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Sales de Jujuy SA, incorporated in Argentina. The parent entity holds 100% of the ordinary shares of the entity. The company was incorporated in November 2006 and undertakes exploration activity in Argentina. The company changed its name from Orocobre SA in 2010.

South American Salar Minerals Pty Ltd, incorporated in Australia. The parent entity holds 85% of the ordinary shares of the entity. The company was incorporated and acquired in November 2008 and undertakes exploration activity in Argentina.

South American Salar SA, incorporated in Argentina. South American Salar Minerals Pty Ltd holds 100% of the ordinary shares of the entity. The company was incorporated and acquired in December 2008 and undertakes exploration activity in Argentina.

During the financial year two wholly owned subsidiary companies were incorporated in Australia. These companies were established as vehicles to hold potential investments of Orocobre in other acquisition or development assets. To date these companies have been dormant.

NOTE 26: COMPANY DETAILS

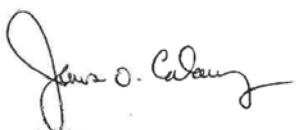
The registered office and principal place of business is:

Level 1 349 Coronation Drive
Milton Queensland 4064
Australia

Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Orocobre Limited, the directors of the Company declare that:

1. The attached financial statements and notes are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - (b) comply with Australian Accounting Standards, which, as stated in accounting policy Note 1 to the financial statements, constitutes compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); and
 - (c) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of the performance of the consolidated group for the year ended on that date.
2. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer have each declared that:
 - (a) the financial records of the Company for the financial year have been properly maintained in accordance with section 286 of the *Corporations Act 2001*;
 - (b) the financial statements and notes for the financial year comply with the Accounting Standards; and
 - (c) the financial statements and notes for the financial year give a true and fair view.
3. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



James D Calaway
Chairman



Richard P Seville
Managing Director

Dated this: 17th day of August 2012



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OROCOBRE LIMITED

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Orocobre Limited (the company) and Orocobre Limited and Controlled Entities (the consolidated entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2011, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for each of the years then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity, comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial years.

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 controls as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standards AASB 10J *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial statements comply with *International Financial Reporting Standards*.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF OROCOBRE LIMITED (continued)**

Independence

In conducting our audits, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Orocobre Limited would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a. the financial report of Orocobre Limited and Orocobre Limited and Controlled Entities is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - i. giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2011, and of their performance for each of the years ended on those dates; and
 - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- b. the financial report also complies with *International Financial Reporting Standards* as disclosed in Note 1.

Report on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2012. 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.

Opinion

In our opinion the Remuneration Report of Orocobre Limited for the year ended 30 June 2012 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Hayes Knight Audit (Qld) Pty Ltd



A.M. Robertson

Director

Date: 17 August 2012

ASX Information

Following is additional information required by the Australian Securities Exchange Limited and not disclosed elsewhere in this report.

1. Shareholding:

The following information is provided as at 19 September, 2012.

Distribution of Shareholders Number

| Category Number (Size of Holding) | Number of Holders |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - 1,000 | 742 |
| 1,001 - 5,000 | 1319 |
| 5,001 - 10,000 | 467 |
| 10,001 - 100,000 | 492 |
| 100,001 - and over | 88 |
| | 3108 |

The number of shareholdings held in less than marketable parcels is 111.

Twenty Largest Holders - Ordinary Shares

| | | Number of Shares Held | % of Total Issued Capital |
|----|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Lithium Investors LLC | 8,574,000 | 8.308 |
| 2 | National Nominees Limited | 6,204,489 | 6.012 |
| 3 | HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited | 5,294,696 | 5.131 |
| 4 | JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited | 4,880,059 | 4.729 |
| 5 | Richard Seville & Associated Pty Ltd <The Seville Super Fund A/C> | 4,821,500 | 4.672 |
| 6 | Fairground Pty Ltd | 4,393,750 | 4.258 |
| 7 | CIBC 11 | 4,349,174 | 4.214 |
| 8 | JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited <Cash Income A/C> | 3,750,021 | 3.634 |
| 9 | HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited – GSCO ECA | 3,443,934 | 3.337 |
| 10 | Mr Dennis Grenville Hinton & Mrs Roslyn Susanna Hinton | 2,643,750 | 2.562 |
| 11 | State Street Trust | 2,636,800 | 2.555 |
| 12 | Mr Paul Anthony Crawford & Mrs Robyn Lynelle Crawford <Kuratyn Superannuation A/C> | 2,484,785 | 2.408 |
| 13 | Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited | 2,379,892 | 2.306 |
| 14 | Mr Robert Bruce Woodland & Mrs Erika Woodland <R Woodland Exhibit S/F A/C> | 1,692,024 | 1.640 |
| 15 | Bond Street Custodians Limited <Officium Emerging Res A/C> | 1,336,167 | 1.295 |
| 16 | Mr John Gordon Park & Mrs Shirley Patricia Park <Park Super Fund A/C> | 1,051,250 | 1.019 |
| 17 | Suncorp Custodian Services Pty Ltd <SGAEAT> | 872,642 | 0.846 |
| 18 | Mr Denis Grenville Hinton & Mrs Roslyn Susanna Hinton <Hinton Family Super A/C> | 743,590 | 0.721 |
| 19 | Merrill Lynch (Australia) Nominees Pty Limited | 733,985 | 0.711 |
| 20 | Coin Equities Pty Ltd | 725,000 | 0.703 |
| | | 63,011,508 | 61.061 |

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Unlisted Equity Securities:

The following unlisted securities were on issue as 19 September, 2012.

| Security | Number | No. of Holders |
|---|---------|----------------|
| Options exercisable at \$2.03 on or before 30 June 2013 | 435,000 | 4 |
| Options exercisable at \$2.03 on or before 30 June 2015 | 400,000 | 1 |
| Options exercisable at \$1.50 on or before 30 June 2016 | 650,000 | 6 |
| Options exercisable at \$1.50 on or before 31 July 2017 | 350,000 | 3 |

Following are substantial shareholders listed in the company's register on 19 September, 2012.

| Shareholder | Number of Shares Held | Percentage of Issued Capital |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Lithium Investors LLC | 8,574,000 | 8.308 |
| National Nominees Limited | 6,204,489 | 6.012 |
| HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited | 5,294,696 | 5.131 |

Voting Rights:

Each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each member present at a meeting has one vote on a show of hands.

There are no voting rights attaching to the Options, but voting rights as detailed above will attach to the ordinary shares issued when the Options are exercised.

2. Registers of securities are held at the following addresses:

Boardroom Pty Limited
Level 7
207 Kent Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Australia

Equity Financial Trust Company
200 University Avenue
Suite 400
Toronto ON M5H4H1
Canada

3. Stock Exchange Listing

Quotation has been granted for all the ordinary shares of the company on all Member Exchanges of the Australian Stock Exchange Limited, other than those classified as restricted securities and detailed below.

4. Restricted Securities

The company currently has no restricted securities:

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5. Use of Cash and Convertible assets

During the period from admission to the official list of the Australian Stock Exchange to 30 June 2012, the company has used cash and assets readily convertible to cash in a manner consistent with its business activities. The company is involved in mineral exploration in Argentina.

6. Schedule of Tenements

| Tenement Name | Tenement Number | Area (Hectares) | Orocobre Interest | Location of Tenements |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Olaroz | 947-R-2008 | 2988.17 | –100% | Argentina |
| | 1274-P-2009 | 5972 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 131-I-1986 | 100 | –100% | Argentina |
| | 039-M-1998 | 98.4 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 112-S-04 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 117-A-44 | 44 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 114-S-44 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 40-M-1998 | 100 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 029-M-1996 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 126-T-44 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 393-M-44 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 112-D-44 | 299.94 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 125-S-44 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 319-T-2005 | 1473.97 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 056-L-1991 | 300 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 519-L-2006 | 2000 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 520-L-2006 | 1896.52 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 521-L-2006 | 2000 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 522-L-2006 | 2000 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 147-L-2003 | 1927.92 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 724-L-2007 | 3336.19 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 725-L-2007 | 2940.11 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 726-L-2007 | 2889.98 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 727-L-2007 | 3117.26 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 728-L-2007 | 3182.35 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 503-L-2006 | 6200 | Nil - earning | Argentina |
| | 943-R-2008 | 563.98 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1136-R-2009 | 1198.21 | 100% – | Argentina |
| | 1137-R-2009 | 1199.34 | 100% – | Argentina |
| | 944-R-2008 | 432.3 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 1134-R-2009 | 895.70 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 1135-R-2009 | 1098.64 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 963-R-2004 | 1194.84 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 964-R-2008 | 799.84 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 945-R-2008 | 1493.97 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 259-R-2004 | 495.4 | 100% | Argentina |

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| Tenement Name | Tenement Number | Area (Hectares) | Orocobre Interest | Location of Tenements |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Cauchari | | | | |
| | 260-R-2004 | 496.85 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 948-R-2008 | 887.56 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 949-R-2008 | 1770.51 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 950-R-2004 | 1997.88 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1155-P-2009 | 1500 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 968 R 2008 | 1100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1081 P 2008 | 1995 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1.119-P-2009 | 2493.07 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1082 P 2008 | 1497 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1101 P 2008 | 2483.9 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 966 R 2008 | 191.37 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1085 P 2008 | 2096 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 965 R 2008 | 1396.56 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 951-R-2008 | 795 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1083 P 2008 | 1697 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1.118-P-2009 | 2395.07 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1130-P-2009 | 1598 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 952-R-2008 | 487.87 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1084 P 2008 | 1597 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1156-P-2009 | 66 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1086 P 2008 | 1687 | 100% | Argentina |
| Jujuy | 148-Z-1996 | 300 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 817-I-2007 | 1151 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 1178-P-2009 | 2500 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1098 P 2008 | 1299.26 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 1099 P 2008 | 1393.48 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 1.120 P-2009 | 2499 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1.125 -P-2009 | 2499.82 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1.121-P-2009 | 2497.68 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1.122 -P-2009 | 2499 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1.123 -P-2009 | 2500 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1.124-P-2009 | 2798 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1129 P- 2009 | 2500 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 604-T-2006 | 500 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 788-M-2007 | 1170 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1.117-P-2009 | 2189 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1204-P-2009 | 1868 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 183-Z-2004 | 494 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 227-C-2004 | 2600 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1176-P-2009 | 2483 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1175-P-2009 | 1800 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1177-P-2009 | 2100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 184-D-1990 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |

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| Tenement Name | Tenement Number | Area (Hectares) | Orocobre Interest | Location of Tenements |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Salta | 21063 | 2998.34 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21064 | 2072.26 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21065 | 2495.77 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21066 | 2346.93 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21012 | 3000 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21013 | 3000 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21014 | 2996 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 20002 | 9895 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21477 | 2992.39 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21478 | 2988.64 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 21479 | 2682.89 | 100 T | Argentina |
| | 19391 | 2411.97 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 18199 | 500 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 67 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 19792 | 528 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 19793 | 97 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 19794 | 134 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 19795 | 154 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 18834 | 500 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 60 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1110 | 100 | Nil-earning | Argentina |
| | 1104 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 13699 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 18808 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 266/1903 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 18183 | 2778 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 12790 | 200 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 19891 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 62 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 17681 | 400 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 44 | 100 | Nil-earning | Argentina |
| | 8170 | 300 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 1107 | 100 | Nil-earning | Argentina |
| | 18481 | 97.0395 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 18766 | 100 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 1112 | 100 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 13487 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 14329/91 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 57 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 68/1911 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 17538 | 95.63 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 14589 | 100 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 18924/07 | 300 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 18925/07 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |

ASX Information

| Tenement Name | Tenement Number | Area (Hectares) | Orocobre Interest | Location of Tenements |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | 19206 | 869 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 11577 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 11578 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 11579 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 11580 | 100 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 1111 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 18833 | 200 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 17321 | 186 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 53 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 19742 | 2490.07 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 19743 | 2499.97 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 19744 | 2499.97 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 19745 | 2498.97 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 19746 | 2647.97 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 19766 | 2488.09 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 19767 | 2983.39 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 19768 | 2987.09 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 19980 | 1123.39 | 100% T | Argentina |
| | 48/1911 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 203/1904 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 204/1904 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 54/1911 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 63 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 50 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1105 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 65 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 70 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 206/1904 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 86 | 300 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 17744 | 500 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 18533 | 97.03 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 17580 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
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| Diablillos | 1190 | 99.65 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 18009 | 99 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 18010 | 200 | 100%– | Argentina |
| | 1187 | 99.7 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1189 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
| | 1177 | 100 | 100% | Argentina |
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TECHNICAL INFORMATION, COMPETENT PERSONS' AND QUALIFIED PERSONS STATEMENTS

The resource model and updated brine resource estimation on the Salar de Olaroz described in this announcement was undertaken by John Houston who is a Chartered Geologist and a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. John Houston has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined by Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101").

The Feasibility Study on the Olaroz project was prepared by Mr. Houston and industry consultants Michael Gunn (Consulting Processing Engineer) and Peter Ehren (Consulting Processing Engineer), together with Sinclair Knight Merz and the Orocobre technical group. Mr. Houston and Mr. Gunn prepared the technical report entitled "Technical Report – Salar de Olaroz Lithium-Potash Project, Argentina" dated May 30, 2011 (the "Olaroz Report") under NI 43-101 in respect of the Feasibility Study, and each of Messrs. Houston and Gunn was a Qualified Person under NI 43-101, and independent of the company, at the date such report was prepared. Each of Messrs. Houston, Gunn and Ehren has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release relating to the Olaroz Project.

The technical information in this announcement relating to Salinas Grandes has been prepared by Murray Brooker. Murray Brooker is a geologist and hydrogeologist and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Murray has sufficient relevant experience to qualify as a competent person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. He is also a "Qualified Person" as defined in NI 43-101. Murray Brooker has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release relating to the Salinas Grandes Project.

Additional information relating to the Company's projects is available in the Olaroz Report, the "Technical Report – Salinas Grandes Project" dated April 30, 2010 and the "Technical Report – Salar de Cauchari Project, Argentina" dated April 30, 2010, respectively, which have each been prepared by John Houston, Consulting Hydrogeologist, together with, in the case of the Olaroz Report, Mike Gunn, Consulting Processing Engineer, in accordance with NI 43-101.

CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This report contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. Forward-looking information may include, but is not limited to, the results of the Olaroz feasibility study, the estimation and realization of mineral resources at the Company's projects, the viability, recoverability and processing of such resources, costs and timing of development of the Olaroz project, the forecasts relating to the lithium and potash markets provided by Roskill in the Olaroz feasibility study, timing and receipt of approvals for the Company's projects, consents and permits under applicable legislation, adequacy of financial resources, production and other milestones for the Olaroz project, the Olaroz project's future financial and operating performance including production, rates of return, operating costs, capital costs and cash flows, the finalization of a joint venture agreement with Toyoto Tsusho Corporation, potential operating synergies between the Salinas Grandes project and the Olaroz project, and other matters related to the development of the Olaroz project and the Salinas Grandes project.

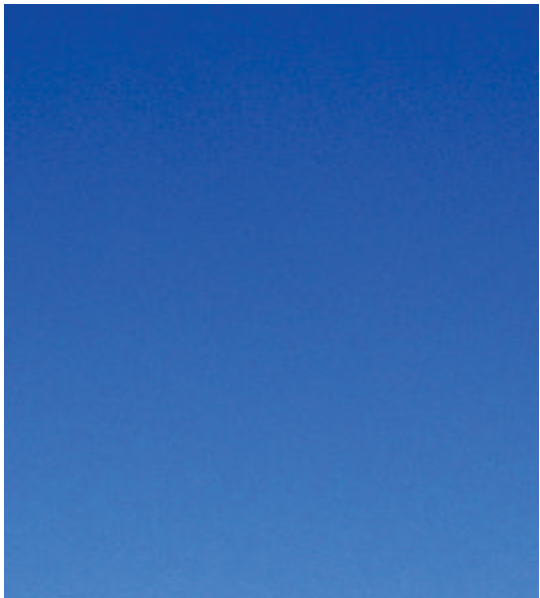
Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information, including but not limited to the risk that further funding may be required, but unavailable, for the ongoing development of the Company's projects; changes in government regulations, policies or legislation; fluctuations or decreases in commodity prices; the possibility that required permits or approvals may not be obtained; uncertainty in the estimation, economic viability, recoverability and processing of mineral resources; general risks associated with the feasibility of the Company's projects; risks associated with construction and development of the Olaroz project; unexpected capital or operating cost increases; the risk that a definitive joint venture agreement with Toyota Tsusho Corporation may not be completed; uncertainty of meeting anticipated program milestones at the Company's projects; as well as those factors disclosed in the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended June 30, 2010 filed at www.sedar.com.

The Company believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in such forward-looking information are reasonable. Assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: the Company's ability to carry on its exploration and development activities, the timely receipt of required approvals, the prices of lithium and potash, the ability of the Company to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner and the ability of the Company to obtain financing as and when required and on reasonable terms. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used.

There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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