

Aeris Resources Limited ABN 30 147 131 977
Preliminary Final Report - 30 June 2019

Lodged with the ASX under Listing Rule 4.3A

Appendix 4E – Aeris Resources Limited

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

				\$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers	Decrease	(2%)	to	232,338
Gross profit	Decrease	(63%)	to	13,813
Loss before income tax from continuing operations	Decrease	(113%)	to	(8,257)
Net loss for the year attributable to members	Decrease	(123%)	to	(12,673)

DIVIDENDS / DISTRIBUTIONS

The directors did not declare a dividend in either of the years ending 30 June 2019 or 30 June 2018.

KEY RATIOS	30 June 2019	30 June 2018
Basic earnings per share (cents)	(3.1)	30.9
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	(3.1)	15.1
Net tangible assets per share (cents) (Fully diluted)	14.0	11.8

FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

AUDIT

This report is based on the consolidated annual financial report which has been audited.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The attached annual financial report meets the disclosure requirements not specifically identified in this document. The terms used in listing rule 4.3A reconcile to the financial report as follows:

Required	Presented
Statement of financial performance	Consolidated statement of comprehensive income
Statement of financial position	Consolidated balance sheet
Statement of cash flows	Consolidated statement of cash flows
Statement of retained earnings	Consolidated statement of changes in equity

ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

There were no acquisitions or disposals in the Group during the financial year ending 30 June 2019.

CORPORATE

Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer and Placement

On 21 September 2018, Aeris announced the launch of a fully underwritten A\$35.096 million Placement and 1:2.1 Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer (Entitlement Offer), with the funds being raised used to:

- Accelerate exploration programs at the 100% owned Tritton Copper Operations and the Torrens Joint Venture (Aeris 70%);
- Strengthen the Company's financial position through the repayment of a significant proportion of outstanding Senior Debt; and
- To pay for the costs associated with the equity raise.

The \$35.096 million Placement and Entitlement Offer, at a price of \$0.20 per share, consisted of:

- A Placement and Accelerated Institutional Entitlement Offer which was completed on 2 October 2018 and raised \$28.385 million and resulted in the issue of 141,924,297 new shares; and
- A Retail Entitlement Offer which closed on 9 October and raised \$6.711 million with 33,554,699 new shares being issued.

In aggregate, 175,478,996 million new shares were issued under the Placement and Entitlement Offer.

The issued capital of Aeris now comprises 455,711,613 ordinary shares, 93,410,609 unlisted options (exercisable at \$nil each with an expiry date of 31 December 2021) and 93,410,609 convertible redeemable preference shares (CRPS).

Debt

On 4 October 2018, utilising funds received from the Placement and Entitlement Offer, Aeris made a US\$20 million repayment on its Tranche B debt facility (Senior Debt) with Special Portfolio Opportunity V Limited (SPOV), a subsidiary of a fund managed by PAG - a large independent alternative investment management group.

The US\$20 million payment reduced the balance of the Tranche B facility to US\$10 million and avoided a 3% interest rate step-up, which would have been payable from 14 October 2018 on any balance of the Tranche B facility remaining above US\$10 million.

Aeris' total debt at the end of the period was approximately US\$31 million (Tranche A facility – US\$21 million and Tranche B facility – US\$10 million) and represents a reduction in the Group's debt of more than US\$100 million since the start of 2013.

Contingent Instrument Facility

On 17 September 2018, Aeris completed a restructure of its Contingent Instrument facility (CI Facility) for environmental bonding, in conjunction with major shareholder and key financier, SPOV. The CI Facility is provided by ANZ Banking Group (ANZ) with SPOV providing a guarantee to ANZ until 14 March 2021. Pricing of the new facility is in line with the all-up cost of the previous facility and contains similar terms, including that Aeris will cash back the bonds over a 3-year period. As a result of the transaction, Aeris no longer has any debt facilities with Standard Chartered Bank.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

TRITTON COPPER OPERATIONS

During the year the Consolidated Entity's primary asset, the Tritton Copper Operations, produced 26,852 tonnes of copper at a C1 Cash Cost of A\$2.78/lb, exceeding the original production guidance of 24,500 tonnes and a small increase on the prior financial year (26,686 tonnes).

The Tritton and Murrawombie underground mines performed ahead of plan during the year. This was primarily driven by higher copper grades mined due to changes in the mining sequence at both mines.

KEY PRODUCTION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ARE RECORDED BELOW:

PRODUCTION	Metric	FY2019	FY2018
ORE MINED	TONNES	1,673,066	1,615,855
GRADE	Cu (%)	1.67%	1.75%
ORE MILLED	TONNES	1,669,274	1,592,165
GRADE MILLED	Cu (%)	1.69%	1.75%
RECOVERY	Cu (%)	94.73%	95.23%
COPPER CONCENTRATE PRODUCED	TONNES	118,576	118,367
COPPER CONCENTRATE GRADE	Cu (%)	22.60%	22.45%
CONTAINED COPPER IN CCONCENTRATE	TONNES	26,795	26,577
COPPER CEMENT PRODUCED	TONNES	57	109
TOTAL COPPER PRODUCED	TONNES	26,852	26,686

Tritton Underground Mine (Tritton)

Several initiatives were implemented at Tritton during the period to improve loading and hauling efficiencies from the lower levels of the mine:

- An upgrade of the tele-remote loader system to allow operation from the surface control room, which increases time available for stope loading through shift change and blast clearances; and
- Establishment of a truck loading loop to improve haulage productivity through reduced loading times.

These innovations assisted with maintaining haulage fleet productivity despite a deeper operation and has demonstrated a reduction in truck loading times of between a half and two thirds, compared to the conventional loading methodology previously utilised.

Development of an exploration and access decline drive to the Budgerygar deposit commenced late in the financial year. The Budgerygar deposit is located 600 metres to the North East of Tritton mine. The access drive is being mined from Tritton decline at 270 metres below the surface to provide a diamond drilling position and eventually access for production.

Murrawombie Underground Mine (Murrawombie)

At the Murrawombie mine, a detailed stope design undertaken during the financial year improved the geological understanding and resulted in more selective mining and improved copper grades.

Grade control diamond drilling and geology mapping of the ore drives continues to improve the detailed understanding of the deposit's geology. Revisions of the resource model using this additional information have occurred during the year, allowing selective mining on the higher grade mineralisation. Toward the end of the financial year grade control drilling identified mineralization to the north and below the current Mineral Resource envelop. Further drilling is planned to better understand the potential to extend the mineralisation.

Processing

Ore processed during the financial year ended 30 June 2019 of 1,669,274 tonnes was higher than the prior corresponding period (1,592,165 tonnes) and reflects good production from both the Tritton and Murrawombie mines. Copper recovery for the period of 94.73% was lower than that achieved (95.23%) during the period ended 30 June 2018.

Exploration

The Tritton Copper Operations tenement package is a highly prospective tenement package covering 2,160km², on which to date over 750,000 tonnes of copper has been discovered. A new exploration licence (EL8810) was granted to Tritton during the first half of the financial year.

Copper mineralisation is hosted within two stratigraphic corridors proximal to major mafic complexes, of which six have been identified with a combined strike length of greater than 100 kilometres. More than 25 electromagnetic anomalies have been identified on the Tritton tenement package and remain untested.

All of the deposits discovered to date have been in the bottom half of the tenement package, within a 50 kilometre corridor adjacent to a stratigraphic unit referred to as the Budgery Sandstone. Geological mapping has extended the known extents of the Budgery Sandstone unit a further 65 kilometres through the northern half of the tenement package, with potential to extend for a further 40 kilometres.

Greenfields exploration activities during the financial year included:

- Airborne electromagnetic (EM) survey flown over a large section of the northern half of the Tritton tenement package in December 2018 which identified 25 new EM anomalies;
- Ground based electromagnetic (MLTEM) survey between the Murrawombie to Avoca tank corridor; and
- Drilling at the Kurrajong Deposit.

At the Kurrajong Deposit an Exploration Target of 3 to 4 million tonnes at a copper grade between 1.5% and 2% has been defined.

TORRENS PROJECT (AERIS 70%)

The Torrens Project (Torrens), a joint venture between Aeris (70%) and Argonaut Resources NL (30%) (ASX: ARE) is exploring for iron-oxide copper-gold systems within the highly prospective Stuart Shelf Region of South Australia. In February 2018 the final approval required to proceed with on-ground exploration activities, including a major drilling program, was secured.

The Torrens Project lies within 50 kilometres of Oz Minerals' Carrapateena deposit and 75 kilometres from BHP's Olympic Dam mine. It covers a large magnetic and gravity anomalous zone with a footprint greater than Olympic Dam.

Drilling commenced at Torrens in January 2019. By the end of the financial year two holes had been drilled to target depth and two others had to be abandoned due to issues drilling through an aquifer. The drilling program has now been paused to enable the processing of the geological data collected during the program, in-conjunction with reviewing the finalised geophysical interpretation work completed during the year. Geological work will focus on re-evaluating and refining geological target areas for future drill campaigns.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Revenue from the Tritton Copper Operations for the year was \$232.338 million, a 1.6% decrease compared to the prior period (FY2018: \$236.017 million). Increased copper production compared to the prior corresponding period was offset by lower Australian dollar copper prices achieved (A\$8,652/t), compared to the prior corresponding period (A\$8,844/t). C1 Unit cash costs for the financial year averaged A\$2.78 per pound and increase compared to the prior period (FY2018: A\$2.60 per pound) and was impacted by higher tonnes mined and processed, higher volumes of copper concentrate shipped, the impact of a lower Australian dollar and United States dollar denominated costs and lower underground development meters capitalised.

OUTLOOK

The copper production guidance for FY2020 is 24,500 tonnes at a C1 cash cost of between A\$2.80 and A\$2.95 per pound.

ADDITIONAL 4E DISCLOSURES

Additional disclosure requirements can be found in the consolidated financial report attached to this report.



AERIS RESOURCES LIMITED

A.C.N. 147 131 977

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
30 JUNE 2019**

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report together with the financial statements of Aeris Resources Limited (Aeris or the Company) and its controlled entities (Consolidated Entity or the Group) for the 12 months to 30 June 2019.

DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Company in office during the financial year and up to the date of this report were:

Director	Experience	Special Responsibilities	Appointed / Resigned	Classification
Andre Labuschagne	<p>Mr Labuschagne is an experienced mining executive with a career spanning over 30 years across operations in Australia, Indonesia, South Africa, PNG and Fiji. Mr Labuschagne has held various corporate and operational roles in companies including Norton Gold Fields, Emperor Gold Mines, DRD Gold and AngloGold Ashanti. Mr Labuschagne holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Potchefstroom University in South Africa.</p> <p>Other current directorships (ASX listed entities): Magontec Limited</p> <p>Former directorships in the past 3 years (ASX listed entities): None</p>	<p>Executive Chairman of the Company</p> <p>Member of Nomination Committee</p>	<i>Appointed</i> 20-Dec-2012	Executive
Alastair Morrison	<p>Mr Morrison is a highly experienced international banker. Mr Morrison has worked in private equity for over 30 years in the UK and Asia and has broad experience in growing companies across a range of industrial sectors. He was a founding Managing Director of Standard Chartered Private Equity. He was with Standard Chartered Bank from April 2002 until March 2014. Prior to joining Standard Chartered Bank he spent 20 years at 3i Group, the leading European private equity house, where he was Director for 3i Asia Pacific. He co-founded 3i's Asia Pacific operations in 1997, having previously run an investment team in London focusing on buy-outs and expansion financing. Mr Morrison has investment experience across a wide range of industries in Europe and Asia. He holds an M.A. degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics and M.Phil degree in Management Studies from Oxford University.</p> <p>Other current directorships (ASX listed entities): none</p> <p>Former directorships in the past 3 years (ASX listed entities): None</p>	<p>Non-executive Director</p> <p>Member of Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee</p>	<i>Appointed</i> 10-Dec-2010	Independent

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Michele Muscillo	<p>Mr Muscillo is a Partner specialising in corporate law with HopgoodGanim Lawyers. Mr Muscillo is an admitted Solicitor and has a practice focussed almost exclusively on mergers & acquisitions and capital raising. Mr Muscillo has acted on a variety of corporate transactions including initial public offerings, takeovers and acquisitions. Mr Muscillo has a Bachelor of Laws from Queensland University of Technology and was a recipient of the QUT University Medal.</p> <p>Other current directorships (ASX listed entities): Cardinal Resources Limited Xanadu Mines Limited Mako Gold Limited</p> <p>Former directorships in the past 3 years (ASX listed entities): Orbis Gold Limited</p>	<p>Non-executive Director</p> <p>Chairman of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee</p>	<i>Appointed</i> 2-May-2013	Independent
Marcus Derwin	<p>Mr Derwin is a highly experienced corporate executive and Board director, with an extensive background in corporate restructuring. He brings international experience, across a diverse range of industry sectors. His professional career has encompassed a combination of advisory and principal executive capacities, including managing a \$A2Bn global Alternative Assets portfolio over 5 years and also the formation and management of a \$A550m LIC. Additionally, he has advised boards – both public and private and worked within and alongside executive teams on implementation, stakeholder management and recapitalisation strategies. Mr Derwin’s professional background includes senior roles at AMP, National Australia Bank, Allco Equity Partners, PwC and KPMG.</p> <p>Other current directorships (ASX listed entities): None</p> <p>Former directorships in the past 3 years (ASX listed entities): None</p>	Non-executive Director	<i>Appointed</i> 18-April-2016	Not Independent

COMPANY SECRETARY

Robert Brainsbury

Mr Brainsbury is an experienced financial executive and has held senior operational and finance roles with several blue chip industrial and resources companies including Norton Gold Fields, MIM, Xstrata, Rio Tinto and BIS Industrial Logistics.

Dane van Heerden – CA

Ms van Heerden is a qualified chartered accountant, with over 15 years’ experience in both Australia and abroad.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Consolidated Entity for the year ended 30 June 2019 were the production and sale of copper, gold and silver and the exploration for copper. Other than as referred to on pages 4 to 7, there were no significant changes in those activities during the financial year.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year the Consolidated Entity's primary asset, the Tritton Copper Operations, produced 26,852 tonnes of copper, an increase on the 26,686 tonnes produced in the prior financial year.

The Tritton and Murrawombie underground mines performed ahead of plan during the year. This was primarily driven by higher copper grades mined due to changes in the mining sequence at both mines.

Tritton Underground Mine (Tritton)

At Tritton changes to the stope extraction sequence improved the ore quality. The stope design and orientation of the extraction sequence was changed in late 2017 through to 2018, to accommodate evolving ore body geometry and increasing ground stress with the revised stoping design delivering stable stope production in 2019.

Several initiatives were implemented during the period to improve loading and hauling efficiencies from the lower levels of the mine:

- An upgrade of the tele-remote loader system to allow operation from the surface control room, which increases time available for stope loading through shift change and blast clearances; and
- Establishment of a truck loading loop to improve haulage productivity through reduced loading times.

These innovations assisted with maintaining haulage fleet productivity despite a deeper operation and has demonstrated a reduction in truck loading times of between a half and two thirds, compared to the conventional loading methodology previously utilised.

Further initiatives at Tritton included improvements made in the communication and data backbone, providing the infrastructure for camera set-ups that will ultimately allow remote loading of the trucks in the loading loop from the surface control room. The infrastructure improvement has also allowed remote monitoring of selected paste fill infrastructure to provide faster identification of issues, while freeing up underground labour to engage in other activities.

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Murrawombie Underground Mine (Murrawombie)

Murrawombie is the secondary production source for the Tritton Copper Operations. Commercial production rates were achieved in 2018 and production increased in 2019. A detailed stope design undertaken during the financial year ended 30 June 2019 improved the geological understanding and resulted in more selective mining and improved copper grades.

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Processing

Ore processed during the financial year ended 30 June 2019 was 1,669,274 tonnes compared to 1,592,165 tonnes in the prior corresponding period. Copper recovery for the period of 94.73% was lower than that achieved (95.23%) during the period ended 30 June 2018.

There were four major planned shutdowns completed during the financial year. Availability between shutdowns was excellent with minimal un-planned downtime. Replacement of the cleaner and scavenger flotation cell banks with new tank bodies was completed during the year. In addition, the Company also replaced the primary crusher with a new jaw crusher of the same size.

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Financial Results

The Group recorded a loss after tax for the financial reporting year to 30 June 2019 of \$12.673 million, compared with a profit after tax for the year ended 30 June 2018 of \$55.304 million.

The June 2019 financial result for the Group was impacted by a number of key factors, including:

- Revenue from contracts with customers was \$232.338 million, compared to \$236.017 million in the previous corresponding period. Increased copper production compared to the prior corresponding period was offset by lower Australian dollar copper prices achieved (A\$8,652/t), compared to the prior corresponding period (A\$8,844/t);
- Cost of goods sold increased from \$198.231 million at 30 June 2018 to \$218.525 million at 30 June 2019 and was impacted by higher tonnes mined and processed, higher volumes of copper concentrate shipped, and lower underground development meters capitalised;
- Foreign exchange impacts, mainly on foreign exchange movements on interest bearing liabilities resulted in a loss of \$2.820 million at 30 June 2019 (a loss of \$1.317 million in the period to 30 June 2018). The AUD/USD exchange rate at 30 June 2019 was \$0.702 compared to \$0.7405 at 30 June 2018; and
- Finance costs of \$8.128 million were recognised mostly on the Special Portfolio Opportunity V Limited (SPOV) debt facilities for the period to 30 June 2019, compared to \$18.680 million in the prior corresponding period. The reduction in finance costs were as a result of the lower debt levels for the Company in the current year as a result of a repayment of US\$20 million off the Senior Debt in October 2018.

Financial Position

At 30 June 2019, Aeris had a positive net asset position of \$76.890 million (30 June 2018 were \$54.999 million). The improved net asset position compared to the prior corresponding period is mainly due to a reduction in the SPOV Tranche B (Senior Debt) facility by US\$20 million, as a result of utilising part of the funds raised through the non-renounceable entitlement offer and placement completed during the period.

The Company's net cash inflow from operating activities during the financial year was \$35.626 million, with net cash outflows from investing activities of \$32.816 million and net cash outflows from financing activities of \$3.799 million. The Group has been able to continue to meet its working capital requirements principally as a result of positive operating cash flows generated by the Tritton Copper Operations and management of the timing of cash flows to meet obligations as and when due.

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any matter or circumstance that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Consolidated Entity; the results of those operations; or the state of affairs of the Consolidated Entity in subsequent financial years.

OUTLOOK

Aeris is targeting 24,500 tonnes of copper production in FY2020 at a C1 cash cost between A\$2.80 and A\$2.95 per pound.

DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend for the year to 30 June 2019. No dividend was paid during the current year.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

The Company's operations are subject to various Commonwealth and State environmental regulations governing the protection of the environment in areas ranging from air and water quality, waste emissions and disposal, environmental impact assessments, mine rehabilitation and access to, and use of ground water and/or surface water. In particular, some operations are required to conduct certain activities under the environmental protection legislation with development consents of the jurisdiction in which they operate. The Directors are not aware of any material breaches of the Company's licences and all mining and exploration activities have been undertaken in compliance with the relevant environmental regulations.

SHARES UNDER OPTION

Executive management options (Options) issued were approved by shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 15 December 2015. The number of Options granted on 15 December 2015 totalled 93,410,609 at a \$nil exercise price and have a remaining contractual life of 1.5 years. There were no additional shares issued under option nor any shares under option cancelled at 30 June 2019.

SHARES ISSUED ON THE EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

There were no ordinary shares of the Company issued during the twelve months to 30 June 2019 on the exercise of Options.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

The attendance of Directors at Board and Committee meetings during the financial year were as follows:

Director	Directors' Meetings		Audit Committee Meetings	
	A	B	A	B
Andre Labuschagne	14	14	2	2
Alastair Morrison	13	13	2	2
Michele Muscillo	14	14	2	2
Marcus Derwin	13	13	2	2

A = Number of meetings held during the time the Director was a member of the Board and/or Committee

B = Number of meetings attended during the time the Director was a member of the Board and/or Committee

There were no meetings of the Remuneration Committee or Nomination Committee during the financial year. As the Board is comprised of only four Directors, the Board considered it more effective to set aside time at Board meetings to specifically address the matters that would have been ordinarily attended to by the Remuneration Committee.

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY

The Constitution of the Company provides that the Company may indemnify each Officer (including Secretaries) and Director against any liability, loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Officer or Director in or arising out of the conduct of any activity of the Company.

In accordance with the Company's Constitution, the Company has entered into Deeds of Indemnity, Access and Insurance with each of the Directors and Officers of the Company.

The Company has paid a premium and other charges for a Directors and Officers Liability insurance policy for the benefit of the Directors and Officers of the Group. The policy prohibits the disclosure of the nature of the liabilities insured and the amount of premium paid.

LOANS TO DIRECTORS

No loans have been provided by the Company to Directors.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No proceedings have been brought or intervened on behalf of the Company with leave of the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001 during the year ended 30 June 2019 or at the date of this report.

INDEMNITY OF AUDITORS

Aeris Resources Limited has agreed to indemnify their auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, to the extent permitted by law, against any claim by a third party arising from Aeris' breach of their agreement. The indemnity stipulates that Aeris Resources Limited will meet the full amount of any such liabilities including a reasonable amount of legal costs.

NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The Company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's experience and expertise with the Company and/or consolidated entity are important.

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the external auditor (PricewaterhouseCoopers) for audit and non-audit services provided during the financial year are set out in Note 21 to the accounts.

The Board of Directors has considered the position and, in accordance with the advice received from the Audit Committee, is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence of auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001. The Directors are satisfied the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, as set out in Note 21 to the accounts, did not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 for the following reasons:

- All non-audit services have been reviewed by the Audit Committee to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor; and
- None of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the Company, acting as advocate for the Company or jointly sharing economic risk and rewards.

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 21.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Company's Corporate Governance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2019 may be accessed from the Company's website at <http://www.aerisresources.com.au/about-aeris/corporate-governance.html>.

ROUNDING OF AMOUNTS TO NEAREST THOUSAND DOLLARS

The Company is of a kind referred to in Legislative Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the rounding off of amounts in the Directors' Report and Financial Report. Amounts in the Directors' Report and Financial Report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that Legislative Instrument.

Remuneration Report

The Directors are pleased to present your Company's 2019 Remuneration Report which sets out remuneration information for Aeris Resources Limited's Non-executive Directors, Executive Directors and other Key Management Personnel.

REMUNERATION PRINCIPLES AND OVERVIEW

In establishing the executive reward framework, the Board has adopted a remuneration strategy intended to support the delivery of long-term shareholder value and to ensure executive rewards reflect achievement.

As a Company developing resource assets in highly cyclical markets, financial results can differ significantly from year to year, dependent on the development stage of assets and on pricing of commodities in international markets. It is important to the Company that its remuneration philosophy enables the Company to retain and motivate its executive team to manage through these cycles.

In terms of developing a remuneration strategy the Board has adopted the following remuneration principles:

- Strong relationship between performance and reward;
- Recognition of calibre and skills of executives;
- Transparency of remuneration philosophy; and
- Policy and practice are consistent with industry and community standards.

To support the remuneration principles, our remuneration and benefits strategy aims to:

- Maintain fair, consistent and equitable total remuneration practices in alignment with core values, vision and mission;
- Be competitive with the market;
- Build in individual differentiation based on performance and contribution;
- Reward superior performance;
- Reward by aligning remuneration achievement to the success of the Company and individual achievement;
- Attract the best potential candidate, motivate and retain our highest potential and skilled people;
- Ensure sufficient flexibility in the structure of remuneration to adjust to changing economic conditions; and
- Communicate effectively our remuneration and benefits proposition.

To achieve the strategy, Aeris will reward employees in a way that reflects the dynamics of the market and the context in which the Company operates. Remuneration will at all times be aligned to the strategic direction and business specific value drivers of Aeris.

USE OF REMUNERATION CONSULTANTS

The Remuneration Committee of Aeris Resources Limited did not employ the services of a remuneration consultant during the year ended 30 June 2019, to provide recommendations as defined in section 9B of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Directors of the Company during the financial year, including experience, qualification and special responsibilities are set out on pages 2 to 3.

The Key Management Personnel of the Company during the year ended 30 June 2019 are set out on pages 14 and 16.

EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION

Remuneration packages are based around a combination of the following:

- Fixed remuneration; and
- Variable remuneration;
 - Short-term incentive; and
 - Long-term incentive.

Fixed Remuneration

Fixed remuneration provides a regular base reward that reflects the job size, role, responsibilities and professional competence of each executive according to their knowledge, experience and accountabilities. A senior executive's fixed remuneration could include any or all of the following:

- Base salary;
- Leased motor vehicle;
- Superannuation;
- Coverage for death and total and permanent incapacity; and
- Salary continuance insurance.

The fixed remuneration will be reviewed annually, and any adjustments are approved by the Board after recommendation by the Remuneration Committee. External remuneration data is obtained prior to recommendations being made to ensure that fixed remuneration is in line with general industry and community standards.

The Board considers that executive remuneration must be at levels to attract and retain a talented and capable senior executive team.

Variable Remuneration – Short Term Incentive (STI) Payments

The Company's remuneration philosophy recognises the importance of 'at risk' or variable pay as an integral component of total potential reward. The Remuneration Committee (Committee) has established a Short-Term Incentive Plan (Plan) structure and review process to strongly link executive remuneration to performance and to the creation of value for shareholders.

The Company's STI Plan is an "at risk" cash award program administered by the Remuneration Committee. The Plan offers executives an opportunity to earn a lump sum cash payment of up to 30% of their base salary - the maximum target varies by particular individual role.

Award outcomes are determined through the Remuneration Committee's assessment of an executive's progress against a range of goals and specific, measurable targets established by the Committee at the start of the performance year. Performance requirements will provide for 'stretch' goals in addition to achievement of Board approved budget objectives, works programmes and strategic plans.

Aims of STI Plan

The Remuneration Committee considers that the STI Plan, as established, will facilitate achievement of the following aims:

- Incentivising superior executive performance in areas of specific challenge;
- Ensuring total target rewards for performance are competitive and appropriate for the results delivered;
- Providing balance to total reward packages sufficient to ensure the Company attracts and retains executives of high calibre and who demonstrate the capacity to manage our operations successfully; and
- To drive successful execution of business plans and achievement of strategic aims directly aligned with enhanced shareholder value.

Establishment of Goals

For each STI Plan cycle the Remuneration Committee oversees the identification of appropriate performance measures, setting of goals and endorsement of specific targets for each member of the senior executive team. The Remuneration Committee ensures that these elements clearly reflect the factors deemed critical to the Group's strategic and business plans for the relevant year.

Determination of STI Outcomes

At the end of a performance cycle the Remuneration Committee determines the award of STI's to the senior executive team based on assessed performance relative to the goals established. The Remuneration Committee retains the discretion to adjust STI awards in exceptional circumstances, including determining that no award will be paid.

Timing

Awards for performance under the STI Plan will be determined and paid only after the end of the financial year (generally in the first quarter after the end of the reporting period), once the relevant actual performance results (for example – production, operating costs and safety benchmarks) are finalised and compared to the respective STI targets allocated to each eligible senior executive team member.

Variable Remuneration – Long Term Incentives (LTI)

Employee Options

Executive management options (Options) were approved by shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 15 December 2015. The Options were issued to ensure that relevant managers remain employed by the Company to deliver on the Company's stated business plan and growth strategy. The relevant Key Management Personnel in aggregate can earn, through the exercise of the Options over five years (subject to vesting conditions), a total of up to 19.99% of the Company's fully diluted capital.

The Options are granted for no consideration and carry no dividend or voting rights.

When exercisable, each Option is convertible into one ordinary share and will be issued within 10 business days after the Company receives an Exercise Notice. The Options have a \$nil exercise price.

The Options may only be exercised so as to not result in the respective Key Management Personnel (Holder) having a voting power in the Company in excess of 19.99%. If a Holder is unable to exercise their remaining vested options, due to this requirement, the Company must use its best and all reasonable endeavours to obtain any approval or consent to allow such exercise.

Upon vesting, the shares will be subject to a period of voluntary escrow, with the shares being released from escrow in progressive tranches from 31 December 2018.

The number of Options granted on 15 December 2015 totaled 93,410,609 at a \$nil exercise price and has a remaining contractual life of 1.5 years.

The Options vest in five tranches as follows:

- 30.0% on 31 December 2016;
- 17.5% on 31 December 2017;
- 17.5% on 31 December 2018;
- 17.5% on 31 December 2019; and
- 17.5% on 31 December 2020.

Options remaining at balance date, not yet exercised, will expire 6 years after issue date (15 December 2021), or termination date whichever is earlier. To the extent the Options have not previously vested, it will be deemed immediately vested upon a Change of Control Event.

Employee Share Acquisition Plan (ESAP)

The ESAP provided for long term incentives aligned with the creation of shareholder value, with rights being vested to shares when service and performance hurdles were met. The allocation of ESAP shares to executives is part of the Company's overall recognition and retention strategy and is intended to reward long-term value creation. There are currently no shares issued or allocated under the ESAP Share Plan.

No Hedging on LTI Grants

The Company does not permit executives to enter into contracts to hedge their exposure to performance shares granted as part of their remuneration package.

Directors and Non-executive Directors

Fees and payments to Directors and Non-executive Directors reflect the demands which are made on, and the responsibilities of the Directors. The Board reviews Non-executive Directors' fees and payments annually. The Chairman is not present at any discussions relating to determination of his own remuneration.

The Board does not pay additional fees to Directors or Non-executive Directors appointed to Committees, nor are fees paid to executives who are appointed to the Board of subsidiary or associated companies.

Non-executive Directors' fees are determined within an aggregate Non-executive Directors' fee pool limit, which is currently \$700,000 per annum.

The Board does not reward Non-executive Directors with variable remuneration (short term and long term incentives).

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

Non-executive Directors are retained by way of letter of appointment.

Remuneration and other terms of employment for Executive Directors and other Key Management Personnel are formalised in common law employment contracts in the form of a letter of appointment.

In determining remuneration for Key Management Personnel, the Company takes into account the responsibilities of the role and relevant industry data for attracting persons of the calibre and experience of the person in question. As the Group operates diverse businesses in a number of jurisdictions, the Company looks to acquire and retain the services of experienced senior personnel with relevant international experience.

The Remuneration Committee did not meet during the year ended 30 June 2019. As the Board is comprised of only four Directors, the Board considered it more effective to set aside time at Board meetings to specifically address the matters that would have been ordinarily attended to by the Remuneration Committee.

The Board believes that it has been successful in retaining an experienced and effective executive team and that the executive team has been instrumental in negotiating the Company through a time of vulnerability in precarious financial and commodity markets, and which is currently engaged in re-positioning the Company for future growth.

The major provisions of the contracts of the Directors and Key Management Personnel are set out below.

Current Directors and Key Management Personnel

Andre Labuschagne, Executive Chairman

Andre Labuschagne entered into an employment arrangement with the Company, which commenced on 20 December 2012 and was amended as a result of the completion of a debt restructure as announced on 15 December 2015, through a deed of variation. Mr Labuschagne's package consists of total fixed remuneration package of \$575,025 including superannuation, in addition his package includes an insurance policy allowance, participation in a Short Term Incentive Plan and Bonuses as stipulated in the variation deed and Employee Options.

At an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on 15 December 2015, a resolution was approved for the issue of options to Mr Andre Labuschagne and other Key Management Personnel as an incentive to ensure that relevant managers remain employed by the Company to deliver on the Company's stated business plan and growth strategy.

Summarised below are the details of the options issued to Mr Labuschagne on 15 December 2015:

- Number of options issued 37,364,244;
- The options were granted for no consideration and carry no dividend or voting rights;
- Total value of options at date of issue - \$1,264,780;
- Provided Mr Labuschagne remains employed by the Company, the Options will vest and become exercisable, for a \$nil exercise price, as follows:
 - 11,209,273 Options on 31 December 2016;
 - 6,538,743 Options on 31 December 2017;
 - 6,538,743 Options 31 December 2018;
 - 6,538,743 Options 31 December 2019;
 - 6,538,743 Options 31 December 2020;

Options remaining at balance date, not yet exercised, will expire 6 years after issue date (15 December 2021), or termination date whichever is earlier. To the extent the Options have not previously vested, it will be deemed immediately vested upon a Change of Control Event.

Mr Labuschagne's base salary is reviewed in October each year with such review taking into account a range of factors including performance of the individual and Company performance.

Alastair Morrison, Non-Executive Director

Alastair Morrison was appointed to the Board as a nominee of the Company's current largest shareholder, Standard Chartered Private Equity on 10 December 2010 and as such was not paid a director's fee as he was employed by Standard Chartered Private Equity. Mr Morrison ceased employment with Standard Chartered Private Equity on 31 March 2014 and entered into a service agreement with the Company as a Non-executive director, effective 1 April 2014. Mr Morrison has not been employed by Standard Chartered Private Equity since entering into the service agreement with the Company and as such is now considered independent. The service agreement does not contemplate a fixed term for Mr Morrison's appointment as a director.

As Non-executive Director, Mr Morrison is paid a fee of \$60,000 per annum. There are no additional fees paid for Committee responsibilities and participation.

Michele Muscillo, Non-executive Director

Michele Muscillo was appointed to the Board effective 1 May 2013. The appointment does not contemplate a fixed term for Mr Muscillo's appointment as a Director.

As Non-executive Director, Mr Muscillo is paid a fee of \$60,000 per annum. There are no additional fees paid for Committee responsibilities and participation.

Marcus Derwin, Non-executive Director

Marcus Derwin was appointed to the Board as a nominee of Standard Chartered Bank, effective 18 April 2016. The appointment does not contemplate a fixed term for Mr Derwin's appointment as a Director.

As Non-executive Director, Mr Derwin is paid a fee of \$60,000 per annum. There are no additional fees paid for Committee responsibilities and participation.

Robert Brainsbury, Chief Financial Officer and Co-Company Secretary

Robert Brainsbury entered into an employment arrangement with the Company which commenced on 20 December 2012 and was amended as a result of the completion of a debt restructure on 31 December 2015, through a deed of variation. Mr Brainsbury's package consists of total fixed remuneration package of \$402,517, including superannuation, in addition his package includes an insurance policy allowance, participation in a Short Term Incentive Plan and Bonuses as stipulated in the variation deed and Employee Options.

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on 15 December 2015, a resolution was approved for the issue of options to Mr Brainsbury and other Key Management Personnel as an incentive to ensure that relevant managers remain employed by the Company to deliver on the Company's stated business plan and growth strategy.

Summarised below are the details of the options issued to Mr Brainsbury in the prior year:

- Number of options issued 22,418,546;
- The options were granted for no consideration and carry no dividend or voting rights;
- Total value of options at date of issue - \$758,868;
- Provided Mr Brainsbury remains employed by the Company, the options will vest and become exercisable for a \$nil exercise price as follows:
 - 6,725,564 Options on 31 December 2016;
 - 3,923,246 Options on 31 December 2017;
 - 3,923,246 Options 31 December 2018;
 - 3,923,246 Options 31 December 2019;
 - 3,923,246 Options 31 December 2020;

Options remaining at balance date, not yet exercised, will expire 6 years after issue date (15 December 2021), or termination date whichever is earlier. To the extent the Options have not previously vested, it will be deemed immediately vested upon a Change of Control Event.

Mr Brainsbury's base salary is reviewed in October each year with such review taking into account a range of factors including performance of the individual and Company performance.

Ian Sheppard, Chief Operating Officer

Ian Sheppard entered into an employment arrangement with the Company which commenced on 15 March 2013 and was amended as a result of the completion of the Restructure on 31 December 2015, through a deed of variation. Mr Sheppard's package consists of total fixed remuneration package of \$402,517, including superannuation, in addition his package includes an insurance policy allowance, participation in a Short Term Incentive Plan and Bonuses as stipulated in the variation deed and Employee Options.

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on 15 December 2015, a resolution was approved for the issue of options to Mr Sheppard and other Key Management Personnel as an incentive to ensure that relevant managers remain employed by the Company to deliver on the Company's stated business plan and growth strategy.

Summarised below are the details of the options issued to Mr Sheppard in the prior year:

- Number of options issued 22,418,546;
- The options were granted for no consideration and carry no dividend or voting rights;
- Total value of options at date of issue - \$758,868;
- Provided Mr Sheppard remains employed by the Company, the options will vest and become exercisable for a \$nil exercise price as follows:
 - 6,725,564 Options on 31 December 2016;
 - 3,923,246 Options on 31 December 2017;
 - 3,923,246 Options 31 December 2018;
 - 3,923,246 Options 31 December 2019;
 - 3,923,246 Options 31 December 2020;

Options remaining at balance date, not yet exercised, will expire 6 years after issue date (15 December 2021), or termination date whichever is earlier. To the extent the Options have not previously vested, it will be deemed immediately vested upon a Change of Control Event.

Mr Sheppard's base salary is reviewed in October each year with such review taking into account a range of factors including performance of the individual and Company performance.

John Miller, General Manager Tritton Copper Operations

John Miller entered into an employment arrangement with the Company which commenced on 10 December 2012 and was amended as a result of the completion of the Restructure on 31 December 2015, through a deed of variation. Mr Miller's package consists of total fixed remuneration package of \$385,329, including superannuation, participation in a Short Term Incentive Plan and Bonuses as stipulated in the variation deed and Employee Options. Mr Miller is also covered by the Company's Group Life Plan and Salary Continuance Plan.

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on 15 December 2015, a resolution was approved for the issue of options to Mr Miller and other Key Management Personnel as an incentive to ensure that relevant managers remain employed by the Company to deliver on the Company's stated business plan and growth strategy.

Summarised below are the details of the options issued to Mr Miller in the prior year:

- Number of options issued 11,209,273;
- The options were granted for no consideration and carry no dividend or voting rights;
- Total value of options at date of issue - \$379,434;
- Provided Mr Miller remains employed by the Company, the options will vest and become exercisable for a \$nil exercise price as follows:
 - 3,362,782 Options on 31 December 2016;
 - 1,961,623 Options on 31 December 2017;
 - 1,961,623 Options 31 December 2018;
 - 1,961,623 Options 31 December 2019;
 - 1,961,623 Options 31 December 2020;

Options remaining at balance date, not yet exercised, will expire 6 years after issue date (15 December 2021), or termination date whichever is earlier. To the extent the Options have not previously vested, it will be deemed immediately vested upon a Change of Control Event.

Mr Miller's base salary is reviewed in October each year with such review taking into account a range of factors including performance of the individual and Company performance.

DETAILS OF REMUNERATION

Details of the remuneration of the Directors and the Key Management Personnel of the Group are set out in the following tables. Elements of remuneration relating to STI's and equity are based on personal and Company performance and determined by the Remuneration Committee.

REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL ('KMP') OF THE GROUP – 30 JUNE 2019

	Short-term benefits				Sub-total	Termination payments	Share based payments	TOTAL
	Cash salary & fees	Short-term incentive	Non-cash benefits	Post-employment Superannuation				
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)			(E)	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
DIRECTORS								
<i>Non-executive</i>								
Michele Muscillo	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	60,000
Alastair Morrison	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	60,000
Marcus Derwin	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	60,000
	180,000	-	-	-	180,000	-	-	180,000
<i>Executive</i>								
Andre Labuschagne [^]	554,330	280,768	-	25,000	860,098	-	229,411	1,089,509
	734,330	280,768	-	25,000	1,040,098	-	229,411	1,269,509
OTHER KMP								
Robert Brainsbury [^]	382,389	204,749	-	25,000	612,138	-	137,647	749,785
Ian Sheppard [^]	384,052	196,821	-	25,000	605,873	-	137,647	743,520
John Miller [^]	370,338	87,470	16,316	13,924	488,048	-	68,823	556,871
	1,136,779	489,040	16,316	63,924	1,706,059	-	344,117	2,050,176
	1,871,109	769,808	16,316	88,924	2,746,157	-	573,528	3,319,685

Notes to tables:

[^] Denotes one of the highest paid executives of the Group and the Company during the year ended 30 June 2019.

- (A) Includes cash salary, insurance allowance and Directors' fees.
- (B) Short-term incentives reflect the incentives paid and accrued in the 2019 financial year relating to the 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018 financial year ends. They have been reflected on a cash basis.
- (C) Life insurance non-cash benefits paid by the Company on behalf of the key management personnel. The non-cash benefit at the option of employee is able to be reimbursed via an insurance allowance.
- (D) Superannuation contributions are paid to meet the Superannuation Guarantee and vary according to seniority and service.
- (E) The implied valuation of the options issued grant date in circumstances where there is a \$Nil exercise price, the value per option on a fully marketable basis is equal to the value of the underlying share price less dividend (\$0.04). The shares are however subject to various escrow periods and as such a discount for lack of marketability to the Options have been applied to take into consideration the escrow period. A discount for lack of marketability of 25%, 20%, 15% and 10% for Tranche 1(\$0.03), Tranche 2(\$0.032), Tranche 3(\$0.034) and Tranche 4 (\$0.036) respectively.

REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL ('KMP') OF THE GROUP – 30 JUNE 2018

	Short-term benefits							TOTAL
	Cash salary & fees	Short-term incentive	Non-cash benefits	Post-employment Superannuation	Sub-total	Termination payments	Share based payments	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)			(E)	
DIRECTORS	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Non-executive</u>								
Michele Muscillo	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	60,000
Alastair Morrison	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	60,000
Marcus Derwin	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	60,000
	180,000	-	-	-	180,000	-	-	180,000
<u>Executive</u>								
Andre Labuschagne [^]	537,367	178,750	-	25,000	741,117	-	216,334	957,451
	717,367	178,750	-	25,000	921,117	-	216,334	1,137,451
OTHER KMP								
Robert Brainsbury [^]	369,036	94,000	-	25,000	488,036	-	129,800	617,836
Ian Sheppard [^]	370,442	94,000	-	25,000	489,442	-	129,800	619,242
John Miller [^]	356,682	108,767	11,566	16,108	493,123	-	64,900	546,469
	1,096,160	296,767	11,566	66,108	1,470,601	0	324,500	1,795,101
	1,813,527	475,517	11,566	91,108	2,391,718	0	540,834	2,932,552

Notes to tables:

[^] Denotes one of the highest paid executives of the Group and the Company during the year ended 30 June 2018.

- (A) Includes cash salary and Directors' fees.
- (B) Short-term incentives paid during the 2018 financial year related to the 30 June 2018 financial year, 2018 incentive scheme and restructure bonuses as included in the variation deeds signed upon completion of the 15 December 2015 debt restructure. They have been reflected on a cash basis
- (C) Includes life insurance premiums paid by the Company on behalf of the key management personnel.
- (D) Superannuation contributions are paid to meet the Superannuation Guarantee and vary according to seniority and service.
- (E) The implied valuation of the options issued grant date in circumstances where there is a \$Nil exercise price, the value per option on a fully marketable basis is equal to the value of the underlying share price less dividend (\$0.04). The shares are however subject to various escrow periods and as such a discount for lack of marketability to the Options have been applied to take into consideration the escrow period. A discount for lack of marketability of 25%, 20%, 15% and 10% for Tranche 1(\$0.03), Tranche 2(\$0.032), Tranche 3(\$0.034) and Tranche 4 (\$0.036) respectively.

The relative proportions of remuneration received that are linked to performance and those that are fixed are as follows:

Name	Fixed Remuneration		At Risk – Short Term Incentive		At Risk – Equity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Directors						
Michele Muscillo	100%	100%	-	-	-	-
Alastair Morrison	100%	100%	-	-	-	-
Andre Labuschagne	53%	59%	26%	19%	21%	22%
Marcus Derwin	100%	100%	-	-	-	-
Key Management Personnel						
Robert Brainsbury	55%	64%	27%	15%	18%	21%
Ian Sheppard	55%	64%	26%	15%	19%	21%
John Miller	72%	69%	16%	19%	12%	12%

SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

Employee Options

Executive management options (Options) were approved by shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 15 December 2015. The Options were issued to ensure that relevant managers remain employed by the Company to deliver on the Company's stated business plan and growth strategy. As part of the Restructuring approved on 15 December 2015 and completed on 31 December 2015 (Completion Date), the relevant managers in aggregate can earn, through the exercise of the Options over five years (subject to vesting conditions), a total of up to 19.99% of the Company's fully diluted capital.

The number of Options granted on 15 December 2015 totalled 93,410,609 at a \$nil exercise price and has a remaining contractual life of 1.5 years.

Name	Year Granted	Number of options issued	Value at Grant Date	Number of options vested	Vested	Cancelled	Maximum total value of grant yet to vest
			\$		%	%	\$
Andre Labuschagne	2016	37,364,244	1,264,780	24,286,759	65%	-	496,944
Robert Brainsbury	2016	22,418,546	758,868	14,572,055	65%	-	298,167
Ian Sheppard	2016	22,418,546	758,868	15,572,055	65%	-	298,167
John Miller	2016	11,209,273	379,434	7,286,027	65%	-	149,083
		93,410,609	3,161,950	60,716,896	65%	-	1,242,361

- (a) The grant date for each share based payment was 15 December 2015.
- (b) The management options are granted for no consideration and carry no dividend or voting rights and has a \$nil exercise price.
- (c) Subject to the option holder remaining an employee of the Company for at least 12 months from the restructure, the Options will vest in five tranches as follows:
- 30% on first anniversary of Completion Date (31 December 2015)
 - 17.5% for each year thereafter until the fifth anniversary (31 December 2020)
- (d) The assessed fair value at grant date in circumstances where there is a \$Nil exercise price, the value per option on a fully marketable basis is equal to the value of the underlying share price less dividend (\$0.04). The shares are however subject to various escrow periods and as such a discount for lack of marketability to the Options have been applied to take into consideration the escrow period. A discount for lack of marketability of 25%, 20%, 15% and 10% for Tranche 1(\$0.03), Tranche 2(\$0.032), Tranche 3(\$0.034) and Tranche 4 (\$0.036) respectively.

Share-based compensation – Employee Share Acquisition Plan (“ESAP”)

The Aeris Resources Limited Employee Share Acquisition Plan (ESAP) was approved by shareholders at the Demerger Scheme Meeting on 21 January 2011. The purpose of the plan is to attract, retain, motivate and reward key executive employees.

The plan operates by allowing participants to obtain shares in the Company at market price, which are funded by a limited recourse interest free loan provided by the Company. The shares are held in trust with vesting of the shares subject to performance hurdles. If vesting conditions are satisfied, the shares continue to be held in trust subject to a holding lock until the underlying loan is repaid in full.

The ESAP shares were bought back upon completion of a debt restructure as announced on 31 December 2015. This Long Term Incentive plan was previously provided to Key Management Personnel through their participation in the Company's Employee Share Acquisition Plan. Management and senior employees of the Company were previously invited to participate in the ESAP, with the Board exercising its discretion when deciding on the allocation of shares under the Plan.

The ESAP provided for long term incentives aligned with the creation of shareholder value, with rights being vested to shares when service and performance hurdles were met. The allocation of ESAP shares to executives is part of the Company's overall recognition and retention strategy and is intended to reward long-term value creation. There are currently no shares issued or allocated under the ESAP Share Plan.

Share-based compensation - Employee Exempt Plan

A scheme under which shares may be issued by the Company to employees for no cash consideration was approved by the Board on 23 May 2011 and the ASIC exemption relief was published in the ASIC Gazette A045/11 on 7 June 2011. All Australian resident employees are eligible to participate in the scheme.

Under the scheme eligible employees may be offered up to \$1,000 worth of fully paid ordinary shares in the Company annually for no cash consideration. The market value of shares issued under the scheme, measured as the weighted average market price of the previous five trading days, is recognised in the balance sheet as share capital and the income statement as a share-based payment. Shares issued under the scheme may not be sold until the earlier of three years after issue or cessation of employment.

No shares have been issued under the scheme for the financial year ending 30 June 2019.

Shares held by Key Management Personnel

Name	Opening balance 1 July 2018	Issued and Acquired*	Disposed / Forfeited	Balance 30 June 2019
Directors				
<i>Non-executive</i>				
Michele Muscillo	-	21,739	-	21,739
Alastair Morrison	-	175,000	-	175,000
Marcus Derwin	-	183,500	-	183,500
<i>Executive</i>				
Andre Labuschagne	140,000	-	-	140,000
Other Key Management Personnel				
Robert Brainsbury	316,667	-	-	316,667
Ian Sheppard	-	-	-	-
John Miller	33,234	-	-	33,234

* Issued and acquired shares include issues through ESAP and acquisitions on the open market.

The information provided in this remuneration report has been audited as required by section 308(3C) of the Corporations Act 2001.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Andre Labuschagne
Executive Chairman
Brisbane
29 August 2019



Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Aeris Resources Limited for the year ended 30 June 2019, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Neill', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Simon Neill
Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Brisbane
29 August 2019

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These financial statements cover the consolidated financial statements for the Consolidated Entity consisting of Aeris Resources Limited and its subsidiaries. The financial statements are presented in the Australian currency.

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The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 29 August 2019. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Through the use of the internet, we have ensured that our corporate reporting is timely, complete and available globally at minimum cost to the company. All press releases, financial reports and other information are available on our website: www.aerisresources.com.au

Aeris Resources Limited
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers	5	232,338	236,017
Cost of goods sold	6	(218,525)	(198,231)
Gross profit		13,813	37,786
Exploration expense	6	(898)	(174)
Administration and support	6	(9,638)	(7,223)
Net foreign exchange losses		(2,820)	(1,317)
Other expenses	6	(586)	(3,748)
Gain on debt restructure	6	-	54,846
(Loss)/profit before net finance costs		(129)	80,170
Finance expenses	6	(8,128)	(18,680)
(Loss)/profit before income tax from continuing operations		(8,257)	61,490
Income tax expense	7	(4,416)	(6,186)
(Loss)/profit for the year		(12,673)	55,304
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified to profit and loss			
Changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges	10(c)	1,905	(1,905)
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income	10(c)	(572)	572
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year net of tax		1,333	(1,333)
Total comprehensive (loss)/profit for the year		(11,340)	53,971
Total comprehensive (loss)/profit for the year attributable to owners of Aeris Resources Limited arises from			
Continuing operations		(11,340)	53,971
		Cents	Cents
Earnings per share for (loss)/profit from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company:			
Basic earnings per share	22	(3.1)	30.9
Diluted earnings per share	22	(3.1)	15.1
Earnings per share for (loss)/profit attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company:			
Basic earnings per share		(3.1)	30.9
Diluted earnings per share		(3.1)	15.1

The above Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Aeris Resources Limited
Consolidated Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8(a)	22,548	23,332
Trade and other receivables	8(b)	7,131	9,662
Inventories	9(a)	16,256	16,309
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8(c)	3,722	3,722
Total current assets		49,657	53,025
Non-current assets			
Receivables	8(b)	11,729	7,190
Mine properties in use	9(c)	45,879	51,137
Property, plant and equipment	9(b)	50,392	50,700
Deferred tax assets	9(d)	-	4,591
Exploration and evaluation	9(c)	26,360	17,855
Total non-current assets		134,360	131,473
Total assets		184,017	184,498
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8(d)	30,427	25,984
Interest bearing liabilities	8(e)	48,919	7,275
Derivative financial instruments	13(a)	-	1,905
Provisions	9(e)	7,997	7,334
Total current liabilities		87,343	42,498
Non-current liabilities			
Interest bearing liabilities	8(e)	7,474	75,365
Deferred tax liabilities	9(d)	397	-
Provisions	9(e)	11,913	11,636
Total non-current liabilities		19,784	87,001
Total liabilities		107,127	129,499
Net assets		76,890	54,999
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	10(a)	420,837	388,180
Preference equity	10(b)	4,208	4,208
Reserves	10(c)	(6,723)	(8,630)
Accumulated losses	10(d)	(341,432)	(328,759)
Total equity		76,890	54,999

The above Consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Aeris Resources Limited
Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Attributable to owners of Aeris Resources Limited				Total Equity \$'000
	Contributed Equity \$'000	Convertible Preference Shares \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000	Accumulated Losses \$'000	
Balance at 1 July 2017	360,828	31,560	(7,838)	(384,063)	487
Profit for the year	-	-	-	55,304	55,304
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	(1,333)	-	(1,333)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-	-	(1,333)	55,304	53,971
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Conversion of convertible preference shares	6,312	(6,312)	-	-	-
Share based payments	-	-	541	-	541
Cancellation of preference equity	21,040	(21,040)	-	-	-
	27,352	(27,352)	541	-	541
Balance at 30 June 2018	388,180	4,208	(8,630)	(328,759)	54,999
Balance at 1 July 2018	388,180	4,208	(8,630)	(328,759)	54,999
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(12,673)	(12,673)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	1,333	-	1,333
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	1,333	(12,673)	(11,340)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs and tax	32,657	-	-	-	32,657
Share based payments	-	-	574	-	574
	32,657	-	574	-	33,231
Balance at 30 June 2019	420,837	4,208	(6,723)	(341,432)	76,890

The above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Aeris Resources Limited
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	234,802	231,704
Payments to suppliers and employees	(190,546)	(179,099)
Interest paid	(8,630)	(2,087)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>35,626</u>	<u>50,518</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and mine properties	-	182
Payments for property, plant and equipment and mine properties	(19,591)	(23,922)
Payments for exploration expenditure	(8,686)	(3,358)
Cash backed security deposits	(4,539)	(2,242)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	<u>(32,816)</u>	<u>(29,340)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issues of shares and other equity securities	10(a) 32,657	-
Proceeds from borrowings	-	5,065
Repayment of borrowings	(27,985)	(5,116)
Finance lease payments	(8,471)	(7,493)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	<u>(3,799)</u>	<u>(7,544)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(989)	13,634
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	23,332	9,698
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	205	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	8(a) <u>22,548</u>	<u>23,332</u>

The above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1 About the report

Aeris Resources Limited is a Company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia and is a for profit entity for the purposes of preparing the financial statements. The financial statements are for the Consolidated Entity consisting of Aeris Resources Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries and together are referred to as the Group or Aeris.

The financial statements were approved for issue by the Directors of Aeris Resources Limited (Directors) on 29 August 2019. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which:

- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board;
- Have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value;
- Are presented in Australian dollars, with all amounts in the financial report being rounded off in accordance with Legislative Instrument 2016/191 to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated;
- Where necessary, comparative information has been restated to conform with changes in presentation in the current year; and
- Adopts all new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to the operations of the Group and effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2018.

The Group has adopted all off the new revised or amended Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") that are mandatory for the current reporting period. The adoption of these Accounting Standards and interpretations did not have any significant impact on financial performance or position of the Group. Any new, revised or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

The only new accounting standard that is mandatory to apply, for the period commencing 1 July 2018, is that of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers which outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. It supersedes current revenue recognition guidance including AASB 118 Revenues, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and related interpretations. The new standard is based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer. The Group assessed the effects of applying the new standard to the Group's operations including the impact on the offtake agreement for 100% of the copper concentrate produced at its Tritton Copper Operations, which accounts for the majority of the Group's revenue.

The Group early adopted AASB 9 in its 30 June 2018 financial statements which resulted in changes in accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The accounting policies were changed to comply with AASB 9. AASB 9 replaced the provisions of AASB 139 that relate to the recognition, classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities; derecognition of financial instruments; impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting. AASB 9 also significantly amends other standards dealing with financial instruments such as AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures.

2 Significant changes in the current reporting period

(a) Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer and Placement

On 21 September 2018 Aeris announced the launch of a fully underwritten A\$35.096 million Placement and 1:2.1 Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer (Entitlement Offer), with the funds being raised used to:

- Accelerate exploration programs at the 100% owned Tritton Copper Operations and the Torrens Joint Venture (Aeris 70%);
- Strengthen the Company's financial position through the repayment of a significant proportion of outstanding Senior Debt; and
- To pay for the costs associated with the equity raise.

The \$35.096 million Placement and Entitlement Offer, at a price of \$0.20 per share, consisted of:

- A Placement and Accelerated Institutional Entitlement Offer which was completed on 2 October and raised \$28.385 million and resulted in the issue of 141,924,297 new shares; and
- A Retail Entitlement Offer which closed on 9 October and raised \$6.711 million with 33,554,699 new shares being issued.

In aggregate, 175,478,996 million new shares were issued under the Placement and Entitlement Offer. The issued capital of Aeris now comprises 455,711,613 ordinary shares, 93,410,609 unlisted options (exercisable at \$nil each with an expiry date of 31 December 2021) and 93,410,609 million convertible redeemable preference shares (CRPS).

(b) Debt

On 4 October 2018, utilising funds received from the Placement and Entitlement Offer, Aeris made a US\$20 million repayment on its Tranche B debt facility (Senior Debt) with Special Portfolio Opportunity V Limited (SPOV), a subsidiary of a fund managed by PAG, a large independent alternative investment management group.

The US\$20 million payment reduced the balance of the Tranche B facility to US\$10 million and avoided a 3% interest rate step-up, which would have been payable from 14 October 2018 on any balance of the Tranche B facility remaining above US\$10 million.

Aeris' total debt at the end of the period was approximately US\$31 million (Tranche A facility - US\$21 million and Tranche B facility - US\$10 million) and represents a reduction in the Group's debt of more than US\$100 million since the start of 2013.

(c) Contingent Instrument Facility

On 17 September 2018 Aeris completed a restructure of its Contingent Instrument Facility (CI Facility), for environmental bonding, in conjunction with major shareholder and key financier, SPOV. The CI Facility was previously provided by Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), with SPOV providing a guarantee to SCB for a three-year period ending 14 March 2021.

The new CI Facility is provided by ANZ Banking Group (ANZ) with SPOV providing a guarantee to ANZ until 14 March 2021. Pricing of the new facility is in line with the all-up cost of the previous facility and contains similar terms, including that Aeris will cash back the bonds over a 3-year period. As a result of the transaction, Aeris no longer has any debt or other facilities with SCB.

3 Going concern

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

During the year ended 30 June 2019, Aeris recognised a consolidated loss of \$12.673 million (2018: profit of \$55.304 million) and had positive cash inflows from operating activities of \$35.626 million, with net cash outflows from investing activities of \$32.816 million and cash outflows from financing activities of \$3.799 million. In the current period the result was impacted by increased production positively impacting revenues offset by lower copper prices achieved, increased mining and processing costs, negative foreign exchange impacts and lower financing cost incurred.

At 30 June 2019, Aeris held cash and cash equivalents of \$22.548 million, a positive net asset position of \$76.890 million and a working capital deficiency of \$37.686 million. The SPOV Tranche A and Tranche B Facility repayment terms expire on 14 March 2020 and as a result the balance outstanding on the facilities have been classified as current. At 30 June 2019, US\$15.5 million of the SPOV Tranche A Facility had been drawn down, with US\$9.5 million remaining undrawn.

The Group continues to meet its working capital requirements principally as a result of positive operating cash flows generated by the Tritton Copper Operations and management of the timing of cash flows to meet obligations as and when due.

In FY2019, the Tritton Copper Operations produced 26,852 tonnes of Copper (in concentrate and in copper cement). The Company's focus on stable operations, and better than planned grades allowed Aeris to upgrade the initial production forecasts of 24,500 copper tonnes, three times during the year ending 30 June 2019.

The Directors have commenced initial discussions with SPOV to facilitate an extension on the current SPOV Tranche A and Tranche B facilities. SPOV being a majority shareholder has been supportive of the Company's management and the vision for Aeris, including merger and acquisition opportunities pursued by the Company. During the March 2018 debt restructure (refer note 7(e)) SPOV agreed to convert its 140 million convertible preference shares to ordinary shares, and as a result became a major shareholder of Aeris. SPOV also participated in the Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer and Placement which raised \$35.096 million at \$0.20 per share in October 2018 and at year end held a 43.58% shareholding in the issued ordinary equity of the company.

The next level of growth strategy for Aeris includes:

- Continued exploration within the highly prospective Tritton and Torrens tenement packages; and
- Seeking opportunities to add value for shareholders through mergers and acquisitions.

The Directors believe they have reasonable grounds to expect that they will have sufficient funds to settle the Group's liabilities and meet its debts as and when they fall due. In their assessment of going concern the Directors have considered the funding and operational status of the business, including consideration of the following:

- The US\$25.000 million Special Portfolio Opportunity V Limited (SPOV) Facility (US\$9.5 million undrawn). Management is confident that renegotiated terms will be reached prior to repayment date of March 2020;
- Continuing to deliver on planned full year production guidance of 24,500 tonnes of copper;
- The Group has generated positive cash flows from operating activities of \$35.626 million in the year ending 30 June 2019 (June 2018: \$50.518 million); and
- Continued strong management of operating and capital expenditure at its Tritton Copper Operations.

As a result of these matters, there is a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, that it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. However, the Directors believe that the Group will be successful in the above matters and, accordingly, have prepared the financial report on a going concern basis.

How numbers are calculated

This section provides additional information about those individual line items in the financial statements that the Directors consider most relevant in the context of the operations of the entity, including:

4 Segment information

(a) Description of segments

Business segments

The Group's Strategic Steering Committee, consisting of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer examine the Group's performance and determined that there are two reportable segments of its business, Tritton Copper Operations; and Other, representing corporate activities and non-core exploration assets.

Geographical segments

The Consolidated Entity only operated in Australia as at 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018.

Segment results

(b) Segment information provided to the board of directors

2019	Tritton Copper Operations \$'000	Other \$'000	Total Continuing Operations \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
Segment Revenue				
Sales	231,583	-	231,583	231,583
Total sales revenue	231,583	-	231,583	231,583
Other revenue	163	592	755	755
Total segment revenue	231,746	592	232,338	232,338
Adjusted EBITDA	38,864	(4,471)	34,393	34,393
Segment assets and liabilities				
Segment assets	166,362	17,655	184,017	184,017
Total segment liabilities	104,164	2,566	106,730	106,730
Unallocated liabilities	744	(347)	397	397
Total liabilities	104,908	2,219	107,127	107,127
Other segment information				
Depreciation and amortisation	31,693	9	31,702	31,702
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment, intangibles and other segment assets	30,194	5,214	35,408	35,408
2018	Tritton Copper Operations \$'000	Other \$'000	Total Continuing Operations \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
Segment Revenue				
Sales	235,879	-	235,879	235,879
Total sales revenue	235,879	-	235,879	235,879
Other revenue	138	-	138	138

4 Segment information (continued)

(b) Segment information provided to the board of directors (continued)

2018	Tritton Copper Operations \$'000	Other \$'000	Total Continuing Operations \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
Total segment revenue	236,017	-	236,017	236,017
Adjusted EBITDA	55,780	(2,835)	52,945	52,945
Segment assets and liabilities				
Segment assets	165,885	14,022	179,907	179,907
Unallocated assets	-	4,591	4,591	4,591
Total assets	165,885	18,613	184,498	184,498
Segment liabilities	127,414	2,085	129,499	129,499
Other segment information				
Depreciation and amortisation	24,803	12	24,815	24,815
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment, intangibles and other segment assets	34,051	-	34,051	34,051
Adjusted EBITDA				

The Group's Strategic Steering Committee assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of adjusted EBITDA. This measurement basis excludes the effects of non-recurring expenditure from the operating segments such as impairment, gains recognised on refinancing and the effects of foreign exchange which primarily reflects gains/losses on the translation of the USD borrowings.

A reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to operating profit or loss before income tax from continuing operations is provided as follows:

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Adjusted EBITDA (continuing operations)	34,393	52,945
Finance costs	(8,128)	(18,680)
Net foreign exchange losses	(2,820)	(1,317)
Gain on debt restructure	-	54,846
Fair value of listed investment	-	(1,489)
Depreciation and amortisation	(31,702)	(24,815)
(Loss)/profit before income tax from continuing operations	(8,257)	61,490

5 Revenue

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
From contracts with customers		
<i>Sales revenue</i>		
Mining activities - point in time	231,583	235,879
<i>Other revenue</i>		
Other revenue from ordinary activities	755	138
	232,338	236,017

A portion of the Group's revenue from mining activities denominated in foreign currencies was cash flow hedged. The Company had entered into a swap contract of 12,000 copper tonnes at an average price of A\$8,670 per tonne with scheduled deliveries of 1,000 copper tonnes per month for 12 months to 4 March 2019. The amounts disclosed above for revenue from mining activities include the effective amount of the derivatives that were used to hedge foreign currency revenue. The amount included in revenue is:

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Forward commodity contracts - cash flow hedged	1,437	(1,299)
	1,437	(1,299)

(a) Recognition and measurement

Concentrate sales revenue represents gross proceeds receivable from the customer. The recognition of concentrate sales occur when the performance obligation, being the transfer of the title of copper concentrate, is met and control of the goods transfers to the customer.

Concentrate sales are initially recognised at estimated sales value when the control of the product transfers to the customer, which in most cases is when the Holding and Title certificate is issued at the port handling and ship loading facility.

There may be circumstances when judgement is required based on the five indicators of control below:

- Control of ownership of the product has been transferred to the buyer;
- The customer has a present obligation to pay in accordance with the terms of the sales contract;
- The quantity of the product can be determined with reasonable accuracy;
- The amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- It is probable that the economic benefits associated with the sale will flow to the Group; and
- The costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the sale can be measured reliably.

5 Revenue (continued)

(a) Recognition and measurement (continued)

Shipping is generally arranged by the buyer and occurs after the control of goods transfers to the customer.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Concentrate copper sales revenue are provisionally priced at the date revenue is recognised. The final selling price is based on the average copper price over the quotational month, which is declared by the buyer. Final prices for copper concentrate are normally determined between 30 to 120 days after control of ownership have transferred to the customer. The change in value of the provisionally priced receivable is based on relevant forward market prices and is included in sales revenue. Adjustments are made for variations in metal price, assay, weight and currency between the time control passed to the customer and the time of final settlement of sales proceeds. Mining royalties payable are presented as an operating cost.

The contract with customer has no significant financing component and has no variable consideration under AASB 15.

A trade receivable is recognised (refer Note 8 (b) and 13 (c)(ii)) when the Holding and Title Certificate is issued as this is the point in time that the consideration is unconditional because only the passage of time is required before the payment is due.

6 Expenses

	Notes	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Loss before income tax includes the following specific expenses:			
Cost of goods sold:			
Cost of production			
Mining activities		186,832	173,428
		186,832	173,428
Depreciation			
Plant and equipment		9,410	7,887
Plant and equipment under finance leases		7,199	6,925
		16,609	14,812
Amortisation			
Mine properties		15,084	9,991
Total Cost of goods sold		218,525	198,231
Exploration expense:			
Exploration expenditure		717	174
Exploration written off		181	-
		898	174
Administration and support:			
Corporate		9,629	7,211
Corporate depreciation		9	12
		9,638	7,223

6 Expenses (continued)

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Gain on restructure:		
Gain on debt restructure	2(a) -	(54,846)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(54,846)</u>
Other expenses:		
Loss on fair value of listed securities held for trading	-	1,489
Loss on disposal and write-off of fixed assets	586	2,259
	<u>586</u>	<u>3,748</u>
Finance costs - net		
Interest and finance charges paid / payable	7,832	18,680
Unwinding of discounts on provisions	296	-
	<u>8,128</u>	<u>18,680</u>
Included within the above functions are the following:		
Employee benefit expenses	45,699	43,902
Superannuation expense	5,013	3,662
	<u>50,712</u>	<u>47,564</u>

7 Income tax expense

(a) Income tax expense

	2019 \$'000	Restated 2018 \$'000
Deferred tax expense	4,416	6,186
	<u>4,416</u>	<u>6,186</u>
<i>Deferred income tax expense included in income tax comprises:</i>		
Decrease in deferred tax assets (note 9(d)(i))	1,655	5,420
Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax liabilities (note 9(d)(ii))	2,761	766
	<u>4,416</u>	<u>6,186</u>

(b) Income taxes

Judgement is required in determining the provision for income taxes. The Group recognises liabilities of anticipated tax based on estimates of taxes due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recognised, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the year in which such determination is made.

The 2018 disclosure has been restated in Note (a) and (b) to reflect the allocation of income tax expense to deferred tax expense to be consistent with current year as it reflects the unwinding of temporary differences.

7 Income tax expense (continued)

(c) Numerical reconciliation of income tax (benefit)/expense to prima facie tax payable/(receivable)

	2019	Restated 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
(Loss) / profit from continuing operations before income tax expense	(8,257)	61,490
Tax at the Australian tax rate of 30.0% (2018 - 30.0%)	(2,477)	18,447
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible (taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Non-assessable income	(192)	(15,389)
Non-deductible expenses	330	2,966
Current tax losses not recognised	6,047	-
Prior year carry forward losses derecognised	252	-
Share based payments	172	162
Current temporary differences not recognised	284	-
Income tax expense	4,416	6,186

(d) Tax expense (income) relating to items of other comprehensive income

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flow hedges (note 10(c))	(572)	572

(e) Tax losses

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Unused tax losses	256,183	242,178
Potential tax benefit @ 30.0%	76,855	72,653

Prior year unused tax losses of the Australian tax consolidated group, for which no deferred tax assets has been recognised, have been restated to reflect the losses included in the tax loss schedule of submitted and amended tax returns.

(f) Recognition and measurement

The income tax expense or benefit for the year is the tax payable on the current year's taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate for each jurisdiction adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences and to unused tax losses.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting year in the countries where the Company's subsidiaries and associates operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

7 Income tax expense (continued)

(f) Recognition and measurement (continued)

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

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

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognised for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in foreign operations where the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and when the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority. Current tax assets and tax liabilities are offset where the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Aeris Resources Limited and its wholly-owned Australian directly controlled entities have implemented the tax consolidation legislation. As a consequence, these entities are taxed as a single entity and the deferred tax assets and liabilities of these entities are set off in the consolidated financial statements.

Current and deferred tax is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

8 Financial assets and financial liabilities

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Bank balances	22,548	23,332
	<u>22,548</u>	<u>23,332</u>

(i) Cash at bank and on hand

Bank accounts are interest bearing, attracting normal market interest rates.

(ii) Fair value

The carrying amount for cash and cash equivalents equals their fair value.

(iii) Recognition and measurement

For the purpose of presentation in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

8 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(b) Trade and other receivables

	2019			2018		
	Current \$'000	Non- current \$'000	Total \$'000	Current \$'000	Non- current \$'000	Total \$'000
Trade receivables	4,210	-	4,210	7,227	-	7,227
Other debtors*	1,501	-	1,501	1,518	-	1,518
Restricted cash**	-	11,729	11,729	-	7,190	7,190
Prepayments	1,420	-	1,420	917	-	917
	7,131	11,729	18,860	9,662	7,190	16,852

* Other debtors is primarily composed of receivables in relation to Australian GST refund claims and security deposits held.

** Restricted cash relates to cash held on deposit for security against bank guarantees.

(i) Impairment and risk exposure

Information about the impairment of trade receivables and the Group's exposure to credit risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk can be found in note 13.

(ii) Fair value risk

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

(iii) Fair values

The fair values and carrying values of non-current receivables are as follows:

	2019		2018	
	Carrying amount \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000	Fair value \$'000
Restricted cash	11,729	11,729	7,190	7,190

(iv) Foreign currency risk

The carrying amounts of the Group's current and non-current receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

	Notes	2019	2018
		\$'000	\$'000
Australian Dollar		14,768	8,986
US Dollar		4,092	7,866
		18,860	16,852
Current receivables		7,131	9,662
Non-current receivables	8(b)(iii)	11,729	7,190
		18,860	16,852

For an analysis of the sensitivity of trade and other receivables to foreign exchange risk refer to note 13.

8 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(b) Trade and other receivables (continued)

(v) Credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of each class of receivables mentioned above. The Group does not hold any collateral as security. Refer to note 13 for more information on the risk management policy of the Group.

(vi) Interest rate risk

The Group has various variable interest rate receivables, including restricted cash. For an analysis of the sensitivity of trade and other receivables to interest rate risk, refer to note 13.

(vii) Classification as trade receivables

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. They are generally due for settlement within 30 to 120 days and therefore are all classified as current. Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value based on estimated amounts due and subsequently at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment. The Group holds the trade receivables with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. For the commodity sales where pricing remains outstanding at the period end, the final consideration will be estimated in terms of AASB9 at the period end based on forward market prices for the relevant quotational period as there is a developed forward market. Details about the Group's impairment policies and the calculation of the loss allowance are provided in note 13.

(c) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Current assets		
Australian listed equity held for trading	3,722	3,722
	3,722	3,722

The Australian listed equity held for sale had the same closing price at 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018 and holdings remained unchanged.

(i) Risk exposure and fair value measurements

Information about the Group's exposure to price risk is provided in note 13. For information about the methods and assumptions used in determining fair value please refer to note 8(f) below.

(d) Trade and other payables

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	30,104	25,783
Other payables	323	201
	30,427	25,984

(i) Foreign currency risk

The carrying amounts of the Group's trade and other payables are denominated in the following currencies:

8 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(d) Trade and other payables (continued)

(i) Foreign currency risk (continued)

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Australian Dollar	30,294	25,920
US Dollar	133	64
	30,427	25,984

(ii) Risk exposure

Information about the Group's exposure to foreign exchange risk is provided in note 13.

Due to the short-term nature of current payables, their carrying value is assumed to approximate their fair value.

(e) Interest bearing liabilities

	2019 Current \$'000	2019 Non- current \$'000	2019 Total \$'000	2018 Current \$'000	2018 Non- current \$'000	2018 Total \$'000
Secured						
Loans	42,970	412	43,382	812	67,489	68,301
Lease liabilities	5,949	7,062	13,011	6,463	7,876	14,339
Total secured borrowings	48,919	7,474	56,393	7,275	75,365	82,640

Interest bearing liabilities in their denominated currency:

	2019 USD \$'000	2019 AUD \$'000	2018 USD \$'000	2018 AUD \$'000
Secured				
Loans	30,109	491	50,174	545
Lease liabilities	-	13,011	269	13,976
Total secured borrowing	30,109	13,502	50,443	14,521
Total borrowings	30,109	13,502	50,443	14,521

(i) Secured liabilities and assets pledged as security

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Loans	43,382	68,301
Lease liabilities	13,011	14,339
Total secured liabilities	56,393	82,640

In the prior year, the Company completed a major debt and capital restructure during the financial year, as announced on 28 February 2018 and completed on 14 March 2018.

8 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(e) Interest bearing liabilities (continued)

(i) Secured liabilities and assets pledged as security (continued)

The restructuring transaction involved the sale by Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) to Special Portfolio Opportunity V Limited (SPOV), a subsidiary of a fund managed by PAG, of the senior term debt (Senior debt or SCB Loan) provided to Aeris by SCB. SPOV is the provider of Aeris' existing Working Capital facility (SPOV Tranche A facility).

The debt restructure, completed on 14 March 2018, replaced the Company's SCB Loan with a SPOV Tranche B facility of US\$25.000 million. For its role in arranging the restructure, including bridging the SCB Facility whilst the restructure was being completed, Aeris agreed to pay SPOV an Arranger Fee of US\$5.000 million, which can be settled either in shares or by an increase in the Senior Debt facility, at Aeris' election. Any election to settle the payment of the Arranger Fee via the issuance of new shares would be subject to any required Aeris shareholder approvals.

The SPOV Tranche A facility's maturity was extended to coincide with the maturity of the SPOV Tranche B facility (14 March 2020). The SPOV Tranche A facility accrues cash interest at 5% per annum and PIK accrues at 6% (compounding every 3 months). At 30 June 2019, the Company had drawn down US\$15.500 million from the SPOV Tranche A Facility.

The SPOV Tranche B facility accrues cash interest at a rate of 12.5% per annum. The facility provides for an initial repayment date, being 6 months from the completion date (14 September 2018). If, by the initial repayment date, the Company has not reduced the SPOV Tranche B facility to a minimum of US\$10.000 million, the interest rate increases by an additional 3.0% per annum on the balance of the facility above US\$10.000 million.

In October 2018, the Company made a USD 20 million payment against the SPOV Tranche B debt facility. This reduced the SPOV Tranche B debt facility to USD 10 million.

Both Tranche A and Tranche B debt facilities are due in March 2020 and as a result have been classified as current liabilities.

(ii) Lease liabilities

Certain vehicles and equipment acquired by the Group are funded by finance leases and hire purchase provided by a number of financial institutions. The leases are secured by the assets being financed.

Lease liabilities are effectively secured as the rights to the leased assets are recognised in the financial statements and revert to the lessor in the event of default.

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Commitments in relation to finance leases are payable as follows:		
Within one year	6,650	7,279
Later than one year but not later than five years	7,675	8,339
Minimum lease payments	14,325	15,618
Future finance charges	(1,314)	(1,279)
Total lease liabilities	13,011	14,339
Representing lease liabilities:		
Current	5,949	6,463
Non-current	7,062	7,876
	13,011	14,339

(iii) Financing arrangements

The Group had access to the following borrowing facilities at the reporting date:

8 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(e) Interest bearing liabilities (continued)

(iii) Financing arrangements (continued)

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Floating rate		
Bank finance loan facilities and residential housing loans	491	545
Used at balance date		
Bank finance loan facilities and residential housing loans	40,603	65,501
Unused at balance date		
Bank finance loan facilities and residential housing loans	13,533	12,829

Credit stand-by arrangements

The Group has \$11,729,000 (2018: \$7,190,000) in restricted cash in respect of its rehabilitation obligations.

Bank residential housing loans

The residential housing loans totalling \$491,058 (2018: \$544,761) (original principal \$900,000) are repayable over 25 years at a current interest rate of 4.86% (2018: 4.95%).

(iv) Interest rate risk exposure

The following tables set out the Group's exposure to interest rate risk, including the contractual re-pricing dates and the effective weighted average interest rate by maturity periods. Exposures arise from liabilities bearing variable interest rates.

	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest rate			Non interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
		1 year or less \$'000	Over 1 to 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000		
2019						
Loans	491	42,891	-	-	43,382	
Trade and other creditors	-	-	-	30,427	30,427	
Lease and hire purchase	-	5,949	7,062	-	13,011	
Total	491	48,840	7,062	-	86,820	

	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest rate			Non interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
		1 year or less \$'000	Over 1 to 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000		
2018						
Loans	545	732	67,024	-	68,301	
Trade and other creditors	-	-	-	25,984	25,984	
Lease and hire purchase	-	6,463	7,876	-	14,339	
Total	545	7,195	74,900	-	108,624	

(v) Fair value

The carrying amounts and fair values of borrowings at the end of the reporting period are:

8 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(e) Interest bearing liabilities (continued)

(v) Fair value (continued)

	2019		2018	
	Carrying amount \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000	Fair value \$'000
On-balance sheet				
<i>Non-traded financial liabilities</i>				
Loans	43,382	43,382	68,301	68,301
Lease liabilities	13,011	13,011	14,339	14,339
	56,393	56,393	82,640	82,640

The fair value of interest bearing liabilities is determined by discounting the expected future cash flows by the current interest rates or liabilities with similar risk profiles.

(vi) Foreign exchange risk exposures

The carrying amounts of the Group's current and non-current interest bearing liabilities in Australian dollars are denominated in the following currencies:

	2019			2018		
	US Dollar denominated \$'000	Australian Dollar denominated \$'000	Total interest bearing liabilities \$'000	US Dollar denominated \$'000	Australian Dollar denominated \$'000	Total interest bearing liabilities \$'000
Loans	42,891	491	43,382	67,756	545	68,301
Lease and hire purchase liabilities	-	13,011	13,011	363	13,976	14,339
Total	42,891	13,502	56,393	68,119	14,521	82,640

Information about the Group's exposure to interest rate and foreign currency changes is provided in note 13.

(f) Fair value measurements

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement for disclosure purposes.

AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures requires fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices) (level 2); and
- inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The following table presents the Group's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value at 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018:

8 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(f) Fair value measurements (continued)

30 June 2019	Notes	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Australian listed equity securities	8(c)	3,722	-	-	3,722
Total financial assets		3,722	-	-	3,722
30 June 2018					
Financial assets					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Australian listed equity securities		3,722	-	-	3,722
Total financial assets		3,722	-	-	3,722
Forward commodity contract - cash flow hedges					
	13(a)	-	1,905	-	1,905
Total financial liabilities		-	1,905	-	1,905

The Company does not have any Level 2 or Level 3 financial assets at 30 June 2019.

The Australian listed equity held for sale had the same closing price at 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018 and holdings remained unchanged.

Valuation Methodology

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are investments classified as held for trading and are fair valued by comparing to the published price quotation in an active market and are considered a level 1 valuation.

The fair value of forward commodity contract - cashflow hedges is determined using market rates and inputs at the reporting date and are considered a level 2 valuation.

Refer to note 8(e)(v) for the carrying amounts and fair values of borrowings at balance date.

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities

(a) Inventories

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Current assets - Mining inventories		
Production supplies - at cost	6,784	6,608
Work in progress - at cost	9,472	9,701
	16,256	16,309

(i) Assigning costs to inventories

The costs of individual items of inventory are determined using weighted average costs.

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(a) Inventories (continued)

(ii) Recognition and measurement

Mining inventories of raw materials and stores, work in progress and finished goods are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead expenditure, the latter being allocated on the basis of normal operating capacity. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Inventory charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income has been included in note 6 as part of mining activities.

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(b) Property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land \$'000	Freehold buildings \$'000	Plant and equipment \$'000	Leased plant and equipment \$'000	Total \$'000
At 1 July 2017					
Cost	1,324	7,140	69,735	21,562	99,761
Accumulated depreciation	-	(1,915)	(32,345)	(12,570)	(46,830)
Net book amount	<u>1,324</u>	<u>5,225</u>	<u>37,390</u>	<u>8,992</u>	<u>52,931</u>
Year ended 30 June 2018					
Opening net book amount	1,324	5,225	37,390	8,992	52,931
Additions	-	10	5,907	9,558	15,475
Depreciation charge	-	(972)	(6,927)	(6,925)	(14,824)
Transfer to mine properties in use	-	-	(377)	-	(377)
Net disposals/write-offs	-	(282)	(63)	(2,160)	(2,505)
Closing net book amount	<u>1,324</u>	<u>3,981</u>	<u>35,930</u>	<u>9,465</u>	<u>50,700</u>
At 30 June 2018					
Cost	1,324	6,748	73,931	26,889	108,892
Accumulated depreciation	-	(2,767)	(38,001)	(17,424)	(58,192)
Net book amount	<u>1,324</u>	<u>3,981</u>	<u>35,930</u>	<u>9,465</u>	<u>50,700</u>
Year ended 30 June 2019					
Opening net book amount	1,324	3,981	35,930	9,465	50,700
Additions	-	-	8,725	8,532	17,257
Depreciation charge	-	(845)	(8,574)	(7,199)	(16,618)
Transfer to mine properties in use	-	-	(361)	-	(361)
Net disposals/write-offs	-	-	-	(586)	(586)
Closing net book amount	<u>1,324</u>	<u>3,136</u>	<u>35,720</u>	<u>10,212</u>	<u>50,392</u>
At 30 June 2019					
Cost	1,324	6,748	84,023	31,169	123,264
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	(3,612)	(48,303)	(20,957)	(72,872)
Net book amount	<u>1,324</u>	<u>3,136</u>	<u>35,720</u>	<u>10,212</u>	<u>50,392</u>

(i) Assets in the course of construction

The carrying amounts of the assets disclosed above include assets that were in the course of construction as at the end of the reporting period. The relevant amounts are as follows:

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Plant and equipment	<u>3,216</u>	3,288

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(b) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(i) Assets in the course of construction (continued)

(ii) Non-current assets pledged as security

Refer to note 23 for information on non-current assets pledged as security by the Group.

(iii) Recognition and measurement

All property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment also includes the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any component accounted for as a separate asset is derecognised when replaced. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the reporting period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on mine property, plant and equipment (excluding land) is calculated on a unit-of-production basis so as to write off the cost of each asset in proportion to the depletion of the proved and probable ore reserves, or on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset if the asset's useful life is less than the life of mine, currently between 2 and 6 years.

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

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

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

(c) Exploration and evaluation, Mining properties in use

(i) Exploration and evaluation

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Opening net book amount	17,855	14,497
Expenditure incurred during the year	8,686	3,358
Net disposals/write-offs	(181)	-
Closing balance	<u>26,360</u>	<u>17,855</u>

The recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets depends on successful development or sale of tenement areas.

Recognition and measurement

Exploration and evaluation expenditure is carried forward in the financial statements, in respect of areas of interest for which the rights of tenure are current and where:

- (i) Such costs are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest, or alternatively, by its sale; or
- (ii) Exploration and/or evaluation activities in the area of interest have not yet reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable ore reserves and while active and significant operations in, or in relation to, the area are continuing.

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(c) Exploration and evaluation, Mining properties in use (continued)

(i) Exploration and evaluation (continued)

Recognition and measurement (continued)

Exploration expenditure incurred that does not satisfy the policy stated above is expensed in the year in which it is incurred. Exploration expenditure that has been capitalised which no longer satisfies the policy stated above is written off in the year in which that decision is made.

Upon commencement of mining activities, deferred exploration and development expenditure is reclassified to mine properties and then amortised in accordance with the accounting policy for mine properties.

The net carrying value of each area of interest is reviewed regularly and, to the extent to which this value exceeds its recoverable value, that excess is provided for or written off in the year in which this is determined.

(ii) Mine properties in use

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Opening net book amount	51,137	45,088
Expenditure incurred during the year	9,465	15,663
Amortisation for the year	(15,084)	(9,991)
Transfer from property, plant and equipment	361	377
Closing balance	45,879	51,137
Balance at reporting date		
Cost	151,955	142,129
Accumulated amortisation	(106,076)	(90,992)
Net book value	45,879	51,137

Recognition and measurement

Mine properties represent the acquisition costs and/or accumulation of exploration, evaluation and development expenditure in respect of areas of interest in which mining has commenced.

When further development expenditure is incurred in respect of a mine property after the commencement of production, such expenditure is carried forward as part of the mine property only when substantial future economic benefits are thereby established, otherwise such expenditure is classified as part of the cost of production.

Amortisation is provided on a unit of production basis so as to write-off the cost in proportion to the depletion of the proved and probable ore reserves.

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(d) Deferred tax balances

(i) Deferred tax assets

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to:		
Fixed assets, exploration and mine properties	2,044	4,511
Tax losses	-	252
Transaction/issuance costs	1,231	860
Provisions and accruals	6,845	6,145
Other	274	280
Hedge	-	572
Total deferred tax assets	10,394	12,620
Set-off of deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set-off provisions	(10,394)	(8,029)
Net deferred tax assets	-	4,591
Deferred tax assets expected to be recovered within 12 months	-	4,591
	-	4,591

	Tax losses \$'000	Cashflow Hedge \$'000	Fixed assets, exploration and mine properties \$'000	Transaction/ issuance Cost \$'000	Provision and accruals \$'000	Other \$'000	DTA/DTL net off \$'000	Total \$'000
At 1 July 2017	1,138	-	9,834	838	5,591	67	(7,263)	10,205
Debited/(credited) - to consolidated statement of comprehensive income	(886)	-	(5,323)	22	554	213	(766)	(6,186)
Charged/(credited) - directly to equity	-	572	-	-	-	-	-	572
At 30 June 2018	252	572	4,511	860	6,145	280	(8,029)	4,591

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(d) Deferred tax balances (continued)

(i) Deferred tax assets (continued)

Debited/(credited)								
- to consolidated statement of comprehensive income	(252)	-	(2,467)	371	700	(6)	(2,365)	(4,019)
Charged/(credited) - directly to equity	-	(572)	-	-	-	-	-	(572)
At 30 June 2019	-	-	2,044	1,231	6,845	274	(10,394)	-

(ii) Deferred tax liabilities

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to:		
Inventories	2,060	1,982
Exploration and evaluation	8,731	6,047
	10,791	8,029
Set-off of deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set-off provisions	(10,394)	(8,029)
Net deferred tax liabilities	397	-

Movements - Consolidated	Inventories \$'000	Exploration \$'000	Cash flow hedges \$'000	Other \$'000	DTA net off \$'000	Total \$'000
At 1 July 2017	1,860	5,172	-	231	(7,263)	-
Charged/(credited) - to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income	122	875	-	(231)	(766)	-
At 30 June 2018	1,982	6,047	-	-	(8,029)	-

Charged/(credited) - to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income	78	2,684	-	-	(2,365)	397
At 30 June 2019	2,060	8,731	-	-	(10,394)	397

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(e) Provisions

	Current \$'000	2019 Non- current \$'000	Total \$'000	Current \$'000	2018 Non- current \$'000	Total \$'000
Employee benefits	7,851	615	8,466	7,115	634	7,749
Provision for rehabilitation and dismantling	-	11,298	11,298	-	11,002	11,002
Other provisions	146	-	146	219	-	219
	7,997	11,913	19,910	7,334	11,636	18,970

(i) Information about individual provisions and significant estimates

Rehabilitation and dismantling

Provision is made for the estimated cost of settling the rehabilitation and restoration obligations existing at balance date. The estimated costs are discounted using a risk free discount rate that reflects the time value of money and it does not reflect risks for which future cash flow estimates have been adjusted.

Provision is made for the estimated costs of dismantling and removing the item of plant and equipment and restoring the site on which it is located.

Other

Provision is made for the estimated cost of some obligations where there is a likelihood that an outflow will be required for settlement.

(ii) Movements in provisions

Movements in each class of provision during the financial year, other than employee benefits, are set out below:

2019	Provision for rehabilitation and dismantling \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000
Carrying amount at start of year	11,002	219	11,221
Additional provisions recognised during the year	296	231	527
Amounts used during the year	-	(304)	(304)
Carrying amount at end of year	11,298	146	11,444

(iii) Recognition and measurement

Provisions for legal claims, service warranties and make good obligations are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

9 Non-financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(e) Provisions (continued)

(iii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

The Group has obligations to dismantle, remove, restore and rehabilitate certain items of property, plant and equipment. Under AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment, the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment includes the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located, the obligation for which an entity incurs either when the item is acquired, or as a consequence of having used the item during a particular period.

AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities, and Contingent Assets requires a provision to be raised for the present value of the estimated cost of settling the rehabilitation and restoration obligations existing at balance date. The estimated costs are discounted using a risk free discount rate that reflects the time value of money. The discount rate must not reflect risks for which future cash flow estimates have been adjusted. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

10 Equity

(a) Share capital

	2019 Shares	2018 Shares	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Ordinary shares				
Ordinary shares - fully paid	455,711,613	280,232,617	420,837	388,180
	455,711,613	280,232,617	420,837	388,180

(i) Movements in ordinary share capital

Details	Number of shares	Total \$'000
Opening balance 1 July 2017	140,116,703	360,828
Conversion of convertible preference shares	140,115,913	6,312
Share issued to fund cancellation of convertible preference shares	1	-
Cancellation of convertible preference shares	-	21,040
Balance 30 June 2018	280,232,617	388,180
Placement (issued 2 October 2018)	42,034,892	8,407
Entitlement Offer - Institutional offer (issued 2 October 2018)	99,889,405	19,978
Entitlement Offer - Retail (issued 16 October 2018)	10,051,262	2,010
Entitlement Offer - Retail (issued 17 October 2018)	23,503,437	4,701
Less: Transaction costs arising on share issues	-	(2,439)
Balance 30 June 2019	455,711,613	420,837

Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer and Placement

On 21 September 2018 Aeris announced the launch of a fully underwritten A\$35.096 million Placement and 1:2.1 Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer (Entitlement Offer), with the funds raised being used to:

- Accelerate exploration programs at the 100% owned Tritton Copper Operations and the Torrens Joint Venture (Aeris 70%);
- Strengthen the Company's financial position through the repayment of a significant proportion of outstanding Senior Debt; and
- To pay for the costs associated with the equity raise.

The \$35.096 million Placement and Entitlement Offer, at a price of \$0.20 per share, consisted of:

10 Equity (continued)

(a) Share capital (continued)

(i) Movements in ordinary share capital (continued)

- A Placement and Accelerated Institutional Entitlement Offer which was completed on 2 October 2018 and raised \$28.385 million and resulted in the issue of approximately 141,924,297 new shares; and
- A Retail Entitlement Offer which closed on 9 October 2018 and raised \$6.711 million with 33,554,699 new shares being issued.

(ii) Ordinary shares

On a show of hands every holder of ordinary shares present at a meeting in person or by proxy, is entitled to one vote. Upon a poll each holder of ordinary shares is entitled to one vote for each fully paid share held (pro-rated in the case of partly paid shares).

(b) Preference equity

(i) Movements Convertible Redeemable Preference shares (Redeemable and Non-Redeemable)

Details	Number of shares	\$'000
Opening balance 1 July 2018	93,410,609	4,208
Balance 30 June 2019	93,410,609	4,208

Conversion and cancellation of convertible preference shares

Associated with the restructure as outlined in note 2, an agreement was reached with SCB to cancel 467.053 million of its 560.464 million Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares (CRPS), reducing the number on issue to 93.411 million. The CRPS, that are fully paid Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares in the ordinary capital of the Company, were originally issued following approvals obtained at the Extraordinary General Meetings of Shareholders (EGM) held to approve the SCB debt restructure on 15 December 2015. The CRPS were issued with an aggregate face value of US\$40.000 million.

The remaining CRPS accrue an unfranked dividend of 5% per annum. Payment of this dividend is deferred and accrues interest. The accrued dividends and interest will be paid in cash if the CRPS are redeemed or will cease to accrue and be written off if the CRPS are converted.

The CRPS were independently valued upon finalisation of the 15 December 2015 restructure with its full fair value determined at A\$25.248 million. Following the cancellation of the 467.053 million CRPS the remaining fair value recognised is A\$4.208 million.

The CRPS may be redeemed by the Company during the CRPS redemption year, unless already converted; otherwise all CRPS mandatorily convert into ordinary shares in the Company on the fifth anniversary of their issue.

As part of the restructure completed on 14 March 2018, SPOV agreed to convert its existing holding of 140.166 million Convertible Non-Redeemable Preference Shares (CNRPS) to ordinary shares. The CNRPS were independently valued upon finalisation of the 15 December 2015 restructure and had a fair value of A\$6.312 million.

(c) Reserves

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flow hedges	-	(1,333)
Share-based payments	2,720	2,146
Acquisition revaluation reserve	(9,443)	(9,443)
	(6,723)	(8,630)

10 Equity (continued)

(c) Reserves (continued)

Movements:

Cash flow hedges		
Opening balance	(1,333)	-
Revaluation - gross	1,905	(1,905)
Deferred tax	(572)	572
Balance 30 June	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,333)</u>
Share-based payments		
Opening balance	2,146	1,605
Employee share based payment expense	574	541
Balance 30 June	<u>2,720</u>	<u>2,146</u>
Acquisition Revaluation Reserve		
Opening balance	(9,443)	(9,443)
Balance 30 June	<u>(9,443)</u>	<u>(9,443)</u>

Nature and purpose of other reserves

(I) Cash flow hedges

The hedging reserve is used to record gains or losses on a hedging instrument in a cash flow hedge that are recognised in equity, as described in note 25(i). Amounts are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income when effected by the associated hedged transaction. The 2018 Other Comprehensive Income impact has been restated on the face of the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income to ensure consistency with the movements reflected in Note 10 (c).

(II) Share-based payments

The share-based payments reserve is used to recognise the fair value of equity instruments issued to employees.

(iii) Acquisition Revaluation Reserve

This reserve is used to record the differences described in note 25(b)(ii) which may arise as a result of ownership interest changes.

(d) Accumulated losses

Movements in accumulated losses were as follows:

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	(328,759)	(384,063)
Net (loss)/profit for the year	(12,673)	55,304
Balance 30 June	<u>(341,432)</u>	<u>(328,759)</u>

11 Cash flow information

(a) Reconciliation of (loss)/profit before income tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
(Loss)/profit for the year	(12,673)	55,304
Accrued finance costs	6,631	9,189
Unrealised exchange and foreign exchange hedging (gains)/losses	2,878	1,317
Depreciation and amortisation	31,702	24,815
Employee share based payment	574	541
Loss on sale of fixed assets	586	2,259
Exploration written off	181	-
Gain on debt restructure	-	(54,846)
Decrease / (Increase) in trade and other receivables	2,531	(2,836)
Decrease / (Increase) in inventories	52	(1,514)
(Decrease) / Increase in trade and other payables	(858)	1,729
Decrease in other financial assets	-	1,489
Decrease in deferred tax assets	4,987	6,186
Increase in provisions	940	4,980
Movement in commodity hedging	(1,905)	1,905
Net cash inflow from operating activities	35,626	50,518

(b) Non-cash investing and financing activities

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Acquisition of plant and equipment by means of finance leases	7,129	7,216

(c) Net debt reconciliation

This section sets out an analysis of net debt and the movements in net debt for each of the years presented.

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Net debt		
Cash and cash equivalents	22,548	23,332
Liquid investments	3,722	3,722
Borrowings - repayable within one year (including overdraft)	(48,919)	(7,275)
Borrowings - repayable after one year	(7,474)	(75,365)
	(30,123)	(55,586)
Cash and liquid investments	26,270	27,054
Gross debt - fixed interest rates	(55,902)	(82,095)
Gross debt - variable interest rates	(491)	(545)
Net debt	(30,123)	(55,586)

11 Cash flow information (continued)

(c) Net debt reconciliation (continued)

	Cash/bank overdraft \$'000	Liquid invest- ments (i) \$'000	Finance leases due within 1 year \$'000	Finance leases due after 1 year \$'000	Borrow. due within 1 year \$'000	Borrow. due after 1 year \$'000	Total \$'000
Net debt as at 1 July 2017	9,698	5,211	(5,064)	(8,690)	(80)	(105,344)	(104,269)
Cash flows	13,634	-	6,389	-	2,306	488	22,817
Acquisitions - finance leases and lease incentives	-	-	(2,208)	(4,758)	-	-	(6,966)
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	-	(8)	-	(7)	(1,434)	(1,449)
Other non-cash movements	-	(1,489)	(5,572)	5,572	(52)	52	(1,489)
Interest	-	-	-	-	(2,979)	(9,474)	(12,453)
Cancellation	-	-	-	-	-	48,223	48,223
Net debt as at 30 June 2018	23,332	3,722	(6,463)	(7,876)	(812)	(67,489)	(55,586)
Net debt as at 1 July 2018	23,332	3,722	(6,463)	(7,876)	(812)	(67,489)	(55,586)
Cash flows	(784)	-	8,471	-	4,307	29,407	41,401
Acquisitions - finance leases and lease incentives	-	-	(2,364)	(4,765)	-	-	(7,129)
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	-	(14)	-	(105)	(2,938)	(3,057)
Other non-cash movements	-	-	(5,579)	5,579	(40,655)	40,655	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	(5,705)	(47)	(5,752)
Net debt as at 30 June 2019	22,548	3,722	(5,949)	(7,062)	(42,970)	(412)	(30,123)

(i) Liquid investments comprise current investments that are traded in an active market, being the Group's financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss.

Risk

This section of the notes discusses the Group's exposure to various risks and shows how these could affect the Group's financial position and performance.

12 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on management's historical experience and knowledge of relevant facts and circumstances at that time.

The Aeris Group makes estimates and judgements concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and judgements may differ from the related actual results and may have a significant effect on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. Information on such estimates and judgements are contained in the accounting policies and/or notes to the financial statements.

(i) Ore Reserve Estimates

Ore Reserves are estimates of the amount of product that can be economically and legally extracted from the Group's properties. In order to calculate Ore Reserves, estimates and assumptions are required about a range of geological, technical and economic factors. Estimating the quality and/or grade of the Ore Reserves requires the size, shape and depth of ore bodies to be determined by analysing geological data such as drilling samples. This process may require complex and difficult geological judgements and calculations to interpret the data. The Group is required to determine and report Ore Reserves in Australia under the principles incorporated in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code, known as the JORC Code. The JORC Code requires the use of reasonable investment assumptions to calculate Ore Reserves.

As the economic assumptions used to estimate Ore Reserves change from year to year, and as additional geological data is generated during the course of operations, estimates of Ore Reserves may change from year to year. Changes in reported Ore Reserves may affect the Group's financial results and financial position in a number of ways, including the following:

- Recognition of deferred tax on mineral rights and exploration recognised on acquisitions;
- Recoverable amount of deferred mining expenditure and capitalisation of development costs; and
- Units of production method of depreciation and amortisation.

(ii) Estimation for the provision for rehabilitation and dismantling

Provision for rehabilitation and dismantling property, plant and equipment is estimated taking into consideration facts and circumstances available at the balance sheet date. This estimate is based on the expenditure required to undertake the rehabilitation and dismantling, taking into consideration time value. This requires the use of estimates and judgements in relation to a range of inputs including:

- Ore Reserves and mine planning scheduling;
- Production costs; and
- Discount rates.

(iii) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group considers annually whether there have been any indicators of impairment and then tests whether or not non-current assets have suffered an impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 25(f).

Cash generating units

The recoverable amounts of the CGU for 30 June 2019, have been determined based on fair value less costs of disposal (FVLCD). The FVLCD is calculated based on a Board approved life of mine plan (LOM). On an annual basis, or more frequently if required, the Company prepares a LOM and accompanying financial model for the Tritton Copper Operations (please refer to note 2). For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows which are largely independent of the cash flows from other assets or groups of assets (CGUs). The Group currently assesses the Tritton Copper Operations as one CGU.

12 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

This requires the use of estimates and judgements in relation to a range of inputs including:

- Commodity prices;
- Exchange rates;
- Reserves and mine planning scheduling;
- Production costs; and
- Discount rates.

The discount rate used in the LOM is a post tax discount rate of 10.24%. Commodity prices and exchange rates used in the model is sourced from independent reputable market sources. These inputs heavily influence the sequence of when and how much ore will be extracted from each of the planned mines as well as the timing and quantum of capital expenditure that will be required. The FVLCD indicate sufficient headroom to the carrying value of the CGU.

The Group recognises that there are various reasons that the estimates used in these assumptions may vary. There are possible changes in key assumptions that could cause the carrying value of the CGU to exceed its recoverable amount. The changes required to each of the key assumptions (assuming all other assumptions remain the same) to cause the carrying value of the CGU to exceed its recoverable amount are:

- AUD Copper Price decreases by 2%
- Post tax discount rate increases from 10.24% to 14.43%
- Exchange rate decreases by 2%

(iv) Recoverability of deferred tax assets

In determining the recoverability of the recognised deferred tax assets, management prepared and reviewed an analysis of estimated future results which support the future realisation of the deferred tax assets. The estimated future results have been derived from estimates also used for impairment assessments referred to in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. To the extent that cash flows and taxable income differ significantly from estimates, the ability of the Group to realise the net deferred tax assets reported at the reporting date could be impacted.

13 Financial risk management

The Group's activities expose it to foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, price risk and credit risk. In order to minimise any adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group, derivative financial instruments, such as forward commodity contracts are used to hedge certain commodity price risk exposures. The Group also uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. The methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rate, foreign exchange and ageing analysis for credit risk. Derivatives are used exclusively for hedging purposes and not as trading or speculative instruments.

(a) Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are only used for economic hedging purposes and not as speculative investments. However, where derivatives do not meet the hedging criteria, they are classified as 'held for trading' for accounting purposes below. The Group has the following derivative financial instruments:

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Current liabilities		
Forward copper contracts - cashflow hedged	-	1,905

13 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Derivative financial instruments (continued)

(i) Classification of derivatives

Derivatives are classified as held for trading and accounted for at fair value through profit or loss unless they are designated as hedges. They are presented as current assets or liabilities if they are expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. The Group's accounting policy for its cash flow hedges is set out in note 25(i). For hedged forecast transactions that result in the recognition of a non-financial asset, the related hedging gains and losses are included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset.

(ii) Instruments used by the Group

As a result of the restructure as noted in note 2, Aeris entered into a copper hedging program with a reputable local bank as the hedge counterparty. On 7 March 2018 it was announced that Aeris' subsidiary, Tritton Resources Pty Ltd (Tritton), had entered into a swap contract of 12,000 copper tonnes at an average price of A\$8,670 per tonne with scheduled deliveries of 1,000 copper tonnes per month out to 4 March 2019. The swap contract also provides Tritton the opportunity to participate in the upside at a maximum strike price. There were no further hedges entered into for the remainder of the financial year.

The portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognised in other comprehensive income. When the cash flows occur, the Group adjusts the initial measurement of the component recognised in the balance sheet by removing the related amount from other comprehensive income.

The potential risk of counterparties to meet their obligations under the respective contracts of maturity exposes the Group to credit risk.

(iii) Fair value measurements

For information about the methods and assumptions used in determining the fair value of derivatives refer to note 8(f).

(iv) Hedging reserves

The Group's hedging reserves disclosed in note 10(c) relate to the forward copper contracts - cash flow hedged.

(b) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

Generally, natural hedges, forward contracts and options are used to manage certain foreign exchange risk. The Group's currency exposure based on the information provided to key management is mainly in cash and cash equivalents, receivables and loans. The Group did not utilise any foreign exchange forward contracts or options during the year.

Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency. The majority of these exposures are generated by interest bearing liabilities denominated in US dollars, commodity sales contracts which are typically denominated in US dollars, as well as associated receivables.

The Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange arising from various foreign currency exposures, primarily with respect to the US dollar.

For an analysis of the exposure to foreign exchange risk on trade receivables and trade payables refer to note 8.

13 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(i) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

Group sensitivity

Based on the financial instruments held at 30 June 2019, had the Australian dollar weakened/strengthened by 10% against these foreign currencies with all other variables held constant, the Group's loss from continuing operations for the year would have been \$2.645 million lower/higher (2018: profit would have been \$4.226 million lower/higher), mainly as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of cash and cash equivalents, interest bearing loans, receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies. There would have been no impact on equity.

(ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises as a result of the re-pricing of investments, interest bearing receivables and borrowings and is affected by the length of the re-pricing period.

The significance and management of the risks to the Group are dependent on a number of factors including:

- Interest rates (current and forward) and the currencies that the investments and borrowings are denominated in;
- Level of cash, liquid investments and borrowings;
- Maturity dates of investments and borrowings; and
- Proportion of investments and borrowings that are fixed rate or floating rate.

The risk is measured using market and cash flow forecasting.

Group sensitivity

At 30 June 2019, if interest rates had changed by +/- 50 basis points from the weighted average year end rates with all other variables held constant, loss from continuing operations for the year would have been \$0.077 million higher/lower (2018: profit would have been \$0.182 million higher/lower), mainly as a result of higher/lower interest from loans, cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash.

The exposure of the Group's interest bearing liabilities at balance sheet date to interest rate changes at the contractual re-pricing dates are as follows:

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
0 - 12 months	48,919	7,275
1 - 5 years	7,474	75,365
	56,393	82,640

(iii) Commodity Price risk

Commodity price risk is the risk of financial loss resulting from movements in the price of the Group's commodity outputs.

A portion of the Group's revenue from mining activities denominated in foreign currencies was cash flow hedged. The Company had entered into a swap contract of 12,000 copper tonnes at an average price of A\$8,670 per tonne with scheduled deliveries of 1,000 copper tonnes per month for 12 months to 4 March 2019. No further hedging was entered into during 2019.

(iv) Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities to foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk.

13 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(iv) Summarised sensitivity analysis (continued)

	Foreign exchange risk				Interest rate risk			
	-10%		+10%		-50 basis points		+50 basis points	
	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000
Consolidated								
2019	(2,645)	-	2,645	-	77	-	(77)	-
2018	(4,226)	-	4,226	-	182	-	(182)	-
	Foreign exchange risk				Interest rate risk			
	-10%		+10%		-50 basis points		+50 basis points	
	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000	Profit \$'000	Equity \$'000
Consolidated								
2019	(2,645)	-	2,645	-	77	-	(77)	(77)
2018	(4,226)	-	4,226	-	182	-	(182)	(182)

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss to the Group. Credit risk is managed on a group basis. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, contractual cash flows of debt investments carried at amortised cost, at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), favourable derivative financial instruments and deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to trade customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions.

(i) Risk management

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

The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales of products and services are made to customers with an appropriate credit history and where necessary is effectively eliminated or substantially reduced by using bank and insurance instruments to secure payment for materials supplied and sold. The Group has policies that limit the amount of credit exposure to any one financial institution.

(ii) Trade receivables

The Group applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

13 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk (continued)

(ii) Trade receivables (continued)

The Group is exposed to one large customer, with a short term rating of P-2 as rated by Moody at 30 June 2019, who has the offtake agreement for 100% of the Tritton Operations copper concentrate, with no history of default. The credit risk is considered low as the customer is reputable and well known to the mining industry and is perceived as reliable. Currently all payments are received within the contractual payment terms.

The Group has trade receivables with embedded derivatives for provisional pricing. These receivables are generally held to collect but do not meet the SPPI criteria and as a result must be held at FVPL. Subsequent fair value gains or losses are taken to the income statement. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables and sensitivity applied to the exposure on commodity price risk. The impact was considered very minimal and as a result there was no loss rate accounted for at 30 June 2019. Management will continue to monitor this position at each period end. There were also no credit losses provided for at 30 June 2018.

(d) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash, liquid investments and committed credit facilities to meet the Group's commitments as they arise.

Liquidity risk management covers daily, short-term and long-term needs. The appropriate levels of liquidity are determined by both the nature of the Group's business and its risk profile.

Group at 30 June 2019	Less than 1 year \$'000	Between 1 and 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000
Non-derivatives			
Non-interest bearing trade and other payables	28,367	-	-
Variable interest rate instruments	80	318	504
Lease and hire purchase liabilities	6,911	7,674	-
Other fixed interest loans	45,972	-	-
Total non-derivatives	<u>81,330</u>	<u>7,992</u>	<u>504</u>

Group at 30 June 2018

Non-derivatives			
Non-interest bearing trade and other payables	25,984	-	-
Variable interest rate instruments	80	318	583
Lease and hire purchase liabilities	7,279	8,339	-
Other fixed interest loans	3,767	72,357	-
Total non-derivatives	<u>37,110</u>	<u>81,014</u>	<u>583</u>

(e) Equity price risk

The Group is exposed to equity price risks arising from equity investments. Equity investments are held both for strategic and trading purposes.

Equity price sensitivity

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined on the exposure to equity price risks at the reporting date.

13 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Equity price risk (continued)

Equity price sensitivity (continued)

At reporting date, if the pricing inputs had been 10% higher/lower while all other variables were held constant the net loss for the Group would decrease/increase by \$0.261 million (2018: \$0.261 million decrease/increase) as a result of the changes in fair value of other financial assets held for trading. The Australian listed equity held for trading had the same closing price at 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018 and holdings remained unchanged.

14 Capital management

(a) Risk management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of its capital structure comprising equity, debt and cash. The capital structure is reviewed on a semi-annual basis, with consideration given to the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. The Group will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, new share issues, new debt or the refinancing or repayment of existing debt.

The Group also reviews its gearing level. The Group's gearing ratio is calculated as net debt to net debt plus equity. Net debt is total interest bearing liabilities less cash and cash equivalents (excluding any restricted cash). Equity is shown in the balance sheet (including minority interests). The gearing ratio at reporting date was as follows:

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Total interest bearing liabilities	56,393	82,640
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>(22,548)</u>	<u>(23,332)</u>
Net debt	33,845	59,308
Total equity	<u>76,890</u>	<u>54,999</u>
Total capital	110,735	114,307
Gearing ratio	30.6%	51.9%

(b) Dividends

The Directors did not declare a dividend in either of the years ended 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018.

Group structure

This section provides information which will help users understand how the Group structure affects the financial position and performance of the Group as a whole. In particular, there is information about:

15 Interests in other entities

(a) Significant investments in subsidiaries

The financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 25(b):

Name of entity	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Equity holding	
			2019 %	2018 %
Straits Mining Pty Ltd and its subsidiaries	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Girilambone Copper Company Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Tritton Resources Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Straits Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Straits Gold Pty Ltd and its subsidiaries	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Straits Indo Gold Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Straits Mine Management Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Templar Resources Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
7874987 Canada Inc.	Canada	Ordinary	100	100
Goldminco Corporation Limited and its subsidiary	Canada	Ordinary	100	100
Goldminco Resources Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Straits Mineral Investments Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Aeris Regional Holdings Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	-

Tritton Resources

Straits Mining Pty Ltd and Aeris Resources Limited hold 25.68% and 74.32% respectively, of the ordinary share capital of Tritton Resources Pty Ltd.

Goldminco Corporation Limited

Straits Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd, 7874987 Canada Inc. and Straits Gold Pty Ltd hold 4.14%, 28.67% and 67.19% respectively of the ordinary share capital of Goldminco Corporation Limited.

(b) Interests in jointly controlled assets

(i) Jointly controlled assets

Name and principal activity	% interest Held during the year 2019	% interest Held during the year 2018
	Torrens joint venture located in South Australia: Principal activity copper and gold exploration	70
Canbelago joint venture located in NSW: Principal activity copper and gold exploration	30	30

Unrecognised items

This section of the notes provides information about items that are not recognised in the financial statements as they do not (yet) satisfy the recognition criteria.

16 Contingencies

On 17 September 2018 Aeris completed a restructure of its Contingent Instrument facility (CI facility), for environmental bonding, in conjunction with major shareholder and key financier, SPOV. The CI Facility was previously provided by Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), with SPOV providing a guarantee to SCB for a three-year period ending 14 March 2021.

The new CI Facility is provided by ANZ Banking Group (ANZ) with SPOV providing a guarantee to ANZ until 14 March 2021. Pricing of the new facility is in line with the all-up cost of the previous facility and contains similar terms, including that Aeris will cash back the bonds over a 3-year period. As a result of the transaction, Aeris no longer has any debt or other facilities with SCB.

17 Commitments

Exploration and mining leases

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Within one year	2,061	4,843
Later than one year but not later than five years	4,573	4,001
Later than five years	70	-
	6,704	8,844

The items disclosed in the table above represent the minimum lease expenditure requirements of the Group.

Operating leases

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Within one year	197	175
Later than one year but not later than five years	65	247
	262	422

18 Events occurring after the reporting period

No other matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to year end that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group or economic entity in subsequent financial years.

Other information

This section of the notes includes other information that must be disclosed to comply with the accounting standards and other pronouncements, but that is not immediately related to individual line items in the financial statements.

19 Related party transactions

(a) Parent entities

The ultimate controlling entity and Australian Parent entity within the Group is Aeris Resources Limited.

(b) Subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are set out in note 15.

(c) Directors

Mr Marcus Derwin is a Non-executive Director but does not fall within the ASX definition of "independent" as he is a nominee Director of Standard Chartered Bank, which has a material business relationship with Aeris. In terms of the restructuring deed approved on 15 December 2015, Aeris entered into with SCB and SPOV and SCB and SPOV each have a separate entitlement to appoint one Director to the Aeris Board provided their shareholding in Aeris, on a fully diluted basis, is 10% or more. SCB elected to take up this right and nominated Mr Marcus Derwin, who was appointed to the Aeris Board on 18 April 2016.

(d) HopgoodGanim Lawyers (HG)

Mr Michele Muscillo, an independent Non-executive Director is a partner of HG. Invoices totalling \$1,361,470 (2018: \$623,298) were received from HG on normal commercial terms during the year.

(e) Loans to key management personnel

No loans were made to key management personnel of the Group during the year.

(f) Key management personnel compensation

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Short-term employee benefits	2,653	2,301
Share-based payments	573	541
Post-employee benefits	89	91
	<u>3,315</u>	<u>2,933</u>

Detailed remuneration disclosures are provided in the remuneration report.

20 Share-based payments

(a) Employee Options

Executive management options (Management Options) issued were approved by shareholders at an EGM held on 15 December 2015 with a completion date of 31 December 2015. The options were issued to ensure that relevant managers remain employed by the Company to deliver on the Company's stated business plan and growth strategy.

The management options are granted for no consideration and carry no dividend or voting rights.

When exercisable, each option is convertible into one ordinary share and will be issued within 10 business days after the Company receives an exercise notice. The options have a \$nil exercise price.

20 Share-based payments (continued)

(a) Employee Options (continued)

The options may only be exercised so as to not result in that holder having a voting power in the Company in excess of 19.99%. If a holder is unable to exercise their remaining vested options the Company must use its best and all reasonable endeavours to obtain any approval or consent to allow such exercise.

Upon exercise the shares will be subject to a period of voluntary escrow, with the shares being released from escrow in progressive tranches from the third anniversary of the restructure date (31 December 2015).

The number of options granted on 15 December 2015 totalled 93,410,609 at a \$nil exercise price and a remaining contractual life of 1.5 years as at 30 June 2019.

The Options vest in five tranches as follows:

- 30.0% on the first anniversary of the completion date;
- 17.5% on the second anniversary of the completion date;
- 17.5% on the third anniversary of the completion date;
- 17.5% on the fourth anniversary of the completion date; and
- 17.5% on the fifth anniversary of the completion date.

Options remaining at balance date, not yet exercised, will expire 6 years after issue date (15 December 2021), or termination date whichever is earlier. To the extent the Options have not previously vested, it will be deemed immediately vested upon a Change of Control Event.

Fair value of options granted

The assessed fair value at grant date in circumstances where there is a \$nil exercise price, the value per option on a fully marketable basis is equal to the value of the underlying share price less dividend (\$0.04).

The shares are however subject to various escrow periods and as such a discount for lack of marketability to the Options have been applied to take into consideration the escrow period. A discount for lack of marketability was applied as below:

- 25 % for Tranche 1 (\$0.03)
- 20% for Tranche 2 (\$0.032)
- 15% for Tranche 3 (\$0.034)
- 10% for Tranche 4 (\$0.036)
- 0% for Tranche 5 (\$0.04)

(b) Employee Share Acquisition Plan (ESAP)

A scheme under which shares may be issued by the Company to employees for no cash consideration was approved by the Board on 23 May 2011 and the ASIC exemption relief was published in the ASIC Gazette A045/11 on 7 June 2011.

The plan operates by allowing participants to obtain shares in the Company at market price, which are funded by a limited recourse interest free loan provided by the Company. The shares are held in trust with vesting of the shares subject to service conditions. If vesting conditions are satisfied, the shares continue to be held in trust subject to a holding lock until the underlying loan is repaid in full. The trust is currently dormant with no shares issued in the current year.

As part of the debt restructure that was approved by shareholders on 15 December 2015, it included a resolution on approval for issue of options to Mr Andre Labuschagne and other key management personnel. The issue of Management Options was conditional on all ESAP shares pursuant to the existing incentive ESAP plan for the senior management of the Company be bought back and cancelled by the Company in accordance with the Corporations Act.

There are currently no shares issued or allocated under the ESAP Plan.

20 Share-based payments (continued)

(c) Expenses arising from share-based payment transactions

Total expenses arising from share-based payment transactions recognised during the year as part of employee benefit expense were as follows:

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Employee options	573,528	540,834

21 Remuneration of auditors

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Parent entity, its related practices and non-related audit firms:

(a) PwC Australia

(i) Audit and other assurance services

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Audit and review of financial statements	307,000	288,000
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	307,000	288,000
<i>Other services</i>		
Tax compliance	533,125	285,558
Total remuneration of PwC Australia	840,125	573,558

(b) Network firms of PwC Australia

(i) Audit and other assurance services

Audit and review of financial reports and other audit work	2,733	10,076
Total auditors' remuneration	842,858	583,634

It is the Group's policy to employ the auditors on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where their expertise and experience with the Group are important. These assignments are principally for taxation advice.

22 Earnings per share

(a) Basic earnings per share

	2019	2018
	Cents	Cents
From continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company	<u>(3.1)</u>	30.9
Total basic earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company	<u>(3.1)</u>	30.9

(b) Diluted earnings per share

	2019	2018
	Cents	Cents
From continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company	<u>(3.1)</u>	15.1
Total diluted earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company	<u>(3.1)</u>	15.1

(c) Reconciliations of earnings used in calculating earnings per share

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Basic earnings per share</i>		
Profit/(loss) attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company used in calculating basic earnings per share:		
From continuing operations	<u>(12,673)</u>	55,304
Profit/(loss) attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company used in calculating basic earnings per share	<u>(12,673)</u>	55,304

(d) Earnings per share

(i) Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing:

- The profit attributable to owners of the Company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares; and
- By the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year and excluding treasury shares.

(ii) Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share to take into account:

- The after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares; and
- The weighted average number of additional ordinary shares that would have been outstanding assuming the conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

22 Earnings per share (continued)

(e) Weighted average number of shares used as denominator

	2019 Number	2018 Number
<i>Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating basic earnings per share</i>	409,168,339	178,782,570
Adjustments for calculation of diluted earnings per share:		
Amounts uncalled on partly paid shares and calls in arrears	93,410,609	93,410,609
Options	93,410,609	93,410,609
<i>Weighted average number of ordinary and potential ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating diluted earnings per share</i>	595,989,557	365,603,788

23 Carrying amounts of non-current assets pledged as security

The carrying amounts of non-current assets pledged as security for current and non-current borrowings are:

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Non-current		
<i>First mortgage</i>		
Freehold land and buildings	1,324	1,324
Plant and equipment	32,498	32,626
Mine properties	45,757	51,014
Exploration and evaluation assets	20,888	17,415
	100,467	102,379
<i>Finance lease</i>		
Plant and equipment	10,212	9,466
Total non-current assets pledged as security	110,679	111,845
Total assets pledged as security	110,679	111,845

24 Parent entity financial information

(a) Summary financial information

The individual financial statements for the Parent entity show the following aggregate amounts:

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Balance sheet		
Current assets	3,557	5,306
Non-current assets	117,530	118,653
Total assets	121,087	123,959
Current liabilities	2,521	1,942
Total liabilities	2,521	1,942
<i>Shareholders' equity</i>		
Contributed equity	420,835	388,179
Convertible preference shares (Redeemable and Non-Redeemable)	4,208	4,208
Reserves	2,720	2,146
Accumulated losses	(309,197)	(272,515)
	118,566	122,018
(Loss)/profit for the year	(36,882)	11,084
Total comprehensive (loss)/profit	(36,682)	11,084

(b) Guarantees entered into by the Parent entity

The Parent entity has provided financial guarantees in respect of performance bonds for work commitments on mining and mineral exploration tenements, for the Parent entity and its subsidiaries secured by cash deposits amounting to \$3,785,900 with other cash backed financial guarantees of \$103,830 which totalled \$3,889,730. Total guarantees for the prior year were \$3,889,730.

In addition the Parent entity also provided a parent company guarantee in relation to the PAG SPOV debt facilities to Tritton Resources Pty Ltd.

(c) Contingent liabilities of the Parent entity

The Parent entity did not have any contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2019 or 30 June 2018. For information about guarantees given by the Parent entity, please see above.

(d) Contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant or equipment

The Parent entity did not have any contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant or equipment as at 30 June 2019 or 30 June 2018.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are for the Consolidated Entity consisting of Aeris Resources Limited and its subsidiaries.

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Aeris Resources Limited is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

Where necessary, comparative information has been restated to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

The presentation currency used in this financial report is Australian dollars.

(i) *New and amended standards adopted by the group*

Certain new accounting standards and amendments to standards have been published that are mandatory for 30 June 2019 reporting periods. The Group has assessed these new standards and amendments and they do not materially impact the amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period and are not likely to affect any future periods. The Group early adopted AASB 9 during the year ended 30 June 2018. The Group has not early adopted any standard during the year ended 30 June 2019.

The Group has adopted all of the new, revised or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period. The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretation did not have any significant impact on financial performance or position of the Group. Any new, revised or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

The only new accounting standard that is mandatory to apply, for the period commencing 1 July 2018, is that of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers which outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. It supersedes current revenue recognition guidance including AASB 118 Revenues, AASB 111 Construction Contracts and related interpretations. The new standard is based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer. The Group assessed the effects of applying the new standard to the Group's operations including the impact on the offtake agreement for 100% of the Copper Concentrate produced at its Tritton Copper Operations, that accounts for the majority of the Group's revenue.

The Group early adopted AASB 9 in its 30 June 2018 financial statements, which resulted in changes in accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The accounting policies were changed to comply with AASB 9. AASB 9 replaced the provisions of AASB 139 that relate to the recognition, classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities; derecognition of financial instruments; impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting. AASB 9 also significantly amends other standards dealing with financial instruments such as AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures.

(ii) *New standards and interpretations not yet adopted*

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2019 reporting years and have not been early adopted by the Group.

The Group's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

(ii) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)

Title of standard	of AASB 16 Leases
Nature change	AASB 16 was issued in February 2016 and replaces AASB 117 Leases. It will result in almost all leases being recognised on the balance sheet as the distinction between operating and finance leases is removed. Under the new standard, an asset (the right to use the leased item) and a financial liability to pay rentals are recognised. The only exceptions are short-term and low-value leases. The accounting by lessors, however, will not significantly change.
Impact	<p>The Group has set up a project team which has reviewed all of the Group's leasing arrangements over the last year in light of the new lease accounting rules in AASB 16. The standard will affect primarily the accounting for the Group's operating leases.</p> <p>As at the reporting date, the Group has non-cancellable operating lease commitments of \$262,000 see note 17 all of which are low value with the expenses to be recognised on a straight line basis in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.</p> <p>For the remaining lease commitments the Group expects to recognise right-of-use assets of approximately \$2,000,000 on 1 July 2019, lease liabilities of approximately \$1,800,000 and deferred tax assets of approximately \$600,000. Overall, net assets will be approximately \$300,000 lower and net current assets approximately \$1,000,000 lower, due to the presentation of a portion of the liability as current liability.</p> <p>Operating cash flows will increase and financing cash flows decrease approximately \$1,000,000 as repayment of the principal portion of the lease liabilities will be classified as cash flows from financing activities.</p>
Mandatory application date/ Date of adoption by Group	<p>The group will apply the standard from its mandatory adoption date of 1 July 2019. The group intends to apply the simplified transition approach and will not restate comparative amounts for the year prior to first adoption. Right-of-use assets for property leases will be measured on transition as if the new rules had always been applied. All other right-of-use assets will be measured at the amount of the lease liability on adoption (adjusted for any prepaid or accrued lease expenses).</p> <p>Under the modified retrospective approach, the right of use asset may be deemed to be equivalent to the liability at transition or calculated retrospectively as at inception of the lease, on a lease-by-lease basis.</p>

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that would be expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting years and on foreseeable future transactions.

(iii) Compliance with IFRS

The financial statements of the Group also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

(iv) Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through the profit and loss.

(v) Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 12.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Principles of consolidation

(i) Subsidiaries

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Consolidated Entity.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Balance Sheet respectively.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Aeris Resources Limited ('company' or 'Parent entity') as at 30 June 2019 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Aeris Resources Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in this financial report as the Group or the Consolidated Entity.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

(ii) Changes in ownership interests

The Consolidated Entity treats transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in a loss of control as transactions with equity owners of the Consolidated Entity. A change in ownership interest results in an adjustment between the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests to reflect their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount of the adjustment to non-controlling interests and any consideration paid or received are recognised in a separate reserve within equity attributable to owners of Aeris Resources Limited.

When the Consolidated Entity ceases to have control, joint control or significant influence, any retained interest in the entity is re-measured to its fair value with the change in carrying amount recognised in the income statement. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest of an associate, jointly controlled entity or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Consolidated Entity had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to the income statement.

If the ownership interest in a jointly-controlled entity or an associate is reduced but joint control or significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to the income statement where appropriate.

(iii) Joint ventures

Jointly controlled assets

The proportionate interests in the assets, liabilities and expenses of a joint venture activity have been incorporated in the financial statements under the appropriate headings.

(c) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Consolidated Entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollar (\$), which is Aeris Resources Limited's functional and presentation currency.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Foreign currency translation (continued)

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at year end exchange rates are generally recognised in profit or loss. They are deferred in equity if they relate to qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges or are attributable to part of the net investment in a foreign operation.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings are presented in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income on a net basis within other income or other expenses.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss.

(iii) Foreign operations

The results and financial position of foreign operations that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- Assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- Income and expenses for each Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income are translated at average exchange rates (unless this is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions); and
- All resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of any net investment in foreign entities, and of borrowings and other financial instruments designated as hedges of such investments, are recognised in other comprehensive income. When a foreign operation is sold or any borrowings forming part of the net investment are repaid, the associated exchange differences are reclassified to the income statement, as part of the gain or loss on sale.

Fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate for the year.

(d) Revenue recognition

(i) Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans is recognised using the original effective interest rate.

(ii) Dividends

Dividends are recognised as revenue when the right to receive payment is established. This applies even if they are paid out of pre-acquisition profits. However, the investment may need to be tested for impairment as a consequence, refer note 25(h).

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the controlled entity has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's inception at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in current or non-current interest bearing liabilities. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each year. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Consolidated Entity will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term.

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are not transferred to the Consolidated Entity as lessee are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the periods in which they are incurred, as this represents the pattern of benefits derived from the leased asset.

(f) Impairment of assets

Mining properties that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units).

Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

(g) Non-current assets (or disposal groups) held for sale and discontinued operations

Non-current assets (or disposal Groups) are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use and a sale is considered highly probable. They are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell, except for assets such as deferred tax assets, assets arising from employee benefits, financial assets and investment property that are carried at fair value and contractual rights under insurance contracts, which are specifically exempt from this requirement.

An impairment loss is recognised for any initial or subsequent write-down of the asset (or disposal Group) to fair value less costs to sell. A gain is recognised for any subsequent increases in fair value less costs to sell of an asset (or disposal group), but not in excess of any cumulative impairment loss previously recognised. A gain or loss not previously recognised by the date of the sale of the non-current asset (or disposal group) is recognised at the date of de-recognition.

Non-current assets (including those that are part of a disposal group) are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held for sale. Interest and other expenses attributable to the liabilities of a disposal group classified as held for sale continue to be recognised.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale and the assets of a disposal group classified as held for sale are presented separately from the other assets in the balance sheet. The liabilities of a disposal group classified as held for sale are presented separately from other liabilities in the balance sheet.

A discontinued operation is a component of the entity that has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale and that represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations, is part of a single co-ordinated plan to dispose of such a line of business or area of operations, or is a subsidiary acquired exclusively with a view to resale. The results of discontinued operations are presented separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Investments and other financial assets

(i) Classification

The Group classifies its investments in the following categories:

- Those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income or through profit or loss); and
- Those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will be recorded in the statement of comprehensive income. For investments in debt instruments, this will depend on the business model in which the investment is held. For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income. See note 8 for details about each type of financial asset.

The Group reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

(ii) Measurement

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

(iii) Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are three measurement categories into which the Group classifies its debt instruments:

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

- Amortised cost:

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at amortised cost and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognised in statement of comprehensive income when the asset is derecognised or impaired. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Investments and other financial assets (continued)

(iii) Debt instruments (continued)

- Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI):

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in other gains/(losses). Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in other gains and losses and impairment expenses in other expenses.

- Fair value through profit or loss:

Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at fair value through profit or loss. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income and presented net in the statement of comprehensive income within other gains/(losses) in the period in which it arises.

(iv) Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in other comprehensive income, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to the statement of comprehensive income following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in other gain/(losses) in the statement of comprehensive income as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

(v) Impairment

The Group assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost and FVOCI. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. Note 13 details how the Group determines whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by AASB 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables.

(i) Derivatives and hedging activities

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured to their fair value at the end of each reporting period. The accounting for subsequent changes in fair value depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged and the type of hedge relationship designated.

The Group documents at the inception of the hedging transaction the economic relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items including whether the hedging instrument is expected to offset changes in cash flows of hedged items. The Group documents its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions at the inception of each hedge relationship.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Derivatives and hedging activities (continued)

The fair values of derivative financial instruments used for hedging purposes are disclosed in note 13. Movements in the hedging reserve in shareholders' equity are shown in note 10(c). The full fair value of a hedging derivative is classified as a non-current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is more than 12 months; it is classified as a current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is less than 12 months. Trading derivatives are classified as a current asset or liability.

(i) Cash flow hedges that qualify for hedge accounting

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within equity, limited to the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item on a present value basis from the inception of the hedge. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income, within other income (expenses).

Gains or losses relating to the effective portion of the change in intrinsic value of the option contracts are recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within equity. The changes in the time value of the option contracts that relate to the hedged item ('aligned time value') are recognised within other comprehensive income in the costs of hedging reserve within equity.

When forward contracts are used to hedge forecast transactions the Group hedges their exposure to the variability in cash flows attributable to movements in the AUD copper price on forecast sales. Gains or losses relating to the effective portion of the change in the spot component of the forward contracts are recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within equity. The change in the forward element of the contract that relates to the hedged item ('aligned forward element') is recognised within other comprehensive income in the costs of hedging reserve within equity. In some cases, the entity may designate the full change in fair value of the forward contract (including forward points) as the hedging instrument. In such cases, the gains or losses relating to the effective portion of the change in fair value of the entire forward contract are recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within equity.

Amounts accumulated in equity are reclassified in the years when the hedged item affects the statement of comprehensive income, as follows:

- The gain or loss relating to the effective portion of the spot component of forward contracts is treated as follows. The deferred amounts are ultimately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as the hedged item affects profit or loss; or
- The gain or loss relating to the effective portion of the forward copper contracts - cash flow hedges is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

When a hedging instrument expires, or is sold or terminated, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative deferred gain or loss and deferred costs of hedging in equity at that time remains in equity until the forecast transaction occurs. When the forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss and deferred costs of hedging that were reported in equity are immediately reclassified to the statement of comprehensive income.

Hedge ineffectiveness is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses.

(ii) Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting

Certain derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any derivative instrument that does not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and are included in other income or other expenses.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Mine properties in use

Certain mining costs, principally those that relate to the stripping of waste and which relate to future economically recoverable ore to be mined, have been capitalised and included in the balance sheet as deferred mining. These costs are deferred or taken to the cost of production as the case may be, so that each tonne of ore mined bears the average costs of waste removal per tonne of ore, as determined by the waste to ore ratio derived from the current pit design and incurs the associated variable contract mining costs specific to the production area from which that ore is mined. The waste to ore ratio and the remaining life of the mine are regularly assessed by the Directors and senior management to ensure the carrying value and rate of deferral is appropriate.

(k) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 45 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months from the reporting date. They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(l) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the draw down occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a prepayment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

Borrowings are removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income as other income or finance costs.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting year.

(m) Borrowing costs

General and specific borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalised in the year that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Qualifying assets are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale.

(n) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and accumulating sick leave that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the year in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting year and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liabilities are presented as current employee benefit obligations in the balance sheet.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(n) Employee benefits (continued)

(ii) Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liabilities for long service leave and annual leave are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the year in which the employees render the related service. They are therefore measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting year using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting year of high-quality corporate bonds with terms and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Remeasurements as a result of experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognised in profit or loss.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting year, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(iii) Share-based payments

Share based compensation benefits are provided to employees via the Aeris Resources Limited ESAP.

Share based compensation under the ESAP is measured as the value of the option inherent within shares issued under this plan and is expensed over the vesting period of the shares with a corresponding credit to the share based payments reserve.

(iv) Termination benefits

Liabilities for termination benefits, not in connection with the acquisition of an entity or operation, are recognised when a detailed plan for the terminations has been developed and a valid expectation has been raised in those employees affected that the terminations will be carried out. The liabilities for termination benefits are recognised in other creditors unless the amount or timing of the payments is uncertain, in which case they are recognised as provisions.

Liabilities for termination benefits expected to be settled within 12 months are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when they are settled. Amounts expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are measured as the estimated cash outflows, discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future payments, where the effect of discounting is material.

Employee benefit on-costs, including payroll tax, are recognised and included in employee benefit liabilities and costs when the employee benefits to which they relate are recognised as liabilities.

(o) Contributed equity

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares for the acquisition of a business are expensed.

(p) Preference equity

The classification of preference shares is based on the assessment of the contractual arrangement's substance and the definitions of a financial liability and equity instrument. Non-redeemable shares where dividends are discretionary and Redeemable preference shares, at the issuer's option does not give rise to a contractual obligation to pay cash, they are classified as Equity as it represents an equity interest in the Company and any conversion is into a fixed number of ordinary shares in Aeris Resources Limited.

(q) Parent entity financial information

The financial information for the Parent entity, Aeris Resources Limited, disclosed in note 24 has been prepared on the same basis as the consolidated financial statements, except as set out below.

25 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(q) Parent entity financial information (continued)

(i) Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint venture entities

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint venture entities are accounted for at cost in the financial statements of Aeris Resources Limited. Dividends received from associates are recognised in the Parent entity's income statement, rather than being deducted from the carrying amount of these investments.

(ii) Tax consolidation legislation

Aeris Resources Limited and its wholly-owned Australian controlled entities have implemented the tax consolidation legislation.

The head entity, Aeris Resources Limited, and the controlled entities in the tax consolidated group account for their own current and deferred tax amounts. These tax amounts are measured as if each entity in the tax consolidated group continues to be a stand alone taxpayer in its own right.

In addition to its own current and deferred tax amounts, Aeris Resources Limited also recognises the current tax liabilities (or assets) and the deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits assumed from controlled entities in the tax consolidated group.

The entities have also entered into a tax funding agreement under which the wholly-owned entities fully compensate Aeris Resources Limited for any current tax payable assumed and are compensated by Aeris Resources Limited for any current tax receivable and deferred tax assets relating to unused tax losses or unused tax credits that are transferred to Aeris Resources Limited under the tax consolidation legislation. The funding amounts are determined by reference to the amounts recognised in the wholly-owned entities' financial statements.

Assets or liabilities arising under tax funding agreements with the tax consolidated entities are recognised as current amounts receivable from or payable to other entities in the tax consolidated Group.

Any difference between the amounts assumed and amounts receivable or payable under the tax funding agreement are recognised as a contribution to (or distribution from) wholly owned tax consolidated entities.

(r) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

(s) Rounding of amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in Legislative Instrument 2016/91, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off in accordance with that instrument to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

**Aeris Resources Limited
Directors' Declaration
30 June 2019**

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 23 to 82 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and
 - (ii) Giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Note 1 confirms that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The Directors have been given the declarations by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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



Andre Labuschagne
Director

Brisbane
29 August 2019



Independent auditor's report

To the members of Aeris Resources Limited

Report on the audit of the financial report

Our opinion

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of Aeris Resources Limited (the Company) and its controlled entities (together the Group) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What we have audited

The Group financial report comprises:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2019
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies
- the directors' declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report.

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

Independence

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 and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

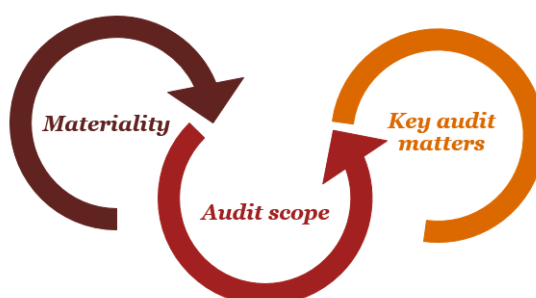
Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 3 in the financial report, which indicates that the Group incurred a net loss of \$12.673 million during the year ended 30 June 2019 and, as of that date, the Group’s current liabilities exceeded its current assets by \$ 37.686 million, primarily as a result of \$ 48.919 million of borrowings being repayable in March 2020. As a result, the Group is dependent on generating sufficient cash from operations or accessing other sources of capital or funding to enable it to repay these borrowings by its due date. These conditions, along with other matters set forth in Note 3, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Our audit approach

An audit is designed to provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial report as a whole, taking into account the geographic and management structure of the Group, its accounting processes and controls and the industry in which it operates.



Materiality	Audit scope	Key audit matters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of our audit we used overall Group materiality of \$ 2.1 million, which represents approximately 1% of the Group’s three years average revenue. We applied this threshold, together with qualitative considerations, to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our audit focused on where the Group made subjective judgements; for example, significant accounting estimates involving assumptions and inherently uncertain future events. The Group has exploration and production assets at the Tritton mine in New South Wales. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amongst other relevant topics, we communicated the following key audit matters to the Audit and Risk Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying value of Tritton Operations assets Carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets These are further described in the <i>Key audit matters</i> section of our report, except for the matter which is described in the



our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements on the financial report as a whole.

- We chose the Group’s revenue because, in our view, it is the benchmark against which the performance of the Group is commonly measured. Due to the recent volatility in profit before tax from year to year, we chose a three year average.
- We utilised a 1% threshold based on our professional judgement, noting it is within the range of commonly acceptable thresholds.

- The accounting processes are structured around the head office finance function at the Group’s corporate office in Brisbane, where we predominantly performed our audit procedures. The audit engagement team also conducted a site visit to the Tritton mine.

Material uncertainty related to going concern section.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report for the current period. The key audit matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. Further, any commentary on the outcomes of a particular audit procedure is made in that context.

In addition to the matter described in the *Material uncertainty related to going concern* section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

<i>Key audit matter</i>	<i>How our audit addressed the key audit matter</i>
<p><i>Carrying value of Tritton Operations assets</i> <i>Refer to note 9 (b), 12 (iii) and 25 (f) to the financial report</i></p> <p>The Group recognises property, plant and equipment used in Tritton mine operations. Due to the net assets of the Group exceeding its market capitalisation, the Group identified indicators of impairment in the Tritton operations assets. As a result, the Group tested the Tritton operations assets for impairment by calculating the fair value less costs of disposal (FVLCD) of the Tritton operations assets Cash Generating Unit (CGU), using a discounted cash flow model.</p>	<p>We performed the following audit procedures, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We evaluated the Group’s assessment of whether there was any indicator of impairment of its Tritton operations assets CGU as at 30 June 2019 by comparing the considerations included in the Group’s assessment to the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards. • Considered whether the discounted cash flow model used to estimate the FVLCD (the impairment model) was consistent with the basis required by Australian Accounting Standards • Compared forecast cash flows used in the

<i>Key audit matter</i>	<i>How our audit addressed the key audit matter</i>
<p>The carrying value of Tritton operations assets was a key audit matter due to the significance of their carrying value, and because the Group's determination of the FVLCD of the CGU involves significant judgements about assumptions, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cash flow projections based on the Group's budget and forecasts, which include assumptions about commodity prices, exchange rates, reserves and mine planning scheduling and production costs and • post-tax discount rates based on benchmarked market inputs, risk adjusted where necessary. 	<p>model with the most up-to-date budgets and business plans formally approved by the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered management's track record for budgeting by comparing budgets to actuals for the past three years. • Considered whether the forecast cash flows used in the impairment model were based on supportable assumptions by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comparing the copper price data used in the impairment model to industry forecasts ○ Comparing the forecasted cash flows to actual cash flows for previous years to assess the accuracy of the Group's forecasting ○ Comparing the foreign exchange rate assumption in the impairment model to current economic forecasts and ○ Assisted by PwC valuation experts, we considered the inputs into the Group's weighted average cost of capital calculation used to determine the discount rate. This included comparing inputs to peer company betas, risk free rate and gearing ratios. • Performed a sensitivity analysis on key assumptions in the model including changing the commodity prices and discount rates to assess the impact on the outcome of the calculation • Tested the mathematical accuracy of a sample of the model's calculations; and • Evaluated the adequacy of the disclosures, including those regarding the key assumptions in the valuation and sensitivities to changes in such assumptions, in light of the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.
<p><i>Carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets</i> Refer to note 9 (c) to the financial report</p>	<p>We evaluated the Group's impairment trigger assessment by performing a number of procedures including the following:</p>



<i>Key audit matter</i>	<i>How our audit addressed the key audit matter</i>
<p>The Group's exploration portfolio includes six exploration licences over the Tritton volcanogenic massive sulphide deposit in New South Wales and Torrens projects on Lake Torres in South Australia. As required by Australian Accounting Standards, the Group performed an impairment trigger assessment of its exploration and evaluation tenements assets at 30 June 2019 and determined that there were no indicators of impairment.</p> <p>The carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets was a key audit matter due to the financial significance of the exploration and evaluation assets and the judgement required in estimating resources available in each tenement that requires further exploration and evaluation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interviewing key operational and finance staff to develop an understanding of the current status and future exploration intentions for each asset• Inspecting the budgets for each tenement to check that future expenditure is budgeted for exploration and evaluation assets• Identifying any areas where the Group's right to explore is either at, or close to, expiry through reference to the tenements' lease expiry dates and assessing the appropriateness of retaining the associated costs as an asset by obtaining copies of applications for renewal of the leases with relevant authorities• Identifying any unsuccessful exploration activities during the year by inspecting the results of drilling and other activities conducted during the year and considering the Group's future exploration plans for the related tenements• Identifying any changes in exploration plans for each tenement by considering the exploration and evaluating activities planned during the year ending 30 June 2020;• For a sample of additions to exploration assets capitalised as at 30 June 2019, compared amounts and details to relevant invoices and appropriate supporting documents.• Evaluated whether, in view of the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards, the financial report provide adequate disclosures for exploration and evaluation assets.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2019, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Prior to the date of this auditor's report, the other information we obtained included the directors' report. We expect the remaining other information to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.



Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express an opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

When we read the other information not yet received, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to the directors and use our professional judgement to determine the appropriate action to take.

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

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

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar1.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



Report on the remuneration report

Our opinion on the remuneration report

We have audited the remuneration report included in pages 10 to 20 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2019.

In our opinion, the remuneration report of Aeris Resources Limited for the year ended 30 June 2019 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the remuneration report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the remuneration report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

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Simon Neill
Partner

Brisbane
29 August 2019