

NickelSearch Limited

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Interim Financial Report
For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022













NickelSearch Limited (ASX: NIS)

is a dedicated nickel sulphide explorer focused on advancing its 100% owned Carlingup Nickel Project located nearby Ravensthorpe, Western Australia. The asset has an existing resource base of 171kt contained nickel. Several extensive drilling programs are underway, with the aim of increasing the resources and moving into production.







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Corporate Directory

Directors

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Non-Executive Chairman
Nicole Duncan
Managing Director
Donald James
Non-Executive Director
Norm Taylor
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Our Purpose and Values

Purpose

To work with our communities to find, develop and supply Nickel for a sustainable future.

Values

Collaborative – we act as a team, with care, respect, and trust, knowing that together we are greater than the sum of our parts.

Accountable – we act honestly and transparently, do what we say we will do, and hold ourselves to high standards

Courageous – we have a passion to learn and grow, to try new ways, always guided by the science.



Directors Report

The Directors present their report on the consolidated entity consisting of NickelSearch Limited ("NickelSearch" or "the Company") and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

1. Directors

The following persons were directors of NickelSearch Limited during the whole of the half-year and up to the date of this report:

David Royle Interim Executive Chair and Technical Director (1 July to 31 July 2022)

Non-Executive Chair (1 August 2022 to current date)

Nicole Duncan Managing Director (Executive)

Paul BennettNon-Executive DirectorDonald JamesNon-Executive DirectorNorman TaylorNon-Executive Director

2. Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Company during the course of the half-year was the exploration for, and evaluation of, mineral deposits at the Company's Carlingup project in the southern region of Western Australia.

Dividends

No dividends have been declared in relation to the half-year ended 31 December 2022 (June 2022: Nil).

4. Review of operations

NickelSearch is an Australian based mineral resource company that is exploring for nickel and related mineral deposits within its tenements located in the Shire of Ravensthorpe, Western Australia. This review includes information on the financial position of the Company, its business strategies, and prospects for the remainder of the current financial year and future financial years. It is recommended that this report is read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and considered with any public announcements released by the Company during or since the end of the half-year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Australian Securities Exchange Listing Rules.

Safety performance

NickelSearch is committed to providing a safe working environment for all staff and contractors and during the half-year, the Company has focussed on the identification of risks and implementation of incident prevention procedures and critical controls. During the half-year, our total recordable injury frequency rate was nil.

Sustainable business practices

As an emerging exploration company, NickelSearch is developing a proactive approach to building constructive relationships with local landholders, indigenous communities, and regulatory authorities to ensure the Company remains mindful of their perspectives. The Company aims to create sustainable, long-term shareholder, employee, consumer and societal value by pursuing responsible environmental, social and economic strategies.

Exploration activities

During the half-year to 31 December 2022, the Company commenced a targeted drilling campaign at its Carlingup tenements to test Greenfields exploration sites that have been identified via a comprehensive analysis of all available geological, geochemical and geophysical exploration data. The targeted campaign was planned to drill approximately 2,000 metres via reverse circulation (RC), with drill holes cased for downhole electromagnetic surveys. The prioritised drilling targets, and results available at the half-year end are as follows;



Review of operations (continued)

Javelin

RC drilling at Javelin focused on two target areas identified as coincidental geochemical and geophysical anomalism. The first hole, 22NRC001, was drilled just beyond the target depth of 80m, and the second hole, 22NRC002, reached the target depth of 120m. 22NRC001 hit an anomalous intersection of **3m at 0.25% Nickel (Ni)** within the transitional zone from 58m. While not significant, it does confirm that this unit is prospective for nickel sulphides.

Visual logging of 22NRC002 identified two sulphide bearing horizons within basalts of disseminated to matrix and massive sulphides, with pyrite being the visually dominant species. These horizons were logged at 62-66m and 84-90m downhole depth. Priority assays confirm visual logging with minor gold anomalism and **1m at 0.7% Ni from 93m**.

Mineralisation in the Carlingup area appears to form in distinct and relatively narrow channels, presumably eroded into the underlying sediment as the magma flowed over it. The nickel sulphide mineralisation is therefore in the same plane as weakly to moderately conductive sulphidic sediments. The presence of a strong conductor within a broader weakly conductive horizon is what would be predicted by using this model of nickel-sulphide deposit formation.

Five holes were drilled at Javelin to follow up on the DHEM conductors (plates) from the October drilling, and the broader geochemical anomalism in the area. Two holes were planned to intersect a high conductance plate of ~18,000 Siemens, which is consistent with the expected response of a massive sulphide body within a channel, while three holes tested areas of elevated soil geochemistry.

The drilling showed a number of layers of pyrrhotite and pyrite with unfortunately very little nickel detected.

RAV8

Drilling at RAV8 targeted possible structurally remobilised sulphides associated with a DHEM plate to the east (22NRC003) and extension of the main massive sulphide shoots south of the pit in an area of a weak DHEM plate (22NRC004).

22NRC003 was logged as mostly felsic volcanics with a number of mafic dykes. One of these intrusives, from 120-123m, returned **3m at 0.56% Ni including 1m at 1% Ni at 121m** which is interpreted as remobilised stringer nickel mineralisation. DHEM was unsuccessful in testing the original target in this hole as the pvc casing was blocked at 122m. The style of mineralisation encountered in this hole is consistent with other mineralisation at RAV8 and is an example of structural remobilisation that has occurred in this deposit.

Drill hole 22NRC004 hit thick intervals of ultramafics but was stopped 40m short of target depth after hitting a structure that caused excessive water to enter the hole that could not be controlled. DHEM was inconclusive due to distance from target however this remains a valid target with intent to redrill in the next program as RC with a diamond tail to get past the structure.

Sexton

Four holes were drilled at Sexton to test the coincident geophysical and geochemical anomaly as well as confirming historical hole RVD015 that intercepted 2m @ 1.2% Ni and 0.17% Cu from 98m (refer to NIS announcement 16 May 2022 for further detail). Of the four holes drilled, three intersected Ni-bearing sulphides at the target horizon, including 6m of massive and matrix sulphides from 149m in 23NRC012. Assays results for all drilling are pending.



Review of operations (continued)

RAV8 South

One hole (23NRC014) was drilled targeting an overlap of Xcite airborne EM and ground moving loop EM (**MLEM**) plates, which were interpreted as an apparent fold hinge that may have the potential to host nickel sulphides associated with the nearby RAV8 pit. There is also a weak anomalous geochemical signature in the area.

The hole intersected significant ultramafic rock, including some weak sulphide mineralisation at about 145m. The hole passed into komatiitic basalt at 156m, and massive and matrix pyrite dominated sulphides associated with chert (sediments) were intersected from 181 - 188m. Assay results are pending. The Company is currently planning a larger drill program for RAV8 South, to follow up on historical soil sampling.

Processing activities

While the Company remains focussed on greenfields exploration, it is also working to develop a processing pathway for its existing resource base of lower grade secondary nickel sulphides. During the half-year, the Company announced encouraging results from preliminary metallurgical studies conducted using drill core samples extracted from the Carlingup tenements. These studies included testing the samples for responsiveness to ore sorting via magnetic induction and density then recoverability of nickel from the sorted ore through a heap leach process.

The key highlights from this testwork to date:

- RAV8 stringer mineralisation is highly amenable to ore sorting with ~94% nickel recovery and removing 63% of the mass.
- RAV4-West disseminated material yielded 84% nickel recovery and removed 23% of the mass.
- RAV1 stringer material returned 96% nickel recovery and removed 44% of the mass.
- RAV8 disseminated material is finely and evenly disseminated so rejection of only waste rock is possible.
- Nickel recoveries from seven-day nitric acid digests on RAV8 ore resulted in impressive nickel recoveries of ~79% and ~86% at crush sizes of 100% passing 12.5mm and 8.0mm respectively.
- An active bacterial culture has been isolated from site and tested on historical whole ore, giving outstanding final nickel recoveries of 83% and 82% on milled ore (100% passing 90µm) at 35°C and 40°C respectively.

Corporate activities

The Company's annual general meeting was held in Perth on the 23rd of November 2022 and all resolutions presented at the meeting were passed without amendment.

Financial position

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022, the Company recorded a loss of \$1,085,477 (Dec 2021: \$1,073,530) and expenditure on capitalised exploration and evaluation during the period totalled \$1,324,543 (Dec 2021: \$1,336,684). At the close of the half-year, the Group has net assets amounting to \$11,438,445 (June 2022: \$12,422,789) and cash on hand of \$2,496,152 (June 2022: \$4,607,478).

The consolidated interim financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business. The ability of the Company to maintain continuity of normal business activities is dependent upon its ability to successfully raise additional capital and/or successful exploration and subsequent exploitation of areas of interest through sale or development. These circumstances give rise to a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.



Directors Report - continued

Financial position - continued

The directors believe that the going concern basis of preparation is appropriate for the following reasons:

- There is sufficient cash available at balance date to continue operating: and
- The directors do not consider there are any valid reasons as to why future capital funding will not be available and remain confident that sufficient funding will be obtained when required.

Should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business, and at amounts that differ from those stated in the half-year financial report. This half-year financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or the amounts or classification of liabilities and appropriate disclosures that may be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

5. Likely developments and expected results

During calendar year 2023, the Company intends to continue drilling of the high priority exploration targets identified via analysis of exploration data gathered from its Carlingup tenements. Metallurgical testwork will similarly continue to further explore and evaluate alternative processing pathways for the lower grade secondary nickel sulphides that form part of the Company's resource base.

6. Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the lead auditor's independence declaration for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 has been received and can be found on page 7 of this review report.

7. Events after the reporting period

In the period since 31 December 2022 no matter or circumstance has arisen that has significantly affected, or may affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

8. Competent Person Statement

The exploration results information contained within this announcement are extracted from the announcement titled "Nickel Sulphides Intersected at Regional Sexton Prospect" released 2 February 2023, which is available to view on www.nickelsearch.com. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original announcement. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Nicole Duncan Managing Director

Dated at Perth: 9 March 2023



To the directors of NickelSearch Limited

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

As lead audit director for the review of the Interim Financial Report of NickelSearch Limited for the halfyear ended 31 December 2022, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (a) the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- (b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours sincerely

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Half-year ended 31 December 2022 \$	Half-year ended 31 December 2021
Revenue	3	21,855	1,050
Exploration expenditure		(9,880)	-
Consulting fees		(170,804)	(53,661)
Corporate and administrative costs		(302,952)	(392,229)
Depreciation		(38,495)	(8,569)
Director fees and salary		(357,125)	(253,916)
Interest expenses	5	(3,939)	(182)
Legal expenses		(28,864)	(23,455)
Share based payment expense		(101,133)	(271,000)
Tenement fees		(94,140)	(71,568)
Loss before income tax		(1,085,477)	(1,073,530)
Income tax expense	6	-	-
Loss for the year		(1,085,477)	(1,073,530)
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(1,085,477)	(1,073,530)
Loss Per Share			
Basic loss per share (cents)	22	(0.01)	(0.014)
Diluted loss per share (cents)	22	(0.01)	(0.014)



Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

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	Note	31 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 \$
Assets		*	<u> </u>
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2,496,152	4,607,478
Trade and other receivables	8	78,456	99,236
Other assets	9	18,586	38,009
Total current assets		2,593,194	4,744,723
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	368,596	221,507
Exploration and evaluation assets	11	10,672,990	9,348,447
Total non-current assets		11,041,586	9,569,954
TOTAL ASSETS		13,634,780	14,314,677
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	344,158	208,482
Provisions	14	28,714	19,114
Current lease liability	15	54,382	-
Total current liabilities		427,254	227,596
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	14	1,664,292	1,664,292
Non-current lease liability	15	104,789	
Total non-current liabilities		1,769,081	1,664,292
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,196,335	1,891,888
NET ASSETS		11,438,445	12,422,789
Equity			
Issued capital	16	14,349,478	14,320,478
Reserves	17	449,202	377,069
Accumulated losses		(3,360,235)	(2,274,758)
TOTAL EQUITY		11,438,445	12,422,789



Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

		Issued	Retained Earnings/ (Accumulated	Option	
	Note	Capital \$	Losses) \$	Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021		1,824,784	(391,588)	216,800	1,649,996
Loss for the half-year		-	(1,073,530)	-	(1,073,530)
Total comprehensive loss for the half- year		-	(1,073,530)	-	(1,073,530)
Transactions with owners, in their capacity	y as owr	ners, and othe	r transfers		
Issue of shares		13,408,730	-	-	13,408,730
Share issue costs		(918,636)	-	-	(918,636)
Share-based payment		-	-	271,000	271,000
Total transactions with owners and transfers		12,490,094	-	271,000	12,761,094
Balance at 31 December 2021		14,314,878	(1,465,118)	487,800	13,337,560
Balance at 1 July 2022		14,320,478	(2,274,758)	377,069	12,422,789
Loss for the half-year		-	(1,085,477)	-	(1,085,477)
Other comprehensive income for the half- year		_	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the half- year		_	(1,085,477)	_	(1,085,477)
		and other			(1,083,477)
Transactions with owners, in their capacity	y as owr	iers, and otne	r transfers		
Issue of shares		-	-	-	-
Share issue costs		-	-	-	-
Share-based payment		29,000	-	72,133	101,133
Total transactions with owners and transfers		29,000	-	72,133	101,133
Balance at 31 December 2022	16	14,349,478	(3,360,235)	449,202	11,438,445



Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	31 December 2022 \$	31 December 2021 \$
Cash used in operating activities:			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(868,303)	(907,976)
Interest paid		(3,939)	(182)
Interest received		19,165	-
Net cash used in operating activities		(853,077)	(908,158)
Cash flows used in investing activities:			
Exploration expenditure		(1,250,888)	(1,265,116)
Stamp duty on acquisition of assets		-	-
Purchase of plant and equipment		(7,361)	(84,971)
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,258,249)	(1,350,087)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from issue of shares		-	10,010,000
Costs associated with share and option issues		-	(918,638)
Borrowings received		-	50,000
Borrowings repaid		-	(50,000)
Net cash from financing activities		-	9,091,362
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2,111,326)	6,833,117
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		4,607,478	620,856
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	7	2,496,152	7,453,973



For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

1. Basis of preparation of half-year report

This consolidated interim financial report for the half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2022 has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standard AASB134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The interim report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and any public announcements made by the Company during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the Australian Stock Exchange listing rules.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim period, except for the adoption of new or amended standards as set out below.

a. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business.

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022, the Company recorded a loss of \$1,085,477 (Dec 2021: \$1,073,530) and expenditure on capitalised exploration and evaluation during the period totalled \$1,324,543 (Dec 2021: \$1,336,684). At the close of the half-year, the Group has net assets amounting to \$11,438,445 (June 2022: \$12,422,789) and cash on hand of \$2,496,152 (June 2022: \$4,607,478).

The ability of the Group to maintain continuity of normal business activities and to pay its debts as and when they fall due is dependent on its ability to successfully raise additional capital and/or successful exploration and subsequent exploitation of areas of interest through sale or development. These circumstances give rise to the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

The directors believe that the going concern basis of preparation is appropriate due to the following reasons:

- there is sufficient cash available at balance date for the Group to continue operating; and
- the Group do not consider there are any valid reasons as to why future capital funding will not be available and remain confident that sufficient funding will be obtained when required.

Should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business, and at amounts that differ from those stated in the half-year financial report. This half-year financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or the amounts or classification of liabilities and appropriate disclosures that may be necessary should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern.

2. New Accounting Standards

There have been no new accounting standards applied for the first time in the preparation of the half- year financial statements ended 31 December 2022. New accounting standards issued as at 31 December 2022 that are not yet applicable are not expected to have a material effect on the amounts reported in the half- year financial statements.



For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

3. Revenue

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$	\$
- Interest	19,165	-
- Sundry recoveries	2,690	1,050
Balance at the end of the half-year	21,855	1,050

4. Expenses

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$	\$
Included in expenses are the following items:		
Exploration expenditure expensed during half-year	9,880	-
Employee Benefits		
- Defined contribution superannuation expense	66,020	24,889
Management fees	127,901	140,470
Marketing and promotion expense	146,284	52,377

5. Finance expense

5. Thatice expense		
	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$	\$
Interest payable		
- Related entity	-	182
- Unrelated entity	3,939	-
Balance at the end of the half-year	3,939	182

6. Income tax expense

· ·	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$	\$
(a) The prima facie tax on loss from ordinary activities before in	come tax is reconciled to th	e income tax as
follows:		
Prima facie tax expense on loss before income tax at 25% (June	2022: 25%)	
- economic entity	(271,369)	(268,383)
	(271,369)	(268,383)
Adjust for:		
- Tax effect of permanent differences	(1,485)	43,554
- Tax effect of temporary differences	272,854	224,829
Income tax attributable to entity	-	-
Deferred tax assets and liabilities not brought to account, the ne conditions for deductibility set out in Note 1 occur.	t benefit of which will only b	e realised if the
Tax losses	3,889,211	1,786,000
Net unbooked deferred tax asset	3,889,211	1,786,000
The Company has estimated tax losses carried forward of appr	•	

which have not been recognised as a deferred tax asset. The benefit of these losses will only be obtained if the Company derives future assessable income sufficient to enable the deductions from the tax losses to be realised and if the Company continues to comply with conditions for deductibility imposed by the relevant tax legislation.



For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

7. Cash and cash equivalents

	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	103	103
Cash at bank	2,496,049	4,607,375
Reconciliation of cash	2,496,152	4,607,478
Cash at the end of the half-year as shown in the statement of cash		
flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as		
follows:	2,496,152	4,607,478
Cash and cash equivalents	2,496,152	4,607,478

8. Trade and other receivables

	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Current		
Trade receivables	2,960	-
Sundry receivables	75,496	99,236
Balance at the end of the half-year	78,456	99,236
Credit Risk — Other Receivables		

In the current year, the majority of receivables relate to a single debtor (GST receivable from the Australian Taxation Office). Otherwise, the Group has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to counter parties. The class of assets described as Other Receivables is considered to be the main source of credit risk related to the Group. All other receivables are within normal credit terms and are therefore not considered past due or impaired.

9 Other assets

2. Other assets		
	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Current		
Prepayments	16,186	35,609
Deposits	2,400	2,400
Balance at the end of the half-year	18,586	38,009



For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

10. Property, plant and equipment

	Land &	Plant &	Office	Right of use		
	buildings	equipment	equipment	assets 1	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
At 30 June 2022						
Cost of fair value	137,406	57,090	41,422	-	235,918	
Accumulated depreciation	-	(4,004)	(10,407)	-	(14,411)	
Net Carrying value	137,406	53,086	31,015	-	221,507	
Half-year ended 31 December 2022						
Opening carrying value	137,406	53,086	31,015	-	221,507	
Additions	-	-	7,361	178,223	185,584	
Depreciation charge	-	(11,108)	(7,585)	(19,802)	(38,495)	
Net carrying value	137,406	41,978	30,791	158,421	368,596	
At 31 December 2022						
Cost or fair value	137,406	57,090	48,783	178,223	421,502	
Accumulated depreciation	-	(15,112)	(17,992)	(19,802)	(52,906)	
Net carrying value	137,406	41,978	30,791	158,421	368,596	
1 Refer to Note 15 for further information on the recognition of Right of use assets.						

11. Exploration and evaluation assets

,	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
	31 December 2022	30 Julie 2022
	\$	Ş
Non-current		
Exploration expenditure capitalised:		
Opening balance	9,348,447	5,410,765
Exploration expenditure incurred	1,324,543	-
Acquisition of tenements	-	5,039,528
Less impairment	-	(1,101,846)
Carrying amount at the end of the half-year	10,672,990	9,348,447



For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

12. Controlled entities

Name		Percentage Owned (%)	Percentage Owned (%)
	Country of incorporation	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
Parent entity:			
NickelSearch Limited	Australia		
Subsidiaries of parent entity:			
AML (Ravensthorpe) Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
AML Employee Equity Plan Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Phanerozoic Energy Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%

13. Trade and other payables

	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Current		
Unsecured liabilities:		
Trade and other payables	344,158	208,482
Balance at the end of the period	344,158	208,482
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Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and normally settled within 7 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

14. Provisions

	Mine Restoration	Employee Benefits	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance at 1 July 2022	1,664,292	19,114	1,683,406
Additional provisions	-	9,600	9,600
Closing balance as at 31 December 2022	1,664,292	28,714	1,693,006
		31 December 2022	30 June 2022
Analysis of total provision		\$	\$
Current		28,714	19,114
Non-current	1,664,292	1,664,292	
Total provisions	1,693,006	1,683,406	



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15. Leases

In September 2022, the Company entered into an agreement to lease corporate office space for a minimum period of 3 years on standard commercial terms. As a result, the Company has implemented a new accounting policy for rental leasing contracts.

Right of use assets are measured at amounts equal to the carrying value of their respective lease liabilities on the inception date, adjusted for incentives, accruals and prepayments relating to the contractual agreement. Right of use assets are amortised over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight term basis. Right of use assets have been disclosed as part of property, plant and equipment in the statement of financial position, refer to Note 10 for further detail.

Lease liabilities are measured at amounts equal to the net present value of lease payments over the remaining term of the lease, discounted at the Company's incremental borrowing rate. The discount rate used in calculating the carrying amount of lease liabilities considers the circumstances applicable to the underlying leased assets, in particular the lease value, the term of the lease and the economic environment.

Balances recognised in the interim financial statements upon application of the leasing standard are set out below.

	31 December 2022
Right of use asset	\$
Right of use asset recognised at inception of the lease	178,223
Amortised during the period	(19,802)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	158,421

	31 December 2022
Lease liability	\$
Lease liability recognised at inception	176,223
Add: Finance charged	3,939
Less: Payments	(20,991)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	159,171
Disclosure in the statement of financial position	
Current lease liability	54,382
Non-current lease liability	104,789
Total lease liability	159,171



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16. Issued capital

	31 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 \$
104,264,018 (30 June 2022: 104,064,018) fully paid ordinary shares	14,349,478	14,320,478

Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of shares held. At Shareholder meetings each ordinary shareholder is entitled to one vote per share held when a poll is called.

Capital Management

The Board and management collectively control the capital of the Group in order to ensure that the Group can fund its business plan and current operations. There are no externally imposed capital requirements.

Movement in Share Capital	Number of Shares	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	37,020,356	1,824,784
6 July 2022 – Issue to Lead Manager for Initial Public Offering	1,330,000	266,000
5 October 2022 – Issue for the acquisition of Tenements	15,713,662	3,142,732
6 October 2022 – Issue for Initial Public Offering	50,000,000	10,000,000
Capital raising costs during year	-	(913,038)
As at 30 June 2022	104,064,018	14,320,478
Movement in Share Capital	Number of Shares	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	104,064,018	14,320,478
Appointment issue to Managing Director ¹	200,000	29,000
Balance at 31 December 2022	104,264,018	14,349,478

 $^{^{1}}$ Refer to Note 20 – Related Party transactions for further detail on the issue of appointment shares.

17. Reserves

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	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Option Reserve		
Opening balance	377,069	216,800
Options granted	-	375,105
Options expensed	72,133	(165,869)
Options lapsed	-	(48,967)
Balance at end of the period	449,202	377,069
The Company has share options on issue	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
Movement in the share options during the period is as follows	No.	No.
Balance at beginning of period	8,700,000	4,000,000
Options granted	4,650,817	7,700,000
Options expensed	-	(1,000,000)
Options lapsed	(100,000)	(2,000,000)
Balance at end of the period	13,250,817	8,700,000



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Reserves (continued)

Options granted during the half-year were measured using option pricing valuation models and variable inputs to determine the fair value of each option at grant date as follows;

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	MD	Performance	Performance	Performance	Performance	Performance	Performance
	Options	Options 1	Options 2	Options 3	Options 4	Options 5	Options 6
Fair value at	0.0477	0.1200	0.4063	0.1450	0.4330	0.1166	0.4550
grant date	0.0477	0.1209	0.1062	0.1450	0.1320	0.1166	0.1550
Expected	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Contractual	0.90	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.54	2.54	2.54
life (years)	0.90	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.34	2.34	2.54
Market							
value of	0.1450	0.1450	0.1450	0.1450	0.1550	0.1550	0.1550
underlying	0.1430	0.1430	0.1430	0.1430	0.1330	0.1330	0.1550
shares							
Option							
exercise	0.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
price							
Expected							
volatility of	88.0%	86.68%	86.68%	86.68%	87.58%	87.58%	87.58%
underlying	88.076	80.087	80.087	80.087	87.387	67.36%	67.36%
shares							
Risk free	3.45%	3.23%	3.23%	3.23%	3.15%	3.15%	3.15%
rate applied	3.43%	3.23%	3.23%	3.23%	3.13%	3.13%	3.13%
Number	2 000 000	270 572	270 572	270 572	F12 022	E12 025	E12 025
granted	2,000,000	370,572	370,572	370,572	513,032	513,035	513,035

Valuation of options granted			
	option pricing methodology utilising the variables noted in		
Performance options – these options have been valued using a Trinomial option pricing methodology utilising the variables noted above and the following performance targets;			
Performance target for Tranches 1 and 4	The 20 day VWAP of Shares is greater than or equal to \$0.22		
Performance target for Tranches 2 and 5	The 20 day VWAP of Shares is greater than or equal to \$0.30		
Performance target for Tranches 3 and 6	Declaration of a 250kt JORC compliant nickel resource at the Carlingup project, at an average grade of at least 0.57% Ni.		



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18. Expenditure commitments

(a) Expenditure commitments

The Company is required to meet minimum expenditure commitments in respect of its exploration tenements or obtain expenditure exemptions from respective jurisdictional departments to maintain those tenements in good standing. If the relevant tenement is relinquished the expenditure commitment also ceases.

The following commitments for the next 5 years exist at the reporting date but have not been brought to account. Additional commitments exist through to the expiry dates of the tenements that range from 2029 to 2039:

	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Commitments on the exploration tenements for the next 12 months	492,400	492,400
Commitments between 12 months and 5 years	1,969,600	1,969,600
Total commitments	2,462,000	2,462,000

In the current and prior years, the Group has received some exemptions in respect of required expenditure.

The Group has also entered into a Native Title Agreement with the Wagyl Kaip People and Southern Noongar People in relation to exploration tenements under the John Ellis project. A fee of \$5,000 is payable each year subject to the Ravensthorpe Nickel Project being in production and capped at \$50,000 in total. These obligations have been accrued to date and an amount of \$10,000 is owing as at 31 December 2022. Additional amounts totalling \$100,000 are also payable subject to receiving certain approvals and making sales. Royalty payments of 0.35% of revenue are also payable from the sale of product.

As part of the agreement to purchase certain tenements in 2021, the Group has agreed to pay Medallion Metals Limited (a shareholder of the Company) a royalty from the sale of commodities other than Nickel, Cobalt and Platinum Group Metals until the tenements are sold, surrendered, or otherwise relinquished.

19. Segment information

2022

The Group operates entirely in the mineral exploration industry, within Australia. The Group has therefore identified only one operating and reporting segment and no further disclosures are required.



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20. Related party transactions

(a) Related parties:

The Group's main related parties are as follows:

(i) Key Management Personnel:

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company, are considered key management personnel. The directors of the Company are the only key management personnel.

(ii) Other related entities:

Director Norman Taylor is the director of Keemun Pty Ltd, Tayhil Pty Ltd and Tayhil Pty Ltd ATF Cahlor Superannuation Fund which beneficially holds shares in the Company as at 31 December 2022. He is also a director and substantial shareholder in Alpha Fine Chemicals Ltd.

Director Paul Bennet is the Managing Director and substantial shareholder of Medallion Metals Limited (MM8).

At the reporting date directors hold 6,822,887 shares in the Company. A number of these shares are subject to a period of escrow / ASX restriction, as detailed in the Company's Prospectus dated 23 August 2021. In addition, the AML Employee Equity Trust of which the Company is a trustee holds 3,074,860 shares in the Company on behalf of employees, including 1,846,711 on behalf of directors. At the direction of the Trustee these shares cannot currently be accessed by employees.

(b) Transactions with related parties:

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated. The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	31 December 2022	30 June 2022
(i) Transactions with related parties during the half-year	\$	\$
Reimbursement of MM8 for use of their accommodation and meals.	-	83,890
Reimbursement to Alpha Fine Chemicals Ltd for shared office		
accommodation, equipment, and financial / administrative support		
personnel.	31,548	131,228
Reimbursement receivable from Alpha Fine Chemicals Ltd for shared		
office accommodation, equipment, IT services and office maintenance.	2,690	-
(ii) Transactions with key management personnel:		
Issue of 200,000 ordinary shares to Managing Director, Nicole Duncan as		
per the terms of the contract of employment and approved by		
shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 23 November 2022. The		
value of the transaction has been determined using the fair value per		
share at date of issue.	29,000	-
Grant of 2,000,000 options to Managing Director, Nicole Duncan as per		
the terms of the contract of employment and approved by shareholders		
at the Annual General Meeting on 23 November 2022. The value of the		
transaction recognised at the half-year end represents the balance		
expensed as a share-based payment during the period.	11,009	-
Grant of 1,111,716 performance options to Managing Director, Nicole		
Duncan as per the terms of the contract of employment and approved by		
shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 23 November 2022. The		
value of the transaction recognised at the half-year end represents the		
balance expensed as a share-based payment during the period.		
Refer to Note 17 for additional information on options granted.	5,516	-



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21. Share based payments

Share-based payments made by the Company during the half-year are:

Issue of shares to Managing Director as per employment contract – refer Note 20.

During the half-year, Company established an Incentive Awards Plan (the Plan) which was approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 23 November 2022. All directors, officers, employees and consultants (whether full or part-time) will be eligible to participate in the Plan at the Boards discretion.

Options granted during the half-year as per the terms of the Plan are detailed at Note 17.

The allocation of Awards under the Plan is at the discretion of the Board. The exercise price of options will be determined by the Board and will be equal to, or higher than the market value of the Company's shares at the time the Board resolves to issue the options.

Options are forfeited one month after the holder ceases to be employed by the Group however the terms of the Option Plan allow the Board to exercise its discretion as to whether options are forfeited.

All Company options granted are over ordinary shares in NickelSearch Limited, which confer a right of one ordinary share per option. The options hold no voting or dividend rights.

22. Loss per share

22. Loss per share				
	31 December 2022	31 December 2021		
	\$	\$		
Basic loss per share (cents)	(0.01)	(0.014)		
Diluted loss per share (cents)	(0.01)	(0.014)		
Net loss used to calculate basic and dilutive EPS	(1,085,477)	(1,073,530)		
	No.	No.		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the				
period used in the calculation of basic EPS	104,105,322	68,441,381		
Weighted average number of vested options outstanding	-	-		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the				
period used in the calculation of dilutive EPS	104,105,322	68,441,381		



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23. Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

(a) Contingent assets

A third party, First Quantum Minerals (FQM), hold the rights to any lateritic nickel on some of the tenements that the Company holds. Should any lateritic nickel be mined on these tenements then a royalty is payable to NickelSearch. No mining of lateritic nickel has been undertaken to date.

The Group has an agreement with Alpha Fine Chemicals Limited, a director related entity, granting right of first refusal to purchase nickel product if derived from certain of the Group's tenements.

(b) Contingent liabilities

At the date of this Report, there are no claims or contingent liabilities that are expected to materially impact, either individually or in aggregate, the Group's financial position or results from operations, other than as set out below.

- From 5 October 2021 the Group assumed various liabilities pursuant to the acquisition of certain assets from Medallion Metals Limited (MM8) (the MM8 Assets), including but not limited to the RAV8 Royalty Agreement, any third party agreements relating to the MM8 Assets (MM8 Third Party Agreements) and the Group has also indemnified MM8 from and against all claims and loss that MM8 may suffer or incur as a result of any breach of any MM8 Third Party Agreement.
- From the date of acquisition, any environmental and rehabilitation obligations pertaining to the MM8 Assets.
- From 5 October 2021 the Group has assumed various liabilities from the Mineral Rights Deed with MM8, including State and third party royalties payable on any future activity on the Mineral Rights Tenements, rehabilitation obligations, heritage surveys and any native title obligations.
- The Group also has a range of royalty commitments payable to various parties on certain of its tenements if sale of certain prescribed mineral product is achieved.
- The Group has also entered into a Native Title Agreement with the Wagyl Kaip People and Southern Noongar People in relation to exploration tenements under the Nindilbillup project. A fee of \$5,000 is payable each year subject to the Ravensthorpe Nickel Project being in production and capped at \$50,000 in total. These obligations have been accrued to date. Additional amounts totalling \$100,000 are also payable subject to receiving certain approvals and making sales. Royalty payments of 0.35% of revenue are also payable from the sale of product.
- As part of the agreement to purchase certain tenements in 2021, the Group has agreed to pay the sellers (now shareholders of the Company) a royalty from the sale of commodities other than Nickel, Cobalt and Platinum Group Metals until the tenements are sold, surrendered, or otherwise relinquished.

24. Events after the end of the reporting period

In the period since 31 December 2022 no matter or circumstance has arisen that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations, or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

25. Company details

The registered office and principal place of business is:

Level 4, 14/92 Walters Drive Osborne Park WA 6017



Directors Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of NickelSearch Limited, I declare that:

- 1. In the opinion of the Directors:
 - a) The condensed consolidated financial statements and notes of NickelSearch Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - i. giving a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
 - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standard 134: Interim Financial Reporting; and
 - b) the consolidated financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 1.
- 2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- 3. This declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made by the Directors in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Board:

Nicole Duncan

Managing Director

Dated at Perth, 9 March 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of NickelSearch Limited

Report on the Interim Financial Report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the Interim Financial Report of NickelSearch Limited ("the Company") and its controlled entities ("the Group"), which comprises the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity and condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying interim financial report of the Group does not comply with the Corporations Act 2001 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1(a) in the interim financial report, which indicates that the Group incurred a net loss of \$1,085,477 (2021: \$1,073,530) during the half-year ended 31 December 2022 and cash outflow from operating activities of \$853,077 (2021: \$908,158). As stated in Note 1(a), these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1(a), indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our review conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the interim financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the interim financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a interim financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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Nexia Perth Audit Services Pty Ltd

Justin Mulhair

Director

9 March 2023

Perth, Western Australia