

Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd

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**Annual report
for the financial year ended
31 March 2024**

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Directors' report

The directors present their report on Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd (the "Company") for the year ended 31 March 2024. In order to comply with the provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*, the directors report as follows:

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of the Company during the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Motoi Yamamoto
 Toru Kojima (resigned 31 May 2023)
 Hideaki Kusaka (appointed 1 June 2023)
 Takeo Okubo (resigned 1 June 2024)
 Shinsuke Sato (appointed 1 June 2024)
 Shuzo Kato (resigned 1 April 2024)
 Yuji Hoshino (appointed 1 April 2024)
 Norimasa Matsuzawa
 Gavin Patterson (alternate director for Motoi Yamamoto)
 Isao Sato (alternate director for Hideaki Kusaka) (resigned 1 March 2024)
 Taro Hagiwara (alternate director for Hideaki Kusaka) (appointed 1 March 2024)
 Shintaro Sato (alternate director for Takeo Okubo) (resigned 1 May 2024)
 Koichi Hirao (alternate director for Shinsuke Sato) (appointed 1 June 2024)
 Naotake Tsuchiya (alternate director for Yuji Hoshino) (appointed 1 April 2024)
 Nitchu Otsubo (alternate director for Norimasa Matsuzawa)

Principal activities

The Company's principal continuing activity in the course of the financial year was its 10% interest in the Mt Newman Joint Venture operated by BHP, which is engaged in iron ore operations (including mining, processing, product blending, railing, shipping & sales). During the financial year there was no significant change in the nature of that activity.

Dividends

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Interim ordinary dividend	208,000	150,000
Final ordinary dividend of the prior financial year	140,000	200,000
	348,000	350,000

Dividends paid to shareholders were franked to 100% at 30% corporate income tax rate.

Review of operations

Iron ore sales revenue for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 was up by 17% compared to the previous financial year. This was driven by favourable iron ore price, higher sales volume and a favourable foreign exchange. The net profit after tax for the financial year was higher compared to the previous financial year. Sales volumes (in 100% terms) were 139.0Mwmt compared to 131.0Mwmt in the previous financial year.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Subsequent events

Subsequent to the financial year ended 31 March 2024, a final ordinary dividend of \$315,000,000 was declared on 10 June 2024 and paid on 18 June 2024.

Other than the matters outlined above, there has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

Disclosure of information on likely developments in the operations of the Company and the expected results of operations have not been included in this annual report because the directors believe it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Company.

Environmental regulation

The Company has exposures to environmental regulations through participation in the Mt Newman Joint Venture (operated by BHP) in respect of exploration, mining, transport and power generation activities in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Licenses to explore and mine are issued under the *Mining Act 1978* with activities also subject to regulations under *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The Manager of the joint venture (BHP) is responsible for ongoing compliance with environmental regulations and guidelines. The directors have not been advised by the Manager of the joint venture of any significant noncompliance during the year.

Indemnification of officers and auditors

During the financial year, a related company of the Company paid a premium in respect of a contract insuring the directors of the Company (as named above), the company secretaries, its officers and of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such a director, secretary or officer to the extent permitted by the Corporation Act. The contract of the insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

The Company has not otherwise, during or since the end of the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an auditor of the Company or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such an auditor.

Proceedings on behalf of the company

There are no persons applying for leave under s.237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* to bring, or intervene in proceedings on behalf of the Company.

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is included on page 6.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors pursuant to section 298(2) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Motoi Yamamoto
President and Managing Director
Place: Perth
Date: 24th July 2024

Motoi Yamamoto

The Board of Directors
Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd
Level 25 Exchange Tower
2 The Esplanade
PERTH WA 6000

24 July 2024

Dear Board Members

Auditor's Independence Declaration to Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- The auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully


DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



D K Andrews
Partner
Chartered Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd (the "Company") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 March 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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 are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

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

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express 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, 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.

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 – Simplified Disclosures 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 Company 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 Company or to cease operations, or has 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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



D K Andrews
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Perth, 24 July 2024

Directors' declaration

The directors declare that:

- (a) in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company.

This declaration is signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s.295(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors.



Motoi Yamamoto
President and Managing Director
Place: Perth
Date: 24th July 2024

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Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Revenue	2(a)	2,396,343	2,050,624
Other income	2(b)	23,567	24,531
Joint Venture operating costs		(1,199,836)	(1,054,046)
Royalties		(78,972)	(72,996)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	3	(141,738)	(144,978)
Impairment losses	3	(4,494)	(5,706)
Shipping costs		(176,072)	(172,250)
Sales commission expense		(42,027)	(35,980)
Service fees	20	(1,108)	(891)
Finance costs	3	(9,438)	(7,853)
Other expenses	3	(8,834)	(8,649)
Profit before income tax		757,391	571,806
Income tax expense	4	(227,383)	(171,976)
Profit for the year		530,008	399,830
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Items that were classified subsequently to profit or loss account from cash flow hedge reserve			
Gain on changes in fair value of hedging instruments (net of tax)	19(a)	412	321
Reclassified to the profit or loss statement	19(a)	(412)	(321)
Total cash flow hedge reserve		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		530,008	399,830

The above Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd
Statement of financial position
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	449,958	328,959
Trade and other receivables	6	106,332	95,853
Current tax receivables		-	24,500
Inventories	7	134,221	130,618
Prepayments		1,224	1,060
Other financial assets		56,068	14,812
Total current assets		747,803	595,802
Non-current assets			
Inventories	8	36,535	22,539
Deferred expenditure	9	49,872	55,396
Property, plant and equipment	10	1,482,991	1,429,577
Right-of-use assets	11	10,441	14,058
Intangible assets	12	3,958	2,393
Financial assets	13	971	965
Total non-current assets		1,584,768	1,524,928
Total assets		2,332,571	2,120,730
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	93,957	78,901
Current tax liabilities		11,412	-
Provisions	15	31,737	27,026
Lease liabilities	16	3,348	3,970
Total current liabilities		140,454	109,897
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	4	33,212	50,988
Provisions	17	129,391	109,367
Lease liabilities	16	6,989	9,961
Total non-current liabilities		169,592	170,316
Total liabilities		310,046	280,213
Net assets		2,022,525	1,840,517
EQUITY			
Issued capital	18	8,086	8,086
Retained earnings	19(b)	2,014,439	1,832,431
Total equity		2,022,525	1,840,517

The above Statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Notes	Contributed equity \$'000	Reserves \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 April 2022	8,086	-	1,782,601	1,790,687
Profit for the year	-	-	399,830	399,830
Gain on changes in FV of hedging instruments (net of tax)	-	321	-	321
Reclassified to the profit or loss statement	-	(321)	-	(321)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	399,830	399,830
Dividends provided for or paid	-	-	(350,000)	(350,000)
Balance at 31 March 2023	8,086	-	1,832,431	1,840,517
Balance at 1 April 2023	8,086	-	1,832,431	1,840,517
Profit for the year	-	-	530,008	530,008
Gain on changes in FV of hedging instruments (net of tax)	-	412	-	412
Reclassified to the profit or loss statement	-	(412)	-	(412)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	530,008	530,008
Dividends provided for or paid	-	-	(348,000)	(348,000)
Balance at 31 March 2024	8,086	-	2,014,439	2,022,525

The above Statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		2,391,134	2,070,125
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,546,298)	(1,353,211)
Interest paid		(969)	(258)
Income taxes paid		(209,247)	(222,169)
Interest received		17,491	8,289
Net cash generated by operating activities	25	652,111	502,776
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(169,349)	(159,773)
Payments for deferred expenditure		(9,588)	(6,124)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		211	115
Net cash used in investing activities		(178,726)	(165,782)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Payment of lease liabilities		(4,386)	(4,289)
Dividends paid	21(a)	(348,000)	(350,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(352,386)	(354,289)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		120,999	(17,295)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		328,959	346,254
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	449,958	328,959

The above Statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1 Summary of material accounting policies

The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) General information

This financial report covers Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd as an individual entity. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd's registered office and principal place of business is:

Level 25, Exchange Tower
2 The Esplanade
Perth, WA 6000

(b) Material accounting policies

Statement of compliance

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit Entities, and comply with other requirements of the law.

For the purposes of preparing the financial statements, the Company is a for-profit entity.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 24th July 2024.

Basis of preparation

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except for the revaluation of certain financial instruments and assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts are presented in thousand Australian dollars.

Rounding of amounts

The Company is of the kind referred to in ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191, dated 24 March 2016, and in accordance with the requirements of the legislative corporation instrument amounts in the financial report are rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

(c) Interest in joint arrangements

Investments in joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures. The classification depends on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor. The Company has only joint operations. The Company recognises its direct right to the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of joint operations and its share of any jointly held or incurred assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. These have been incorporated in the financial statements under the appropriate headings.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Foreign currency translation

(i) *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of the Company's operations are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) *Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the profit and loss, except when deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges.

At each balance sheet date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the balance date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

(e) Other financial assets/liabilities

Other financial assets/liabilities are measured at fair value. Short term deposits represents the excess of cash called funds held on deposit by the Joint Venture Manager on behalf of the participants and they are recognised as other financial assets. When these deposits are in overdraft, they are recognised as other financial liabilities.

(f) Revenue recognition

(i) *Sale of iron ore (as disclosed in note 2a)*

The Company recognises sales revenue related to the transfer of promised goods or services when control of the goods or services passes to the customer. The amount of revenue recognised reflects the consideration to which the Company is or expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

In most instances, control passes and sales revenue is recognised when the product is delivered onto the vessel at the load port or truck at a designated China port. As such, there is only one performance obligation, being for provision of product at the point where control passes.

The Company's products are sold to customers under contracts which vary in tenure and pricing mechanisms, including some volumes sold in the spot market. Pricing for iron ore is on a range of terms, the majority being either monthly or quarterly average pricing mechanisms, with a smaller proportion of iron ore volumes being sold on the spot market.

The majority of the Company's products are sold on a provisional price basis in accordance with the sales contract terms. Revenue is recorded using the provisional pricing and where required, revenue is adjusted in the period for a price difference estimate between provisional invoice values and the anticipated final price. Price difference accruals are reversed in the following period when the quotation period price is finalised and the final price adjustment invoice is recorded in revenue.

The Company has a number of long-term contracts to supply product to customers in future periods. Generally, revenues are recognised on an as invoiced basis, hence, the right to consideration from a customer corresponds directly with the entity's performance completed to date. The Company does not disclose information on the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied as this information is not considered relevant or material to the users of the financial statements.

Presentation and disclosures

Sales revenue as reported in the income statement comprises revenue from contracts with customers, which is accounted for under AASB 15 "*Revenue from Contracts with Customers*" and subsequent movements in provisionally priced receivables which are accounted for under AASB 9 "*Financial Instruments*".

The Company does not separately disclose the freight and insurance services component of the total sales revenue.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(f) Revenue recognition (continued)

(ii) Interest income

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period.

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost.

(g) Income tax

The income tax expense or revenue for the period is the tax payable on the current period'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.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to apply when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted for each jurisdiction. The relevant tax rates are applied to the cumulative amounts of deductible and taxable temporary differences to measure the deferred tax asset or liability. An exception is made for certain temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of an asset or a liability. No deferred tax asset or liability is recognised in relation to these temporary differences if they arise in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction does not affect either accounting profit or taxable profit or loss, and does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

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

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity are also recognised directly in equity.

Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd has not implemented the tax consolidation legislation.

(h) Impairment of assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets 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).

With the exception of available-for-sale equity 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, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the 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 that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(j) Trade receivables

All recognised financial assets (e.g: trade receivables) are measured in their entirety at amortised cost given the financial assets are held with the sole objective to hold (rather than sell) in order to collect contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (if any) on the principal amount outstanding.

Where required, the Company would recognise a loss allowance for expected credit losses (ECL) on trade receivables, to reflect changes in credit risk of trade receivables. The Company always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables. The expected credit losses are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Company's historical credit loss experience adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money, where appropriate. Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial asset (e.g: trade receivable).

The amount of expected credit losses is then updated at each reporting date to reflect, if any, changes in credit risk since the initial recognition of respective trade receivables.

Other receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment. Interest receivables are recognised by applying the effective interest rate.

(k) Inventories

(i) *Raw materials, work in progress and finished goods*

Raw materials, 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, or the purchased cost. 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.

(ii) *Warehouse inventories*

Warehouse inventories, comprising mainly spares and stores, is stated at the lower cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a weighted average basis less a provision for obsolescence.

(l) Derivatives and hedging activities

The Company enters into a variety of derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to foreign exchange rate risks.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently revalued to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which case it is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the cash flow hedging reserve. The accumulated gain or loss is reclassified to profit or loss when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised.

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset whereas a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability. Derivatives are not offset in the financial statements unless the Company has both legal right and intention to offset. A derivative is presented as a non-current asset or a non-current liability if the remaining maturity of the instrument is more than 12 months and it is not expected to be realised or settled within 12 months. Other derivative are presented as current assets or current liabilities.

The Company designates certain derivatives as hedging instruments in respect of foreign currency risk in cash flow hedges. Hedges of foreign exchange risk on highly probable forecast transactions are accounted for as cash flow hedges.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(l) Derivatives and hedging activities(continued)

At the inception of the hedge relationship, the Company documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item, along with its risk management objectives and its strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. Furthermore, at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Company documents whether the hedging instrument is effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, which is when the hedging relationships meet all of the following hedge effectiveness requirements:

- there is an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument;
- the effect of credit risk does not dominate the value changes that result from that economic relationship; and
- the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship is the same as that resulting from the quantity of the hedged item that the Company actually hedges and the quantity of the hedging instrument that the Company actually uses to hedge that quantity of hedged item.

If a hedging relationship ceases to meet the hedge effectiveness requirement relating to the hedge ratio but the risk management objective for that designated hedging relationship remains the same, the Company adjusts the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship (i.e. rebalances the hedge) so that it meets the qualifying criteria again.

Movement in the hedging reserves in equity are detailed in note 19(a).

(i) Cash flow hedge

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives and other qualifying hedging instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of cash flow hedging reserve, limited to the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item from inception of the hedge. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss, and is included in the 'other gains and losses' line item.

(m) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes. The fair value of forward exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange market rates at the balance sheet date.

(n) Property, plant and equipment

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.

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 Company 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 profit and loss during the reporting period in which they are incurred.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on the major categories of property, plant, equipment and right-of-use assets is calculated on a unit of production basis and/or straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- | | |
|--|--|
| • Buildings | 20 - 50 years |
| • Plant and equipment | 3 - 30 years straight-line |
| • Exploration evaluation and development | Based on the estimate life of reserves on a unit of production basis |
| • Right-of-use assets | Term of lease or useful life of underlying assets |

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

Only the development assets within the exploration evaluation and development category are being depreciated.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(n) Property, plant and equipment(continued)

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 (note 1(i)).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the profit or loss.

(o) Overburden removal and stripping expenditure

Overburden and other mine waste materials are often removed during the initial development of a mine site in order to access the mineral deposit. This activity is referred to as development stripping. The directly attributable costs (inclusive of an allocation of relevant overhead expenditure) are capitalised as a development stripping asset. Capitalisation of development stripping costs ceases at the time the saleable material begins to be extracted from the mine.

Production stripping commences at the time that saleable materials begin to be extracted from the mine and normally continues throughout the life of the mine. Stripping costs in the production phase of a surface mine are capitalised as a production stripping asset only when the following criteria are met:

- It is probable that the future economic benefit (improved access to the ore body) associated with the stripping activity will flow to the joint venture;
- The joint venture can identify the component of ore body for which access has been improved; and
- The costs relating to the stripping activity associated with that component can be measured reliably.

The production stripping asset is then depreciated on a systematic basis, over the expected useful life of the identified component of the ore body that becomes more accessible as a result of the stripping activity. The units of production method is applied for depreciation purposes. Changes to the estimated life of component ratio are accounted for prospectively from the date of the change.

(p) Exploration and evaluation expenditure

Exploration and evaluation expenditure in relation to each separate area of interest are recognised as an exploration and evaluation asset in the year in which they are incurred where the following conditions are satisfied:

- the rights to tenure of the area of interest are current, and
- such evaluation costs are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploration of the area of interest or alternatively, by its sales, or
- 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 reserves and active and significant operations in relation to the area are continuing.

Exploration and evaluation assets are initially measured at cost and include acquisition of mineral rights, studies, trenching and sampling and associated activities. General and administrative costs are only included in the measurement of exploration and evaluation costs where they are related directly to operational activities in a particular area of interest.

Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment when facts and circumstances (as identified in AASB 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources) suggest that the carrying amount of an exploration and evaluation asset may exceed its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of the exploration and evaluation asset (or the cash generating units to which it has been allocated, being no larger than the relevant area of interest) is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in previous years. Where a decision is made to proceed with development in respect of a particular area of interest, the relevant exploration and evaluation asset is tested for impairment and the balance is then reclassified to development cost.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(q) Development costs and mining rights

Development expenditure is recognised at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses. Where commercial production in an area of interest has commenced, the associated costs and mining rights are amortised over the estimated economic life of the mine or lease term on a straight line basis.

Changes in factors such as estimates of proved and probable reserves that affect economic life estimations are dealt with on a prospective basis.

(r) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(s) Provisions

Provisions for legal claims, service warranties and make good obligations are recognised when the Company 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 has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Provisions are measured at the present value of managements best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and risk specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

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.

(t) Dividends

Provision is made for the amount of any dividend declared, being appropriately authorised, on or before the end of the reporting period but not distributed at the end of the reporting period.

(u) Provision for restoration and rehabilitation

A provision for restoration and rehabilitation is recognised when there is a present obligation as a result of exploration, development, production, transportation or storage activities undertaken in joint ventures, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation based on the Joint Ventures' interpretation of environmental and regulatory requirements, and the amount of the provision can be measured reliably. The estimated future obligations include the costs of removing facilities, abandoning sites, land rehabilitation and restoring the affected areas.

The provision for future restoration costs is the best estimate of the present value of the expenditure required to settle the restoration obligation at the reporting date, based on current legal and other requirements and technology. Future restoration costs are reviewed annually and any changes in the estimate are reflected in the present value of the restoration provision at the end of the balance sheet date.

The initial estimate of the restoration and rehabilitation provision relating to exploration, development and production facilities is capitalised into the cost of the related asset and depreciated on the same basis as the related asset, unless the present obligation arises from the production of inventory in the period, in which case the amount is included in the cost of production for the period. Changes in the estimate of the provision for restoration and rehabilitation are treated in the same manner. The unwinding of the effect of discounting on the provision is recognised as a finance cost rather than being capitalised into the cost of the related asset.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(v) 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 net basis.

(w) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in applying the company's accounting policies

In the application of the Company's accounting policies management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Company has identified the following critical accounting policies under which significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are made and where actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods.

Reserve estimates

Reserves are estimates of the amount of product that can be economically and legally extracted from the Company's interests in properties. In order to calculate reserves, estimates and assumptions are required about a range of geological, technical and economic factors, including quantities, grades, production techniques, recovery rates, production costs, transport costs, commodity demand, commodity prices and exchange rates. Because the economic assumptions used to estimate reserves change from period to period, and because additional geological data is generated during the course of operations, estimates of reserves may change from period to period. Changes in reported reserves may affect the Company's financial results and financial position in a number of ways, including the following:

- Asset carrying values may be affected due to changes in estimated future cash flows.
- Depreciation and amortisation charged in the profit or loss may change where such charges are determined by the units of production basis, or where the useful economic lives of assets change.
- Overburden removal costs recorded on the balance sheet or charged in the profit or loss may change due to changes in stripping ratios or the units of production basis of depreciation.
- Decommissioning, site restoration and environmental provisions may change where changes in estimated reserves affect expectations about the timing or cost of these activities.

Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure

The Company's accounting policy for exploration, evaluation and development expenditure results in certain items of expenditure being capitalised for an area of interest where it is considered likely to be recoverable by future exploitation or sale or where the activities have not reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence of reserves. This policy requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions as to future events and circumstances, in particular whether an economically viable extraction operation can be established. Any such estimates and assumptions may change as new information becomes available. If, after having capitalised the expenditure under the policy, a judgment is made that recovery of the expenditure is unlikely, the relevant capitalised amount will be written off to the profit or loss.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(w) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in applying the company's accounting policies(continued)

Provision for restoration and rehabilitation

The Company's accounting policy requires the recognition of provisions for the restoration and rehabilitation of each site. The provision recognised represents management's best estimate of the present value of the future costs required. Significant estimates and assumptions are made in determining the amount of restoration and rehabilitation provisions. Those estimates and assumptions deal with uncertainties such as changes to the relevant legal and regulatory framework, the magnitude of possible contamination and the timing, extent and costs of required restoration and rehabilitation activity. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from the amounts currently provided. The provision recognised for each site is periodically reviewed and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time. Changes to the estimated future costs for operating sites are recognised in the statement of financial position by adjusting both the restoration and rehabilitation asset and provision. Such changes give rise to a change in future depreciation and interest charges. For closed sites, changes to estimated costs are recognised immediately in the profit or loss.

(x) Standards and Interpretations affecting amounts reported in the current period (and/or prior periods)

There are new and revised Standards and Interpretations adopted in these financial statements affecting the amounts disclosed in the current period (and/or prior periods).

(y) Application of new and revised Australian Accounting Standards

Amendments to Accounting Standards that are mandatorily effective for the current reporting period

The Company has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for an accounting period that begins on or after 1 January 2023.

New and revised Standards and amendments thereof and Interpretations effective for the current year that are relevant to the Company include:

- AASB 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates* and AASB 2021-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards*
- AASB 2021-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction*
- AASB 2022-7 *Editorial Corrections to Australian Accounting Standards and Repeal of Superseded and Redundant Standards*
- AASB 2023-4 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules: Tier 2 Disclosures*

In the current year, the Company has applied a number of amendments to Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the Board) that are effective for an annual period that begins on or after 1 January 2023. Their adoption has not had any material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(z) New and revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations on issue but not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of the financial statements, the Company has not applied the following new and revised Australian Accounting Standards, Interpretations and amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Standard/amendment	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after
AASB 2014-10 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture</i> (as AASB 2015-10 is amended by AASB 2015-10 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128</i> , AASB 2017-5 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections</i> , AASB 2021-7 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections</i>)	1 April 2025
AASB 2020-1 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current</i> , AASB 2020-6 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Deferral of Effective Date</i> and AASB 2022-6 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants</i>	1 April 2024
AASB 2022-5 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback</i>	1 April 2024
AASB 2023-3 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Noncurrent Liabilities with Covenants: Tier 2</i>	1 April 2024
AASB 2023-5 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lack of Exchangeability</i>	1 April 2025

The Company does not expect these to have any material impact on adoption.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

2 Revenue and other income

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
From continuing operations:		
(a) Sales revenue		
Sales of iron ore	2,395,754	2,050,165
Foreign exchange gain on cash flow hedges (net)	589	459
	2,396,343	2,050,624
(b) Other income		
Interest	17,491	8,289
Ethel Creek Partnership income	6	-
Foreign exchange gain (net)	4,974	14,860
Net gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	211	115
Other income	885	1,267
	23,567	24,531
Total revenue and other income	2,419,910	2,075,155

3 Expenses

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit before income tax includes the following specific expenses:		
<i>Depreciation</i>		
Property, plant and equipment	120,296	119,157
Deferred expenditure	15,111	17,483
Right-of-use asset	4,155	3,948
	139,562	140,588
<i>Amortisation</i>		
Intangible assets	2,176	4,390
	2,176	4,390
Total depreciation and amortisation	141,738	144,978
<i>Finance costs</i>		
Unwinding of discount on rehabilitation provision	8,469	7,595
Interest expense	969	258
	9,438	7,853
<i>Other expenses</i>		
Ethel Creek Partnership loss	-	505
Employee benefits	2,354	2,574
Other expenses	6,480	5,570
	8,834	8,649
<i>Impairment losses</i>		
Impairment loss on property, plant & equipment	3,302	5,433
Impairment loss on land & buildings	929	273
Impairment loss on intangible assets	263	-
	4,494	5,706

4 Income tax

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
(a) The major components of income tax expense are:		
Current tax		
Current income tax expense in respect of current year	239,563	185,687
Under income tax provision in prior years	5,596	4,481
	245,159	190,168
Deferred tax		
Deferred income tax benefit recognised in the current year	(6,990)	(13,764)
Over deferred income tax provision in prior years	(10,786)	(4,428)
	(17,776)	(18,192)
Total income tax expense recognised in the current year	227,383	171,976
Deferred income tax is comprised of:		
(Increase) / Decrease in deferred tax assets	(8,458)	(14,491)
Increase / (Decrease) in deferred tax liabilities	(9,318)	(3,701)
	(17,776)	(18,192)
(b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable		
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Accounting profit before income tax	757,391	571,806
Income tax expense calculated at rate of 30%	227,217	171,542
Tax effect of current year permanent adjustments	5,356	381
Adjustment recognised in the current year in relation to prior years	(5,190)	53
Income tax reported in the statement of profit or loss	227,383	171,976
(c) Deferred tax assets/liabilities		
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Deferred tax assets expected to be settled within 12 months	10,621	9,562
Deferred tax assets expected to be settled after more than 12 months	68,182	60,783
	78,803	70,345
Deferred tax liabilities expected to be settled within 12 months	4,029	2,829
Deferred tax liabilities expected to be settled after more than 12 months	107,986	118,504
	112,015	121,333
Total net deferred tax liabilities	33,212	50,988

4 Income tax (continued)

(d) Temporary differences

Deferred tax balances are presented in the statement of financial position as follows:

Balance at 31 March 2024	Opening balance \$'000	Recognised in profit or loss \$'000	Closing balance \$'000
Trade and other receivables	(341)	(26)	(367)
Unrealised forex (gains) / losses	(85)	(566)	(651)
Inventories	(1,931)	(476)	(2,407)
Property, plant and equipment	(72,850)	10,160	(62,690)
Deferred expenditure	(16,619)	1,657	(14,962)
Financial assets	(4,218)	1,086	(3,132)
Loss allowance	20	46	66
Provisions	40,857	6,973	47,830
Financial liabilities	4,179	(1,078)	3,101
Total temporary differences	(50,988)	17,776	(33,212)

Balance at 31 March 2023	Opening balance \$'000	Recognised in profit or loss \$'000	Closing balance \$'000
Trade and other receivables	(315)	(26)	(341)
Unrealised forex (gains) / losses	(324)	239	(85)
Inventories	(1,119)	(812)	(1,931)
Property, plant and equipment	(79,467)	6,617	(72,850)
Deferred expenditure	(20,027)	3,408	(16,619)
Financial assets	(4,978)	760	(4,218)
Loss allowance	79	(59)	20
Provisions	31,968	8,889	40,857
Financial liabilities	5,003	(824)	4,179
Total temporary differences	(69,180)	18,192	(50,988)

5 Current assets – Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash at bank and on hand	449,958	328,959
	449,958	328,959

6 Current assets – Trade and other receivables

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Net trade receivables		
Trade receivables	91,636	85,791
Loss allowance	(221)	(66)
	91,415	85,725
Net other receivables		
Other receivables	14,917	10,128
	14,917	10,128
Total trade and other receivables	106,332	95,853

Trade receivables

The average credit period on sales of iron ore is 30 days. No interest is charged on outstanding trade receivables. The Company always measure the loss allowance for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. There is no movement in lifetime ECL recognised during the year.

7 Current assets – Inventories

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Ore in process		
- lower of cost or net realisable value	94,067	98,558
Warehouse inventories		
- lower of cost or net realisable value	40,154	32,060
	134,221	130,618

8 Non-current assets – Inventories

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Ore in process		
- lower of cost or net realisable value	18,714	6,167
Warehouse inventories		
- lower of cost or net realisable value	17,821	16,372
	36,535	22,539

9 Non-current assets – Deferred expenditure

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Development stripping		
Cost	3,686	3,686
Accumulated depreciation	(1,725)	(1,561)
Net book amount	1,961	2,125
Production stripping		
Cost	180,177	170,588
Accumulated depreciation	(132,266)	(117,317)
Net book amount	47,911	53,271
 Total deferred expenditure	 49,872	 55,396

10 Non-current assets – Property, plant and equipment

	Construction in progress \$'000	Land & buildings, property, plant & equipment \$'000	Exploration evaluation & development \$'000	Rehabilitation asset \$'000	Total \$'000
At 31 March 2023					
Cost	280,185	2,304,518	30,631	88,390	2,703,724
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	(1,240,141)	(8,239)	(25,767)	(1,274,147)
Net book amount	280,185	1,064,377	22,392	62,623	1,429,577
 At 31 March 2024					
Cost	356,455	2,380,402	33,981	105,140	2,875,978
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	(1,351,507)	(9,600)	(31,880)	(1,392,987)
Net book amount	356,455	1,028,895	24,381	73,260	1,482,991

Accumulated impairment losses are recognised in Land & buildings and property, plant & equipment (\$53.1m) at 31 March 2024 (2023: \$48.8m).

11 Non-current assets – Right-of-use assets

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Right-of-use assets	25,883	25,340
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(15,442)	(11,282)
Written down value	10,441	14,058

12 Non-current assets – Intangible assets

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Cost	34,338	30,350
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(30,380)	(27,957)
Net book amount	3,958	2,393

13 Non-current assets – Financial assets

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Investment in Ethel Creek Partnership - at fair value through profit & loss	951	965
Investment in Marillana Station - at fair value through profit & loss	20	-
	971	965

14 Current liabilities – Trade and other payables

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables	53,095	58,411
Accrued expenses	17,800	17,539
Other payables	23,062	2,951
	93,957	78,901

15 Current liabilities – Provisions

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Employee benefits	10,892	14,215
Other provisions	3,092	3,009
Mine rehabilitation	17,753	9,802
	31,737	27,026

16 Current and Non-current liabilities – Lease liabilities

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Within one year	3,348	3,970
More than one year	6,989	9,961
	10,337	13,931

17 Non-current liabilities – Provisions

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Employee benefits	235	317
Mine rehabilitation	129,156	109,050
	129,391	109,367

18 Issued capital

Share Capital

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Fully paid ordinary shares (8,086,188 shares)	8,086	8,086
Total contributed equity	8,086	8,086

The Company does not have a limited amount of authorised capital and issued shares do not have a par value. Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends, and to share in the proceeds of winding up the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held.

19 Other reserves and retained earnings

(a) Other reserves

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Movements in cash flow hedging reserve were as follows:		
<i>Hedging reserve - cash flow hedges</i>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	-	-
Gain on changes in FV of hedging instruments during the year (net of tax)	412	321
Reclassified to the profit or loss statement	(412)	(321)
Balance at the end of the year	-	-

The hedging reserve represents hedging gains and losses recognised on the effective portion of cash flow hedges. The cumulative deferred gains or losses on the hedging transaction impacts the profit and loss, consistent with the applicable accounting policy.

(b) Retained earnings

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Movements in accumulated retained earnings were as follows:		
Balance 1 April	1,832,431	1,782,601
Net profit for the year	530,008	399,830
Dividends paid	(348,000)	(350,000)
Balance 31 March	2,014,439	1,832,431

20 Related party transactions

Mitsui-Itochu Iron Pty Ltd is a proprietary company, incorporated and operating in Australia. The ultimate parent entities are Mitsui & Co., Ltd and Itochu Corporation, both of which is incorporated in Japan.

During the year, the Company entered into the following transactions with related related parties:

	Service Fees	
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Mitsui & Co., Ltd	781	504
Mitsui & Co. (Australia) Ltd	203	223
Itochu Corporation	69	95
Itochu Australia Ltd	55	69
	1,108	891

21 Dividends

(a) Ordinary shares

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Interim ordinary dividend	208,000	150,000
Final ordinary dividend of the prior financial year	140,000	200,000
	<u>348,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>

Dividends paid to shareholders were franked to 100% at 30% corporate income tax rate.

(b) Franking account balance

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Franking account balance	811,685	751,581
	<u>811,685</u>	<u>751,581</u>

22 Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Company.

Audit services

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<i>Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Australian firm</i>		
Audit and review of financial reports under the Corporations Act 2001 and other audit work	188,692	176,348
<i>Other assurance services</i>		
Other audit services	45,851	42,851
Total remuneration for audit services	<u>234,543</u>	<u>219,199</u>

Other audit services relates to assessment performed on the Company's Japanese-SOX internal control environment and clearance report prepared for the Company's principal auditors based in Japan.

23 Commitments

Capital commitments

Capital expenditure contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities is as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Property, plant and equipment Payable:		
Within one year	67,622	32,746
	67,622	32,746

24 Interests in joint operations

Details of the Company's interest in joint operations are set out below:

	2024	2023
	10%	10%
Mt Newman Joint Venture - Iron ore operations in Western Australia (i)		

(i) This joint venture has a 31 March year end.

25 Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash generated by operating activities

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit for the year	530,008	399,830
Depreciation and amortisation of non current assets	141,738	144,978
Net (gain)/loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	(211)	(115)
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	4,494	5,706
Movement in deferred tax	(17,776)	(18,192)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) / Decrease in current receivables	14,021	(20,667)
(Increase) / Decrease in current inventories	(3,603)	(20,721)
(Increase) / Decrease in other current assets	(41,420)	(5,802)
(Increase) / Decrease in non-current right-of-use assets	4,409	4,078
(Increase) / Decrease in non-current inventories	(13,996)	(7,528)
(Increase) / Decrease in other non-current assets	(6)	505
Increase / (Decrease) in current payables	26,468	(3,487)
Increase / (Decrease) in current provisions	4,711	14,571
Increase / (Decrease) in non-current provisions	3,274	9,620
Net cash generated by operating activities	652,111	502,776

26 Non-cash investing and financing activities

During the current year, the Company entered into the following non-cash investing and financing activities which are not reflected in the statement of cash flows:

- impairment charges amounting \$4,247,000
- gain on sales of property, plant & equipment amounting \$211,000

27 Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank and on hand	449,958	328,959
Net trade receivables	91,415	85,725
Investments in Financial Assets - at fair value through profit & loss	971	965
Other financial assets	56,068	14,812
Trade payables	(53,095)	(58,411)
	545,317	372,050

28 Key management personnel remuneration

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Key management employee remuneration - salary	1,343	1,092
	1,343	1,092

29 Subsequent events

Subsequent to the financial year ended 31 March 2024, a final ordinary dividend of \$315,000,000 was declared on 10 June 2024 and paid on 18 June 2024.

Other than the matters outlined above, there has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

30 Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 24th July 2024.