



Great Western
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**ANNUAL REPORT
2020**

GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED

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The home exchange is Perth

ASX Codes - Fully paid shares GTE
- Options GTEOA



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REVIEW OF OPERATING AND CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Great Western Exploration Limited (ASX: GTE) (“the Company”, “Great Western”) is pleased to provide a review of its operating and corporate activities for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Summary

- In June and July 2020 a Share Consolidation (60:1) and Capital Raising was successfully completed, raising proceeds of \$813,175 (before costs) by way of a Placement of \$200,000 and an Entitlements Issue for \$613,175. Proceeds from the Entitlements Issue were received post year end
- Finance and mining industry professionals Grey Egerton-Warburton and Ross Williams joined Kevin Somes on the Board in June 2020
- Corporate overheads subsequently rationalised significantly, with all Directors working at no cost, and office leasing costs terminated
- In the June 2020 Quarter and subsequent to year end, extensive work has been undertaken to deepen the Company’s understanding of its existing very high quality Western Australian projects, and to plan the execution of field activities. The Company looks forward to continuing to keep shareholders updated during what it anticipates will be a forthcoming period of very high activity
- Great Western holds the strong belief that the Company’s forthcoming exploration activities have the potential to deliver a material increase in shareholder value
- Subsequent to the end of the year, the Company provided updates in relation to its 100% owned Finlayson Gold Target and Golden Corridor Project (ASX Releases 27 July 2020 and 4 August 2020)
- In August 2020, the Company completed a \$2.52 million placement to fund exploration on the Company’s assets
- On 25 August 2020, the Company made an announcement with respect to the Atley Gold Project

Finlayson Gold Target & the Golden Corridor Project (100% Great Western)

Subsequent to the end of June 2020, the Company has provided updates on its 100% owned Finlayson Gold Target and Golden Corridor Project (ASX Releases 27 July 2020 and 4 August 2020).

The Golden Corridor Project comprises some 60km strike of the Agnew-Wiluna greenstone belt, located in the northwest of the Kalgoorlie Terrane and along strike to the north of the Wiluna Mining Centre. The Kalgoorlie Terrane or “Golden Corridor” extends from as far south as Kambalda, through Kalgoorlie to as far north as Plutonic (see Figure 1) and is host to many of the largest gold deposits in Australia and the majority of Western Australia’s past and present gold production. While the vast majority of the Golden Corridor’s greenstone belt has been extensively drill tested, Great Western’s 60km long terrane is practically untested.

Initial aeromagnetic and geophysical analysis undertaken by Great Western’s consultant, Newexco, has accorded with the Company’s interpretation that the Wiluna fault zone continues from Wiluna through to the Finlayson gold target within Great Western’s Golden Corridor project.

Within the Wiluna fault zone, five new high priority bedrock gold targets have been identified to the south of Great Western’s Finlayson gold target (see Figure 1a).

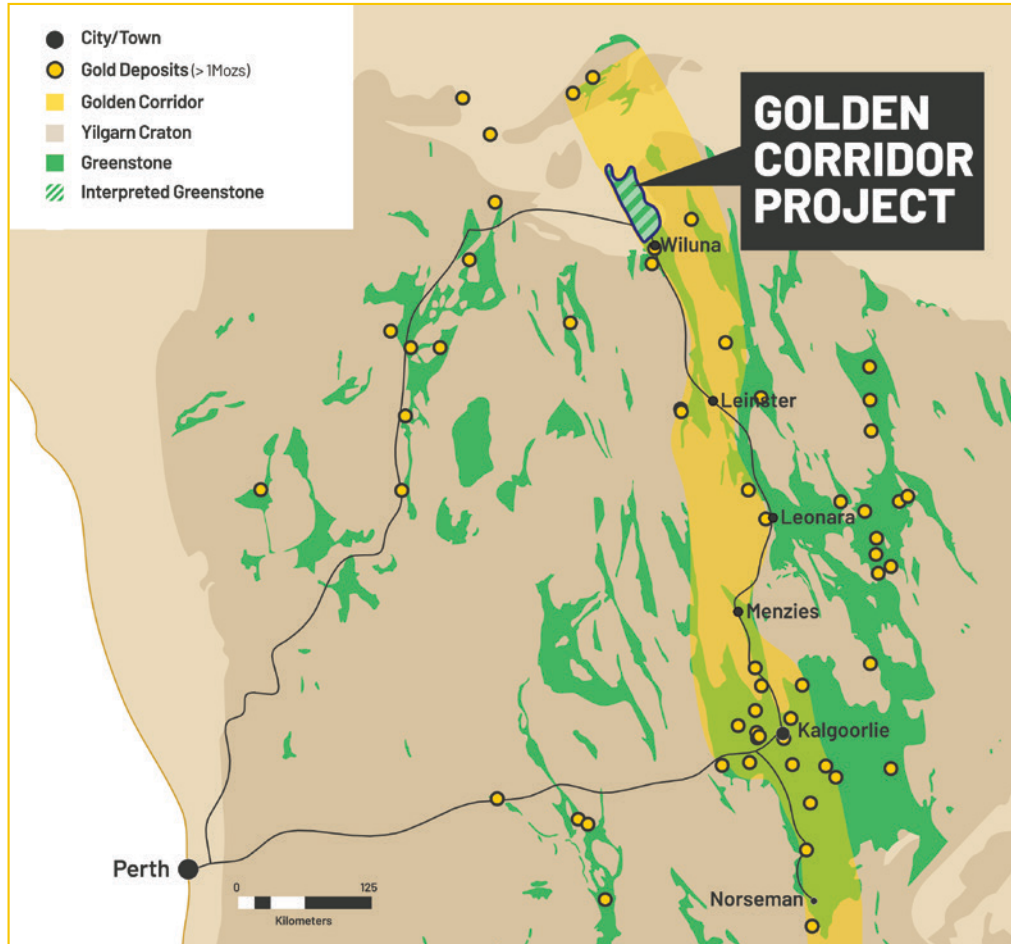


Figure 1. The Golden Corridor Project is located within the Kalgoorlie Terrane ("Golden Corridor"), Australia's most prolific gold belt.

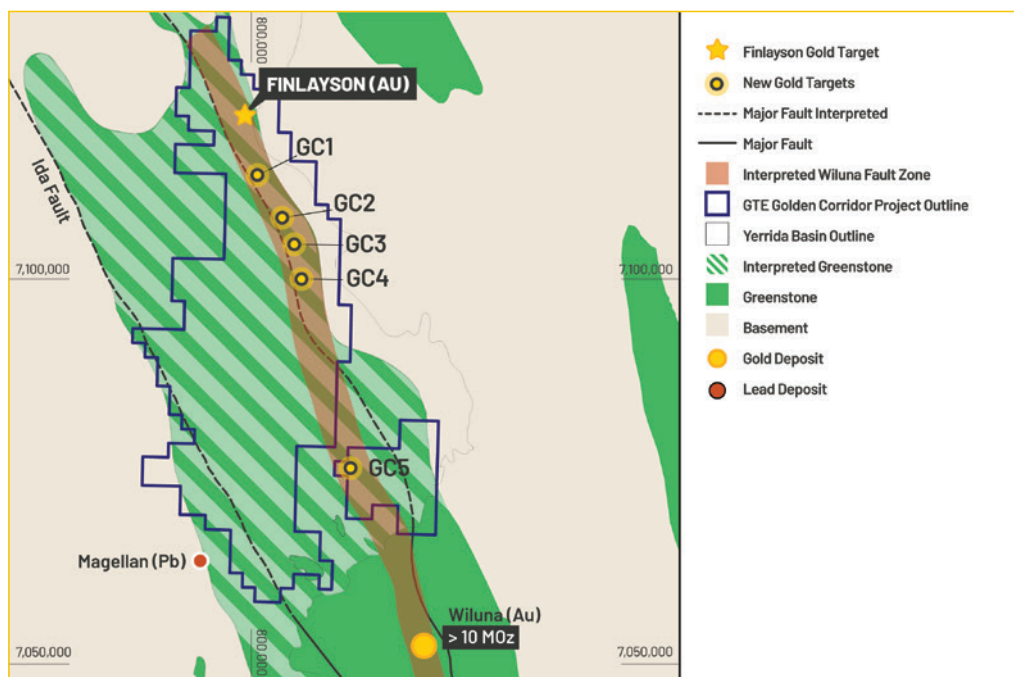


Figure 1a. The Wiluna Fault Zone has been interpreted to extend through the Golden Corridor project. Within this highly prospective area 5 gold targets have been identified

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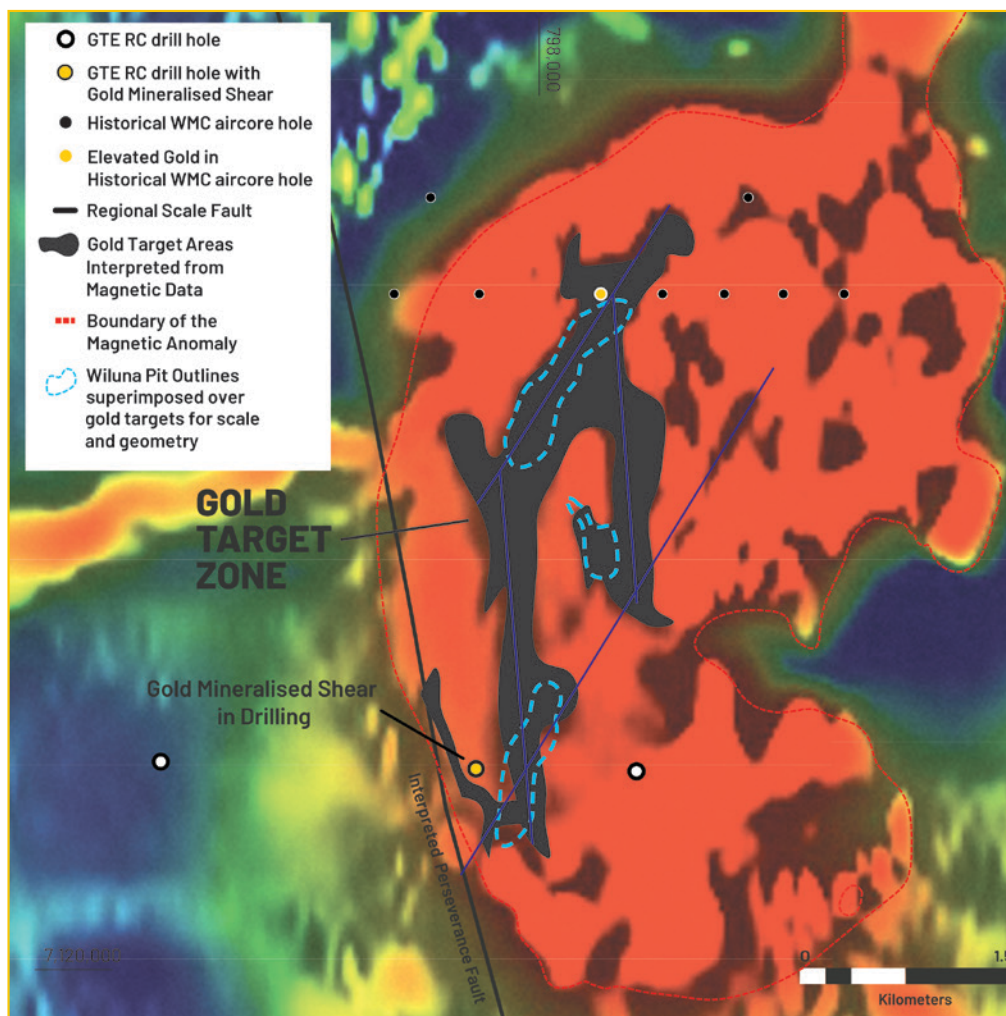


Figure 2. Finlayson gold target showing target area to be drilled. The Wiluna Gold Mine main pits are overlayed (blue dashed lines) to demonstrate that the Finlayson gold target is similar in scale and geometry. The Wiluna Gold Mine is located approximately 70km along strike to the southeast.

Atley Gold Project (100% Great Western)

The Atley Gold Project (refer ASX Release 25 August 2020) is located in the Youanmi district of Western Australia. The project areas were accumulated by application between June 2019 and August 2020 (Atley North) and subsequent to June 2020 (Atley South) (Figure 3).

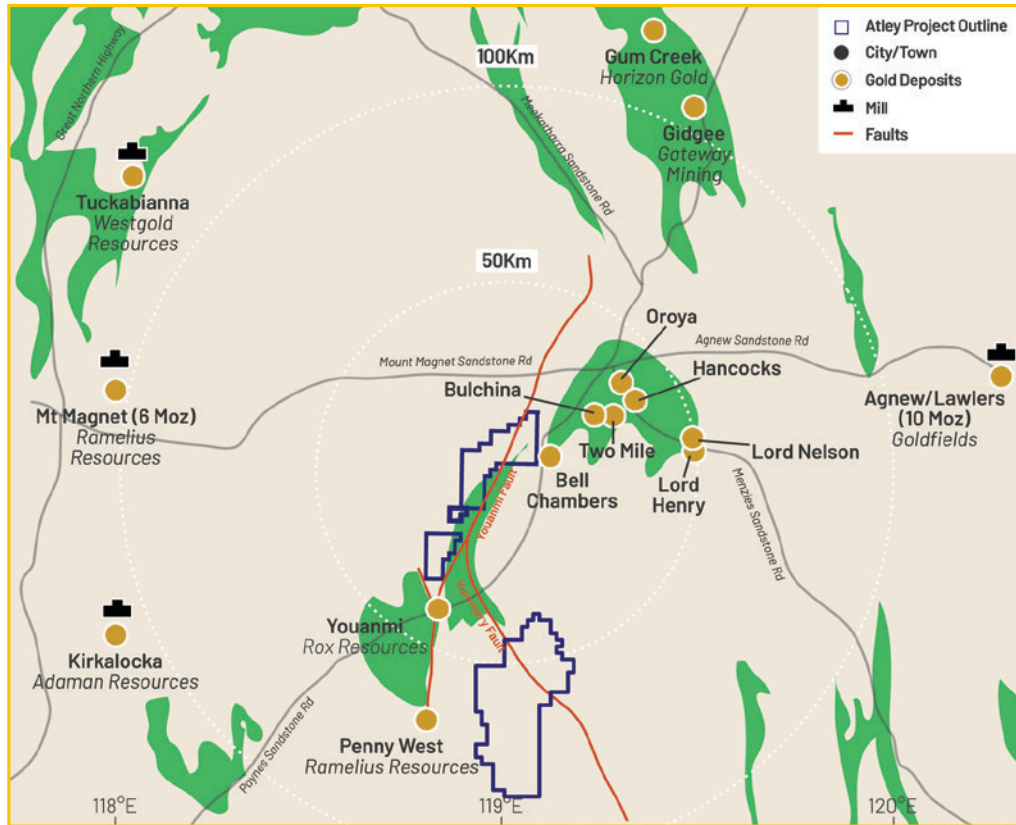


Figure 3. Location of the Atley Gold project within the Youanmi District, WA.

Atley North contains the Youanmi fault, located within the Sandstone – Youanmi greenstone belt, along strike from both Spectrum Metals’ high grade Penny West discovery now owned by Ramelius Resources (ASX: RMS) and Rox Resources’ (ASX: RXL) recent high grade Grace discovery.

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At Atley North Great Western has identified six structural gold targets it considers to be favourable settings for gold mineralisation similar to the Penny West and Youanmi gold deposits, including the Grace gold discovery, located along strike to the southwest. In addition to these structural targets, Atley North contains some 13km strike of untested Youanmi fault under shallow cover (Figure 4).

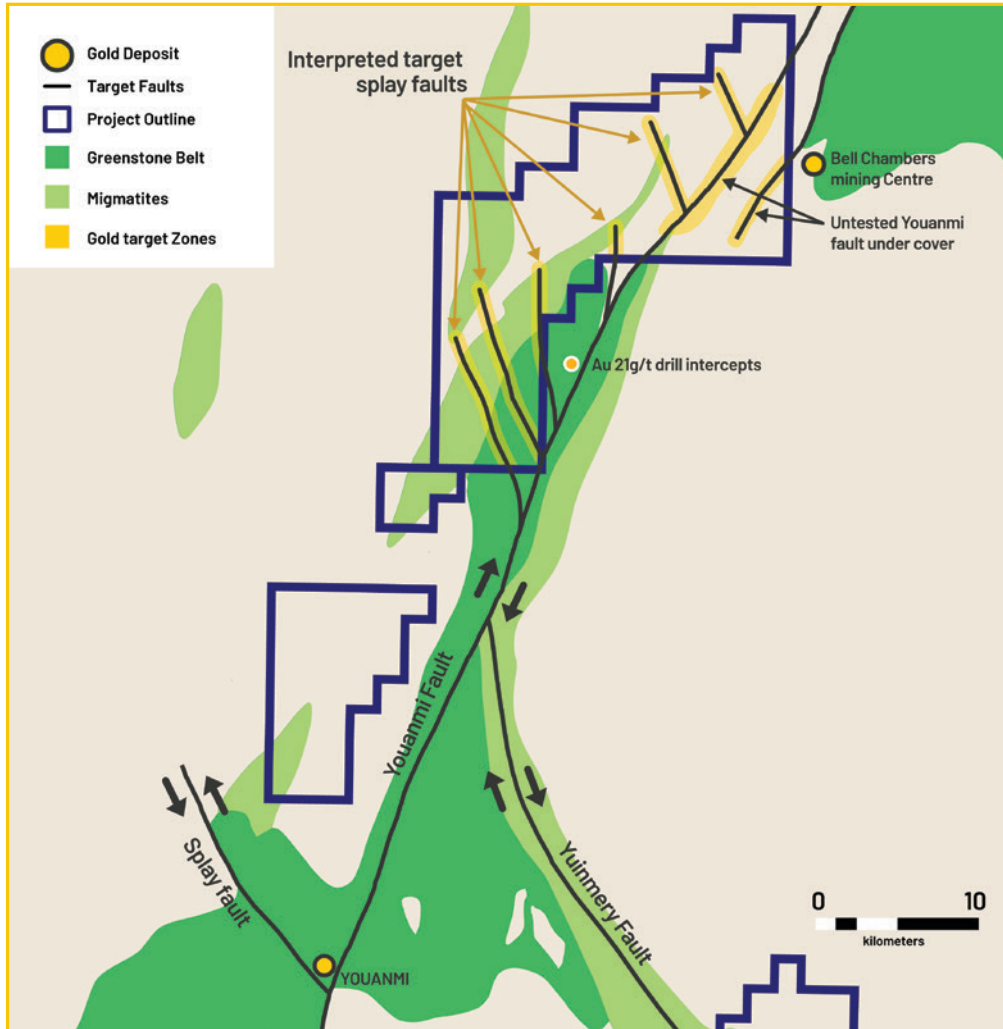


Figure 4. Six interpreted structural targets located along strike of the Youanmi and Penny West gold deposits at Atley North.

Atley South comprises at least 23km strike of a complex structural setting where the neighbouring Yuimery fault transitions through a sequence of migmatites and gneiss that Great Western believes to be prospective for gold mineralisation (Figure 5).

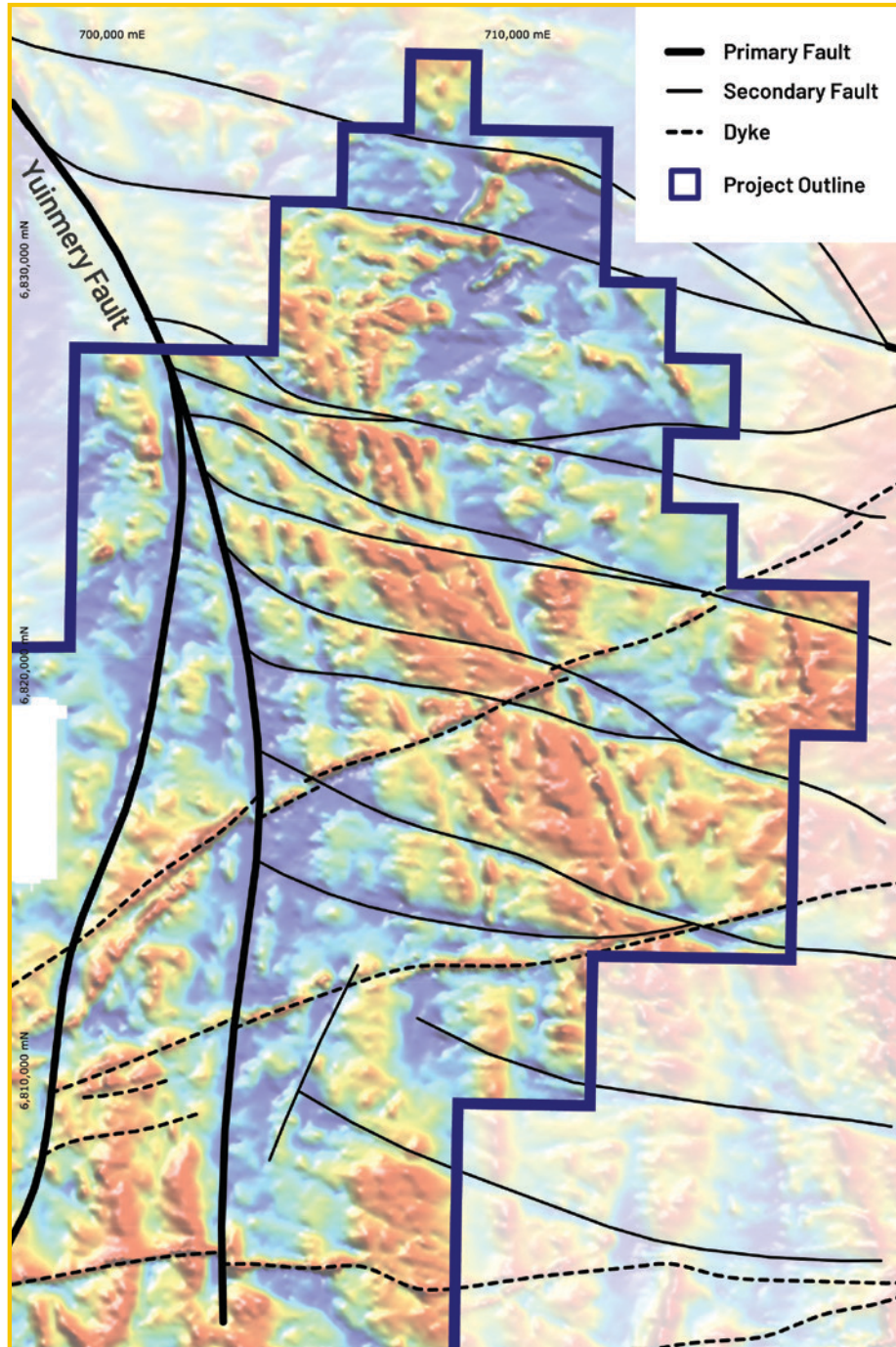


Figure 5. The initial interpretation completed on the northern area of Atley South has identified at least 23km strike of a complex structural setting where the regional Yuinmery fault transitions through migmatites and gneiss

Lake Way Potash Project (100% Great Western)

The Company's Lake Way Potash Project comprises a total area of 415km² covering the south eastern extension of the Lake Way Salt Lake located near Wiluna, Western Australia.

Great Western's Lake Way Potash project is the downstream continuation of the main basal channel that Salt Lake Potash Limited (ASX: S04) is currently developing and that it has mapped to extend well within Great Western's Project area (see Figure 6 below). Historic test work indicates that the potash brine within the paleo channel remains high grade as it enters Great Western's Project area.

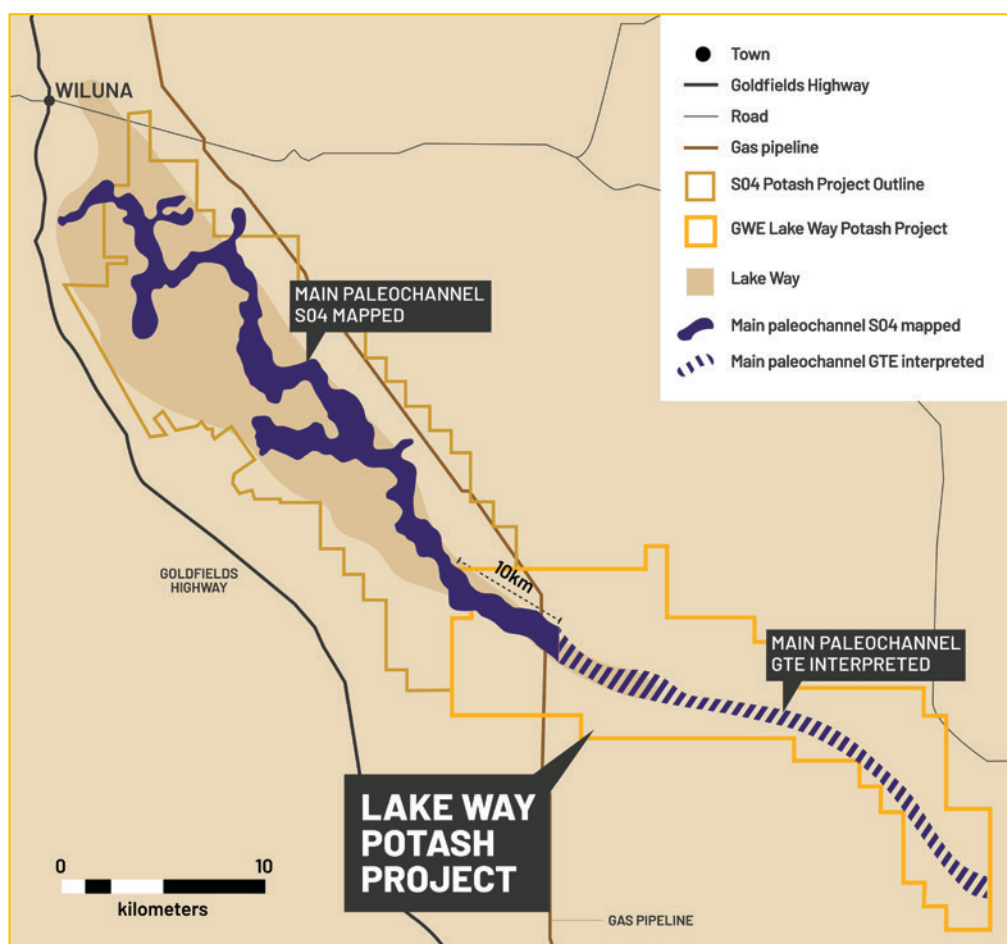


Figure 6. Interpreted continuation of the Lake Way high grade potash basal channel into GTE's Lake Way Potash Project.

Yerrida North JV (Sandfire earning 70%)

During the March 2020 Quarter, Sandfire Resources Limited (ASX: SFR) ("Sandfire") provided Great Western with formal notification of their intention to continue with the Yerrida North JV (see Figure 7 below), having reached the minimum expenditure commitment by spending \$1.7 million over three years.

Great Western looks forward to the continued exploration being undertaken by Sandfire under the JV, where field works continue prior to potential drill testing.

Sandfire has completed a high resolution airborne electromagnetic ('airborne EM') survey and detailed mapping over the area and is now in the process of adapting the GSWA map for use on a lag sampling program over the volcanic sequences.

During the current financial year, Sandfire is also planning to recommence mapping over the northern portion of the tenure in order to provide an updated geological and stratigraphical interpretation along with geochemical sampling and petrology to assist with further target generation.

Under the terms of the JV, Sandfire can earn a 70% interest by sole funding exploration to define a mineral resource of at least 50,000 tonnes of contained copper or copper equivalent under the JORC 2012 code. Great Western is free carried until that time.

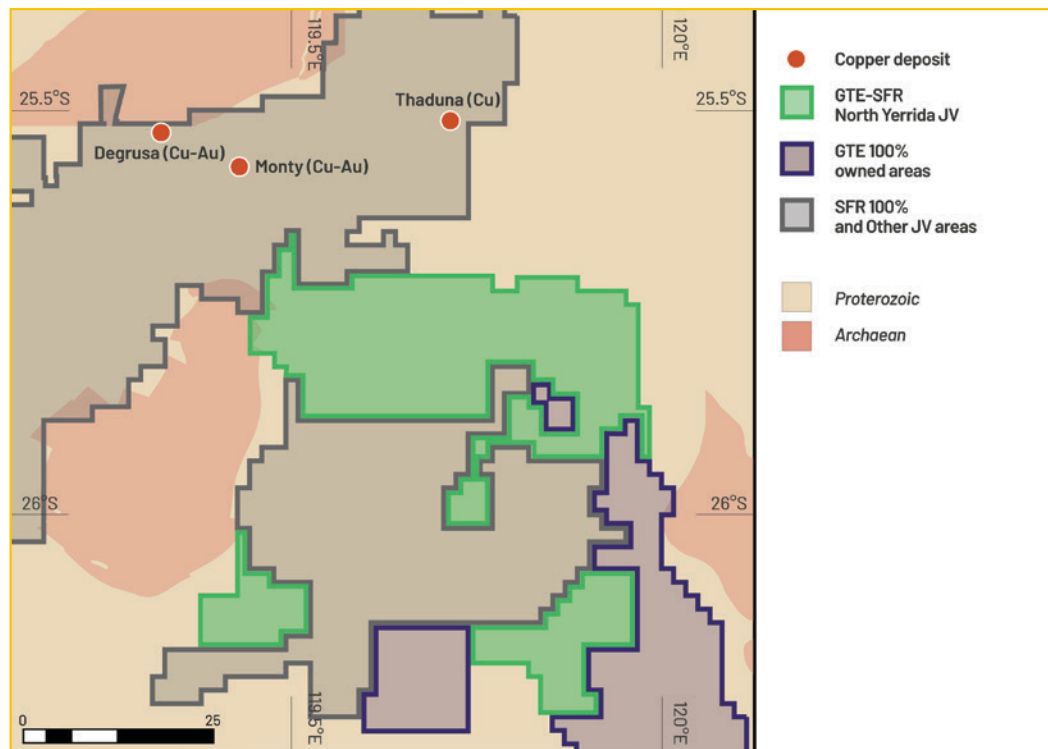


Figure 7. Yerrida North JV (Sandfire earning 70%).

Yerrida South Project (100% Great Western)

Great Western owns a large Project area to the south of the Yerrida North Project where Sandfire is earning 70%. Great Western believes that its 100% owned Project area is prospective for copper mineralisation, and other metals (see Figure 8 below).

The Company is currently in the process of planning to infill and extend the soil sampling programme completed last year.

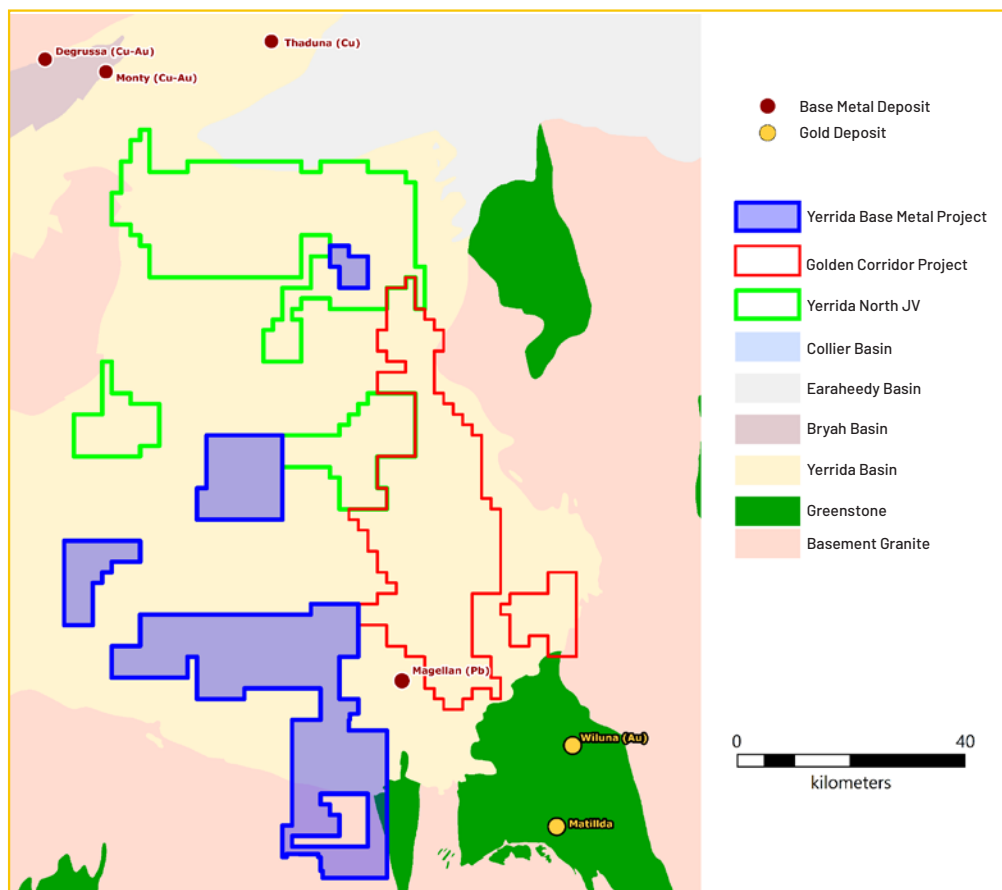


Figure 8. Yerrida South Project.

Yandal West Gold Project

The Yandal West Gold Project is located within Western Australia's world-class Yandal gold belt.

The project is 55km along strike to the northwest of Northern Star's Bronzewing gold deposit and 60km southeast of Northern Star's Jundee gold deposit. The project comprises the 100% owned Ives Find, May Queen, and the 80% owned Harris Find tenements (see Figure 9 below).

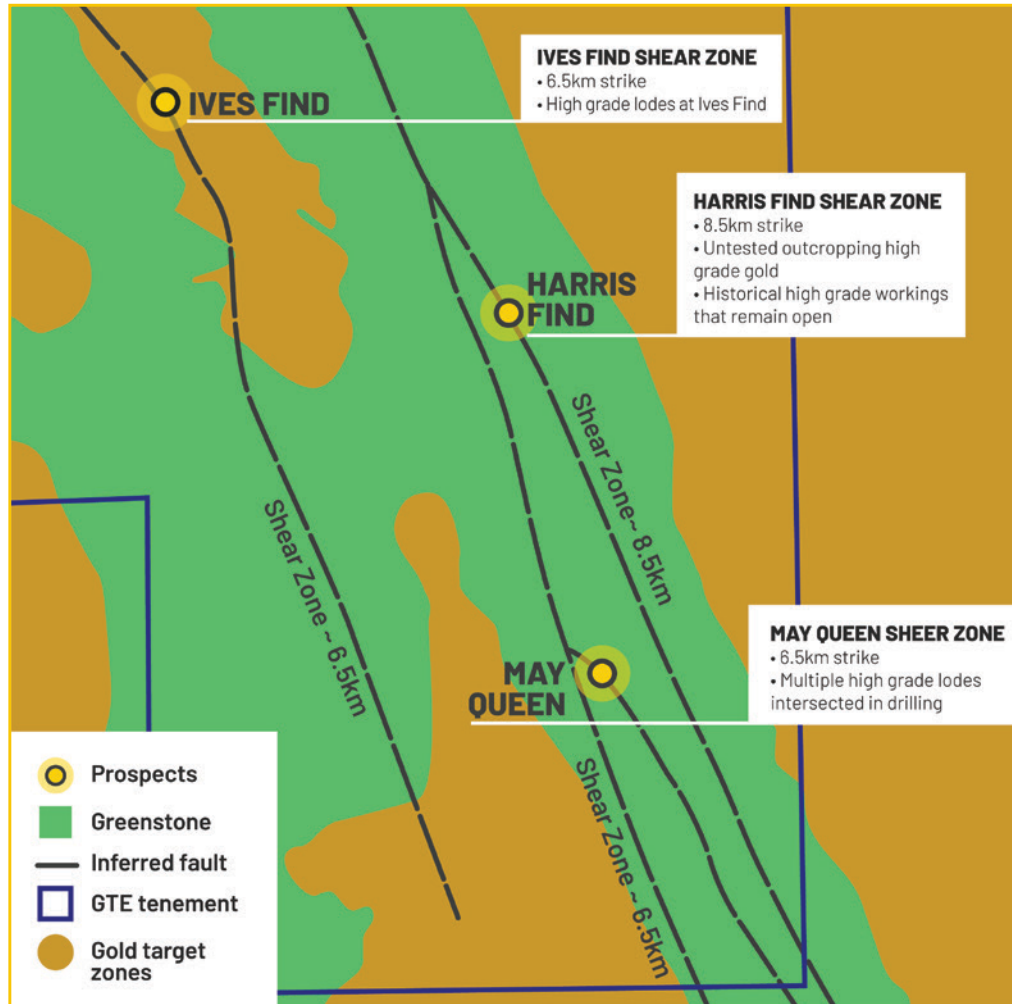


Figure 9. Location of the Ives Find and May Queen Prospects at the Yandal West Gold Project.

The Company has identified three large gold shears in drilling to date, being May Queen, Harris Find and Ives Find (Figure 9). All three shear zones contain high-grade gold mineralisation and strong alteration. The scale of these shear zones indicates they are large gold fluid pathways.

This Project is currently the subject of geologic interpretation to determine the extent of the Company's future exploration effort and budget.

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Corporate

On 5 February 2020 Mr Jordan Luckett moved from the position of Managing Director to Technical Director and on 14 February 2020 Non-Executive Chairman Mr Kevin Somes was appointed Executive Chairman. Company Secretary Mr Justin Barton acted as Chief Executive Officer for the intervening period.

On 31 March 2020 the Company announced that a Renounceable Entitlements Issue launched on 28 February 2020 had been withdrawn due to market conditions and termination of the associated underwriting agreement.

On 20 May 2020 the Company announced with great sadness the passing of Director Mr Terry Grammer. Terry was a much admired and loved personality within the West Australian mining industry and a great friend of those involved with Great Western.

In June and July 2020, the Company completed a Share Consolidation (1 share for every 60 held) and Capital Raising which raised \$813,175 (before costs) by way of a Placement for \$200,000 and Entitlements Issue of \$613,175. Following shareholder approval on 27 May 2020, mining and finance industry executives Grey Egerton-Warburton and Ross Williams joined Executive Chairman Kevin Somes on the Board on 4 June 2020, succeeding long serving Directors Jordan Luckett and the late Terry Grammer. The Board would like to acknowledge the efforts of Jordan Luckett who has subsequently accepted the position of Geology Manager.

Also in June 2020, Mr Tony Walsh was appointed Company Secretary, replacing Mr Justin Barton, who remains with the Company as Financial Controller.

In August 2020, the Company completed a \$2.52 million Placement to sophisticated and professional investors to fund exploration on the Company's assets. 14,000,000 ordinary shares at 18 cents per share were issued on 13 August 2020 pursuant to this placement.

Competent Person Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr Jordan Luckett who is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Luckett is an employee of Great Western Exploration Limited and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Luckett consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.



DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors of Great Western Exploration Limited submit herewith the annual report of Great Western Exploration Limited and subsidiaries ("the Group") for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Information on Directors:

The names and details of the Company's directors in office during the financial year and up to the date of this report are as follows. Directors were in office for the entire year unless otherwise stated.

Kevin Somes

Grey Egerton-Warburton (Appointed on 4 June 2020)

Ross Williams (Appointed 4 June 2020)

Jordan Luckett (Resigned 4 June 2020)

Justin Barton (Appointed 20 May 2020: Resigned 4 June 2020)

Terry Grammer (Ceased 20 May 2020)

Rimas Kairaitis (Resigned 29 November 2019)

MR KEVIN CLARENCE SOMES FCA

Executive Chairman

Experience and expertise

Mr Somes is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and was a partner of Somes & Cooke Chartered Accountants for over 25 years.

Mr Somes has extensive experience in the management of exploration companies, with Somes & Cooke being the auditors of a number of ASX listed mining companies during his tenure.

Other current directorships

None.

Former directorships in last three years

None.

Share and Option holding in the Company

4,267,233 Ordinary Shares

211,234 options

DIRECTORS' REPORT

MR GREY EGERTON-WARBURTON

Non-Executive Director

Grey Egerton-Warburton has a strong background in corporate finance, with extensive experience in equity capital markets, acquisitions, divestments and domestic and international change of control transactions. Grey has led a substantial number of capital raisings and led many successful takeovers and mergers for ASX listed companies, across many sectors.

Other current directorships

None.

Former directorships in last three years

S2 Resources Limited until 3 April 2020

Share and Option holding in the Company

20,000,000 Ordinary Shares

MR ROSS WILLIAMS

Non-Executive Director

Mr Ross Williams is a highly experienced Company Director and businessman, having co-founded a Mining Services business from start up through to ASX listing and a market capitalisation over \$400m with revenues in excess of \$500m. Ross held the role of Finance Director for 12 years and during this time was responsible for capital management, finance, financial reporting, corporate strategy and investor relations before retiring to a Non-Executive role. Mr Williams started his career in Banking and Finance and his listed company roles have also included Non-Executive Director of a successful Mining Company and Chairman of a listed investment Company.

Other current directorships

None

Former directorships in last three years

Emerald Resources NL until 12 June 2020

Share and Option holding in the Company

20,030,260 Ordinary Shares

COMPANY SECRETARY

The Company Secretary is Mr Anthony Walsh. Mr Walsh was appointed company secretary on 4 June 2020.

Mr Walsh has over 30 years' experience in dealing with listed companies, ASX, ASIC and corporate transactions including 14 years with the ASX in Perth where he acted as ASX liaison with the JORC committee, four years as Chairman of an ASX listed mining explorer and as a director of a London AIM listed explorer. Mr Walsh is also currently Company Secretary of Battery Minerals Mining Ltd, Magmatic Resources Limited and Legend Mining Limited, and was a Director of XCD Energy Limited until 22 July 2020. Mr Walsh is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia, the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. He is currently a non-executive director of the not-for-profit Women's and Infants Research Foundation.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity during the year to 30 June 2020 was mineral exploration for gold and base metals.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

REVIEW

The principal activity of the Company is mineral exploration. The objective of the Group, in the event of the discovery of a mineral resource, would be the successful exploration and development of the resource.

Please refer Operating and Corporate Activities on page 1 for further information relating to the Company's Operating Activities.

FINANCIAL POSITION

At the end of the financial year the Group had cash reserves of \$133,000 (2019: \$1,014,442) and incurred expenditure on exploration and evaluation of \$909,569 (2019: \$1,303,722) before write offs during the year. Subsequent to the year end, in July and August 2020 respectively, the Company completed an Entitlements Issue raising \$613,175 and a \$2.52 million placement (both before costs).

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The operating loss for the year, after providing for income tax was \$1,807,673 (2019: \$728,968).

RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company attempts to mitigate risks that may affect its future performance through a systematic process of identifying, assessing, reporting and managing risks of corporate significance. Key operational risks and their management are recurring items for discussion at Board meetings.

The following discusses the Company's most significant business risks.

a) Exploration

Whilst considered highly prospective, the Company's tenements are early stage exploration tenements with limited exploration undertaken on them to date.

Exploration is a high risk undertaking. The Company's joint venture projects for copper, nickel and gold prospects in Australia are in the preliminary stages of exploration and no assurance is given that exploration of its current projects or any future projects will result in the delineation or discovery of a significant mineral resource. Even if a significant mineral resource is identified, there can be no guarantee that it can be economically exploited.

b) Commodity prices

As an explorer for copper, gold, nickel and potentially other minerals, any successes of the Company are expected to be closely related to the price of those and other commodities. Fluctuating prices in those commodities make market prices for securities in the Company more volatile than for other investments.

Commodities prices are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company. These factors include worldwide and regional supply and demand for commodities, general world economic conditions and the outlook for interest rates, inflation and other economic factors on both a regional and global basis. These factors may have a positive or negative effect on the Company's exploration, project development and production plans and activities, together with the ability to fund those plans and activities.

c) Environmental

The Company's projects are subject to rules and regulations regarding environmental matters and the discharge of hazardous wastes and materials. As with all mineral projects, the Company's projects are expected to have a variety of environmental impacts should development proceed. Development of any of the Company's projects will be dependent on the Company satisfying environmental guidelines and, where required, being approved by government authorities.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Company intends to conduct its activities in an environmentally responsible manner and in accordance with all applicable laws, but may still be subject to accidents or other unforeseen events which may compromise its environmental performance and which may have adverse financial implications.

a) Future capital needs

The Company's ability to raise further capital (equity or debt) within an acceptable time of a sufficient amount and on terms acceptable to the Company will vary according to a number of factors, including prospectivity of projects (existing and future), the results of exploration, subsequent feasibility studies, development and mining, stock market and industry conditions and the price of relevant commodities and exchange rates.

No assurance can be given that future funding will be available to the Company on favourable terms (or at all). If adequate funds are not available on acceptable terms, the Company may not be able to further develop its projects and it may impact on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

There has been no significant change in the state of affairs of the Company during the financial year.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends have been recommended by the Directors.

MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

- On 7 July 2020, the Company announced the completion of the non-renounceable, underwritten entitlement issue, raising \$613,175 (before costs). This entitlement issue was completed on 10 July 2020.
- On 5 August 2020, the Company announced that it had received commitments from professional and sophisticated investors to raise approximately \$2.52 million (before costs) by way of a placement of 14,000,000 new fully paid shares at 18 cents each. This \$2.52 million placement was completed on 13 August 2020.
- The Company made project announcements with respect to the Finlayson Gold Target and Golden Corridor Project (25 July 2020 and 4 August 2020) and the Atley Gold Project (25 August 2020).

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Directors are not aware of any developments that might have a significant effect on the operations of the Company in subsequent financial years not already disclosed in this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

Great Western Exploration Limited conducts its exploration activities in an environmentally sensitive manner, and believes it has adequate systems in place for the management of environmental requirements.

The Company is not aware of any breach of statutory conditions or obligations.

The Directors have considered the enacted National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (the NGER Act) which introduces a single national reporting framework for the reporting and dissemination of information about the greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas projects, and energy use and production of corporations. At the current stage of development, the Directors have determined that the NGER Act will have no effect on the Company for the current, nor subsequent, financial year. The Directors will reassess this position as and when the need arises.

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The Directors attended the following director meetings during the year and up to the date of this report:

	Meetings Eligible to Attend	Meetings Attended
Kevin Somes	9	9
Grey Egerton-Warburton	1	1
Ross Williams	1	1
Jordan Luckett	8	8
Terry Grammer	7	7
Rimas Kairaitis	2	2
Justin Barton	-	-

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN THE SHARES AND OPTIONS OF THE COMPANY

The particulars of Directors' interest in shares and options are as at the date of this report.

	Ordinary Shares	Options
Kevin Somes	4,267,233	211,234
Grey Egerton-Warburton	20,000,000	-
Ross Williams	20,030,260	-

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE

The Company has made an agreement to indemnify all the Directors and Officers against all indemnifiable losses or liabilities incurred by each Director and Officer in their capacities as Directors and Officers of the Company to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001.

The Company has taken out an insurance policy at a premium of \$15,290 in relation to Directors and Officers indemnity.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

NON-AUDIT SERVICES

Bentleys did not provide any non-audit services during the year ended 30 June 2020.

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for audit during the year are set out in Note 24.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration, as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, is set out on page 59.

REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)

Remuneration Policy

This Remuneration Report outlines the director and executive remuneration arrangements of the Company in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and its Regulations. For the purposes of this report Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the Company are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the Company and the Company, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company.

For the purposes of this report, the term "executive" encompasses the Chief Executive and senior executives.

i) Directors

Kevin Somes	Chairman
Grey Egerton-Warburton	Director (Appointed 4 June 2020)
Ross Williams	Director (Appointed 4 June 2020)
Jordan Luckett	Managing Director (Executive) (Resigned 4 June 2020)
Justin Barton	Director (Interim) (Appointed 20 May 2020: Resigned 4 June 2020)
T R Grammer	Director (Non-executive) (Deceased 20 May 2020)
R Kairaitis	Director (Non-executive) (Resigned 29 November 2020)

There were no other changes of key management personnel after reporting date and before the financial report was authorised for issue.

Since the current Board was formed on 4 June 2020 with the appointment of Messrs Williams and Egerton-Warburton, no remuneration has been paid to any directors, however this will be reviewed in the future.

The Company has established a Remuneration Committee, assumed by the Board, as a whole, which is responsible for determining and reviewing the remuneration arrangements of the directors and executives.

The Board assesses the appropriateness of the nature and amount of emoluments of such Directors and executives on an annual basis by reference to market and industry conditions.

In order for the Company to prosper, thereby creating shareholder value, the Company must be able to attract and retain the highest calibre executives.

Executive and non-executive directors, other key management personnel and other senior employees have been granted options over ordinary shares under the Company's Employee Share Option Plan. The recipients of options are responsible for growing the Company and increasing shareholder value. If they achieve this goal the value of the options granted to them will also increase. Therefore the options provide an incentive to the recipients to remain with the Company and to continue to work to enhance the Company's value.

Due to the nature of the Company's operations the current remuneration policy is not linked to the performance of the Company.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REMUNERATION

The Board seeks to set remuneration levels that provide the Company with the ability to attract and retain the highest calibre professionals.

Fees and payments to non-executive Directors reflect the demands that are made on and the responsibilities of the Directors from time to time.

Directors' fees are determined by the Board within the aggregate Directors fee limit approved by shareholders. The maximum currently approved by the Constitution stands at \$250,000.

As stated above, the non-executive directors have not been paid any remuneration since 4 June 2020, however this will be reviewed in the future.

Remuneration in the form of share options issued under the Company's Employee Share Option Plan is designed to reward Directors and executives in a manner aligned to the creation of shareholder wealth. Subject to shareholders' approval non-executive directors may participate in the Company's Employee Share Option Plan. The Board considers the grant of options to be reasonable given the necessity to attract and retain the highest calibre professionals to the Company.

Non-executive Directors receive superannuation benefits in accordance with the Superannuation Guarantee Legislation. Non-executive directors are permitted to salary sacrifice all or part of their fees.

Due to the nature of the Company's operation i.e. mineral exploration and development, the remuneration of directors and executives, at present, does not include performance-based incentives.

EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION (INCLUDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS)

The Board aims to reward executives with a level and mix of remuneration commensurate with their position and responsibilities to align the interests of executives with those of shareholders and to ensure that remuneration is market competitive.

Remuneration consists of:

- **Fixed Remuneration.**
Being base salary, non-monetary benefits and superannuation. Fixed remuneration is reviewed annually.
- **Variable remuneration – Long term incentives.**
Being share options issued under the Company's Employee Share Option Plan. The options do not have any vesting conditions other than service conditions.

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The Company has entered into standard contracts with Directors.

REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

2020	Short term benefits Salary & Wages	Other long term employee benefits	Superannuation	Remuneration/ entitlements forgiven	Total	Performance related %
Name of Director						
Executive director						
Jordan Lockett ⁽¹⁾	\$185,331	\$7,831	\$17,607	(167,027)	\$43,744	0.0%
Kevin Somes ⁽²⁾	\$32,083	-	\$3,048	(10,038)	\$25,093	0.0%
Non-executive director						
Grey Egerton-Warburton ⁽³⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ross Williams ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terry Grammer ⁽⁵⁾	\$20,417	-	\$1,940	(15,699)	\$6,658	0.0%
Rimas Kairaitis ⁽⁶⁾	\$12,500	-	\$1,188	-	\$13,688	0.0%
Justin Barton ⁽⁷⁾	4,333	-	412	-	\$4,745	0.0%
Totals	\$254,666	\$7,831	\$24,195	(192,764)	\$93,928	

2019	Short term benefits Salary & Wages	Other long term employee benefits	Superannuation	Total	Performance related %
Name of Director					
Executive director					
Jordan Lockett	\$250,000	\$10,586	\$23,750	\$284,336	0.0%
Non-executive director					
Kevin Somes	\$55,000	-	\$5,225	\$60,225	0.0%
Terry Grammer	\$35,000	-	\$3,325	\$38,325	0.0%
Rimas Kairaitis	\$30,000	-	\$2,850	\$32,850	0.0%
Totals	\$370,000	\$10,586	\$35,150	\$415,736	

(1) Jordan Lockett resigned on 4 June 2020. The group entered into a deed of resignation and release with Jordan Lockett on 16 April 2020. Per the deed, a settlement sum of \$22,000 net of tax. This amount is included within the short term benefits salary & wages.

(2) Kevin Somes appointed Executive Chairman on 14 February 2020.

(3) Grey Egerton-Warburton was appointed a Director on 4 June 2020.

(4) Ross Williams was appointed a Director on 4 June 2020.

(5) Terry Grammer ceased being a Director on 20 May 2020. The group entered into a deed of resignation and release with Terry Grammer on 16 April 2020. Per the deed, no payment is to be made in satisfaction of any outstanding amounts.

(6) Rimas Kairaitis resigned on 29 November 2019.

(7) Justin Barton was appointed an interim Director on 20 May 2020 and resigned on 4 June 2020. Remuneration for services whilst not a key management personnel is excluded from the above.

Options granted as part of remuneration

No options were granted to Directors during the year ended 30 June 2020 or 30 June 2019. For details on the valuation of options, including models and assumptions used, refer to Note 19.

There were no alterations to the terms and conditions of options granted as remuneration since their grant date.

Option Holding of Key Management Personnel

30 June 2020	Balance at 1 July 2019 ⁽⁸⁾	Granted	Expired	Other	Balance at 30 June 2020	Vested
Directors						
Kevin Somes	12,150,297	-	(2,000,000)	(9,939,063) ⁽⁷⁾	211,234	100%
Grey Egerton-Warburton ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Ross Williams ⁽³⁾	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Jordan Lockett ⁽¹⁾	6,681,500	-	(2,000,000)	(4,603,475) ⁽⁷⁾	78,025	100%
Terry Grammer ⁽⁴⁾	2,400,000	-	(2,000,000)	(393,333) ⁽⁷⁾	6,667	100%
Rimas Kairaitis ⁽⁵⁾	2,600,000	-	(2,000,000)	(590,000) ⁽⁷⁾	10,000	100%
Justin Barton ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
	23,831,797	-	(8,000,000)	(15,525,871)	305,926	

30 June 2019	Balance at 1 July 2018 ⁽⁸⁾	Granted	Exercised/ Cancelled	Expired/ Other	Balance at 30 June 2019 ⁽⁸⁾	Vested
Directors						
Jordan Lockett	4,000,000	-	-	2,681,500	6,681,500	100%
Kevin Somes	4,000,000	-	-	8,150,297	12,150,297	100%
Terry Grammer	4,000,000	-	-	(1,600,000)	2,400,000	100%
Rimas Kairaitis	4,000,000	-	-	(1,400,000)	2,600,000	100%
	16,000,000	-	-	7,831,797	23,831,797	

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(2) Grey Egerton-Warburton was appointed a Director on 4 June 2020.

(3) Ross Williams was appointed a Director on 4 June 2020.

(4) Terry Grammer ceased being a Director on 20 May 2020.

(5) Rimas Kairaitis resigned on 29 November 2019.

(6) Justin Barton was appointed an interim Director on 20 May 2020 and resigned on 4 June 2020. During this period, Mr Barton had 552,538 shares (post consolidation) and 50,000 options (post consolidation).

(7) One for sixty consolidation of capital completed in June 2020.

(8) Pre-consolidation.

REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)

Shareholdings of Key Management Personnel

30 June 2020	Balance 1 July 2019 ⁽⁸⁾	Granted as Remuneration	On exercise of Options	Net Change Other	Balance 30 June 2020
Directors					
Kevin Somes	76,043,595	-	-	(74,776,200) ⁽⁷⁾	1,267,395
Grey Egerton-Warburton ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	8,000,000	8,000,000
Ross Williams ⁽³⁾	-	-		8,012,104	8,012,104
Jordan Luckett ⁽¹⁾	36,427,333			(35,820,210) ⁽⁷⁾	607,123
Terry Grammer ⁽⁴⁾	2,400,000	-	-	(2,360,000) ⁽⁷⁾	40,000
Rimas Kairaitis ⁽⁵⁾	3,600,000	-	-	(3,540,000) ⁽⁷⁾	60,000
Justin Barton ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	-	-
	118,470,928	-	-	(100,484,306)	17,986,622

30 June 2019	Balance 1 July 2018 ⁽⁸⁾	Granted as Remuneration	On exercise of Options	Net Change Other	Balance 30 June 2019 ⁽⁸⁾
Directors					
Jordan Luckett	31,745,833	-	-	4,681,500	36,427,333
Kevin Somes	55,269,658	-	-	20,773,937	76,043,595
Terry Grammer	2,000,000	-	-	400,000	2,400,000
Rimas Kairaitis	3,000,000	-	-	600,000	3,600,000
	92,015,491	-	-	26,455,437	118,470,928

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END OF REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)

This Report of Directors, incorporating the Remuneration Report, is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Dated this 11 day of September 2020



K C Somes
Chairman



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 June 2020

Great Western Exploration Limited and the Board are committed to achieving and demonstrating the highest standards of corporate governance. Great Western Exploration has reviewed its corporate governance practices against the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th edition) published by the ASX Corporate Governance Council.

The 2020 Corporate Governance Statement was approved by the Board on 4 September 2020 and is current as at 4 September 2020. A description of the Group's current corporate governance practices is set out in the Group's Corporate Governance Statement which along with the 2020 Appendix 4G can be viewed on the Company's website, www.greatwesternexploration.com.au.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	133,000	1,014,442
Trade and other receivables	9	84,770	343,555
Other financial assets	10	400	200,362
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		218,170	1,558,359
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	11	11,528	7,825
Mineral exploration expenditure	12	9,490,884	9,868,392
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		9,502,412	9,876,217
TOTAL ASSETS		9,720,582	11,434,576
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	13	294,910	328,427
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		294,910	328,427
TOTAL LIABILITIES		294,910	328,427
NET ASSETS		9,425,672	11,106,149
EQUITY			
Issued capital	14	30,580,106	30,452,910
Reserves	15	898,866	898,866
Accumulated losses		(22,053,300)	(20,245,627)
TOTAL EQUITY		9,425,672	11,106,149

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



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Interest received		1,077	19,895
Other income		891	718
Other income – Government Grant		17,394	-
Employee benefit expense	5	(108,123)	(135,837)
Administration expenses		(194,971)	(341,915)
Directors' fees		(132,056)	(170,000)
Depreciation		(2,785)	(3,355)
Right of use asset depreciation		(14,835)	-
Compliance and regulatory expenses		(87,188)	(77,250)
Share based payments		-	(12,986)
Mineral exploration written off	12	(1,287,077)	(8,238)
Loss before income tax		(1,807,673)	(728,968)
Income tax expense	6	-	-
Loss for the year		(1,807,673)	(728,968)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences on translating foreign controlled entities		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(1,807,673)	(728,968)
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents per share)	7	(8.11)	(4.61)

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Issued Capital	Share Option Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total Equity
30 June 2020	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance At 1 July 2019	30,452,910	898,866	(20,245,627)	11,106,149
Loss for the year	-	-	(1,807,673)	(1,807,673)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(1,807,673)	(1,807,673)
Option issues	-	-	-	-
Sale of unmarketable securities	879	-	-	879
Shares issued	200,000	-	-	200,000
Transaction costs	(73,683)	-	-	(73,683)
Balance at 30 June 2020	30,580,106	898,866	(22,053,300)	9,425,672

	Issued Capital	Share Option Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total Equity
30 June 2019	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance At 1 July 2018	29,178,726	864,237	(19,516,659)	10,526,304
Loss for the year	-	-	(728,968)	(728,968)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(728,968)	(728,968)
Option issues	-	34,629	-	34,629
Shares issued for tenement acquisitions	270,000	-	-	270,000
Shares issued	1,150,000	-	-	1,150,000
Transaction costs	(145,816)	-	-	(145,816)
Balance at 30 June 2019	30,452,910	898,866	(20,245,627)	11,106,149

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash payments to suppliers and employees		(531,452)	(603,910)
Government grant received		17,394	-
Termination of lease paid		(17,267)	-
Interest received		1,077	19,895
Interest and other finance costs paid		-	(400)
Net cash used in operating activities	16	(530,248)	(584,415)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Refund on withdrawal of tenement applications		265,385	-
Deposits paid on exploration		(41,962)	(16,358)
Receipt on maturity/(investment) in term deposit		199,962	800,038
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(6,488)	-
Payments for exploration and evaluation expenditure		(879,526)	(1,452,098)
Net cash used in/(used from) investing activities		(462,629)	(668,418)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares and options		200,879	1,150,000
Share issue costs		(73,683)	(145,816)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(15,761)	-
Net cash provided by financing activities		111,435	1,004,184
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(881,442)	(248,649)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		1,014,442	1,263,091
Cash at the end of the financial year	8	133,000	1,014,442

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

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For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

These financial statements and notes represent those of Great Western Exploration Limited ('the Company') and its controlled entities ('the Group').

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 11 September 2020 by the Directors of the Company.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The Group is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the IASB. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow information, the financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

a) Going Concern

The financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity, and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

The Group incurred a loss for the year of \$1,807,673 (2019: \$728,968). During the year the company raised \$127,196 after issue costs, by the way of share placements in June 2020. The Group has a working capital deficit of \$76,740 at 30 June 2020 (working capital surplus at 30 June 2019: \$1,229,932). Since year end, the Group has raised a further \$613,190, by way of non-renounceable entitlements issue on 9 July 2020 and a further \$2.5m via a share placement on 10 August 2020.

The directors have prepared a cash flow forecast, which indicates that the Group will have sufficient cash flows to meet all commitments (including those at Note 22) and working capital requirements for the 12 month period from the date of signing this financial report.

The Directors believe that at the date of signing of the financial statements that the Group has sufficient funds to meet its obligations as and when they fall due and continue to proceed with the Group's objectives beyond the currently committed expenditure for the 12-month period from the date of signing this financial report.

b) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of entities controlled by Great Western Exploration Limited at the end of the reporting period. A controlled entity is any entity over which Great Western Exploration Limited has the ability and right to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from the entity's activities.

Where controlled entities have entered or left the Group during the year, the financial performance of those entities is included only for the period of the year that they were controlled. A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 21 to the financial statements.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all intragroup balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated group have been eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests, being the equity in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to a parent, are reported separately within the equity section of the consolidated statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income. The non-controlling interests in the net assets comprise their interests at the date of the original business combination and their share of changes in equity since that date.

Business combinations

Business combinations occur where an acquirer obtains control over one or more businesses.

A business combination is accounted for by applying the acquisition method, unless it is a combination involving entities or businesses under common control. The business combination will be accounted for from the date that control is attained, whereby the fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) assumed is recognised (subject to certain limited exemptions).

When measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination, any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement is also included. Subsequent to initial recognition, contingent consideration classified as equity is not remeasured and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is remeasured in each reporting period to fair value, recognising any change to fair value in profit or loss, unless the change in value can be identified as existing at acquisition date.

All transaction costs incurred in relation to business combinations are expensed to the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive income.

The acquisition of a business may result in the recognition of goodwill or a gain from a bargain purchase.

Goodwill

- i) The consideration transferred;
- ii) Any non-controlling interest, and
- iii) The acquisition date fair value of any previously held equity interest over the acquisition date fair value of net identifiable assets acquired.

The acquisition date fair value of the consideration transferred for a business combination plus the acquisition date fair value of any previously held equity interest shall form the cost of the investment in the separate financial statements.

Fair value uplifts in the value of pre-existing equity holdings are taken to the statement of comprehensive income. Where changes in the value of such equity holdings had previously been recognised in other comprehensive income, such amounts are recycled to profit or loss.

The amount of goodwill recognised on acquisition of each subsidiary in which the Company holds less than a 100% interest will depend on the method adopted in measuring the non-controlling interest. The Company can elect in most circumstances to measure the non-controlling interest in the acquire either at fair value (full goodwill method) or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the subsidiary's identifiable net assets (proportionate interest method). In such circumstances, the Company determines which method to adopt for each acquisition and this is stated in the respective notes to these financial statements disclosing the business combination.

Under the full goodwill method, the fair value of the non-controlling interests is determined using valuation techniques which make the maximum use of market information where available. Under this method, goodwill attributable to the non-controlling interests is recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisition of associates is included in investments in associates.

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually and is allocated to the Company's cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units, representing the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored not larger than an operating segment. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill related to the entity disposed of.

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c) Application of New and Revised Accounting Standards

New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group has adopted all the new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period.

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

- AASB 16 Leases;

AASB 16 Leases

AASB 16 Leases requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model. The standard includes two recognition exemptions for lessees namely leases of 'low-value' assets and short-term leases (i.e., leases with a lease term of 12 months or less). At the commencement date of a lease, a lessee will recognise a liability to make lease payments (i.e., the lease liability) and an asset representing the right to use the underlying asset during the lease term (i.e., the right-of-use asset).

Lessees will separately recognise the interest expense on the lease liability and the depreciation expense on the right-of-use asset.

The Group has adopted AASB 16 Leases from 1 July 2019 retrospectively but has not restated comparatives for the 2019 reporting period as permitted under the specific provision in the standard. The effect of adoption of this standard is disclosed in Note 25.

d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of six months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

e) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables, which generally have 30 day terms, are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for impairment. Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An impairment provision is recognised when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect the receivable.

f) Financial Instruments

i) Classification of financial instruments

The Group classifies its financial assets into the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured 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 Group's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual terms of the financial assets' cash flows.

The Group classifies its financial liabilities at amortised cost unless it has designated liabilities at fair value through profit or loss or is required to measure liabilities at fair value through profit or loss such as derivative liabilities.

ii) Financial assets measured at amortised cost

Debt instruments

Investments in debt instruments are measured at amortised cost where they have:

- contractual terms that give rise to cash flows on specified dates, that represent solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding; and

- are held within a business model whose objective is achieved by holding to collect contractual cash flows.

These debt instruments are initially recognised at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost. The measurement of credit impairment is based on the three-stage expected credit loss model described below in note (c) Impairment of financial assets.

(a) Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income

Equity instruments

Investment in equity instruments that are neither held for trading nor contingent consideration recognised by the Group in a business combination to which AASB 3 "Business Combination" applies, are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, where an irrevocable election has been made by management.

Amounts presented in other comprehensive income are not subsequently transferred to profit or loss. Dividends on such investments are recognised in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment.

(b) Items at fair value through profit or loss Items at fair value through profit or loss comprise:

- items held for trading;
- items specifically designated as fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition; and
- debt instruments with contractual terms that do not represent solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value, with transaction costs recognised in the income statement as incurred. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value and any gains or losses are recognised in the income statement as they arise.

Where a financial asset is measured at fair value, a credit valuation adjustment is included to reflect the credit worthiness of the counterparty, representing the movement in fair value attributable to changes in credit risk.

Financial instruments held for trading

A financial instrument is classified as held for trading if it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term, or forms part of a portfolio of financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of short-term profit taking, or it is a derivative not in a qualifying hedge relationship.

Financial instruments designated as measured at fair value through profit or loss

Upon initial recognition, financial instruments may be designated as measured at fair value through profit or loss. A financial asset may only be designated at fair value through profit or loss if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces measurement or recognition inconsistencies (i.e. eliminates an accounting mismatch) that would otherwise arise from measuring financial assets or liabilities on a different basis.

A financial liability may be designated at fair value through profit or loss if it eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch or:

- if a host contract contains one or more embedded derivatives; or
- if financial assets and liabilities are both managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

Where a financial liability is designated at fair value through profit or loss, the movement in fair value attributable to changes in the Group's own credit quality is calculated by determining the changes in credit spreads above observable market interest rates and is presented separately in other comprehensive income.

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(c) Impairment of financial assets

The Group applies a three-stage approach to measuring expected credit losses (ECLs) for the following categories of financial assets that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss:

- debt instruments measured at amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income;
- loan commitments; and
- financial guarantee contracts.

No ECL is recognised on equity investments.

Determining the stage for impairment

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk for exposures since initial recognition by comparing the risk of default occurring over the remaining expected life from the reporting date and the date of initial recognition. The Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort for this purpose. This includes quantitative and qualitative information and also, forward-looking analysis.

An exposure will migrate through the ECL stages as asset quality deteriorates. If, in a subsequent period, asset quality improves and also reverses any previously assessed significant increase in credit risk since origination, then the provision for doubtful debts reverts from lifetime ECL to 12-months ECL. Exposures that have not deteriorated significantly since origination are considered to have a low credit risk. The provision for doubtful debts for these financial assets is based on a 12-months ECL. When an asset is uncollectible, it is written off against the related provision. Such assets are written off after all the necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off reduce the amount of the expense in the income statement.

The Group assesses whether the credit risk on an exposure has increased significantly on an individual or collective basis. For the purposes of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial instruments are Grouped on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics, taking into account instrument type, credit risk ratings, date of initial recognition, remaining term to maturity, industry, geographical location of the borrower and other relevant factors.

(d) Recognition and derecognition of financial instruments

A financial asset or financial liability is recognised in the balance sheet when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, which is generally on trade date. Loans and receivables are recognised when cash is advanced (or settled) to the borrowers.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised initially at fair value. All other financial assets are recognised initially at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual cash flows from the asset expire or it transfers its rights to receive contractual cash flows from the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred.

Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Group is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

A financial liability is derecognised from the balance sheet when the Group has discharged its obligation or the contract is cancelled or expires.

(e) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the balance sheet when the Group has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

g) Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

Plant and Equipment – over 6 to 15 years

Motor Vehicles – over 4 years

Computer Equipment – over 3 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and amortisation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each financial year end.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.

Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

h) Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure

Exploration and evaluation costs are capitalised as exploration and evaluation assets on a project by project basis pending determination of the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the project. The capitalised costs are presented as either tangible or intangible exploration and evaluation assets according to the nature of the assets acquired.

When a licence is relinquished or a project abandoned, the related costs are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income immediately.

Exploration and evaluation assets shall be assessed for impairment when facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of an exploration and evaluation asset may exceed its recoverable amount. When facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

i) Interests in Joint Ventures

The Company's shares of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of jointly controlled operations have been included in the appropriate line items of the consolidated financial statements.

j) Impairment of Assets

Assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are Group at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or Group of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are tested for possible reversal of the impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the impairment may have reversed.

k) Trade and other Payables

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised cost; due to their short term nature they are not discounted. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Company becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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l) Provisions and Employee Leave Benefits

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the Company expects some or all of the provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income net of any reimbursement.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised in finance costs.

Employee Leave Benefits

(i) Wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date. They are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Expenses for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

(ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured as the present level of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date 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 reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

m) Share Based Payment Transactions

(i) Equity settled transaction:

The Company provides benefits to its employees (including key management personnel) in the form of share-based payments, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares (equity-settled transactions).

The Company has in place the Great Western Exploration Limited Employee Share Option Plan to provide benefits to directors and senior executives.

The cost of these equity-settled transactions with employees is measured by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by an external valuer using a binomial model.

In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any vesting conditions other than conditions linked to price of the shares of the Company (market conditions) if applicable.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled (the vesting period), ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award (the vesting date).

At each subsequent reporting date until vesting the cumulative charge to the Statement of Comprehensive Income is the produce of:

- i) the grant date fair value of the award;

- ii) the current best estimate of the number of awards that will vest, taking into account such factors as the likelihood of employee turnover during the vesting period and the likelihood of non-market performance conditions being met; and
- iii) the expired portion of the vesting period.

The charge to the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year is the cumulative amount as calculated above less the amounts already charged in previous years. There is a corresponding credit to equity.

Until an award has vested, any amounts recorded are contingent and will be adjusted if more or fewer awards vest than were originally anticipated to do so. Any award subject to a market condition is considered to vest irrespective of whether or not that market condition is fulfilled, provided that all other conditions are satisfied.

If the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. An additional expense is recognised for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share based payment arrangement, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee, as measured at the date of modification.

If an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new award are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect, if any, of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of diluted earnings per share.

n) Issued Capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

o) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised and measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable to the extent it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised.

i) Interest Income

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant year using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

p) Income Tax and other Taxes

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior years are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities based on the current year's taxable income. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is provided on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred income tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences except:

- When the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in the transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or

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- when the taxable temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- when the deferred income tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not
- a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- when the deductible temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint ventures, in which case a deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary difference will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance sheet date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset only if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Other Taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- when the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- receivables and payables, which are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as part of operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

q) Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated as net profit attributable to members of the parent, adjusted to exclude any costs of servicing equity (other than dividends), divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated as net profit attributable to members of the parent, adjusted for:

- costs of servicing equity (other than dividends);
- the after tax effect of dividends and interest associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares; and
- other non-discretionary changes in revenues or expenses during the year that would result from the dilution of potential ordinary shares;

Divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

r) Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

The Company measures some of its assets and liabilities at fair value on either a recurring or non-recurring basis, depending on the requirements of the applicable Accounting Standard.

Fair value is the price the Company would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (i.e. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (i.e. the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at the end of the reporting period (i.e. the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset or minimises the payments made to transfer the liability, after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The fair value of liabilities and the entity's own equity instruments (excluding those related to share-based payment arrangements) may be valued, where there is no observable market price in relation to the transfer of such financial instruments, by reference to observable market information where such instruments are held as assets. Where this information is not available, other valuation techniques are adopted and, where significant, are detailed in the respective note to the financial statements.

Valuation techniques

In the absence of an active market for an identical asset or liability, the Company selects and uses one or more valuation techniques to measure the fair value of the asset or liability. The Company selects a valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value. The availability of sufficient and relevant data primarily depends on the specific characteristics of the asset or liability being measured. The valuation techniques selected by the Company are consistent with one or more of the following valuation approaches:

Market approach: valuation techniques that use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

Income approach: valuation techniques that convert estimated future cash flows or income and expenses into a single discounted present value.

Cost approach: valuation techniques that reflect the current replacement cost of an asset at its current service capacity.

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Each valuation technique requires inputs that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risks. When selecting a valuation technique, the Company gives priority to those techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs that are developed using market data (such as publicly available information on actual transactions) and reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would generally use when pricing the asset or liability are considered observable, whereas inputs for which market data is not available and therefore are developed using the best information available about such assumptions are considered unobservable.

Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 requires the disclosure of fair value information by level of the fair value hierarchy, which categorises fair value measurements into one of three possible levels based on the lowest level that an input that is significant to the measurement can be categorised into as follows:

Level 1

Measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 2

Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data. If all significant inputs required to measure fair value are observable, the asset or liability is included in Level 2. If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

The Company would change the categorisation within the fair value hierarchy only in the following circumstances:

- i) if a market that was previously considered active (Level 1) became inactive (Level 2 or Level 3) or vice versa; or
- ii) if significant inputs that were previously unobservable (Level 3) became observable (Level 2) or vice versa.

When a change in the categorisation occurs, the Company recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy (i.e. transfers into and out of each level of the fair value hierarchy) on the date the event or change in circumstances occurred.

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Equally, the Company continually employs judgement in the application of its accounting policies.

Management has identified the following critical accounting policies for which significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are made. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions. Those which may materially affect the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities reported in future years are discussed below.

a) Significant accounting estimates and judgements

- (i) *Impairment of non-financial assets*

The Company assesses impairment on all assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Company and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. These include technology and economic environments. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

(ii) Share-based payment transactions

The Company measures the cost of equity settled transactions with directors and employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. Equity settled transactions comprise only options. Their fair value is determined using the Binomial Options Pricing model. The accounting estimates and assumptions relating to equity settled share-based payments would have no impact on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting year but may impact expenses and equity. Refer to Note 19.

(iii) Estimation of useful lives of assets

The estimation of useful lives of assets has been based on historical experience. Adjustments to useful lives are made when considered necessary. Depreciation and amortisation charges as well as estimated useful lives are included in Note 1(g).

(iv) Exploration and evaluation costs

Acquisition, exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred is accumulated in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are carried forward in respect of an area that has not at balance sheet date reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active and significant operations in or relating to, the area of interest are continuing. Refer to Note 12.

(v) Environmental issues

Balances disclosed in the financial statements and notes thereto are not adjusted for any pending or enacted environmental legislation, and the Directors understanding thereof. At the current stage of the Company's development and its current environmental impact, the Directors believe such treatment is reasonable and appropriate.

(vi) Taxation

Balances disclosed in the financial statements and the notes thereto, related to taxation, and are based on the best estimates of Directors. These estimates take into account both the financial performance and position of the Company as they pertain to current income taxation legislation, and the Directors understanding thereof. No adjustment has been made for pending or future taxation legislation. The current income tax position represents that Directors best estimate, pending an assessment by the Australian Taxation Office. Refer to Note 6.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	133,000	1,014,442
Receivables	9	84,770	343,555
Financial assets	10	400	200,362
		218,170	1,558,359
Financial Liabilities			
Trade and payables	13	294,910	328,427
		294,910	328,427

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The Company attempts to mitigate risks that may affect its future performance through a systematic process of identifying, assessing, reporting and managing risks of corporate significance.

The management and the Board discuss the principal risks of our businesses, particularly during the strategic planning and budgeting processes. The board sets policies for the implementation of systems to manage and monitor identifiable risks. The Board Risk Committee is responsible for the oversight of risk management.

The Company's principal financial instruments comprise cash and short term deposits. The Company has various other financial assets and liabilities such as trade receivables and trade payables, which arise directly from its operations.

The main purpose of these financial assets and liabilities is to raise finance for the Company's operations. It is, and has been throughout the entire year under review, the Company's policy that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are cash flow interest rate risk. Other minor risks are either summarised below or disclosed in Note 9 in the case of credit risk and Note 14 in the case of capital risk management. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks.

(a) Credit Risk

The Company minimises credit risk by undertaking a review of its potential customers' financial position and the viability of the underlying project prior to entering into material contracts.

Financial instruments other than receivables that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash deposits. The Company places its cash deposits with high credit-quality financial institutions, being in Australia only the major Australian (big four) banks. Cash holdings in other countries are generally not significant. The Company's cash deposits all mature within twelve months and attract a rate of interest at normal short-term money market rates.

The maximum amount of credit risk the Company considers it would be exposed to would be \$133,000 (2019: \$1,214,804) being the total of its cash and cash equivalents and financial assets.

(b) Cash Flow Interest Rate Risk

The Company's exposure to the risks of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Company's short term deposits with a floating interest rate. All other financial assets and liabilities in the form of receivables and payables are non-interest bearing. The Company does not engage in any hedging or derivative transactions to manage interest rate risk. The following table sets out the Company's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate for each class of these financial instruments.

		Floating Interest Rate		Non-Interest Bearing		Total Carrying Amount	
	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$	2020 \$	2019 \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
Financial Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	8	-	-	133,000	1,014,442	133,000	1,014,442
Trade and other Receivables	9	-	-	84,770	343,556	84,770	343,556
Other Financial assets	10	-	199,962	400	400	400	200,362
Weighted average interest rate		-	0.81				

Financial Liabilities							
Trade and other Payables	13	-	-	294,910	328,427	294,910	328,427

The effect on profit and equity, after tax, if interest rates at that date had been 10% higher or 10% lower with all other variables held constant as a sensitivity analysis would be a +/- change to profit and equity of nil (2019: \$2,000).

A sensitivity of 10% has been selected as this is considered by management to be reasonable in the current environment. The Company constantly analyses its interest rate exposure to ensure the appropriate mix of fixed and variable rates.

The Company has not entered into any hedging activities to cover interest rate risk. In regard to its interest rate risk, the Company continuously analyses its exposure. Within this analysis consideration is given to potential renewals of existing positions, alternative investments and the mix of fixed and variable interest rates.

(c) Price Risk

The Company is not exposed to equity securities price risk. There is no active market for available for sale investments.

(d) Liquidity Risk

The Company's objective is to match the terms of its funding sources to the terms of the assets or operations being financed. The Company uses a combination of trade payables and operating leases to provide its necessary debt funding.

The Company aims to hold sufficient reserves of cash or cash equivalents to help manage the fluctuations in working capital requirements and provide the flexibility for investment into long-term assets without the need to raise debt.

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CONTRACTED MATURITIES OF PAYABLES AT BALANCE DATE

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Payable		
- Less than 6 months	294,910	226,376
- 6 to 12 months	-	102,051
- 1 to 5 years	-	-
	294,910	328,427

(e) Commodity Price Risk

Due to the early stage of the Company's operations its exposure is considered minimal. Risk arises as its operations are involved in exploration and development of mineral commodities, changes in the price of commodities for which the Group is exploring and developing may result in changes to the Company's market price. The Company entity does not hedge any of its exposures.

(f) Foreign currency exchange rate

A risk arises when future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities are denominated in a currency other than the Company's functional currency. At present, the Company is not considered to be exposed to any significant foreign currency risk.

(g) Net fair values

The Company has no financial assets or liabilities where the carrying value amount exceeds fair value at balance date. The directors consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair value.

The Company's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are listed investments (Note 10) and are categorised as Level 1, meaning fair value is determined from quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

4. OPERATING SEGMENTS

SEGMENT INFORMATION

Identification of reportable segments

The Company has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors (chief operating decision makers) in assessing performance and determining the allocation of resources.

The Company's principal activities are mineral exploration. Reportable segments disclosed are based on aggregating operating segments where the segments are considered to have similar economic characteristics.

Types of products and services by segment

The Company's segments consist of:

- Mineral exploration
- Finance and administration

Basis of accounting for purposes of reporting by operating segments

Unless stated otherwise, all amounts reported to the Board of Directors as the chief decision maker with respect to operating segments are determined in accordance with accounting policies that are consistent to those adopted in the annual financial statements of the Company.

Segment assets

Segment assets are clearly identifiable on the basis of their nature and physical location.

Unless indicated otherwise in the segment assets note, investments in financial assets, deferred tax assets and intangible assets have not been allocated to operating segments.

Segment liabilities

Liabilities are allocated to segments where there is direct nexus between the incurrence of the liability and the operations of the segment. Segment liabilities include trade and other payables and certain direct borrowings.

Unallocated items

Items of revenue, expense, assets and liabilities are not allocated to operating segments if they are not considered part of the core operations of any segment.

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(i) Segment performance

30 June 2020	Mineral Exploration (\$)	Finance and Administration (\$)	Total (\$)
Interest received	-	1,077	1,077
Other income – Government Grant		17,394	17,394
Other income	-	891	891
Total segment revenue	-	19,362	19,362
Employee benefit expense	-	(108,123)	(108,123)
Administration expenses	-	(194,971)	(194,971)
Directors fees	-	(132,056)	(132,055)
Depreciation	-	(2,785)	(2,785)
Right of use asset depreciation		(14,835)	(14,835)
Compliance and regulatory expenses	-	(87,188)	(87,187)
Share based payments	-	-	-
Mineral exploration written-off	(1,287,077)	-	(1,287,077)
Other costs	-	-	-
Net profit/ (loss) before tax from operations	(1,287,077)	(520,596)	(1,807,673)

30 June 2019	Mineral Exploration (\$)	Finance and Administration (\$)	Total (\$)
Interest received	-	19,895	19,895
Other income	-	718	718
Total segment revenue	-	20,613	20,613
Employee benefit expense	-	(135,837)	(135,837)
Administration expenses	-	(337,010)	(337,010)
Directors fees	-	(170,000)	(170,000)
Depreciation	-	(3,355)	(3,355)
Compliance and regulatory expenses	-	(77,250)	(77,250)
Share based payments	-	(12,986)	(12,986)
Mineral exploration written-off	(8,238)	-	(8,238)
Other costs	(4,905)	-	(4,905)
Net profit/ (loss) before tax from operations	(13,143)	(715,825)	(728,968)



(ii) Segment assets

30 June 2020	Mineral Exploration (\$)	Finance and Administration (\$)	Total (\$)
<i>Current assets</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	133,000	133,000
Trade and other receivables	61,850	22,920	84,770
Other	-	400	400
<i>Non-current assets</i>			
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	9,490,884	-	9,490,884
Plant & Equipment	11,384	144	11,528
Total assets	9,564,118	156,464	9,720,582

30 June 2019	Mineral Exploration (\$)	Finance and Administration (\$)	Total (\$)
<i>Current assets</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	1,014,442	1,014,442
Trade and other receivables	302,953	40,602	343,555
Other	-	200,362	200,362
<i>Non-current assets</i>			
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	9,868,392	-	9,868,392
Plant & Equipment	4,929	2,896	7,825
Total assets	10,176,274	2,385,733	11,434,576

(iii) Segment liabilities

30 June 2020	Mineral Exploration (\$)	Finance and Administration (\$)	Total (\$)
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Trade and other payables	100,392	194,518	294,910
Total liabilities from operations	100,392	194,518	294,910

30 June 2020	Mineral Exploration (\$)	Finance and Administration (\$)	Total (\$)
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Trade and other payables	129,020	199,407	328,427
Total liabilities from operations	129,020	199,407	328,427

(iv) Revenue by geographical region

The Company's revenue is received from sources within Australia.

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(v) Assets by geographical region

The geographical location of all assets are in Australia.

(vi) Major customers

Due to the nature of its current operations, the Company does not provide products and services.

5. EXPENSES

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Employee benefits		
Salaries	212,217	101,639
Superannuation	22,721	23,611
Other Employee Benefits	(101,811)	10,587
	133,127	135,837

6. INCOME TAX

	2020 \$	2019 \$
a) The prima facie tax on profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before income tax is reconciled to the income tax expense as follows:		
Accounting loss before income tax	(1,807,673)	(728,968)
Income tax benefit at the statutory income tax rate of 27.5% (2019: 27.5%)	(497,110)	(200,466)
Expenditure not allowable for income tax purposes	359,866	17,886
Capitalised mineral exploration expenditure	(250,489)	(358,524)
Other deductible expenditure	(14,187)	(16,203)
Capital raising costs	(20,263)	(83,258)
Under/over from prior year	-	-
Benefit of tax losses not brought to account as an asset	422,182	640,565
Income Tax expense reported in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income	-	-

- b) As at 30 June 2020, the Company has estimated tax losses of approximately \$25,697,172 (2019: \$24,085,000), which may be available to be offset against deferred tax liabilities and taxable income in future years. The availability of these losses is subject to satisfying Australian taxation legislative requirements. The deferred tax asset attributable to tax losses has not been brought to account in these financial statements as the Directors believe it is not presently appropriate to regard realisation of the future income tax benefits as probable.
- c) **Deferred Tax Liability**
With regard to Mineral Exploration Expenditure of \$9,492,184 (2018: \$9,868,392) the tax liability in respect of the book value has not been brought to account as it is offset by the tax losses set out in 6(b) above.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Loss used in the calculation of basic EPS	(1,807,673)	(728,968)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculation of basic earnings per share ⁽¹⁾	22,299,089	15,819,637

(1) On 4 June 2020, the Company undertook a share consolidation of 1 share for every 60 shares held.

8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash at bank	133,000	1,014,442
Cash on deposit	-	-
	133,000	1,014,442

The effective interest rate on short term bank deposits on average was 0.75% (2019: 0.81%), with an average maturity of 6 months.

9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current		
Tenement applications and deposits	41,962	265,385
GST receivable	23,226	75,134
Other receivables	16,551	-
Prepayments	3,031	3,036
	84,770	343,555

ALLOWANCE FOR IMPAIRMENT LOSS

Trade and other receivables do not contain impaired assets and are not past due. It is expected that these other balances will be received when due.

FAIR VALUE AND CREDIT RISK

Due to the short term nature of the receivables, their carrying value is assumed to approximate their fair value. Given the nature of the receivables the Company's exposure to risk is not considered material.

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10. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current		
Financial assets		
Other	400	400
4 Month term deposit	-	199,962
	400	200,362

Changes in fair value are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Plant and Equipment – at cost	111,870	105,382
Less: accumulated depreciation	(100,342)	(97,557)
	11,528	7,825

Reconciliation of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment	2020 \$	2019 \$
Carrying amount at beginning of year	7,825	11,181
Additions	6,488	0
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation for the year	(2,785)	(3,356)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	11,528	7,825

12. MINERAL EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Balance at beginning of the year	9,868,392	8,207,648
Acquisition of tenements	-	365,260
Deferred exploration expenditure	909,569	1,303,722
Mineral expenditure written off	(1,287,077)	(8,238)
Balance at end of financial year	9,490,884	9,868,392

The Company wrote off \$1,287,077 of expenditure in relation to tenements relinquished during the year.

The value of the Company's interest in exploration expenditure is dependent upon:

- the continuance of the Company's rights to tenure of the areas of interest;
- the results of future exploration; and
- The recoupment of costs through successful development and exploitation of the areas of interest or, alternatively, by their sale.

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current		
Trade payables	227,315	105,248
Sundry payables and accruals	30,499	165,586
PAYG Withholding	37,096	57,593
	294,910	328,427

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

Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are generally settled within 30 days.

14. ISSUED CAPITAL

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Ordinary Shares	30,580,106	30,452,910

Movements	2020 Number	2019 Number	2020 \$	2019 \$
Ordinary Shares				
Balance 1 July	1,252,699,442	920,199,310	30,452,910	29,178,726
Share issue				
- Exercise of options	-	45,000,000	-	270,000
Sale of unmarketable parcel	-	-	879	-
Share consolidation 60:1 ⁽¹⁾	(1,231,820,379)	-	-	-
Placement				
- June 2020	20,000,000	-	200,000	-
- June 2019	-	287,500,132	-	1,150,000
Issue costs	-	-	(73,683)	(145,816)
At 30 June	40,879,063	1,252,699,442	30,580,106	30,452,910

(1) On 4 June 2020, the Company undertook a shareholder approved share consolidation of 1 share for every 60 held.

The Company at 30 June 2020 has issued share capital amounting to 40,879,063 (2019: 1,252,699,442) ordinary shares with no par value.

Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the parent entity in proportion to the number of shares held.

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At the shareholders' meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands.

Capital Risk Management

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard their ability to continue as a going concern, so that they may continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders.

Due to the nature of the Company's activities, being mineral exploration, the Company does not have ready access to credit facilities, with the primary source of funding being equity raisings. Therefore, the focus of the Company's capital risk management is the current working capital position against the requirements of the Company to meet exploration programmes and corporate overheads.

The Company's strategy is to ensure appropriate liquidity is maintained to meet anticipated operating requirements, with a view to initiating appropriate capital raisings as required. The working capital position of the Company at 30 June 2020 is as follows:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	133,000	1,014,442
Trade and other receivables	84,770	343,555
Other assets	400	200,362
Trade and other payables	(294,911)	(328,427)
Working capital position	(76,741)	1,229,932

On 7 July 2020, the Company announced the completion of the non-renounceable, underwritten entitlement issue, raising \$613,190 (before costs). On 12 August 2020, the Company announced that it had raised \$2.5m (before costs).

15. RESERVES

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Share Option Reserve	898,866	898,866
	898,866	898,866

a) Share Option Reserve

	2020 No.	2019 No.	2020 \$	2019 \$
Balance at 1 July	72,000,000	76,500,000	898,866	864,237
Issued during the year	-	16,000,000	-	34,629
Expired during the year	(41,000,000)	(20,500,000)	-	-
Exercised during the year	-	-	-	-
Option consolidation at 60:1	(30,483,333)			
Balance at 30 June	516,667	72,000,000	898,866	898,866

The share based payments reserve is used to record the value of share based payments provided to employees, including key management personnel, as part of their remuneration. Refer to Note 19 for further details of these plans.

The Group operates an Employee Share Option Plan under which Options to subscribe for the Company's shares have been granted to directors, senior executives and employees.



16. CASH FLOW STATEMENT RECONCILIATION

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Reconciliation of net loss after tax to net cash flows from operations		
Loss for the year	(1,807,673)	(728,968)
Depreciation	2,785	3,355
Right of use depreciation	14,835	-
Share based payments	-	12,986
Other	-	29,765
Interest on lease liabilities – Rights of use asset	1,817	
Other income – gain on disposal on termination of lease	(891)	
Director's and employee remuneration – release on deed and resignation	(172,245)	
Mineral exploration expenditure written off	1,287,077	8,238
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables and prepayments	35,362	23,112
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	108,685	33,686
Increase /(Decrease) in provisions	-	33,411
	(530,248)	(584,415)

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

(a) Transactions with Directors and Directors Related Entities

There were no related party transactions during the year ended 30 June 2020 or 30 June 2019.

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18. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

(a) Compensation for Key Management Personnel

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Short term employee benefits	254,666	370,000
Post employment benefits	24,195	35,150
Other long term benefits	7,831	10,586
Reversal of remuneration – Deed of resignation and release	(192,764)	-
Share based payments	-	-
	93,928	415,736

19. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

(a) Recognised share based payment

The share based payment expense recognised for employee services, consultants and tenement acquisition received during the year is shown in the table below:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Expense arising from equity share-based payment transactions settled via options	-	12,986
Expense arising from equity share-based payment transactions settled via Shares	-	-
Total expense arising from share-based payment transactions	-	12,986

The share-based payment plans are described below. There have been no cancellations or modifications to any of the plans during 2020 and 2019.

(b) Types of Share based payment plans
Great Western Exploration Limited, Employee Share Option Plan

Share options are granted to senior executives and designed to provide executives an incentive and participate along with shareholders by increasing the value of the Company's shares. The options are issued by the Board having regard, in each case to:

- i) the contribution to the Company which has been made by the Participant;
- ii) the period of employment of the Participant with the Company, including (but not limited to) the years of service by that Participant;
- iii) the potential contribution of the Participant to the Company; and
- iv) any other matters which the Board considers in its absolute discretion, to be relevant.

The options are issued to participants at a price the Board considers appropriate, but in any event, no more than nominal consideration.

Details of options expiry date and exercise price are set out in Note 19 (c) below.

(c) Summary of Options on issue

	2020		2019	
	No.	Exercise Price	No.	Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of financial year	359,500,132		76,500,000	
Granted during the year				
- unlisted options expiring 31 Dec 2021	-	-	10,000,000	\$0.02
- unlisted options expiring 31 Dec 2021	-	-	6,000,000	\$0.02
- listed options expiring 21 June 2021	-	-	287,500,132	\$0.01
Forfeited during the year	-	-	-	-
Expired during the year	(41,000,000)	-	(20,500,000)	-
Exercised during the year	-	-	-	-
Option consolidation 60:1	(313,191,916)	-	-	-
Outstanding at end of financial year	5,308,456		359,500,132	

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The following share-based payment arrangements were in existence during the current and prior reporting periods:

Grant Date	No of Options	Grant Date Fair Value	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	Vesting Date
Expired at 30 June 2020					
29 November 2016	200,000	\$0.00805	\$0.06	31 December 2019	29 November 2016
24 March 2017	416,667	\$0.01280	\$1.20	30 June 2020	24 March 2017
3 October 2017	33,333	\$0.005333	\$0.06	31 December 2019	3 October 2017
On issue at 30 June 2020					
12 October 2017	250,000	\$0.008761	\$1.32	12 October 2020	12 October 2017
14 December 2018	266,667	\$0.00216	\$1.20	31 December 2021	14 December 2018

The total number of options exercisable at year end was 516,667.

No options were exercised during the year.

(d) Option pricing model

Equity-settled transactions

The fair value of the equity-settled share options granted under the Employee Share Option Plan is estimated as at the date of the grant using a Monte Carlo Pricing Model as part of the term of the issued options, the options will vest immediately when the Share Price Equals or exceeds the Exercise Price of the respective shares after the date of issues of the options.

Monte Carlo Price Model	
Grant Date	29/11/16
Dividend yield (%)	0
Expected volatility (%)	131
Risk free interest rate (%)	1.91
Expected life of options (yrs)	3.1
Option exercise price (\$)	0.06
Grant Date Share Price	0.015

Binomial Model Pricing Model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted options included in relation to acquisition of tenements and corporate advisory services during the period.

Binomial Model Pricing Model		
Grant Date	24/3/17	14/12/18
Dividend yield (%)	-	-
Expected volatility (%)	132	109
Risk free interest rate (%)	1.74	1.98
Expected life of options (yrs)	3.3	3.1
Option exercise price (\$)	0.02	0.02
Weighted average share price at measurement date (\$)	0.017	0.006

(e) Share issued in lieu of services

2020

No shares were issued in lieu of services during the year ended 30 June 2020.

2019

Grant Date/entitlement	Number of Instruments	Grant and Vesting Date	Fair Value at grant date \$
Shares issued for acquisition of tenements	750,000	14/12/2018	0.06
Options issued for acquisition of tenements	166,667	14/12/2018	0.002

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20. PARENT INFORMATION

	2020 \$	2019 \$
The following information has been extracted from the books and records of the parent and has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.		
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
ASSETS		
Current Assets	217,402	1,547,058
Non-current assets	9,508,544	9,609,135
TOTAL ASSETS	9,725,946	11,156,193
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	289,307	322,824
Non-current liabilities	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	289,307	322,824
NET ASSETS	9,436,639	10,833,369
EQUITY		
Issued capital	30,294,940	30,167,745
Reserves	898,867	898,867
Accumulated losses	(21,757,168)	(20,233,243)
TOTAL EQUITY	9,436,639	10,833,369
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Total loss	(1,523,925)	(727,680)
Total comprehensive income	(1,523,925)	(727,680)

Guarantees

Great Western Exploration Limited has not entered into any guarantees, in the current or previous financial year, in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries.

Contingent Liabilities

At 30 June 2020, there were no contingent liabilities in relation to the subsidiaries.

Contractual commitments

At 30 June 2020, Great Western Exploration Limited had not entered into any contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment (2019: Nil).

21. CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Interests are held in the following:

Name	Principal Activity	Country of Incorporation	Shares	Ownership Interest	
				2020	2019
Vanguard Exploration Limited	Mineral Exploration	Australia	Ordinary	100%	100%

22. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

COMMITMENTS

	2020 \$	2019 \$
a) Exploration Tenement Leases In order to maintain current rights of tenure to exploration tenements, the Group is required to outlay lease rentals and to meet the minimum expenditure requirements of the Western Australian Department of Mines & Petroleum. Within one year	1,077,500	1,278,000

CONTINGENCIES

There were no contingencies at the end of the financial year.

23. EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance that has arisen since 30 June 2020 which 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, in future financial years, other than:

- On 7 July 2020, the Company announced the completion of the non-renounceable, underwritten entitlement issue, raising \$613,190.
- On 10 August 2020, the Company announced that it had raised \$2.5 million by way of a placement of new fully paid shares.
- The Company made project announcements with respect to the Finlayson Gold Target and Golden Corridor Project (25 July 2020 and 4 August 2020) and the Atley Gold Project (25 August 2020).

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24. AUDITORS REMUNERATION

	2020 \$	2019 \$
The Auditor of Great Western Exploration Limited is Bentleys		
Amounts received or due and receivable for		
• an audit or review of the financial report of the Group	33,632	33,431
• other services in relation to the Group – other services	-	-
	33,632	33,431

25. RIGHTS OF USE ASSET AND LEASE LIABILITIES

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Rights of use assets		
Opening	-	-
At inception	89,582	-
Depreciation expense	(14,835)	-
Termination of lease	(74,747)	-
	-	-

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Lease liabilities		
Opening	-	-
At inception	89,582	-
Interest expense	1,817	-
Principal repaid	(15,761)	-
Termination of lease	(75,638)	-
	-	-

On the 24 April 2020, the group entered into a termination of lease agreement with the landlord. The landlord had agreed that the last date of lease was at 1 May 2020. Pursuant to termination of the lease, the group had to pay the landlord a total of \$44,323 as the termination fee. \$25,325 is being paid through the security deposit and the remainder payable on the 31 May 2020. The termination of lease was paid on the 26 May 2020.

Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Great Western Exploration Limited, the Directors of the Company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 23 to 57, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards, which, as stated in accounting policy Note 1 to the financial statements, constitutes compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company;
2. in the Directors' opinion, subject to the matters mentioned in Note 1(a) to the financial statements, 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
3. the Directors have been given the declarations required by s 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Dated this 11 day of September 2020



K C Somes
Chairman

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



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To The Board of Directors

Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial statements of Great Western Exploration Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, 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,

BENTLEYS
Chartered Accountants

DOUG BELL CA
Partner

Dated at Perth this 10th day of September 2020



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Great Western Exploration Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Great Western Exploration Limited ("the Company") and its subsidiaries ("the Consolidated Entity"), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion:

- a. the accompanying financial report of the Consolidated Entity is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.
- b. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. 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 Consolidated Entity 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.

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



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Great Western Exploration Limited (Continued)



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 of the current period. These 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.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Mineral Exploration Expenditure \$9,490,884 (Refer to note 12) Mineral exploration expenditure is a key audit matter due to: ➤ The significance of the balance to the Consolidated Entity's financial position; ➤ The level of judgement required in evaluating management's application of the requirements of AASB 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources ("AASB 6"). AASB 6 is an industry specific accounting standard requiring the application of significant judgements, estimates and industry knowledge. This includes specific requirements for expenditure to be capitalised as an asset and subsequent requirements which must be complied with for capitalised expenditure to continue to be carried as an asset; and ➤ The assessment of impairment of mineral exploration expenditure being inherently difficult.	Our audit procedures included but were not limited to: ➤ Assessing management's determination of its areas of interest for consistency with the definition in AASB 6 Exploration and Evaluation of Mineral Resources ("AASB 6"); ➤ Assessing the Consolidated Entity's rights to tenure for a sample of tenements; ➤ Testing the Consolidated Entity's additions to mineral exploration expenditure for the year by evaluating a sample of recorded expenditure for consistency to underlying records, the capitalisation requirements of the Consolidated Entity's accounting policy and the requirements of AASB 6; ➤ By testing the status of the Consolidated Entity's tenure and planned future activities, reading board minutes and discussions with management we assessed each area of interest for one or more of the following circumstances that may indicate impairment of the mineral exploration expenditure: ➤ The licenses for the rights to explore expiring in the near future or are not expected to be renewed; ➤ Substantive expenditure for further exploration in the area of interest is not budgeted or planned; ➤ Decision or intent by the Consolidated Entity to discontinue activities in the specific area of interest due to lack of commercially viable quantities of resources; and ➤ Data indicating that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration asset is unlikely to be recorded in full from successful development or sale. ➤ We also assessed the appropriateness of the related disclosures in note 12 to the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Great Western Exploration Limited (Continued)



Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Consolidated Entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020, 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 accordingly 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 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 Note 1, the directors also state in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard *AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial report complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Consolidated Entity's ability 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 Consolidated Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. 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.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Great Western Exploration Limited (Continued)



- 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 Consolidated Entity'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 Consolidated Entity'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 Consolidated Entity 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Consolidated Entity to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Consolidated Entity audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020. The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the remuneration report in accordance with s 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.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Great Western Exploration Limited *(Continued)*



Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of the Company, for the year ended 30 June 2020, complies with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001.

BENTLEYS
Chartered Accountants

DOUG BELL CA
Partner

Dated at Perth this 10th day of September 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

1.1. VOTING RIGHTS

In accordance with the Company's constitution, on a show of hands every member present in person or by proxy or attorney or duly authorised representative has one vote. On a poll every member present in person or by proxy or attorney or duly authorised representative has one vote for every fully paid ordinary share held.

1.2. SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS (AND ASSOCIATES) AS AT 28 August 2020

Shareholder	No of Shares
Seascope Capital Pty Ltd <Williams Trading A/C>	20,011,320
Budworth Capital Pty Ltd <Rolling Hills Capital A/C>	20,000,000
Westgate Capital Pty Ltd <Westgate Mgmt A/C>	7,033,334

1.3. DISTRIBUTION OF HOLDERS AS AT 28 August 2020

	Fully Paid Ordinary Shares
Number of Holders Distribution is:	1,736
1 – 1000	826
1001 – 5,000	337
5001 – 10,000	140
10,001 – 100,000	319
100,001 – and over	114
	1,736

973 shareholders hold less than a marketable parcel.

1.4. TOP TWENTY HOLDERS

(a) Ordinary Shares

The names of the twenty largest ordinary fully paid shareholders as at 28 August 2020 are as follows:

	Name	Units	% Units
1	SEASCAPE CAPITAL PTY LTD <WILLIAMS TRADING A/C>	20,011,320	17.22
2	BUDWORTH CAPITAL PTY LTD <ROLLING HILLS CAPITAL A/C>	20,000,000	17.21
3	WESTGATE CAPITAL PTY LTD <WESTGATE MGMT A/C>	7,033,334	6.05
4	SIMON LEE	4,166,667	3.59
5	QUICKSILVER ASSET PTY LTD	1,895,290	1.63
6	COVENTINA HOLDINGS PTY LTD <COVENTINA FAMILY A/C>	1,894,093	1.63
7	MR JORDAN LUCKETT <LUCKETT FAMILY A/C>	1,864,087	1.60
8	NINAN PTY LTD	1,794,138	1.54
9	MRS JANE ELIZABETH SOMES + MS AMY JANE SOMES <JANE SOMES PENSION FUND A/C>	1,491,120	1.28
10	SUNDEN PTY LTD <THE GARY SHANNON S/FUND A/C>	1,408,335	1.21
11	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED - A/C 2	1,183,201	1.02
12	ESM LIMITED	1,151,667	0.99
13	BT PORTFOLIO SERVICES LIMITED <WARRELL HOLDINGS S/F A/C>	1,113,298	0.96
14	WOODLANDS ASSET MANAGEMENT PTY LTD <WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP A/C>	1,113,158	0.96
15	KCS SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD	1,098,745	0.95
16	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	1,085,075	0.93
17	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	1,075,884	0.93
18	MR IAN KERR	1,050,000	0.90
19	BAM NR 1 PTY LTD <THE MORAN SUPER FUND A/C>	1,022,912	0.88
20	THIRD REEF PTY LTD <BACK REEF A/C>	1,007,811	0.87
Totals: Top 20 holders of ORDINARY SHARE CLASS (Total)		72,460,135	62.36
Total Remaining Holders Balance		43,737,926	37.64

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(b) Quoted Options

The names of the 21 largest listed option holders as at 28 August 2020 are as follows:

	Name	Units	% Units
1	GAZUMP RESOURCES PTY LTD	568,090	11.86
2	MRS MEENA MAHANTY KUMAR	400,437	8.36
3	HOLDREY PTY LTD <DON MATHIESON FAMILY A/C>	208,334	4.35
4	COVENTINA HOLDINGS PTY LTD <COVENTINA FAMILY A/C>	174,167	3.63
5	DILKARA NOMINEES PTY LTD <BMS CONSULTANTS SUPER FUND A/C>	166,667	3.48
6	ROOKHARP CAPITAL PTY LIMITED	166,667	3.48
7	F & A PANIZZA SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD <F & A PANIZZA S/F A/C>	118,334	2.47
8	ARIS NOMINEES PTY LTD <SHREEVE SUPER FUND A/C>	104,167	2.17
9	ETA LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS PTY LTD <THE ANTMIL FAMILY A/C>	104,167	2.17
10	DR KENNETH WILLIAM HEDLEY	100,000	2.09
11	MRS JANE ELIZABETH SOMES + MS AMY JANE SOMES <JANE SOMES PENSION FUND A/C>	99,408	2.07
12	SUNDEN PTY LTD <THE GARY SHANNON S/FUND A/C>	93,889	1.96
13	JL AND RA ROBERTS PTY LTD	84,813	1.77
14	ESM LIMITED	83,334	1.74
15	FIRST INVESTMENT PARTNERS PTY LTD	83,334	1.74
16	MERRITS PTY LTD <THE MERRITS A/C>	83,334	1.74
17	SORIA NOMINEES PTY LTD <HEDLEY SUPERFUND A/C>	68,334	1.43
18	MR ZHIFENG CHEN	66,667	1.39
19	PLOUTOS CAPITAL PTY LTD <PLOUTOS CAPITAL A/C>	66,667	1.39
20	MRS ZI JUAN QI <CHEN FAMILY A/C>	66,667	1.39
21	MRS YAN WANG <AUST WEST COAST TRAVEL A/C>	66,667	1.39
Totals: Top 21 holders of LISTED OPTIONS EXPIRING 30/06/2021 @ \$0.60 (Total)		2,974,144	62.07
Total Remaining Holders Balance		1,817,645	37.93

1.5. LISTED OPTION HOLDERS

	Listed Option
Number of Holders Distribution is:	276
1 - 1000	113
1001 - 5,000	68
5001 - 10,000	24
10,001 - 100,000	62
100,001 - and over	9
	276

2. SCHEDULE OF MINERAL TENEMENTS

Details of Mineral Tenements held by the Company as at 7 September 2020.

Project	Tenement	Status	Holder	Ownership	Comments
Fairbairn	E 69/3443	Live	Vanguard Exploration Ltd	100%	100% owned subsidiary
Fairbairn	E 69/3810	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Lake Way Potash	E 53/1949	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Lake Way Potash	E 53/2017	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Lake Way Potash	E 53/2026	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Lake Way Potash	E 53/2146	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Golden Corridor	E 51/1855	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Golden Corridor	E 53/1713	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Golden Corridor	E 53/1983	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Golden Corridor	E 53/2124	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Golden Corridor	E 53/2138	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Golden Corridor	E 53/2139	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Golden Corridor	E 53/2141	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Golden Corridor	E 53/2142	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yandal West	E 53/1369	Live	Vanguard Exploration Ltd	100%	
Yandal West	E 53/1612	Live	Diversified Asset Holdings Pty Ltd	80%	Diversified free carried to BFS
Yandal West	E 53/1816	Live	Diversified Asset Holdings Pty Ltd	80%	Diversified free carried to BFS
Yerrida	E 51/1727	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida	E51/1732	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida	E51/1733	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida	E51/1734	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida	E 51/1807	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	90%	Westex Resources free carried to BFS
Yerrida	E 51/1856	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida	E53/1894	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida	E 53/1917	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida	E 53/2027	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida	E 53/2077	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1324	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1330	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1560	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1712	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1723	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1724	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1728	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1746	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1747	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1819	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Yerrida North JV	E 51/1827	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	Sandfire earning 70%
Atley	E57/1130	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Atley	E57/1131	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Atley	E57/1160	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Atley	E57/1161	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Atley	E57/1162	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Atley	E57/1164	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Atley	E57/1165	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Atley	E57/1166	Pending	Great Western Exploration Limited	100%	
Forrestania South	E74/603	Live	Great Western Exploration Limited	10%	Western Areas Ltd JV - GTE free carried to BFS







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