



**PLATSEARCH NL**

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**HALF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT  
31 DECEMBER 2011**



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Your Directors submit their report on the Consolidated Entity (the Group) consisting of PlatSearch NL (PTS or the Company) and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the half year ended 31 December 2011.

## Directors

The names of the Company's Directors in office during the half year and until the date of this report are as below. Directors were in office for this entire period unless otherwise stated.

|                            |                                                      |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Patrick Elliott</b>     | Non-Executive Chairman                               |
| <b>Greg Jones</b>          | Managing Director                                    |
| <b>Kwan Chee Seng</b>      | Non-Executive Director                               |
| <b>Dr Foo Fatt Kah</b>     | Non-Executive Director                               |
| <b>Alan Breen</b>          | Non-Executive Director<br>(appointed 6 October 2011) |
| <b>Kantilal Champaklal</b> | Alternate Director for Kwan Chee Seng                |

## Review and results of operations

The net result of operations after applicable income tax expense for the half year was a Group gain of \$2,426,346 (2010: \$1,567,348), which includes the write-off of exploration and business development expenditure in the current half year of \$625,194 (2010: \$296,120).

The principal continuing activity of the PlatSearch Group is the exploration for economic deposits of **zinc, lead, silver, gold, copper, nickel, iron ore, uranium, tin and mineral sands** and investment holdings in mineral exploration companies. The exploration activities are often funded by joint ventures with other resource companies (see table on following page). PlatSearch continues an active program of project generation to identify and acquire prospective areas for its own exploration or farm-out.

Following a review of its corporate objectives, the Company has refocused its efforts into attaining early cash flow through the acquisition of high quality advanced or brownfields mineral deposits within its key regions of interest.

PlatSearch identified a range of advanced and brownfield opportunities within Europe and Africa. In late 2010 it formed a new wholly owned European subsidiary, Variscan Mines SAS, established an office in Orleans, France and employed two senior ex-BRGM geologists to lead the Company's new focus into this well-endowed, but relatively overlooked region.

Variscan is progressing assessment and acquisition activities.

In addition, the Company has recently commenced evaluation of advanced projects within South America.

Activities for the period up to the date of this report included:

## Exploration

- **Thomson Resources Ltd** (ASX Code **TMZ**) continued drilling its key prospects within the Thomson Fold Belt of NSW. Two further deep core holes were completed with drilling at the F3 prospect recording strong alteration and base metal sulphides confirming the presence of a discrete, mineralised, hydrothermal centre.
- Exploration by **Silver City Minerals Limited** (ASX Code **SCI**) continued over its large tenement holding within the Broken Hill Block with drilling continuing at the Allendale project recording further encouraging intersections including 4m of 2.8% lead, 3.9% zinc and 20 g/t silver from 61m and 5m of 3.5% lead, 5.8% zinc and 37 g/t silver from 85m. Drilling at Silver City's Golden King prospect intersected good copper mineralisation including 22m at 0.61% copper from 85m, 12m at 1.34% copper from 32m, including 4m at 3.37% copper from 33m and 3m at 1.24% copper from 42 m.
- The **Junction Dam** joint venture with Marmota Energy Limited (ASX Code **MEU**) is exploring for uranium within palaeochannels along strike from the Honeymoon uranium deposit in South Australia. Marmota reported an Inferred Resource estimate of 4.36 million tonnes for the Saffron deposit for a contained 1,510 tonnes of U3O8 (3.33 million pounds). The uranium mineralisation is similar to the nearby Honeymoon uranium mine suggesting potential for in-situ leach extraction. Further drilling is planned to test mineralisation at the Bridget and Yolanda prospects and to attempt to increase the Resource at Saffron. Marmota has earned a 87.3% interest in the uranium rights.
- **UXA Resources Ltd** (ASX Code **UXA**) is currently earning Teck Australia Pty Ltd's interest (Teck) in the joint venture that covers both the **Junction Dam and Mundi Plains** tenements. UXA commenced an 8 hole programme of follow up drilling to test the west and southeast extensions of a 500m wide zone of high grade mineralisation and to infill around previously recorded high grade intersections.



- ▶ PlatSearch completed an initial IP survey over its **Ghostrider** lead-zinc-silver prospect near Cobar NSW. Modelling is underway to assess results.
- ▶ **Eastern Iron Limited** (ASX Code **EFE**) completed a resource estimate at the **Eulogie** iron project, generating an initial Resource of 465 million tonnes at 14.2% iron (10% iron cutoff) to a depth of approximately 200m below surface. Additional metallurgical work at Eulogie indicated that first pass coarse cobbing could substantially reduce gangue material prior to finer grinding and production of a high grade iron/vanadium concentrate.
- ▶ **Eastern Iron Limited** secured an option to purchase 100% of the **Nowa Nowa** iron project, Victoria from Waygara Mines. Eastern Iron exercised the option in December 2011 and subject to Victorian Government approval, expects to complete the transfer of the interest shortly. Results from initial metallurgical studies and the production of a resource estimate are expected in February 2012.
- ▶ **Eastern Iron Limited** reported that joint venture partners 3E Steel have completed drilling of additional palaeochannel areas near Cobar in NSW. The results from this drilling should substantially increase the total resource estimate for the central NSW iron project. 3E have also approved a programme of beneficiation test work at a major Chinese University to be completed over the next six months.
- ▶ **WPG Resources** (ASX Code **WPG**) completed the sale of its iron assets in SA to Onesteel but retains ownership of the Penrhyn and Lochiel North coal projects, its land asset and capacity to develop a bulk export facility at Port Pirie and has re-entered the iron ore business with an agreement to complete a feasibility study on the development of the Giffen Well magnetite deposit.

## Investments

PlatSearch maintains a large, strategic investment portfolio in a number of mineral exploration and development companies. It has substantive shareholdings in five listed resource companies, Eastern Iron Limited, WPG Resources Ltd, Silver City Minerals Limited, Thomson Resources Ltd and Agua Resources Limited. Some of these investments are held by PlatSearch's wholly owned subsidiary Bluestone 23 Limited.

These investments originated from PlatSearch project generation activities, where PlatSearch tenements were vended into companies for equity, with subsequent increases in shareholdings through PlatSearch

| Joint venture          | Region               | Funded by              |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Callabonna             | Curnamona Craton, SA | Red Metal              |
| Quinyambie             | "                    | Red Metal              |
| Mundi Plains           | Broken Hill, NSW     | Teck Australia and UXA |
| Junction Dam           | Curnamona Craton, SA | Teck Australia and UXA |
| Junction Dam           | "                    | Marmota Energy         |
| Kalabity               | "                    | Crossland Uranium      |
| Hillston               | Broken Hill, NSW     | Perilya                |
| Eastern Tenement Block | Cobar, NSW           | 3E Steel               |
| Wynbring               | Gawler Craton, SA    | Bemax                  |

participation in later fund raisings. This investment strategy by PlatSearch has proven to be very successful, generating total returns on invested capital in excess of 500% over the last few years and establishing a significant cash and liquid asset base for the Company.

Following completion of its iron assets sale to Onesteel Limited, **WPG Resources Ltd** (ASX Code **WPG**) returned \$1.05 per WPG share to its shareholders. PlatSearch holds 10.4 million WPG shares and received \$10.9 million in early November 2011. At 7 March 2012, WPG shares were trading at \$0.088.

PlatSearch holds 31.5 million ordinary shares in **Eastern Iron** (ASX Code **EFE**) (approximately 48.3% of EFE). PlatSearch also holds 5 million \$0.35 options which have an expiry date of 19 December 2012. At 7 March 2012, EFE shares were trading at \$0.075.

PlatSearch holds 18 million fully paid **Thomson Resources** shares, or 25.7% of the company and 5 million options exercisable at 30 cents. As at 7 March 2012, TMZ shares were trading at \$0.075.

PlatSearch holds 14.3 million fully paid **Silver City Minerals** shares, or 14.6% of the company and 4.78 million options exercisable at \$0.25 each. As at 7 March 2012, SCI shares were trading at \$0.125.

PlatSearch holds 1.175 million **Agua Resources Limited** (ASX Code **AGR**) shares and 200,000 options exercisable at \$0.50. Agua has acquired two highly prospective and potentially large scale phosphate projects in Brazil, the Lucena Phosphate Project and the Mata da Corda Phosphate Project.



Aguia has also reached conditional agreement to acquire a private mineral exploration company Potassio do Atlantico Ltda with a primary focus on potash exploration and development in the Sergipe Basin, Brazil, one of the largest global potash markets. At 7 March 2012 Aguia shares were trading at \$0.495.

## Significant events after the balance date

There were, at the date of this report, no matters or circumstances which have arisen since 31 December 2011 that have 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.

## Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 18.

Signed at Sydney this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012 in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

**Greg Jones**  
Managing Director

# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the half year ended 31 December 2011



|                                                                      | Note | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 31 Dec 2010<br>\$ |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Revenue and other income</b>                                      | 4    | 7,254,939         | 3,969,531         |
| ASX and ASIC fees                                                    |      | (51,778)          | (49,208)          |
| Auditors' remuneration                                               |      | (30,085)          | (47,545)          |
| Contract administration services                                     |      | (103,942)         | (173,408)         |
| Depreciation expense                                                 |      | (45,833)          | (13,190)          |
| Directors' fees                                                      |      | (147,709)         | (82,279)          |
| Exploration and business development expenditure                     |      | (625,194)         | (296,120)         |
| Insurance                                                            |      | (20,078)          | (17,168)          |
| Finance cost                                                         |      | (247,618)         | (28,493)          |
| Loss on options                                                      |      | (1,131,160)       | (119,800)         |
| Operating lease rental expense                                       |      | (51,876)          | (39,543)          |
| Employee costs net of on-costs recharged to exploration projects     |      | (639,052)         | (499,023)         |
| Share of net losses of associate accounted for by the equity method  |      | (101,435)         | (97,422)          |
| Share-based compensation                                             |      | (167,477)         | (618,023)         |
| Share registry costs                                                 |      | (22,786)          | (24,387)          |
| Singapore listing costs                                              |      | -                 | (215,457)         |
| Other expenses from ordinary activities                              |      | (257,001)         | (209,215)         |
| <b>Profit (loss) before income tax expense</b>                       |      | 3,611,915         | 1,439,250         |
| Income tax benefit/(expense)                                         |      | (1,185,569)       | 128,098           |
| <b>Profit (loss) after income tax expense</b>                        |      | 2,426,346         | 1,567,348         |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b>                                    |      |                   |                   |
| Net fair value gains (losses) on available-for-sale financial assets |      | (3,951,897)       | 426,993           |
| Income tax on items of other comprehensive income                    |      | 439,958           | (128,098)         |
| <b>Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period, net of tax</b>  |      | (3,511,939)       | 298,895           |
| <b>Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period</b>              |      | (1,085,593)       | 1,866,243         |
| Profit/(loss) for the period is attributable to:                     |      |                   |                   |
| Non-controlling interests                                            |      | (247,886)         | (256,235)         |
| Owners of the parent                                                 |      | 2,674,232         | 1,823,583         |
|                                                                      |      | 2,426,346         | 1,567,348         |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period is attributable to: |      |                   |                   |
| Non-controlling interests                                            |      | (247,886)         | (256,235)         |
| Owners of the parent                                                 |      | (837,707)         | 2,122,478         |
|                                                                      |      | (1,085,593)       | 1,866,243         |
| <b>Earnings per share</b>                                            |      |                   |                   |
| Basic gain/(loss) per share (cents per share)                        | 14   | 1.53              | 1.04              |
| Diluted gain/(loss) per share (cents per share)                      | 14   | 1.53              | 1.04              |

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

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2011



|                                                 | Note | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                   |      |                   |                   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                           |      |                   |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                       | 5    | 14,254,240        | 6,887,732         |
| Receivables                                     | 6    | 217,446           | 222,340           |
| Tenement security deposits                      |      | 12,500            | 12,500            |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                     |      | <b>14,484,186</b> | <b>7,122,572</b>  |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                       |      |                   |                   |
| Investments – available for sale                | 7    | 3,531,806         | 11,381,595        |
| Investment in associates                        | 8    | 1,703,991         | 1,805,426         |
| Derivative financial instruments                | 9    | 222,901           | 1,398,060         |
| Receivables                                     | 6    | 6,565             | -                 |
| Tenement security deposits                      |      | 248,350           | 235,850           |
| Property, plant and equipment                   |      | 194,972           | 221,014           |
| Deferred exploration and evaluation expenditure | 10   | 4,752,874         | 3,125,172         |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>                 |      | <b>10,661,459</b> | <b>18,167,117</b> |
| <b>Total assets</b>                             |      | <b>25,145,645</b> | <b>25,289,689</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                              |      |                   |                   |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                      |      |                   |                   |
| Trade and other payables                        |      | 266,261           | 544,662           |
| Provisions                                      |      | 71,495            | 55,854            |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                |      | <b>337,756</b>    | <b>600,516</b>    |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                  |      |                   |                   |
| Provisions                                      |      | 21,836            | 17,555            |
| Deferred tax liability                          |      | 1,310,611         | 565,000           |
| Derivative liability                            | 16   | 8,976             | 300,475           |
| Convertible note                                | 16   | 1,098,727         | 951,109           |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>            |      | <b>2,440,150</b>  | <b>1,834,139</b>  |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                        |      | <b>2,777,906</b>  | <b>2,434,655</b>  |
| <b>Net assets</b>                               |      | <b>22,367,739</b> | <b>22,855,034</b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                   |      |                   |                   |
| Contributed equity                              | 12   | 14,515,132        | 14,515,132        |
| Reserves                                        | 13   | 3,742,719         | 7,212,455         |
| Accumulated losses                              |      | (1,536,439)       | (4,210,671)       |
| <b>Parent interests</b>                         |      | <b>16,721,412</b> | <b>17,516,916</b> |
| <b>Non-controlling interests</b>                |      | <b>5,646,327</b>  | <b>5,338,118</b>  |
| <b>Total equity</b>                             |      | <b>22,367,739</b> | <b>22,855,034</b> |

*The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the half year ended 31 December 2011



| Note                                                         | Contributed equity<br>\$ | Accumulated losses<br>\$ | Reserves<br>\$ | Non-controlling interest<br>\$ | Total equity<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>At 1 July 2010</b>                                        | 14,515,132               | (7,696,672)              | 4,936,892      | 4,419,067                      | 16,174,419         |
| Profit/(Loss) for the period                                 | -                        | 1,823,583                | -              | (256,235)                      | 1,567,348          |
| Other comprehensive income                                   | -                        | -                        | 298,895        | -                              | 298,895            |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>             | -                        | 1,823,583                | 298,895        | (256,235)                      | 1,866,243          |
| <b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b> |                          |                          |                |                                |                    |
| Issue of share capital                                       | -                        | -                        | -              | 1,056,890                      | 1,056,890          |
| Transfer to reserves                                         | -                        | -                        | (194,431)      | 194,431                        | -                  |
| Foreign currency                                             | -                        | -                        | (4,480)        | -                              | (4,480)            |
| Share-based payments                                         | -                        | -                        | 468,088        | 149,935                        | 618,023            |
| Convertible note option                                      | -                        | -                        | 1,095,168      | -                              | 1,095,168          |
| <b>At 31 December 2010</b>                                   | 14,515,132               | (5,873,089)              | 6,600,132      | 5,564,088                      | 20,806,263         |

  

| Note                                                         | Contributed equity<br>\$ | Accumulated losses<br>\$ | Reserves<br>\$ | Non-controlling interest<br>\$ | Total equity<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>At 1 July 2011</b>                                        | 14,515,132               | (4,210,671)              | 7,212,455      | 5,338,118                      | 22,855,034         |
| Profit/(Loss) for the period                                 | -                        | 2,674,232                | -              | (247,886)                      | 2,426,346          |
| Other comprehensive income                                   | -                        | -                        | (3,511,939)    | -                              | (3,511,939)        |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>             | -                        | 2,674,232                | (3,511,939)    | (247,886)                      | (1,085,593)        |
| <b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b> |                          |                          |                |                                |                    |
| Issue of share capital                                       | -                        | -                        | -              | 450,000                        | 450,000            |
| Foreign currency                                             | -                        | -                        | (19,179)       | -                              | (19,179)           |
| Share-based payments                                         | -                        | -                        | 61,382         | 106,095                        | 167,477            |
| <b>At 31 December 2011</b>                                   | 14,515,132               | (1,536,439)              | 3,742,719      | 5,646,327                      | 22,367,739         |

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

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the half year ended 31 December 2011



|                                                            | Note | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 31 Dec 2010<br>\$  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                |      |                   |                    |
| Payment to suppliers and employees                         |      | (1,478,420)       | (1,411,382)        |
| Consultancy fees received                                  |      | 76,316            | 95,299             |
| Interest received                                          |      | 211,338           | 147,402            |
| Rental income                                              |      | 26,880            | 25,440             |
| Dividend income                                            |      | 6,556,937         | -                  |
| <b>Net cash flows used in operating activities</b>         |      | <b>5,393,051</b>  | <b>(1,143,241)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                |      |                   |                    |
| Purchase of plant and equipment                            |      | (38,246)          | (17,160)           |
| Exploration and business development expenditure expensed  |      | (1,839,688)       | (601,230)          |
| Tenement security deposit refunds/(payments)               |      | (10,000)          | 10,000             |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                          |      | -                 | 2,925,726          |
| Purchase of shares - investments                           |      | (400,751)         | (1,236,120)        |
| Capital return                                             |      | 4,371,292         | -                  |
| <b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>         |      | <b>2,082,607</b>  | <b>1,081,216</b>   |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                |      |                   |                    |
| Proceeds from issue of shares to non-controlling interests |      | -                 | 1,056,890          |
| Proceeds from convertible note issue                       | 16   | -                 | 2,500,000          |
| Convertible note costs                                     |      | (100,000)         | -                  |
| <b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>            |      | <b>(100,000)</b>  | <b>3,556,890</b>   |
| <b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>           |      | <b>7,375,658</b>  | <b>3,494,865</b>   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period           |      | 6,887,732         | 4,757,247          |
| Net foreign exchange differences                           |      | (9,150)           | -                  |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>          | 5    | <b>14,254,240</b> | <b>8,252,112</b>   |

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

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the half year ended 31 December 2011



## 1. Corporate information

The financial report of PlatSearch NL (PlatSearch or the Company) for the half year ended 31 December 2011 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012. PlatSearch NL (the parent) is a company incorporated in Australia as a No Liability company. PlatSearch shares are publicly traded on the Australia Securities Exchange under ASX Code PTS.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in the Directors' report.

## 2. Basis of preparation of the half year financial report

The half year financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Company as the full financial report.

The half year financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual Financial Report of PlatSearch as at 30 June 2011.

It is also recommended that the half year financial report be considered together with any public announcements made by PlatSearch during the half year ended 31 December 2011 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### Basis of Preparation

The half year consolidated financial report is a general-purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The half year financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis except for Available for Sale Investments and Derivatives, which have been measured at fair value.

For the purpose of preparing the half year financial report, the half year has been treated as a discrete report period.

### Significant Accounting Policies

The half year consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2011.

### Basis of Consolidation

The half year consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of PlatSearch NL and its subsidiaries (the Group). The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies. All inter-company balances and transactions, including unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions, have been eliminated in full. The subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group. The Group includes PlatSearch NL and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

## 3. Segment information

The operating segments identified by management are as follows:

- (a) Exploration projects funded directly by PlatSearch ("Exploration") and;
- (b) Investments in other companies ("Investing").

Regarding the Exploration segment, the Chief Operating Decision Maker (the Board of Directors) receives information on the exploration expenditure incurred. This information is disclosed in Note 10 of the half year financial report. No segment revenues are disclosed as each exploration tenement is not at a stage where revenues have been earned.

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Furthermore, no segment costs are disclosed as all segment expenditure is capitalised, with the exception of expenditure written off which is disclosed in Note 10.

Regarding the Investing segment, the Chief Operating Decision Maker reviews the value of investments and derivatives held in other exploration companies. The changes in the value of investments and derivatives are disclosed in Notes 7, 8 and 9 of the half year financial report. Segment revenues are disclosed in the statement of comprehensive income as 'Gain/(loss) on options'.

Financial information about each of these tenements is reported to the Managing Director on an ongoing basis. Corporate office activities are not allocated to operating segments as they are not considered part of the core operations of any segment and comprise of the following:

- ▶ Interest revenue
- ▶ Corporate costs
- ▶ Depreciation and amortisation of non-project specific property, plant and equipment

The Group's accounting policy for reporting segments is consistent with that disclosed in Note 2.

## 4. Revenue and other income

|                                                       | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 31 Dec 2010<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                        |                   |                   |
| Interest received – other persons/corporations        | 255,637           | 125,188           |
| Rental income                                         | 23,340            | 21,200            |
| Consulting fees                                       | 98,876            | 106,549           |
| <b>Other Income</b>                                   |                   |                   |
| Gain on sale of shares                                | -                 | 2,466,193         |
| Gain on options                                       | 28,650            | 755,513           |
| Dividend income                                       | 6,556,937         | -                 |
| Gain on derivatives                                   | 291,499           | -                 |
| Gain on deemed disposal of investment in an associate | -                 | 494,888           |
|                                                       | <b>7,254,939</b>  | <b>3,969,531</b>  |

## 5. Cash and cash equivalents

|                          | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 398,829           | 411,309           |
| Short-term deposits      | 13,855,411        | 6,476,423         |
|                          | <b>14,254,240</b> | <b>6,887,732</b>  |

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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## 6. Receivables

|                                  | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Current</b>                   |                   |                   |
| Trade receivables                | 24,277            | 33,596            |
| GST receivable                   | 26,259            | 53,645            |
| Interest receivable              | 130,191           | 85,893            |
| Prepayments                      | 36,719            | 40,062            |
| Other debtors                    | -                 | 9,144             |
| <b>Total current receivables</b> | <b>217,446</b>    | <b>222,340</b>    |
| <b>Non-current</b>               |                   |                   |
| Other debtors                    | 6,565             | -                 |

## 7. Investments – available for sale

|                   |     | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| Investments – WPG | (a) | 801,404           | 8,378,309         |
| Investments – AGR | (b) | 581,625           | 138,250           |
| Investments – SCI | (c) | 2,148,777         | 2,865,036         |
|                   |     | <b>3,531,806</b>  | <b>11,381,595</b> |

- (a) During the period the Company received \$10,928,229 from WPG Resources Ltd (WPG) in the form of a capital return and a franked dividend being proceeds to shareholders for the sale of its iron ore assets to a subsidiary of OneSteel Limited. The market value on ASX of PlatSearch's 10,407,837 shares in WPG at 31 December 2011 was \$801,404 (\$0.077 per share) and on 7 March 2012 it was \$915,890 (\$0.088 per share).
- (b) In December 2011 the Group exercised its 1,000,000 options in Agua at an exercise price of \$0.35 bringing the total shareholding in AGR to 1,175,000. The market value on ASX of the Group's 1,175,000 shares in Agua Resources Limited (AGR) at 31 December 2011 was \$581,625 (\$0.495 per share) and on 7 March 2012 was \$581,625 (\$0.495 per share).
- (c) The market value on ASX of the Group's 14,325,182 shares in Silver City Minerals Limited (SCI) at 31 December 2011 was \$2,148,777 (\$0.15 per share) and on 7 March 2012 was \$1,790,648 (\$0.125 per share).

## 8. Investment in associates

|                                                           | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Investment in TMZ - accounted for using the equity method | 1,703,991         | 1,805,426         |

The Group's interest in the above investments in associates has been brought to account as an investment in an equity accounted associate in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 128 Investments in Associates as the Directors consider that significant influence exists.

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## Thomson Resources Ltd

In July 2009 Thomson Resources Limited (TMZ) was incorporated. On incorporation, the Group acquired a 50% interest in TMZ via the purchase of 250,000 shares in TMZ for \$10,000. During the six month period TMZ raised additional capital totalling \$2,562,000 issuing an additional 31,320,000 shares of which the Group acquired an additional 4,750,000 shares for \$190,000. In November 2009 PlatSearch acquired an additional 10,500,000 share as consideration for the sale of 13 tenements. The sale of the tenements resulted in the Group recognising a gain of \$120,804. As a result of the capital raising during the six months ended 31 December 2009, the Group's investment in TMZ was diluted from 50% to 32.76% which resulted in a gain of \$393,446 which was recognised on the 'deemed disposal' of the 17.24% interest. This gain has been recognised against the carrying value of the investment.

In December 2010 Thomson Resources successfully completed a \$4.6 million IPO issuing an additional 22,859,500 shares at \$0.20 which diluted the Groups shareholding in TMZ from 32.76% to 25.65%. Bluestone 23 Limited contributed \$500,000 and was issued with 2,500,000 shares. As a result of the dilution a gain of \$494,888 was recognised on the 'deemed disposal' of the 7.11% interest. The gain has been recognised against the carrying value of the investment. As at 31 December 2011 the Group holds a total of 18,000,000 shares in Thomson Resources representing a shareholding of 25.65%.

## 9. Derivative financial instruments

|                     |     | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| Share options – AGR | (a) | 36,300            | 592,360           |
| Share options – SCI | (b) | 143,601           | 287,700           |
| Share options – TMZ | (c) | 43,000            | 518,000           |
|                     |     | 222,901           | 1,398,060         |

(a) The PlatSearch Group exercised its 1,000,000 unlisted options in Aguia Resources Limited (AGR). The options had an exercise price of \$0.35 and an expiry date of 31 December 2011. The PlatSearch Group holds an additional 200,000 unlisted options with an exercise price of \$0.50 and an expiry date of 31 December 2014. A valuation of these options has been obtained using a Black Scholes with binomial variation model and the following assumptions: expected volatility of 57.2824%, risk-free interest rate of 4.75%, dividend yield nil and an option life of 3 years. This results in a fair value of \$36,300 at 31 December 2011.

(b) PlatSearch holds 3,000,000 unlisted options in Silver City Minerals Limited (SCI) with an exercise price of \$0.35 and an expiry date of 1 July 2013. A valuation of these options has been obtained using a Black Scholes with binomial variation model and the following assumptions: expected volatility of 85.5612%, risk-free interest rate of 4.75%, dividend yield nil and an option life of 1.5 years. This results in a fair value of \$67,200 at 31 December 2011.

In November 2011 SCI announced a non-renounceable rights issue to issue one option for every three shares held at an issue price of \$0.01 per option. The PlatSearch Group purchased 4,775,061 listed options in December 2011 for \$47,750.61. The options have an exercise price of \$0.25 and an expiry date of 19 December 2014. The market value on ASX of the Group's 4,775,061 options in Silver City Minerals Limited (SCI) at 31 December 2011 was \$76,401 (\$0.016 per option).

(c) PlatSearch holds 5,000,000 unlisted options in Thomson Resources Limited (TMZ) with an exercise price of \$0.30 and an expiry date of 11 December 2014. A valuation of these options has been obtained using a Black Scholes with binomial variation model and the following assumptions: expected volatility of 57.2605%, risk-free interest rate of 4.75%, dividend yield nil and an option life of 2.95 years. This results in a fair value of \$43,000 at 31 December 2011.

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## 10. Deferred exploration and evaluation expenditure

|                                           | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Costs brought forward                     | 3,125,172         | 2,163,797         |
| Expenditure incurred during the period    | 1,802,896         | 1,754,105         |
| Acquisition of tenements                  | 450,000           | -                 |
| Expenditure written off during the period | (625,194)         | (792,730)         |
| Costs carried forward                     | 4,752,874         | 3,125,172         |

In accordance with Note 2, the Directors write off exploration expenditure where they assess that the asset is impaired. Exploration expenditure is written off either by a reassessment by the Group that has reduced the interpreted potential of the licence for mineral deposits and, or a joint venture partner has withdrawn from a project.

In August 2011 Eastern Iron Limited issued 2,500,000 fully paid ordinary shares as consideration for the acquisition of the Eulogie Park Project at a deemed value of \$450,000

## 11. Contingent liabilities

The Group has provided guarantees totalling \$260,850 (30 Jun 2011: \$248,350) in respect of exploration tenements in NSW and Queensland. These guarantees in respect of exploration tenements are secured against deposits with NSW Minerals and Energy, DERM Queensland and the Commonwealth Bank. Rugby Mining has been reimbursed \$850 by the Company for Eastern Iron's share of the security deposit on EPM 17099 in Queensland. The Group does not expect to incur any material liability in respect of the guarantees.

## 12. Contributed equity

|                                                                                 | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Share capital                                                                   |                   |                   |
| 175,287,592 ordinary shares fully paid (June 2011 : 175,287,592)                | 14,510,632        | 14,510,632        |
| 450,000 ordinary shares paid to \$0.01 with \$0.24 unpaid (June 2011 : 450,000) | 4,500             | 4,500             |
|                                                                                 | 14,515,132        | 14,515,132        |

## 13. Reserves

|                                      |     | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| Share-based compensation reserve     | (a) | 1,609,490         | 1,548,108         |
| General reserve                      | (b) | (229,108)         | (229,108)         |
| Investment revaluation reserve       | (c) | 1,292,272         | 4,804,212         |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | (d) | (25,103)          | (5,925)           |
| Convertible note option reserve      | (e) | 1,095,168         | 1,095,168         |
|                                      |     | 3,742,719         | 7,212,455         |

- (a) The share-based compensation reserve is used to recognise the fair value of options issued but not exercised.
- (b) The general reserve represents the change in the value of non-controlling interests resulting in the exercise of Eastern Iron Limited options during the financial period.
- (c) The investment revaluation reserve arises in connection with the accounting for investments as per Note 7.
- (d) The foreign currency translation reserve arises from the translation of foreign currency subsidiaries.
- (e) The convertible note option reserve is used to record the fixed equity component of the convertible notes issued in December 2010. Refer to Note 16.

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## 14. Earnings per share

|                                                                                                         | 31 Dec 2011     | 31 Dec 2010     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                                                                         | \$              | \$              |
| Net profit used in calculating basic and diluted gain per share                                         | 2,674,232       | 1,823,583       |
|                                                                                                         | Number          | Number          |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculation of basic EPS | 175,305,592     | 175,305,592     |
|                                                                                                         | Cents per share | Cents per share |
| Basic earnings per share                                                                                | 1.53            | 1.04            |
| Diluted earnings per share                                                                              | 1.53            | 1.04            |

The number of potential ordinary shares that are dilutive and included in determining diluted EPS are nil (2010: nil) relating to share options issued. There are no instruments excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share that could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future because they are antidilutive for all of the periods presented.

Conversion, call, subscription or issue after 31 December 2011: Since the end of the financial half year there have been no other conversions to, call of, or subscriptions for ordinary shares or issues of potential ordinary shares since the reporting date and before the completion of these financial statements.

## 15. Related party disclosures

### Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of PlatSearch NL (the Parent Entity) and the following subsidiaries:

| Name                 | Country of incorporation | % Equity interest |             | \$ Investment |             |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                      |                          | 31 Dec 2011       | 30 Jun 2011 | 31 Dec 2011   | 30 Jun 2011 |
| Bluestone 23 Pty Ltd | Australia                | 100               | 100         | 5,000         | 5,000       |
| Eastern Iron Limited | Australia                | 46.45             | 48.26       | 1,950,385     | 1,950,385   |
| Variscan Mine SAS    | France                   | 100               | 100         | 1,478         | 1,478       |

### Transactions with Directors

The Company has an agreement with Luminor Capital Pte Ltd which is entitled to a cash fee of 6% of equity funds raised by Luminor Capital and other parties. Dr Foo, a Director of PlatSearch, has an interest in Luminor Capital. No fees have been paid to date.

Services provided by Director-related entities were under normal commercial terms and conditions. There are no long term service agreements and hence no liabilities will arise from termination of such agreements. No other benefits have been received or are receivable by Directors, other than those already disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

### Transactions with Associated Companies

During the half year the Company provided technical and administrative support services to its associated company Thomson Resources Limited (TMZ). Services provided to TMZ \$40,731 (2010: \$67,523) consisting of payments received for consulting, use of office space and office services.

## 16. Convertible note

The Company completed a capital raising in December 2010 via a private placement of 16,666,667 convertible notes at 15 cents each which raised \$2,500,000 in additional working capital for the Company.

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The general terms of the issue are:

- (a) Convertible notes with a conversion price of 15 cents per share and a maturity date of 9 December 2013;
- (b) The Company may redeem the notes at any stage and must redeem all convertible notes on the maturity date or upon an event of default;
- (c) Each convertible note will accrue interest at 8% per annum to be paid each half year in arrears in cash, the first instalment to be paid on 30 April 2011; and
- (d) Noteholders will receive one share option for every two convertible notes they subscribe to, providing the notes are converted into ordinary shares and at the time of conversion. The share options will have an exercise price of 25 cents and an expiry of 9 December 2014.

In accordance with requirements of the relevant Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards based on the accounting policy described in Note 2 the proceeds have been initially accounted for as follows:

|                            | \$        |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Gross proceeds             | 2,500,000 |
| Less issue costs           | (150,000) |
| Net Allocation             | 2,350,000 |
| Allocated as follows:      |           |
| Convertible note liability | 744,587   |
| Derivative liability (1)   | 510,245   |
| Equity (2)                 | 1,095,168 |
|                            | 2,350,000 |

(1) Represents the valuation of the option entitlement per (d) above.

(2) Represents the value of the conversion function per (a) above.

The balances and movements of the convertible note and derivative liability components are as follows:

|                                   | 31 Dec 2011<br>\$ | 30 Jun 2011<br>\$ |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Convertible Note Liability</b> |                   |                   |
| Opening balance                   | 951,109           | 744,587           |
| Add interest expense              | 247,618           | 276,111           |
| Less interest paid                | (100,000)         | (69,589)          |
| Closing balance                   | 1,098,727         | 951,109           |
| <b>Derivative Liability</b>       |                   |                   |
| Opening balance                   | 300,475           | 510,245           |
| Revaluation adjustment            | (291,499)         | (209,770)         |
| Closing balance                   | 8,976             | 300,475           |

## 17. Events after the balance sheet date

There were, at the date of this report, no matters or circumstances which have arisen since 31 December 2011 that have 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.

# Directors' Declaration



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In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of PlatSearch NL, I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) The financial statements and notes of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) Giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date of the consolidated entity; and
  - (ii) Complying with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*;
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the consolidated entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board

**Greg Jones**  
Managing Director

Sydney, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012



Accountants | Business and Financial Advisers

## PLATSEARCH NL

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of PlatSearch NL

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of PlatSearch NL ("the Company") which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2011, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, other selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the Company and the entities it controlled at the half-year end or from time to time during the half-year.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of PlatSearch NL, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our review was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Our review did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by directors or management.

#### Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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

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## PLATSEARCH NL

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT (continued)

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of PlatSearch NL is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

HLB MANN JUDD  
Chartered Accountants

M D Muller  
Partner

Sydney  
14 March 2012



Accountants | Business and Financial Advisers

## PLATSEARCH NL

### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

To the Directors of PlatSearch NL:

As lead auditor for the review of the financial report of PlatSearch NL for the half-year ended 31 December 2011, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

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

This declaration is in respect of PlatSearch NL and the entities it controlled during the period.

**M D Muller**  
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**Sydney**  
**12 March 2012**

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## Platsearch NL

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|                      |                                                      |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Patrick Elliott      | Non-Executive Chairman                               |
| Greg Jones           | Non-Executive Director                               |
| Kwan Chee Seng       | Non-Executive Director                               |
| Dr Foo Fatt Kah      | Non-Executive Director                               |
| Alan Breen           | Non-Executive Director<br>(appointed 6 October 2011) |
| Kantilal Champkaplal | Alternate to Kwan Chee Seng                          |

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### Share Capital

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