Orocobre Ltd

Corporate Governance Statement August 2020

The Board of Directors of Orocobre Limited (Orocobre or the Company) is responsible for the corporate governance of the Company. The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of the Company on behalf of the shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable.

The Company's Corporate Governance Statement is structured with reference to the Australian Securities Exchange Corporate Governance Council's "Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, 3rd Edition".

This statement has been approved by the Board of Orocobre and is current as at 28 August 2020. The statement and information identified therein are available on the Company's website at <u>www.orocobre.com</u> under the Corporate Governance section.

The Board endorses the ASX Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations, and has adopted corporate governance charters and policies reflecting those recommendations to the extent appropriate having regard to the size and circumstances of the Company

The Company is committed to ensuring that its corporate governance systems maintain the Company's focus on transparency, responsibility and accountability. For further information on corporate governance policies adopted by the Company, refer to our website: www.orocobre.com.

Principle		Comment	
Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight A listed entity should clearly delineate the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management and regularly review their performance.			
1.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out:	The Company's Board Charter (published on the Company's website) sets out the specific responsibilities of the Board and those delegated to Senior Management.	
(a) (b)	responsibilities of its board and management; and	The Board is collectively responsible for promoting the success of the Company through its key functions of setting strategic direction, overseeing management of the Company, providing overall corporate governance, monitoring financial performance, engaging appropriate management and Directors commensurate with the desired structure and objectives of the Company and reviewing, ratifying and monitoring systems of risk management and internal control codes of conduct policy and legal compliance.	
	management.	The Managing Director supported by other members of the Senior Management Team, is responsible for managing the day to day activities of the Company and advancing the strategic direction of the Company as set by the Board.	

(a) (b)	a listed entity should: undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward for election as a director; and provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	Should the Company act to appoint any new Director in the future, then appropriate checks will be undertaken which will include checks such as the person's character experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history.A profile of each Director is included in the Annual Report and in any notice of meeting where a Director is standing for election or re-election.
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	The Company has a written agreement in place with each Director and Senior Executive which sets out the terms of their appointment. Any material variations to written agreements with Directors are disclosed to the ASX.
1.4	The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.	Each Board member has direct access to the Company Secretaries (who are accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board) with procedures for the provision of information, including requests for additional information
1.5 A	listed entity should:	The Board has established a Diversity Policy which is published on the Company's website.
	have and disclose a diversity policy; through its board or a committee of	The Board at this juncture has set a target of two female directors or 30% of the Board.
	the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally; and	This policy will be reviewed as part of the annual compliance review to ensure that the Diversity Policy is being progressed as required and to set measurable objectives when appropriate for the Company.
(c)	disclose in relation to each reporting period:	
	 the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity; 	
	(2) the entity's progress towards achieving those	

(2)	objectives; and	The proportion of women employees in the whole organisation, women in management positions and women
Index at the or reporting per for achieving composition of not less than	 either: (A) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (B) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act. vas in the S&P / ASX 300 commencement of the iod, the measurable objective gender diversity in the of its board should be to have 30% of its directors of each a specified period. 	on the board are as follows: Measure Female proportion Organisation 15% Management 28% Board 13% As at 30 July 2020, 13% of the Board, 15% of employees and 28% of managers are women. These figures include the Sales de Jujuy SA employees responsible for the management of the Olaroz Lithium Facility and the employees of Borax Argentina SA.
periodic perform commit and	entity should: ad disclose a process for cally evaluating the nance of the board, its tees and individual directors; e, in relation to each reporting	The Company has a process for performance evaluation which is published in the Remuneration Policy on the Company's website. The process details the performance review process of the Board, committees, individual Directors and Senior Executives. The Chair in conjunction with People and Governance Committee evaluates the performance of the committees of the Board against each Committee's charter. The Chairman and the Board regularly discussed the performance and composition of the Board and various Committees during FY20, considering issues or concerns as they arose.
period,	whether a performance ion was undertaken in the	As referred to in the previous year a formal third party performance review of the Board and its governance

	eporting period in accordance with nat process.	processes was presented in September 2019. The review resulted in the Board adopting recommendations in relation to board committee structure, board composition and succession planning.
(a) hav	isted entity should: e and disclose a process for luating the performance of its senior	A process for performance evaluation is published on the Company's website within the Remuneration Policy. Performance appraisals of the Senior Executives were conducted by the Managing Director during the FY20.
	cutives at least once every reporting iod; and	
whet	ose for each reporting period ther a performance evaluation has n undertaken in accordance with that ess during or in respect of that od.	
Princip	le 2: Structure the Board to be effe	ective and add value
		an appropriate size and collectively have the skills, commitment and knowledge of the entity and le it to discharge its duties effectively and to add value.
The boa	rd of a listed entity should:	The Company does not have a separate Nominations Committee. The Independent Non – Executive
(a) ha	ve a nomination committee which:	Directors of the full Board carries out the role of a Nomination Committee. The Independent Non – Executive Directors considers that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing a separate
(1)	has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and	nomination committee. The board as a whole currently undertakes the process of reviewing the skill base and experience of existing directors to enable identification or attributes required in new directors. In this capacity the Board acts as a
(2)	is chaired by an independent director,	Nomination Committee and acts in accordance with the Nomination Committee Charter. Where appropriate, independent consultants may be engaged to identify possible new candidates for the board.
а	nd disclose:	
(3)	the charter of the committee;	
(4)	the members of the committee; and	
	as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; <u>OR</u>	
(D) If I	t does not have a nomination	

committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.			
2.2 - A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the	The Board has been structured such that its composition and size will enable it to effectively discharge its responsibilities and duties.		
mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	To assist the Board to identify areas of focus and to e experience and expertise, a Board Skills Matrix has be annually. It is an important tool, but not the only bas	en developed in FY19 and will b	e reviewed at least
	The following matrix summarises the key skills, qualif possess:	cations and experience that Boa	ard members presentl
	Skills or qualifications	Number of Directors (out of a total of 8)	
	Corporate leadership	7	
	In-country experience	4	
	Industry experience	5	
	Strategy	8	
	Risk	8	
	Financial acumen	7	
	Capital projects	7]
	Governance	8]
	Health, safety and environment	5	
	Marketing	4	
	Remuneration	7	

2.3 - A listed entity should disclose:	The position of each direct	or and as to whether o	r not they are considered to b	e independent is set out below
(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent	Name	Position	Independence Position	Appointment Date
directors; (b)if a director has an interest, position,	Robert Hubbard	Chair	Independent	November 2012
association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is	Martin Perez de Solay	Managing Director	Not Independent	January 2019
of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest,	Richard Seville	Non-Executive Director	Not Independent	April 2007
position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why	John Gibson	Non-executive Director	Independent	March 2010
the board is of that opinion; and (c) the length of service of each director.	Fernando Oris de Roa	Non-executive Director	Independent	June 2010
	Frederico Nicholson	Non-executive Director	Independent	September 2010
	Leanne Heywood	Non-executive Director	Independent	September 2016
	Masaharu Katayama	Non-executive Director	Not Independent	April 2018
2.4 - A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	The current board has a m	ajority of independent	directors.	
2.5 - The chair of the board of a listed entity	The Chairman of the comp	any is independent.		
should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	The Role of the Chair is do	cumented in the Comp	any's Board Charter published	on the Company's website.
2.6 - A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	access to the Company Se encourages, and recomme educational programs to as	cretary and Senior Mar nds, that all non-execu ssist directors in the ef	ectors with any information the nagement available to any nev utive directors attend relevant fect of exercise of their power ams obtained by a director wi	external seminars and s and duties. The Board has
	the skills and experience o opportunities. It also overs	f prospective Directors sees any induction proc	g in their capacity as a Nomin and ascertains any shortcomi gram, and ongoing education r ry and environment in which t	ngs and development equirements concerning key

	to approval, the Company will pay reasonable expenses to enable Directors to seek independent professional advice if required to properly discharge their responsibilities.
	Each new Director is inducted into the Company's policies and processes on engagement.
Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly	
A listed entity should instil and continual	ly reinforce a culture across the organisation of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly.
3.1 A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	The Managing Director has set clear internal values of Honesty, Integrity, Respect and Gratitude by which he expects the Management team and organisation to operate.
 3.2 A listed entity should: (a)have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and 	The Company is committed to operating ethically, honestly, responsibly and legally in all its business dealings. Accordingly, the Company requires employees to act in the Company's best interests in a professional, honest and ethical manner, and in full compliance with the law, both within and on behalf of the Company.
(b)ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	The Company has an established Code of Conduct (Code), published on the Company website, that outlines the behaviour that is expected of employees. The Code governs all the Company's operations and the conduct of Directors, management and employees.
	The purpose of the Code is to:
	• outline the high standards of honest, ethical and legal behaviour expected of directors and employees;
	 encourage adherence with those standards to protect and promote the interests of all HRL stakeholders;
	 guide directors and employees as to the practices considered necessary to maintain confidence in the Group's integrity; and
	set out the responsibility and accountability of directors and employees to report and investigate any unlawful or unethical practices or behaviour.
	The People and Governance Committee is empowered to investigate any breaches of the Code of Conduct.
3.3 A listed entity should:	Group wide policies address Anti-corruption and Fraud, plus a Code of Conduct defines required business
(a)have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and	standards and ethics for the entire workforce. Contravention of these policies can result in disciplinary action or dismissal. Internal audit program and resource to be implemented. A Whistle-blower policy and process has been established which requires notifications to be investigated and reported to the Audit Committee.
(b)ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.	
3.4 A listed entity should:(a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and	Honesty, integrity and fairness are considered integral to way Orocobre operates. Conduct associated with bribery and corruption is inconsistent with these values. Orocobre is committed to operating in a manner consistent with the laws of the jurisdictions in which its businesses operate, including laws relating to bribery and corruption.

(b) ensure that the board or committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.		
Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting		
A listed entity should appropriate proces	ses that verify the integrity of its corporate reports.	
 4.1 - The board of a listed entity should: (a)have an audit committee which: (1)has at least three members, all of 	The Company's Audit and Risk Committee comprises Leanne Heywood as Chair, John Gibson (Non-Executive Independent Directors) and Fernando Oris de Roa (Non-Executive Director) up until 30 June 2020. Leanne Heywood is an accountant by discipline, and all members of the Audit Committee consider themselves to be financially literate and have significant understanding of the industry in which the Company operates.	
whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and	The Audit and Risk Committee Charter is published on the Company's website whilst the qualifications and experience of the members are outlined in the profiles in the Directors' Report contained within the 2020 Annual Report.	
(2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,	The Committee met seven times during the reporting period.	
and disclose:		
(3) the charter of the committee;		
(4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and		
(5)in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; OR		
(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.		
4.2 - The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial	The CEO and CFO state in writing to the Board each reporting period that the Company's financial reports present a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the Company's financial and operational results and	

statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.	 have been properly maintained in accordance with all relevant accounting standards. The CEO and CFO state in writing to the Board each reporting period that: the statement is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal compliance and control which implements the policies adopted by the Board. the Company's risk management and internal compliance and control system is operating efficiently and effectively in all material respects.
4.3 A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.	The process is described in the 2020 Annual Report on page 33
Principle 5: Make timely and balanced dis A listed entity should make timely and ba material effect on the price or value of its	lanced disclosure of all matters concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a
5.1 A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.	The Company Disclosure Policy is published in the Company's website and is designed to ensure compliance with the ASX Listing Rules disclosure requirements and accountability at a senior executive level for that compliance.
5.2 A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	The Company has an internal ASX release lodgment procedure that requires all material market announcements are provided to the Board.
5.3 A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead	The Disclosure Policy details requirements for compliance ASX Corporate Governance Guidelines when providing investor briefings.

Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders

A listed entity should respect the rights of its security holders by providing them with appropriate information and facilities to allow them to exercise those rights effectively.

6.1 - A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	The Company seeks to disclose all material information to shareholders as soon as possible and as widely as possible, in keeping and complying with its continuous disclosure requirements. Information released to the ASX is also published on the Company's website immediately. The website also contains copies of media releases as well as information in relation to the Company's businesses and major projects, people, financial results and corporate governance practices and policies. The Company has a Disclosure Policy that is published on the Company's website.
6.2 - A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors	The Company has a proactive approach to communicating with Shareholders and the wider investment community, and encourages ongoing Shareholder feedback and participation at general meetings. To support the Company's communication strategy, the Company has a dedicated Investor Relations professional to promote the Company's investor relations program.
6.3 - A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	Shareholders are encouraged to participate in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to ensure a high level of accountability and identification with the Company's strategies and goals. Important issues are presented to shareholders as separate resolutions. Shareholders who are unable to attend the AGM may vote by appointing a proxy using the form included with the Notice of Meeting. Further, shareholders are also invited to submit questions in advance of the AGM so that the Company can ensure those issues are addressed at the meeting.
6.4 A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.	The Company has adopted a policy of conducting all resolutions by poll.
6.5 - A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	Shareholders have the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company and its share registry, Computershare, electronically.

Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk		
A listed entity should establish a sound r	isk management framework and periodically review the effectiveness of that framework.	
7.1 - The board of a listed entity should:	The Company recognises the importance of managing risk and controlling its business activities in a manner	
(a)have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:	which enables it to maximise profitable opportunities, avoid or reduce risks which may cause injury or loss, ensures compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and enhances resilience to external events.	
(1)has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and	The Company has not established a separate risk committee. However the Audit Committee also deals with matters of Risk and the Board assume responsibility for overseeing and approving risk management strategy and policies and internal compliance.	
(2) is chaired by an independent director,	The Charter of the Audit and Risk Committee is published on the Company's website.	
and disclose:	The Directors have significant experience in, and understanding of, the industry in which the Company operates, and the risks associated with public companies, to perform the functions associated with risk under	
(3)the charter of the committee;	the Audit and Risk Committee and Board Charter.	
(4)the members of the committee; and		
 (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; OR 		
(b)if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.		
7.2 - The board or a committee of the board should:	The Company operates under a Risk Management Framework which provides the process for risk management and internal control systems and applies to the management of all types of risk, financial and non-financial, throughout the business.	
 (a)review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; 	The Risk Management Framework is reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee and approved by the Board. The Risk Management Framework was reviewed during FY20.	

and	
(b)Disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	
 7.3 - A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes. 	The Company does not have an internal audit function. Risk management and internal controls are the responsibility of the Board and Senior Management. The Board, through the Audit and Risk Committee, oversee the effectiveness of risk management and interna control processes. Management are charged with resourcing, operating and monitoring the system of internal control, incorporating risk responses in the form of controls into its management systems, and reporting results on balanced assessments regarding the effectiveness of internal controls to the Board.
7.4 - A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	The Company has exposure to the risks described in the 2020 Annual Report on pages 27-32. The Company has in place risk management policies and systems to mitigate risks wherever possible including monitoring ongoing exploration results, monthly review of operational results for SDJ and Borax and continued discussions with JV partners and the government of Argentina. Within its operations in Argentina, the company is aligning with Risk Management standard ISO 31000 as part of its Integrated Management System, to enable a comprehensive approach to risk across all areas of activity. During FY19 the Company commissioned an external risk management review, formulating a comprehensive enterprise-wide risk management framework based on the principles ISO 31000. The structure facilitates continuous improvemen of Orocobre's risk management capability, with roles and responsibilities of varying degrees of accountability at all levels of the organisation.

8.1 - The board of a listed entity should:	A People and Governance Committee is in place and comprises three non-executive Directors, Leanne Haywood(Chair), Federico Nicholson and Robert Hubbard.
(a)have a remuneration committee which:	
(1)has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and	A copy of the People and Governance Committee Charter is published on the Company's website. The Committee met three times during the reporting period with all members in attendance.
(2)is chaired by an independent director,	
and disclose:	
(3) the charter of the committee;	
(4)the members of the committee; and	
(5)as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; OR	
(b)if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	
8.2 - A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non- executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	The structure of Non-Executive Director remuneration is clearly distinguishable from that of Executive Directors and other Senior Executives. The Company operates on a detailed Remuneration Framework which is reviewed annually.
	Non-Executive Directors are remunerated on a fixed fee basis for time. Commitment and responsibility as part of an aggregate remuneration pool approved by Shareholders. No incentives are in place for Non-Executive Directors.

	Senior Executives (including the Managing Director) are remunerated on an annual basis with a total fixed remuneration (i.e. cash base salary, superannuation capped at \$25,000, salary continuance insurance, medical insurance and parking) and variable "at risk" components (i.e. a short term incentive (STI) and a long term incentive (LTI)).
	The STI variable component is designed to encourage and reward superior performance in a manner which aligns this element of remuneration with the creation of Shareholder wealth. The LTI variable component is designed to incentivise and motivate key management personnel (KMP) to pursue the long term growth and success of the Company.
	Grant of the STI is based on achievement of Company key performance indicators, and personal performance and KPI achievement on an annual basis. Award of the LTIs, comprising of performance shares, is dependent on achievement of hurdles at the conclusion of a three year period.
	Further details on the Company's remuneration practices with regard to KMP are contained within the Remuneration Report which forms part of the Directors' Report in the 2019 Annual Report.
8.3 - A listed entity which has an equity- based remuneration scheme should:	KMP are prohibited from entering into transactions which limit the risk of participating in unvested entitlements under any equity-based remuneration scheme.
 (a)have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and 	KMP are required to comply with the Company's Securities Trading Policy
(b)disclose that policy or a summary of it.	