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**Interim Financial Report  
for the Half-Year Ended  
31 December 2017**

## CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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 Mr Keith Phillips – President & CEO  
 Mr Anastasios Arima – Executive Director  
 Mr Robert Behets – Non-Executive Director  
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Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors of Piedmont Lithium Limited present their report on Piedmont Lithium Limited ("**Piedmont**" or "**Company**") and the entities it controlled during the half-year ended 31 December 2017 ("**Consolidated Entity**" or "**Group**").

### DIRECTORS

The names of the Directors of Piedmont Lithium Limited in office during the half-year and until the date of this report are:

Mr Ian Middlemas	Chairman
Mr Keith Phillips	Managing Director, President & Chief Executive Officer ( <i>appointed 10 July 2017</i> )
Mr Anastasios Arima	Executive Director
Mr Robert Behets	Non-Executive Director
Mr Levi Mochkin	Non-Executive Director
Mr Mark Pearce	Non-Executive Director

Unless otherwise shown, all Directors were in office from the beginning of the half-year until the date of this report.

### OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Highlights

Highlights during and subsequent to the half-year were as follows:

- (a) Completed a 12,000-meter drilling program at the Piedmont Lithium Project ("**Project**"), with assay results confirming 8 mineralized trends totaling approximately 4 kilometers of strike;
- (b) The mineralized trends consist of one or more spodumene bearing pegmatite dykes, with assay results continuing to confirm high grade lithium mineralization including:
  - **18.0m @ 1.01% Li<sub>2</sub>O** and **2.0m @ 1.28% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (Hole 17-BD-87)
  - **16.2m @ 1.72% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (Hole 17-BD-62)
  - **14.0m @ 1.34% Li<sub>2</sub>O** and **2.9m @ 1.41% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (Hole 17-BD-95)
  - **11.6m @ 1.29% Li<sub>2</sub>O** and **6.0m @ 1.14% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (Hole 17-BD-77)
  - **11.3m @ 1.43% Li<sub>2</sub>O** and **2.8m @ 1.35% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (Hole 17-BD-50)
  - **11.1m @ 1.27% Li<sub>2</sub>O** and **3.4m @ 1.20% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (Hole 17-BD-90)
  - **10.6m @ 1.46% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (Hole 17-BD-102)
  - **10.4m @ 1.53% Li<sub>2</sub>O** (Hole 17-BD-72)
- (c) Commenced a new 20,000-meter drill program at the Project, focused on infill drilling for a maiden Mineral Resource and testing extensions of the pegmatites along strike and down dip;
- (d) Increased the Project's lithium mineral rights to approximately 1,200 acres within the Carolina Tin-Spodumene Belt, through additional land option and acquisition agreements signed with local landowners;
- (e) Admitted to Nasdaq International Designation and commenced trading in the United States, via a sponsored Level 1 ADR program with The Bank of New York Mellon as depositary;
- (f) Appointed highly respected New York-based mining investment banker Mr. Keith D. Phillips as Managing Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company;

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
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**OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)**

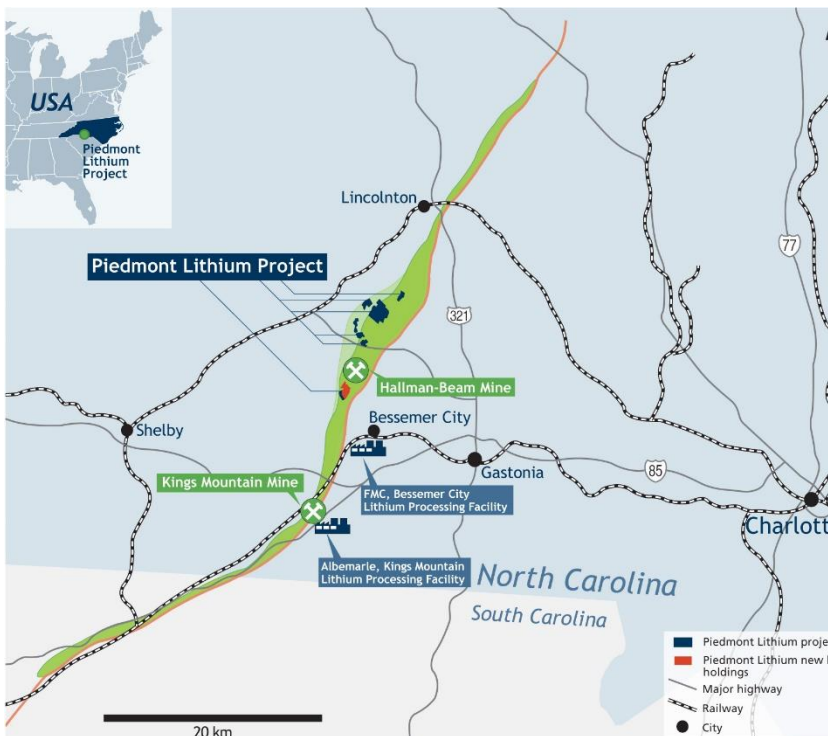
**Highlights (Continued)**

- (g) Appointed Mr. Patrick Brindle as VP & Project Manager, Mr. David Buckley as VP & Chief Process Engineer and Mr. Bruce Czachor as VP & General Counsel of the Company;
- (h) Completed a private placement of 100 million shares at an issue price of A\$0.16 per share to institutional and sophisticated investors to raise A\$16 million; and
- (i) The extent of the mineralization demonstrated by the drilling completed to-date, combined with the Project's exceptional location within the cradle of the U.S. lithium sector, underscores the strategic significance of the Project.

**Piedmont Lithium Project**

Piedmont Lithium Limited (ASX: PLL; OTC-Nasdaq: PLLLY) holds a 100% interest in the Piedmont Lithium Project ("Project") located within the world-class Carolina Tin-Spodumene Belt ("TSB") and along trend to the Hallman Beam and Kings Mountain mines, historically providing most of the western world's lithium between the 1950s and the 1990s.

The TSB has been described as one of the largest lithium provinces in the world and is located approximately 25 miles west of Charlotte, North Carolina. It is a premier location to be developing an integrated lithium business based on its favourable geology, proven metallurgy and easy access to infrastructure, power, R&D centres for lithium and battery storage, major high-tech population centres and downstream lithium processing facilities.



**Piedmont Lithium Location and Bessemer City Lithium Processing Plant (FMC, Top Right) and Kings Mountain Lithium Processing Facility (Albemarle, Bottom Right)**

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
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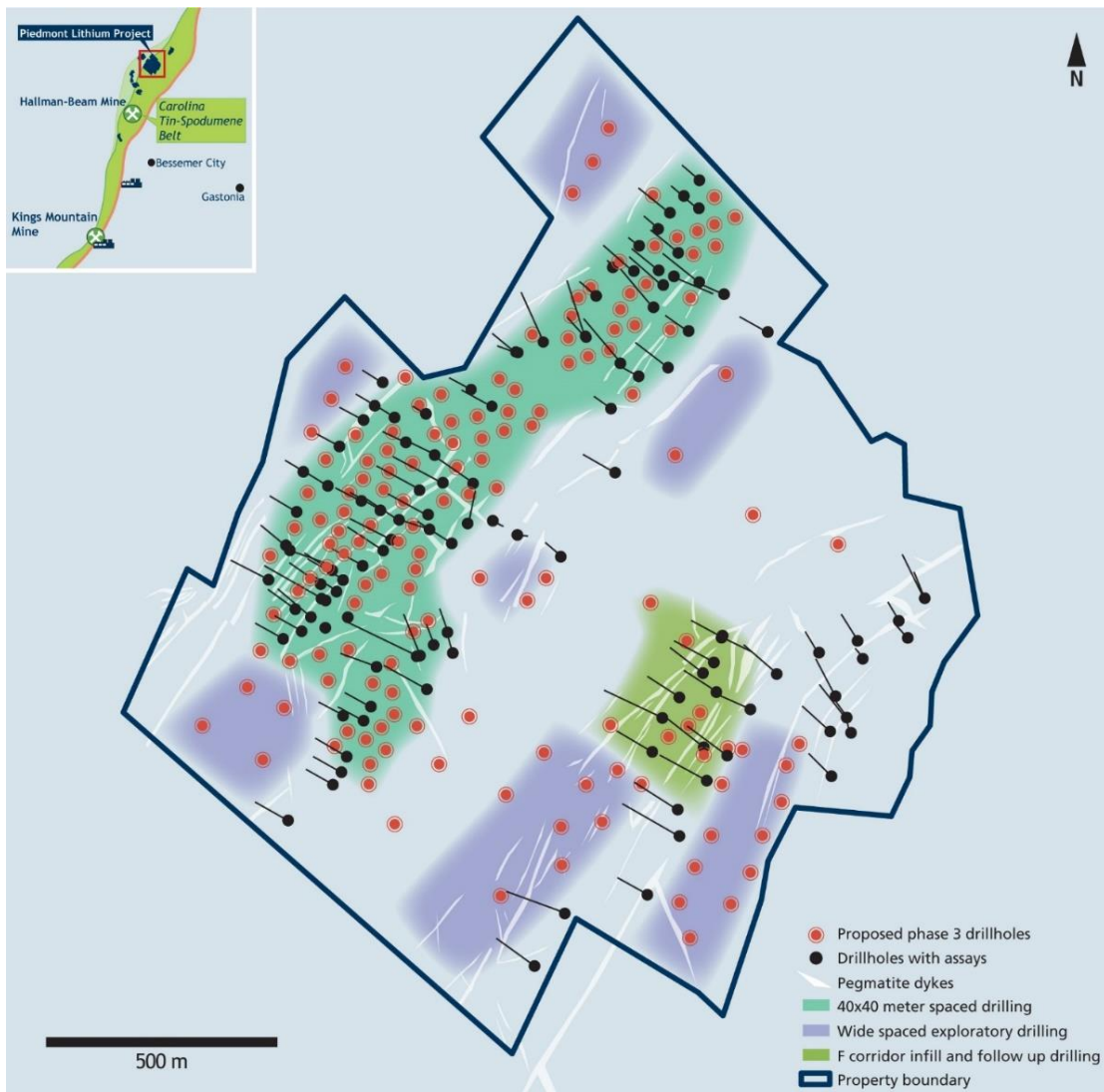
**OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)**

**Piedmont Lithium Project (Continued)**

The Project was originally explored by Lithium Corporation of America which eventually was acquired by FMC Corporation ("FMC"). FMC and Albemarle Corporation ("Albemarle") both historically mined the lithium bearing spodumene pegmatites within the TSB and developed and continue to operate the two world-class lithium processing facilities in the region which were the first modern spodumene processing facilities in the western world.

The Company is in a unique position to leverage its position as a first mover in restarting exploration in this historic lithium producing region with the aim of developing a strategic, U.S. domestic source of lithium to supply the increasing electric vehicle and battery storage markets.

Piedmont, through its 100% owned U.S. subsidiary, Piedmont Lithium Inc., has entered into exclusive option agreements and land acquisition agreements with local landowners, which upon exercise, allow the Company to purchase (or in some cases long-term lease) approximately 1,200 acres of surface property and the associated mineral rights.



**Piedmont Lithium Proposed Drill Program Target Areas**

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
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**OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)**

**Operating Results**

The Consolidated Entity's net loss after tax for the half-year ended 31 December 2017 was A\$5,315,382 (31 December 2016: A\$1,067,698). This loss is partly attributable to:

- (a) exploration and evaluation expense of A\$3,295,574 (31 December 2016: A\$155,444), which is attributable to the Group's accounting policy of expensing exploration and evaluation expenditure (other than expenditures incurred in the acquisition of the rights to explore, including option payments to landowners) incurred by the Group in the period subsequent to the acquisition of the rights to explore and up to the successful completion of definitive feasibility studies for each separate area of interest; and
- (b) non-cash share-based payment expenses of A\$731,233 (31 December 2016: A\$540,933) which is attributable to expensing the value (estimated using an option pricing model) of incentive options granted to key employees, consultants and advisors. The value is measured at grant date and recognised over the period during which the option holders become unconditionally entitled to the options.

**SIGNIFICANT POST BALANCE DATE EVENTS**

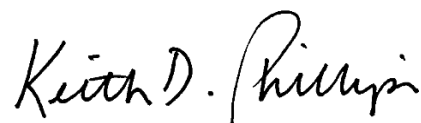
- (a) On 10 January 2018, the Company announced that it had appointed Mr. Patrick Brindle as VP & Project Manager, Mr. David Buckley as VP & Chief Process Engineer and Mr. Bruce Czachor as VP & General Counsel of the Company;
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Other than as outlined above, at the date of this report there are no other significant events occurring after balance date requiring disclosure.

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 requires our auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, to provide the directors of Piedmont Lithium Limited with an Independence Declaration in relation to the review of the half-year financial report. This Independence Declaration is on page 14 and forms part of this Directors' Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors.



**KEITH PHILLIPS**  
President & CEO

13 March 2018

## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION



In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Piedmont Lithium Limited, I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) section 304 (compliance with accounting standards and Corporations Regulations 2001); and
  - (ii) section 305 (true and fair view); and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith D. Phillips".

**KEITH PHILLIPS**  
President & CEO

13 March 2018

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND  
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	Half-year Ended 31 December 2017 A\$	Half-year Ended 31 December 2016 A\$
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Interest income		65,515	18,976
Exploration and evaluation expenses		(3,295,574)	(155,444)
Corporate and administrative expenses		(395,856)	(218,131)
Business development expenses		(581,779)	(175,099)
Share based payments		(731,233)	(540,933)
Other income/(expenses)	3	(376,455)	2,933
<b>Loss before income tax</b>		<b>(5,315,382)</b>	<b>(1,067,698)</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Loss for the period</b>		<b>(5,315,382)</b>	<b>(1,067,698)</b>
<b>Loss attributable to members of Piedmont Lithium Limited</b>		<b>(5,315,382)</b>	<b>(1,067,698)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		(23,165)	7,303
<b>Other comprehensive gain/(loss) for the period, net of tax</b>		<b>(23,165)</b>	<b>7,303</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>		<b>(5,338,547)</b>	<b>(1,060,395)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive loss attributable to members of Piedmont Lithium Limited</b>		<b>(5,338,547)</b>	<b>(1,060,395)</b>
<b>Loss per share</b>			
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents per share)		(1.09)	(0.27)

The above Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	31 December 2017 A\$	30 June 2017 A\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		14,969,268	4,597,397
Trade and other receivables		117,254	44,172
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>15,086,522</b>	<b>4,641,569</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Exploration and evaluation assets	4	1,132,206	231,149
Property, plant and equipment		4,230	5,064
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>1,136,436</b>	<b>236,213</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>16,222,958</b>	<b>4,877,782</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		1,433,496	628,480
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,433,496</b>	<b>628,480</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,433,496</b>	<b>628,480</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>14,789,462</b>	<b>4,249,302</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Contributed equity	5	50,349,671	35,202,197
Reserves	6	1,847,704	1,139,636
Accumulated losses		(37,407,913)	(32,092,531)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>14,789,462</b>	<b>4,249,302</b>

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

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Ordinary Shares A\$	Share Based Payments Reserve A\$	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve A\$	Accumulated Losses A\$	Total Equity A\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2017</b>	<b>35,202,197</b>	<b>1,142,443</b>	<b>(2,807)</b>	<b>(32,092,531)</b>	<b>4,249,302</b>
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	(5,315,382)	(5,315,382)
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	(23,165)	-	(23,165)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(23,165)</b>	<b>(5,315,382)</b>	<b>(5,338,547)</b>
Issue of shares	<b>16,000,000</b>	-	-	-	<b>16,000,000</b>
Share issue costs	<b>(852,526)</b>	-	-	-	<b>(852,526)</b>
Share based payments	-	<b>731,233</b>	-	-	<b>731,233</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2017</b>	<b>50,349,671</b>	<b>1,873,676</b>	<b>(25,972)</b>	<b>(37,407,913)</b>	<b>14,789,462</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2016</b>	<b>30,453,178</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(28,594,283)</b>	<b>1,858,895</b>
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	(1,067,698)	(1,067,698)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	7,303	-	7,303
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,303</b>	<b>(1,067,698)</b>	<b>(1,060,395)</b>
Share based payments	-	<b>540,933</b>	-	-	<b>540,933</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>30,453,178</b>	<b>540,933</b>	<b>7,303</b>	<b>(29,661,981)</b>	<b>1,339,433</b>

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

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Half-year Ended 31 December 2017 A\$	Half-year Ended 31 December 2016 A\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Payments to suppliers and employees	(4,010,158)	(472,566)
Interest received	59,053	19,072
<b>Net cash flows used in operating activities</b>	<b>(3,951,105)</b>	<b>(453,494)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of exploration and evaluation assets	(448,043)	(220,655)
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>	<b>(448,043)</b>	<b>(220,655)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from issue of shares	16,000,000	-
Share issue costs	(852,526)	-
<b>Net cash inflow from financing activities</b>	<b>15,147,474</b>	<b>-</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	10,748,326	(674,149)
Net foreign exchange differences	(376,455)	(13,728)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	4,597,397	1,855,095
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>14,969,268</b>	<b>1,167,218</b>

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

**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The interim condensed financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2017 has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The preparation of the interim financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report of Piedmont Lithium Limited ("the "Company") and its consolidated entities (the "Consolidated Entity" or the "Group") for the year ended 30 June 2017 and any public announcements made by Piedmont Lithium Limited and its controlled entities during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

**(a) Basis of Preparation of Half-Year Financial Report**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars (A\$).

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the half-year financial report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the Company's annual financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2017, other than as detailed below.

**(b) New Accounting Policies**

In the current period, the Group has adopted all of the new and revised standards, interpretations and amendments that are relevant to its operations and effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2017, including Amendments to AASB 107 ("Disclosure Initiative"), Amendments to AASB 112 ("Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses"), and Amendments to AASB 12 ("Further Annual Improvements 2014–2016 Cycle").

The adoption of new and revised standards and amendments has not affected the amounts reported for the current or prior half-year periods.

The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

**2. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

AASB 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Consolidated Entity that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance.

The Consolidated Entity operates in one segment, being mineral exploration in the United States of America.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017  
(Continued)

**3. OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES**

	Half-year Ended 31 December 2017 A\$	Half-year Ended 31 December 2016 A\$
<b>Other income</b>		
Net foreign exchange gain	-	2,933
<b>Other expenses</b>		
Net foreign exchange loss	(376,455)	-

**4. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS**

	31 December 2017 A\$	30 June 2017 A\$
<b>Areas of interest:</b>		
Piedmont Lithium Project <sup>1</sup>	1,132,206	231,149
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the period<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,132,206</b>	<b>231,149</b>

	Half-year Ended 31 December 2017 A\$	Half-year Ended 31 December 2016 A\$
<b>Reconciliation:</b>		
Carrying amount at the start of the period	231,149	52,022
Additions <sup>1</sup>	905,302	220,655
Exchange differences	(4,245)	10,134
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the period<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1,132,206</b>	<b>282,811</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> At 31 December 2017, the Group had entered into exclusive option agreements and land acquisition agreements with local landowners, which upon exercise, allows the Group to purchase (or in some cases long term lease) 904 acres of surface property and the associated mineral rights from the local landowners (the "Piedmont Lithium Project"). During the half-year, the Group made land option payments totalling A\$227,106 and made (or accrued) land acquisition payments totalling A\$678,196 which have been treated as acquisition costs and capitalised as 'exploration and evaluation assets'. No liability has been recorded for the consideration payable to landowners if the Group chooses to exercise the options.

<sup>2</sup> The ultimate recoupment of costs carried for exploration and evaluation phases is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation or sale of the respective areas.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017  
(Continued)

**5. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY**

	31 December 2017 A\$	30 June 2017 A\$
<b>Issued Capital</b>		
554,030,352 fully paid ordinary shares (30 June 2017: 454,030,352)	<b>50,349,671</b>	35,202,197

**(a) Movements in issued capital**

Date	Details	Number of Ordinary Shares	Issue Price	A\$
1 Jul 17	Opening balance	<b>454,030,352</b>	-	<b>35,202,197</b>
3 Nov 17	Share placement	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>A\$0.16</b>	<b>16,000,000</b>
	Share issue costs	-	-	<b>(852,526)</b>
31 Dec 17	Closing balance	<b>554,030,352</b>		<b>50,349,671</b>

**6. RESERVES**

	31 December 2017 A\$	30 June 2017 A\$
<b>Reserves</b>		
Share based payments reserve	<b>1,873,676</b>	1,142,443
Foreign currency translation reserve	<b>(25,972)</b>	(2,807)
	<b>1,847,704</b>	1,139,636

**(a) Movements share based payments reserve**

Date	Details	Number of Incentive Options	Number of Performance Rights	A\$
1 Jul 17	Opening balance	<b>56,450,000</b>	<b>2,200,000</b>	<b>1,142,443</b>
10 Jul 17	Grant of incentive options <sup>1</sup>	<b>24,000,000</b>	-	-
13 Oct 17	Grant of incentive options	<b>450,000</b>	-	-
31 Dec 17	Expiry of performance rights	-	<b>(1,100,000)</b>	-
Jul 17 to Dec 17	Share based payment expense	-	-	<b>731,233</b>
31 Dec 17	Closing Balance	<b>80,900,000</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>1,873,676</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> As part of remuneration arrangements, Mr. Keith Phillips, Managing Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, was granted 24,000,000 (6,000,000 which vest after 12 months' service and are exercisable at A\$0.10 each on or before 10 July 2020, 6,000,000 which vest after 18 months' service and are exercisable at A\$0.12 each on or before 10 January 2021, 6,000,000 which vest after 24 months' service and are exercisable at A\$0.16 each on or before 10 July 2021, and 6,000,000 which vest after 30 months' service and are exercisable at A\$0.24 each on or before 10 July 2022). The fair value of these options is measured at the grant date using the Black Scholes option pricing model and then expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Company's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017  
(Continued)

**7. DIVIDENDS PAID OR PROVIDED FOR**

No dividend has been paid or provided for during the half-year (31 December 2016: nil).

**8. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

At 31 December 2017, the Group had entered into option agreements and land acquisition agreements with local landowners in North Carolina, United States, in relation to its Piedmont Lithium Project, which upon exercise, allows the Group to purchase (or in some cases long-term lease) 904 acres of surface property and the associated mineral rights from the local landowners. Upon exercise of the option agreements, in the case of a purchase, the Group will pay cash consideration approximating the fair market value of the surface property at the time of exercise (excluding the value of any minerals) plus 50%, and in the case of a long-term lease, the Group will pay annual advanced royalty payments per acre. The landowners will also retain a production royalty payable on production of ore from the property, between US\$0.50 to US\$2.00 per tonne of ore produced.

**9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE**

- (a) On 10 January 2018, the Company announced that it had appointed Mr. Patrick Brindle as VP & Project Manager, Mr. David Buckley as VP & Chief Process Engineer and Mr. Bruce Czachor as VP & General Counsel of the Company;
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The Board of Directors  
Piedmont Lithium Limited  
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13 March 2018

Dear Board Members


**Piedmont Lithium Limited**

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Piedmont Lithium Limited.

As lead audit partner for the review of the financial statements of Piedmont Lithium Limited for the financial half year ended 31 December 2017, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

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

Yours sincerely,



**DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU**



**David Newman**  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants

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## Independent Auditor's Review Report to the members of Piedmont Lithium Limited

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Piedmont Lithium Limited, which comprises the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, and the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows and the condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the end of the half-year 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 – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and 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 half-year 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 2017 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 Piedmont Lithium 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.

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## *Auditor's Independence Declaration*

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 Piedmont Lithium Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

## *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 Piedmont Lithium 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 2017 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*.



**DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU**



**David Newman**

Partner

Chartered Accountants

Perth, 13 March 2018

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### Forward Looking Statements

This report may include forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on the Company's expectations and beliefs concerning future events. Forward looking statements are necessarily subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of the Company, which could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. The Company makes no undertaking to subsequently update or revise the forward-looking statements made in this report, to reflect the circumstances or events after the date of that report.

### Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, is extracted from the Company's ASX announcements dated 1 December 2017 entitled 'Further High-Grade Assays Continue to Extend Mineralization', 2 November 2017 entitled 'Drilling Confirms Further High-Grade Lithium Assay Results', 27 September 2017 entitled 'Four Kilometers of Mineralization Confirmed at the Piedmont Lithium Project', 23 May 2017 entitled 'Phase 1 Drilling Confirms Four Major High Grade Lithium Corridors at the Piedmont Lithium Project', 3 April 2017 entitled 'New Drilling Results Confirm Further High Grade Lithium Mineralisation at Piedmont Lithium Project', and 18 October 2016 entitled 'Previous Drilling Confirms High Grade Lithium Mineralisation' which are available to view on the Company's website at [www.piedmontlithium.com](http://www.piedmontlithium.com).

The information in the original ASX announcements that related to Exploration Results was based on, and fairly represents, information compiled by Mr Lamont Leatherman, a Competent Person who is a Registered Member of the 'Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration', a 'Recognised Professional Organisation' (RPO). Mr Leatherman is a consultant to the Company. Mr Leatherman has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken 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'. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original ASX announcements. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original ASX announcements.