ABN 32 092 471 513

# Financial Report

for the half-year ended 31 December 2010

# EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES 31 DECEMBER 2010

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#### **31 DECEMBER 2010**

#### CORPORATE DIRECTORY

#### **DIRECTORS**

Tom Revy BAppSc – Chairman David Sargeant BSc – Managing Director Adrian Jessup BSc(Hons) – Executive Director

#### **MANAGEMENT**

David Ross BSc(Hons) MSc – Exploration Manager

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

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#### SECURITIES EXCHANGE LISTING

The Company is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange Limited. Home Exchange Perth

ASX Code: Shares ERL

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### **Directors' Report**

Your directors submit the financial report of the consolidated entity for the half-year ended 31 December 2010. In order to comply with the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001, the directors report as follows:

#### **Directors**

The directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the half-year are:

Tom Revy David Sargeant Adrian Jessup

#### **Review of Operations and Exploration Activities**

The Company's loss for the half-year ended 31 December 2010 was \$1,012,735 (2009: \$1,026,090).

During the period the principal activities of the Company consisted of mineral exploration and evaluation of properties in Australia. There has been no significant change in these activities during the financial period.

#### **Dividends**

No dividends have been paid during the period and no dividends have been recommended by the directors.

#### **Events subsequent to reporting date**

No matter or circumstance has arisen, since the end of the financial half year, which significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity in the subsequent financial half year.

#### **Auditors Independence Declaration**

Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 requires our auditors, HLB Mann Judd, to provide the directors of the company with an Independence Declaration in relation to the review of the interim financial report. This written Auditor's Independence Declaration is set out on page 14 and forms part of this directors' report for the half-year ended 31 December 2010.

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT 31 DECEMBER 2010

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to s306(3) of the Corporations Act 2001.

**D** Sargeant

**Managing Director** 

Perth, Western Australia 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Consolidated	
	31-Dec-10	31-Dec-09
	\$	\$
Revenue	15,015	13,662
Other income	454,545	10,000
Depreciation expense	(10,347)	(12,325)
Exploration expense	(982,626)	(689,288)
Employee benefits expense	(12,796)	(6,943)
Management fee expense	(137,364)	(131,561)
Directors' Fees	(15,000)	(15,000)
Accounting expense	(28,800)	(22,305)
Consultancy expense	-	(10,300)
Share-based payment	(56,862)	(56,862)
ASX expense	(14,416)	(14,998)
Corporate relations expense	(23,894)	(22,585)
Insurance expense	(11,162)	(11,307)
Other expenses	(75,227)	(56,278)
Share of loss of equity accounted investee	(113,801)	
Loss before income tax	(1,012,735)	(1,026,090)
Income tax expense		
Loss after income tax	(1,012,735)	(1,026,090)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Income tax relating to components of other		
comprehensive income		-
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	_	_
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(1,012,735)	(1,026,090)
Loss per share for loss from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company		
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents per share)	(0.96)	(1.27)

# CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

		Consol	idated
		31-Dec-10	30-Jun-10
ASSETS		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,675,053	595,674
Trade and other receivables		122,273	70,861
Total Current Assets		2,797,326	666,535
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments accounted for using the equity method		1,142,844	1,256,645
Plant & equipment		29,535	34,427
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		1,172,379	1,291,072
TOTAL ASSETS		3,969,705	1,957,607
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		506,155	130,106
Total Current Liabilities		506,155	130,106
TOTAL LIABILITIES		506,155	130,106
NET ASSETS		3,463,550	1,827,501
EQUITY			
Issued capital	7	14,315,800	11,723,878
Reserves		796,036	739,174
Accumulated losses		(11,648,286)	(10,635,551)
TOTAL EQUITY		3,463,550	1,827,501

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

		Consolidated		
	Issued	Accumulated	Option	Total
	Capital	Losses	Reserve	
Balance at 1 July 2009	10,269,731	(10,113,198)	625,265	781,798
Shares issued during the year	963,750	-	-	963,750
Equity issue expenses	(42,318)	-	-	(42,318)
Share-based payments	-	-	56,862	56,862
Loss attributable to members of the parent entity	-	(1,026,090)	-	(1,026,090)
Balance at 31 December 2009	11,191,163	(11,139,288)	682,127	734,002
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Balance at 1 July 2010	11,723,878	(10,635,551)	739,174	1,827,501
Shares issued during the year	2,776,800	-	-	2,776,800
Equity issue expenses	(184,878)	-	-	(184,878)
Share-based payments	-	-	56,862	56,862
Loss attributable to members of the parent entity		(1,012,735)	-	(1,012,735)
Balance at 31 December 2010	14,315,800	(11,648,286)	796,036	3,463,550
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#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Consolidated	
	Half-year	Half-year
	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Sale of Penny's Find gold project	500,000	-
Receipts from customers	-	10,000
Payments to suppliers and employees	(326,547)	(297,941)
Interest received	15,015	13,662
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	188,468	(274,279)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5,455)	-
Payment for renewal or purchase of prospects	(110)	_
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	(708,429)	(472,366)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(713,994)	(472,366)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from issue of equity securities	2,776,800	963,750
Share issue costs	(171,895)	(30,000)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	2,604,905	933,750
Net increase in cash held	2,079,379	187,105
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	595,674	809,433
Cash at the end of the financial year	2,675,053	996,538

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Statement of Compliance**

These interim consolidated financial statements are a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standards including AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting, Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

This condensed half-year report does not include full disclosures of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Therefore, it cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the group as in the full financial report.

It is recommended that this financial report be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2010 (which is available upon request from the Company's registered office at 53 Canning Highway, Western Australia 6100 or at <a href="https://www.resourcesempire.com.au">www.resourcesempire.com.au</a>) and any public announcements made by Empire Resources Ltd and its controlled entities during the half-year in accordance with continuous disclosure requirements arising under the Corporations Act 2001 and the ASX Listing Rules.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period.

#### **Basis of preparation**

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The interim report has been prepared on a historical cost basis. Cost is based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The company is domiciled in Australia and all amounts are presented in Australian dollars.

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

#### Significant accounting judgements and key estimates

The preparation of interim financial reports requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this interim report, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial report for the year ended 30 June 2010.

#### Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards

In the half-year ended 31 December 2010, the Group has reviewed all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010.

It has been determined by the Group that there is no impact, material or otherwise, of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations on its business and, therefore, no change necessary to Group accounting policies.

The Group has reviewed all new Standards and Interpretation that have been issued but are not yet effective for the half-year ended 31 December 2010. As a result of this review the Directors have determined that there is no impact, material or otherwise, of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations on its business and, therefore, no change necessary to Group accounting policies.

#### 2. Related Parties

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Arrangements with related parties continue to be in place. For details on these arrangements, refer to the 30 June 2010 annual financial report.

#### 3. Segment Reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner that is consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker has been identified as the Board of Empire Resources Ltd.

Consistent with prior year, the Group operates only in one business and geographical segment being predominantly in the area of mining and exploration in Australia. The Group considers its business operations in mineral exploration to be its primary reporting function.

#### 4. Dividends

No dividends were paid or declared payable during or since the half-year.

#### 5. Contingent Liabilities

There has been no change in contingent liabilities of the company or the consolidated entity since the last annual reporting date.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### 6. Events Subsequent to Reporting Date

Since 31 December 2010, there has not been any matter or circumstance not otherwise dealt with in the half-year report that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the company or the consolidated entity.

#### 7. Issued capital

#### (a) Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares. On a show of hands every holder of ordinary shares present at a meeting, in person or by proxy, is entitled to one vote, and upon a poll each share is entitled to one vote.

	Consolidated		
	31-Dec-10 30-Jun-10		
	\$	\$	
127,295,921 (30 June 2010: 97,195,921) fully	14,315,800	11,723,878	
paid ordinary shares			

	Consolidated	
(i) Ordinary shares - number	31-Dec-10 No.	30-Jun-10 No.
At 1 July 2010	97,195,921	71,918,192
Shares issued - 10,750,000 on 14 August 2009 at \$0.05	-	10,750,000
Shares issued - 1,850,000 on 24 November 2009 at \$0.05	-	1,850,000
Shares issued - 4,450,000 on 23 December 2009 at \$0.075	-	4,450,000
Share placement - 8,227,729 on 12 May 2010 at \$0.07	-	8,227,729
Share placement - 9,400,000 on 13 October 2010 at \$0.062	9,400,000	-
Share placement - 5,000,000 on 26 November 2010 at \$0.062	5,000,000	-
Share placement - 15,700,000 on 7 December 2010 at \$0.12	15,700,000	-
Balance at 31 December 2010	127,295,921	97,195,921

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### 7. Issued capital (continued)

	Consolidated	
(ii) Ordinary shares – value	31-Dec-10 \$	<b>30-Jun-10</b> \$
At 1 July 2009	11,723,878	10,269,731
Shares issued - 10,750,000 on 14 August		
2009 at \$0.05	-	537,500
Shares issued - 1,850,000 on 24 November		
2009 at \$0.05	-	92,500
Shares issued - 4,450,000 on 23 December		
2009 at \$0.075	-	333,750
Share placement - 8,227,729 on 12 May 2010		
at \$0.07	-	575,941
Share placement - 9,400,000 on 13 October	<b>202</b> 000	
2010 at \$0.062	582,800	-
Share placement - 5,000,000 on 26	210 000	
November 2010 at \$0.062	310,000	-
Share placement - 15,700,000 on 7	1 004 000	
December 2010 at \$0.12	1,884,000	(05 514)
Less share issue costs	(184,878)	· , ,
Balance at 31 December 2010	14,315,800	11,723,878

#### (b) Options

As at 31 December 2010 (30 June 2010: 13,927,729) the Company had the following options on issue over ordinary shares:-

<u>Grant</u> <u>Date</u>	Date of Expiry	Exercise Price \$	Number under Option
2-Jun-10	2-Jun-13	0.15	8,227,729
25-Jun-10	25-Jun-13	0.14	2,700,000
		-	10,927,729

#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

In the Opinion of the Directors of Empire Resources Limited ("Company"):

- 1. the financial statements and notes as set out on pages 5 to 12 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
- a) complying with Accounting Standards, Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- b) giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2010 and of its performance for the half-year then ended.
- 2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to s303(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

David Sargeant
Managing Director

Perth, Western Australia 25 February 2011

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#### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

As lead auditor for the review of the financial report of Empire Resources Limited for the halfyear ended 31 December 2010, 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.

Perth, Western Australia 25 February 2011 N G NEILL Partner, HLB Mann Judd

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of Empire Resources Limited

#### Report on the Condensed Half-Year Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Empire Resources Limited ("the Company") which comprises the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2010, the condensed statement of comprehensive income, condensed statement of changes in equity and condensed statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other 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 consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2010 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 Empire Resources Limited, 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.



#### Independence

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

#### 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 Empire Resources Limited 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 2010 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

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N G NEILL Partner

Perth, Western Australia 25 February 2011