31 July 2023



## **QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Aeon Metals Limited (ASX:AML) (**Aeon** or the **Company**) is pleased to present its activities report for the quarter ending 30 June 2023.

## **Highlights:**

- Fieldwork completed at Walford Creek focussed on overlaying identified geophysical and geochemical anomalies with further technical surveys including:
  - o LAG sampling supported by onsite portable XRF analysis; and
  - Detailed geological mapping.
- Waanyi People #3 Native Title claim covering Walford Creek tenements registered triggers formal change in Traditional Owners for cultural heritage matters.
- Drilling program for 2023 field season remains pending establishment and undertaking of new cultural heritage monitoring agreement.

#### Commenting on the activities for the quarter, Aeon Managing Director, Dr Fred Hess, said:

"We have completed extensive field mapping of a number of new target areas at Walford Creek in conjunction with laterite and gravel sampling. This information will be coupled with the existing extensive geophysical data sets to plan drilling locations. Portable pXRF analysis, to be confirmed by laboratory assaying, suggests the presence of surface chemical anomalies associated with the known geophysical anomalies.

"During the quarter the Waanyi People #3 Native Title claim was registered with the National Native Title Tribunal. This has had the effect of changing the recognised Traditional Owners for the Walford Creek tenements from the Gangalidda and Garawa People to the Waanyi People. The Waanyi People had already been included as on-the-ground participants over the past 10 years, actively working with Aeon in overseeing cultural heritage monitoring activities. However, the Waanyi People, and their associated PBC, have chosen not to continue at the present time under these previous arrangements.

"Aeon awaits a proposal from the Waanyi People for the future conduct of cultural heritage monitoring activities.<sup>1</sup> In the meantime, exploration activities at Walford Creek naturally remain paused.

"We are currently evaluating opportunities to introduce suitable qualified participants into the Walford Creek Project following the release of the substantial upgrade to the Mineral Resource Estimates earlier this year in March. In addition, other potential transactions that might allow Aeon to complement its Walford Creek Project are regularly under review.

"The A\$2 million in undrawn loan facilities available under the revised OCP facility agreed in March, combined with cash in hand, provides Aeon with sufficient financial liquidity while awaiting resolution of cultural heritage monitoring arrangements for Walford Creek."

<sup>1.</sup> Note that Bowthorn Station, which hosts the Walford Creek tenements, is a granted Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease and this is deemed to have extinguished native title.

## Walford Creek exploration results and updated Mineral Resource Estimates

As noted previously, the Walford Creek tenements now host a substantial Mineral Resource and exhibit significant unexplored potential for further expansion.

Figure 1 highlights the extensive testing undertaken adjacent to the approximate 10 km length of the Fish River Fault to date. The 2022 drilling campaign was focused exclusively on the Le Mans and Amy zones leading to confirmation that mineralisation is continuous along the entire 10 km of strike.

This in turn underpinned a substantial increase in the Mineral Resource Estimates for Walford Creek, such that it is now one of the largest primary cobalt sulphide resources in Australia. In addition, the Copper-Rich component of the Mineral Resource is now arguably one of Australia's highest grade substantial cobalt resources.

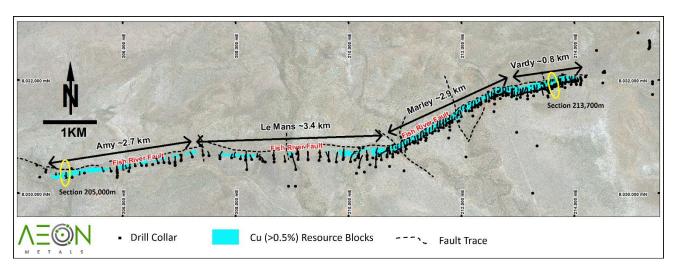


Figure 1: Map showing location of Vardy, Marley, Le Mans and Amy Deposits, and featured drill sections

The paused regional scout drilling program was set to test 52 km of prospective strike potential at Walford Creek (see Figure 2), with exceptional targets identified such as:

- Amy North first instance of significant 'copper-only' style of mineralisation north of the Fish River Fault (FRF);
- Walford North numerous zones of highly anomalous Cu-Pb-Zn in LAG up to 500 m north of the FRF;
- West Walford EM survey and surface geochemical response supports at least 4 km of potential additional strike;
- Walford Southwest/Amy Splay high resolution gravity survey delineated a structural target interpreted to represent a splay off the Fish River Fault;
- Walford Far West approximately 4 km<sup>2</sup> of anomalous Cu-Pb-Zn in soils, to date only sporadically tested; and
- Walford South approximately 14 km long EM conductor with no previous exploration.

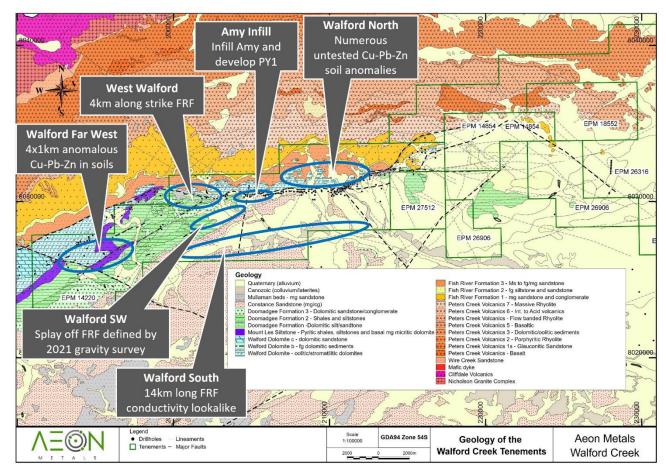


Figure 2: Map showing location of 2023 regional targets at Walford Creek

### Corporate

On 12 April 2023, Andrew Greville resigned as a non-executive director of Aeon due to an escalation in workload from his other roles.

#### **ASX Additional Information**

ASX listing rule 5.3.1: Exploration and evaluation gross expenditure during the quarter was A\$678 k. Details of exploration activity during the December 2022 quarter are set out in this report and are mostly associated with costs relating to the Walford Creek Project.

ASX listing rule 5.3.2: There were no substantive mining production or development activities during the quarter.

ASX listing rule 5.3.5: Appendix 5B, Section 6.1 – description of payments: During the June 2022 quarter, Aeon paid directors fees of A\$201 k.

### Appendix 5B

The Company's Appendix 5B cash report has also been released today.

## This ASX release has been authorised by the Aeon Board:

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#### **ABOUT AEON METALS**

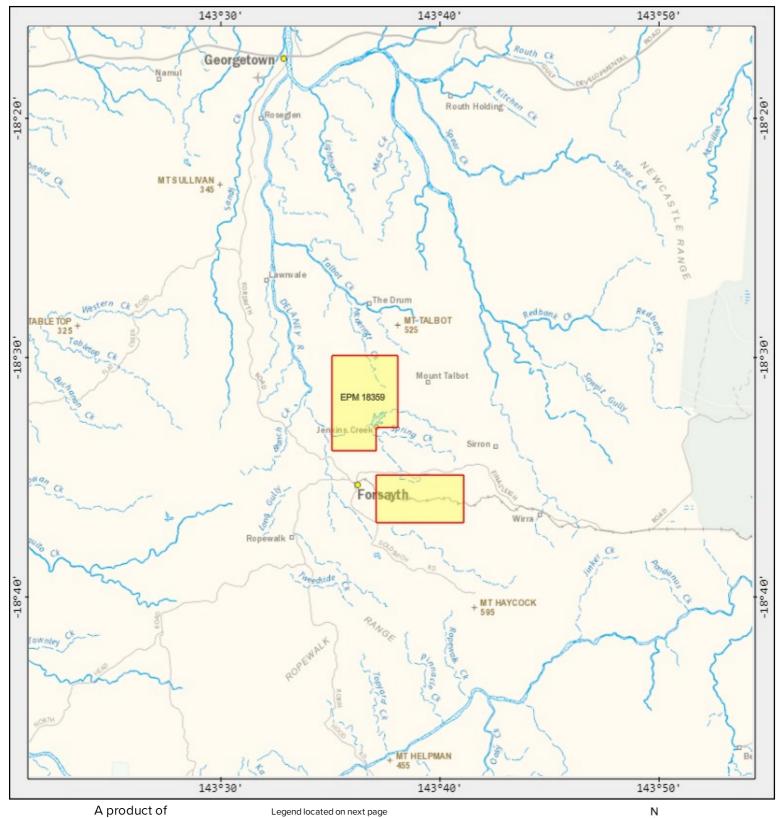
Aeon Metals Limited (**Aeon**) is an Australian based mineral exploration and development company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: AML). Aeon holds a 100% ownership interest in the Walford Creek Copper-Cobalt Project (**Walford Creek Project**) located in north-west Queensland, approximately 340 km to the north north-west of Mount Isa.

Aeon's vision: making a difference – creating sustainable value by delivering key metals driving the low carbon future.

## SCHEDULE 1

Tenement ID	Principal Holder	Interest Held	Other Holders	General Locality
EPM 14712	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Pacific Mines Limited (20%)	280km WSW of Karumba
EPM 14935	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Pacific Mines Limited (20%)	20km West of Riversleigh
EPM 27535	Aeon Walford Exploration Pty Ltd	100%	(2011)	50km North of Mt Isa
EPM 18359	Aussie NQ Resources Pty Ltd	100%		35km SSE of Georgetown
EPM 14694	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd (20%)	100km NNW of Mount Isa
MDL 510	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd	100%		30km N of Mount Isa
MDL 511	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd	100%		30km N of Mount Isa
MDL 513	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd	100%		42km NW of Mount Isa
EPM 13412	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd (20%)	45km SSW of Mount Isa
EPM 13413	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd (20%)	50km South of Mount Isa
EPM 13682	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd (20%)	10km West of Dajarra
EPM 14233	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	72%	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd (18%), Centaurus Metals Limited (10%)	25km South of Mount Isa
EPM 14821	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd (20%)	50km SE of Mount Isa
EPM 15156	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd (20%)	140km South of Mount Isa
EPM 15911	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%	Summe Resources (AOST) 1 ty Eta (2070)	80km South of Mount Isa
EPM 11898	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	80%	Summit Resources (AUST) Pty Ltd (20%)	WNW Mount Isa
EPM 18769	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		100km West of Mount Isa
EPM 27435	Aeon Isa Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		55km SW of Mount Isa
EPM 27436	Aeon Isa Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		55km SW of Mount Isa
EPM 27743	Aeon Isa Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		100km SW of Mount Isa
EPM 27744	Aeon Isa Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		125km SW of Mount Isa
EPM 27745	Aeon Isa Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		100km SW of Mount Isa
EPM 19029	SLW Queensland Pty Ltd	100%		32km SSW of Monto
EPM 14628	Aeon Monto Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		Between 30 and 35km West of Monto
EPM 15921	Aeon Monto Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		44km NW of Monto
EPM 17001	Aeon Monto Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		44km NW of Monto
EPM 17002	Aeon Monto Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		44km NW of Monto
EPM 17060	Aeon Monto Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		30km NW of Monto
EPM 27604	Aeon Monto Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		25km NW of Monto
EPM 14220	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		430km NW of Mount Isa
EPM 14854	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		340km NNW of Mount Isa
EPM 18552	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		125km West of Burke
EPM 26316	Aeon Walford Exploration Pty Ltd	100%		30km East of Walford Creek
EPM 26906	Aeon Walford Exploration Pty Ltd  Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		Project 340km NNW of Mount Isa
EPM 27311	Aeon Walford Creek Limited  Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		17km SE of Burketown
EPM 27312	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		50km NE of Doomadgee
EPM 27314	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		10km North of Doomadgee
EPM 27315 EPM 27512	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		20km NE of Doomadgee
	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		55km NW of Doomadgee
EPM 28402	Aeon Walford Creek Limited	100%		Walford Creek

## Aeon - Forsayth Region location map



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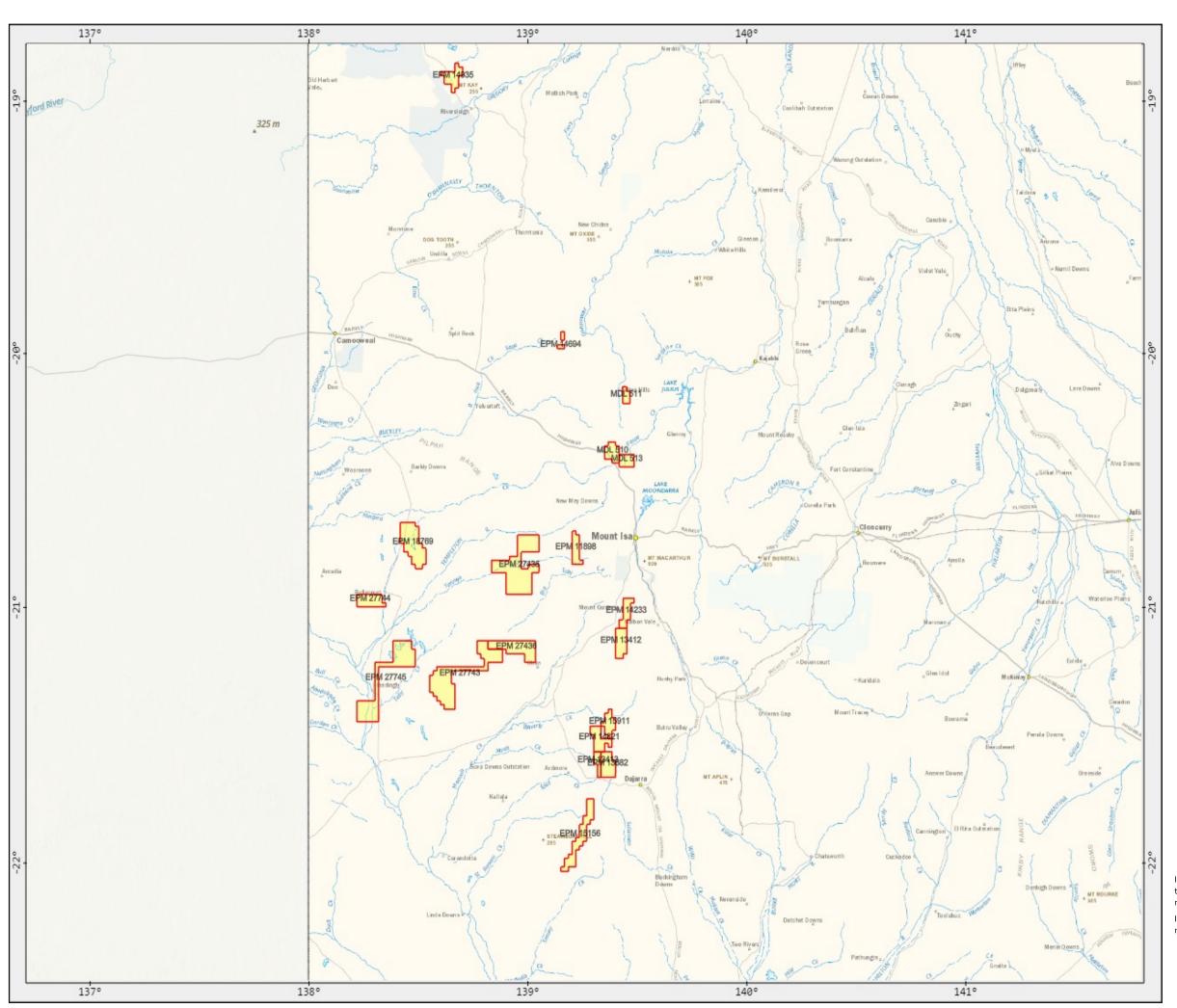
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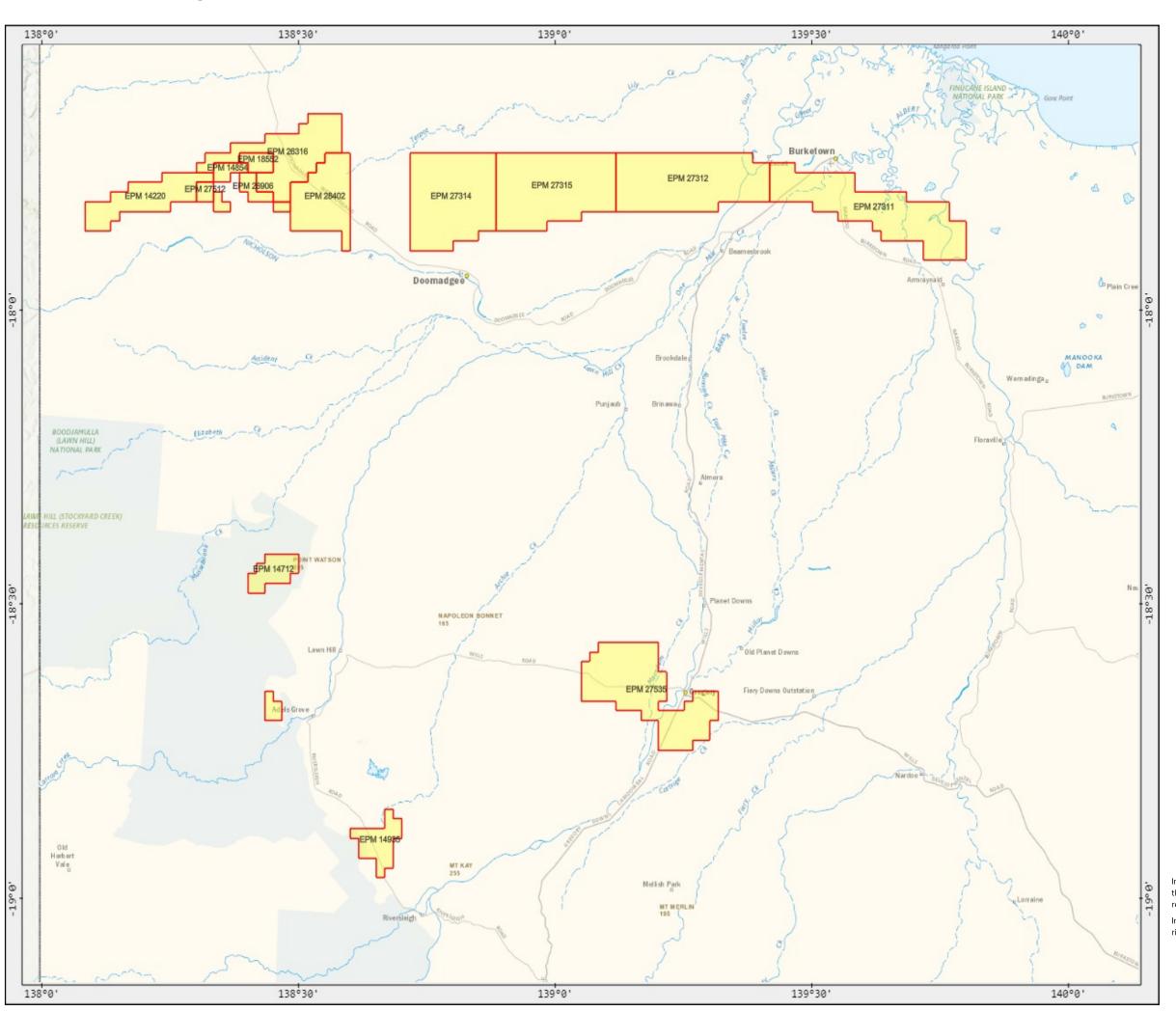
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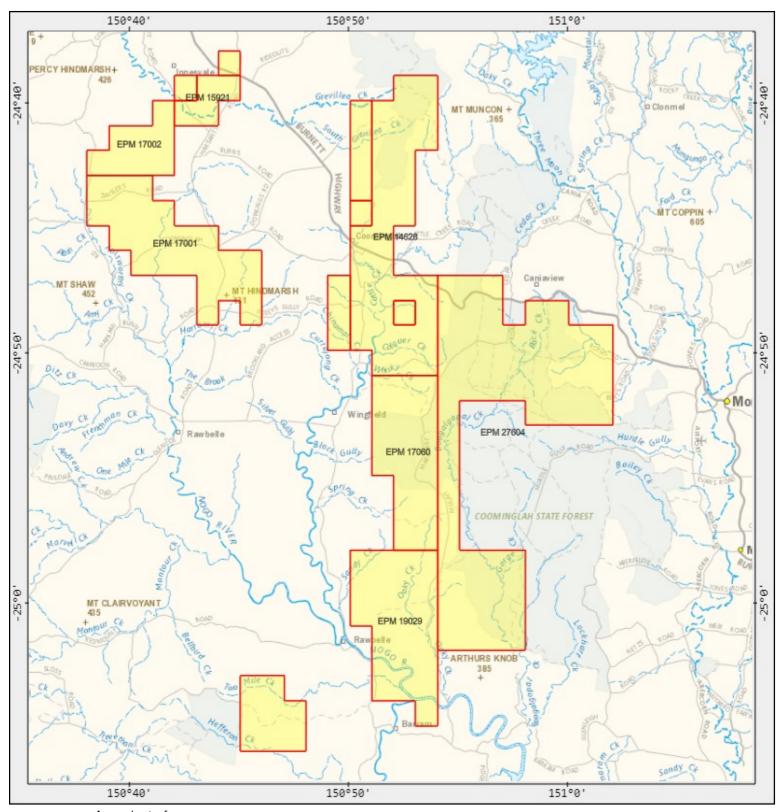
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## Appendix 5B

## Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

# AEON METALS LIMITED ABN Quarter ended ("current quarter") 91 121 964 725 30 June 2023

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation (if expensed)	-	-
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(170)	(879)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(509)	(1,414)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	1	2
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(678)	(2,291)

2.	Са	sh flows from investing activities		
2.1	Pa	yments to acquire or for:		
	(a)	entities	-	-
	(b)	tenements	-	-
	(c)	property, plant and equipment	(89)	(139)
	(d)	exploration & evaluation (if capitalised)	(906)	(5,323)
	(e)	investments	-	-
	(f)	other non-current assets	-	-

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Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(995)	(5,462)

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	4,092
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	(121)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	1,000	3,000
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	1,000	6,971

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,944	2,053
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(678)	(2,291)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(995)	(5,462)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	1,000	6,971

Con	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,271	1,271

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	1,217	1,891
5.2	Call deposits	54	53
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	1,271	1,944

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	201
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-

Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.

The amounts above relate to directors' fees.

7.	Financing facilities  Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.  Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities <sup>(i)</sup>	37,766	35,766
7.2	Credit standby arrangements <sup>(ii)</sup>	30	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	Total financing facilities	37,796	35,766
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at qu	arter end	2,030

7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.

(i) The company has a limited recourse loan with OCP Asia Group ("OCP") amounting to \$36,689,000 of which \$2,0000,000 remains undrawn, the interest rate is 12.00%, is calculated quarterly and capitalised to the loan. The loan is secured over the assets of Aeon Walford Creek Limited. The loan matures on 17 December 2024.

(ii)The company maintains an ANZ Credit Card Facility totalling \$30,000, with a rate of 17.74%PA on purchases not paid for within the relevant period. This facility is split across six separate cards, and \$23,000 is undrawn.

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(678)
8.2	(Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(906)
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(1,584)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	1,271
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	2,030
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	3,301
8.7	Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	2.08

Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.

8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:

8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?

Answer: Yes.

8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer: Yes. The entity intends to take steps to raise capital in the first half for financial year 2023-2024 to meet its anticipated exploration activities during FY 2024.

8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer: Yes, see answers 1 and 2, we also note the continued support of our major shareholder and lender, O L Master Ltd (OCP) who has provided an additional \$5 million facility in March 2023.

Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.

### Compliance statement

- This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date:	31 July 2023
Authorised by:	By the Board(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

#### **Notes**

- This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
- If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
- 4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
- 5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.