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2014 FINANCIAL YEAR RESULTS AND FINAL DIVIDEND

Independence Group NL (IGO or the “Company”) reports its results for the financial year ended 30 June 2014 (FY2014) and announces its final dividend.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- Revenue of \$399.0 million (FY2013: \$225.9 million).
- Underlying EBITDA¹ of \$174.8 million (FY2013: \$56.8 million).
- Net Profit After Tax of \$46.6 million (FY2013: \$18.3 million).
- Net operating cash flows of \$153.6 million (FY2013: \$67.5 million).
- Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2014 of \$57.0 million (FY2013: \$27.2 million) and debt of \$29.0 million (FY2013: \$20.0 million).
- Fully franked Final Dividend of 5.0 cents per share announced (FY2013: 1.0 cent).

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

- **Tropicana Gold Project JV** [IGO 30%]: Commissioning of Tropicana commenced in the September Quarter 2013 and ramp up to nameplate capacity was completed in March 2014. IGO’s attributable gold production was 104,511oz Au at average Cash Costs² of \$552/oz Au.
- **Long Operation** [IGO 100%]: Annual production of 10,909 tonnes of contained nickel metal (FY2013: 11,180t) which exceeded the upper range of guidance by 9%. Payable Cash Costs for the year were \$3.78 per pound nickel (FY2013 \$4.34 per pound nickel).
- **Jaguar Operation** [IGO 100%]: Annual production was 41,162 tonnes of contained zinc metal (FY2013: 33,809t), 7,692 tonnes of contained copper metal (FY2013: 4,992t) and 1,657,461 ounces of contained silver metal (FY2013: 1,376,804 ounces). The payable Cash Costs were \$0.31 per pound zinc (FY2013: \$0.49 per pound zinc).

RESULT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Revenue from continuing operations for FY2014 increased by 77% to \$399.0 million (FY2013: \$225.9 million) primarily due to \$137.9 million from Tropicana, as well as an improved contribution from the Jaguar Operation.

Earnings during FY2014 were positively impacted by the commencement of production at Tropicana and an improved nickel price in the second half of the year. Strong production results from the Jaguar Operation and successful cost control measures at the Long and Jaguar Operations also contributed to improved earnings from these operations. The Company recorded impairments of exploration and evaluation assets totalling \$32 million (FY2013: \$5.8 million) of which \$17 million related to an abnormal impairment in relation to the Company’s Karlawinda gold project.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Net cash flows from operating activities was \$153.6 million (FY2013: \$67.5 million) which includes a contribution from Tropicana of \$78.9 million.

Cash payments for investing activities were \$123.4 million (FY2013: \$215.1 million). The decrease is attributable to the previous year requiring a full year’s spend towards the Tropicana construction activities. As a result, capitalised development was lower at \$76.1 million (FY2013: \$170.6 million). Capitalised

¹ See Page 4 for definition of underlying EBITDA.

² See page 4 for definition of Cash Costs.

development during the year comprised \$57.3 million towards the Tropicana Gold Project, \$16.6 million for Jaguar Operation development, and \$2.2 million for development at the Long Operation.

Net cash payments for financing activities were \$0.5 million (FY2013: \$17.9 million) and included net proceeds of \$15.0 million from borrowings under the Company's corporate finance facility.

BALANCE SHEET

Cash and cash equivalents at year-end totalled \$57.0 million (FY2013: \$27.2 million), a net increase of \$29.8 million for FY2014.

At balance date, the Company had \$29.0 million of debt comprising \$4.0 million of lease liabilities and \$25.0 million of corporate facility loans.

DIVIDENDS

During FY2014, IGO paid dividends of \$11.7 million (FY2013: \$4.7 million) to shareholders. These comprised a final FY2013 fully franked dividend of 1 cent per share paid in September 2013 and an interim FY2014 fully franked dividend of 3 cents per share paid in March 2014.

IGO has announced a fully franked Final Dividend for FY2014 of 5 cents per share which will be payable on 30 September 2014, with a record date for determining entitlements of 16 September 2014³.

In addition, the Company has adopted a Dividend Policy. IGO intends to maintain a minimum dividend payment payout ratio of 30% of net profit after tax, rounded to the nearest whole cent. See Annexure 1 for further details.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE	2014	2013	INC/(DEC)
Total Revenue	\$399.0M	\$225.9M	77%
Underlying EBITDA⁴	\$174.8M	\$56.8M	208%
Profit Before Tax	\$67.8M	\$27.8M	144%
Profit After Tax	\$46.6M	\$18.3M	155%
Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities	\$153.6M	\$67.5M	128%
Total Assets	\$891.3M	\$822.0M	8%
Total Liabilities	\$204.4M	\$172.5M	18%
Shareholders' Equity	\$686.9M	\$649.5M	6%
Net tangible assets per share	\$2.94	\$2.79	5%

OPERATIONS

TROPICANA GOLD MINE [IGO 30%]

During FY2014, 8.5Mt of ore comprising 1.4Mt of marginal ore (grading between 0.4 & 0.6g/t) and 7.1Mt of ore (> 0.6g/t Au) were mined. The ore was predominantly sourced from the Havana pit with smaller amounts sourced from the Tropicana pit. Run of mine (ROM) grades for the total ore mined averaged 2.0g/t Au over this period. Total material movement, inclusive of ore, was 44.4Mt.

³ IGO does not currently have a dividend reinvestment plan.

⁴ See Page 4 for definition of underlying EBITDA.

A total of 4.1Mt of ore at an average ROM grade of 3.02g/t Au was milled during FY2014. Average metallurgical recovery was 89.4%.

During FY2014 348,374 ounces of gold were produced (100% basis). IGO's attributable gold production for FY2014 was 104,511 ounces at average Cash Costs of \$552/oz Au.

LONG OPERATION [IGO 100%]

Production for FY2014 was 268,162 tonnes of ore mined (FY2013: 282,177t) at an average head grade of 4.07% nickel (FY2013: 3.84%) for 10,909 tonnes of contained nickel metal (FY2013: 11,180t). Production exceeded the upper range of market guidance by 9%.

Payable Cash Costs for FY2014 were \$3.78 per pound nickel (FY2013 \$4.34), which was 12% below the lower range of market guidance.

JAGUAR OPERATION [IGO 100%]

Ore milled during FY2014 was 441,867 tonnes at an average head grade of 1.97% copper, 10.65% zinc and 145g/t silver (FY2013: 392,125 tonnes at an average head grade of 1.56% copper, 10.07% zinc and 143g/t silver). Metal production in concentrate was 7,692 tonnes of copper, 41,162 tonnes of zinc and 1,657,461 ounces of silver (FY2013: 4,992t copper, 33,809t zinc and 1,376,804oz silver). Production of copper was 28% above the higher end of market guidance and zinc production was 1.6% above the upper range of updated market guidance.

The payable Cash Costs for FY2014 were \$0.31 per pound zinc (FY2013: \$0.49 per pound) being 22% below the lower end of market guidance.

PROJECT AT FEASIBILITY STUDY STAGE

STOCKMAN PROJECT [IGO 100%]

The Environmental Effects Statement permitting documentation for the State of Victoria (also accredited with the Federal EPBC Act) for the Stockman project was completed and lodged during FY2014.

The Enhanced Feasibility Study (EFS) was progressed in parallel to the approvals process. The Company expects to complete the EFS work in the first half of FY2015. This will allow an accurate project timeline and the approval conditions to be properly assessed and integrated into the final investment assessment expected to be considered by your Board in the December 2014 Quarter.

EXPLORATION

FY2014 cash outflows included \$38.7 million on exploration and evaluation expenditure (FY2013: \$38.0 million).

Exploration in FY2014 has focussed on target refinement and drill testing at the Company's brownfields projects (Tropicana, Long and Jaguar) and greenfields projects (Karlawinda, Lake Mackay, Darlot, Bryah Basin and Rebecca). The Company has determined that the Karlawinda Gold Project is unlikely to meet its size and economic thresholds for development and accordingly is seeking expressions of interest from parties regarding a potential divestment.

Target generation activities continued in Australia and Scandinavia boosted by the application of the Global Lithospheric Architecture Mapping (GLAM) database. These targeting initiatives together with the ongoing De Beers generative work and the current market downturn are expected to continue to create a number of new exploration opportunities in FY2015. With its high calibre exploration team and robust exploration budget, the Company is confident of adding value, through ongoing exploration success

OUTLOOK

IGO's attributable gold production for the Tropicana Gold Mine is estimated to average in the range of 141,000 ounces to 147,000 ounces of gold per annum during FY2015, with Cash Costs expected to be in the range of \$590 to \$630/oz Au.

Production guidance for the Long Operation for FY2015 is 230,000 to 270,000 ore tonnes for between 9,000 and 10,000 tonnes of contained nickel. IGO advises that the expected Cash Costs of \$4.30 to \$4.70 per payable pound of nickel. Approximately \$12 million is expected to be spent on exploration during FY2015 of which approximately 45% is expected to be spent on development for exploration access.

Production guidance for the Jaguar Operation for FY2015 is 420,000 to 440,000 ore tonnes for production of 5,800 to 6,500 tonnes of copper metal and 40,000 to 43,000 tonnes of zinc metal with Cash Costs of \$0.40 to \$0.60 per pound of zinc. Approximately \$8 million has been budgeted for exploration during FY2015 for ongoing work at Flying Spur, Triumph and elsewhere on the Jaguar concession and Darlot JV tenements.

At the Stockman Project in Victoria, work will continue on completing both the EFS and the permitting process, expected in the first half of FY2015. Approximately \$3 million has been budgeted for FY2015 on evaluation, permitting and targeting for new mineralised zones. This may be revised once the outcome of the permitting process becomes known.

Approximately \$11 million greenfields and generative exploration expenditure is budgeted for FY2015. A number of new gold and base metal exploration projects are currently being evaluated and a budget has been set aside to commence exploration on one or more of these in the coming 12 months.

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Forward-looking statements

This document may include Forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning IGO's planned production and planned exploration program and other statements that are not historical facts. When used in this document, the words such as "could", "plan", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "may", "potential", "should" and similar expressions are Forward-looking statements. Although IGO believes that its expectations reflected in these Forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties and no assurance can be given that actual results will be consistent with these Forward-looking statements.

Cash Costs

All cash costs quoted include royalties and net of by-product credits unless otherwise stated.

Underlying Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA)

Underlying EBITDA is a non-IFRS measure and comprises \$67.8M profit before tax (FY2013:\$27.8M) less \$5.1M interest income net of finance costs (FY2013: \$1.2M), \$69.8M depreciation & amortisation expense (FY2013: \$24.4M) and \$32.0M exploration impairment expenses (FY2013: \$5.8M).

Currency

All currency amounts in this report are Australian Dollars unless otherwise stated.

Annexure 1

Independence Group NL Dividend Policy

Independence Group NL's (IGO) dividend payment policy is consistent with its vision "To build a diversified resources group delivering superior returns".

Purpose

The purpose of this dividend payment policy is to inform shareholders how IGO will return profits to them in the form of a reasonable dividend.

Principles

IGO achieves this purpose by considering the following when determining the appropriate dividend payment:

- IGO's development profile;
- Available cash flow and funding requirements;
- Appropriate capital structure;
- Access to capital;
- Non-recurring items; and
- IGO's franking credit balance.

Policy

IGO intends to maintain a minimum dividend payment payout ratio of 30% of net profit after tax, rounded to the nearest whole cent.

The decision to pay dividends will be subject to the satisfaction of the test set out in section 254T of the Corporations Act 2001.

The Board of Directors of IGO maintains the discretion to determine whether or not a dividend is payable and the amount of any dividend payment.

Risks

IGO operates in a cyclical sector, where financial characteristics, including commodity prices, foreign exchange rates, energy costs and as a result cash flow generation may vary. IGO will seek to maximise returns to shareholders (where alternative investment opportunities do not exist). This may reflect variations in the capability to make dividend payments to shareholders through business cycles. IGO expects that shareholders recognise this cyclical aspect of resource investment.

IGO has not pursued a "progressive dividend policy", believing that this can lead to returns to shareholders being held back in certain "prosperous" periods to provide this progressive or smoothed aspect of dividend payments. IGO believes that its shareholders understand the cyclical nature of the resource industry.

INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

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PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT INFORMATION – 1 JULY 2013 TO 30 JUNE 2014 LODGED WITH THE ASX UNDER LISTING RULE 4.3A

Key Information – Results for Announcement to the Market

	\$'000	% Increase over Previous Corresponding Period
Revenue from ordinary activities	399,059	76.7%
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	46,556	154.6%
Net profit attributable to members	46,556	154.6%

The previous corresponding period is the year ended 30 June 2013.

	2014	2013
Basic earnings per share (cents)	19.95	7.85
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	19.78	7.79
Net tangible assets per share (cents)	294.39	278.81

The major factors contributing to the above variances are as follows:

Revenue from ordinary activities:

- Revenue increased predominantly due to nine months of maiden gold production adding \$137,918,000 in gold sales revenue net of hedging revaluations (2013: \$3,664,000);
- The Jaguar Operation contributed \$49,983,000 additional zinc/copper/silver sales revenue over the previous corresponding period;
- Revenue from the Long Operation was down \$8,802,000 or 7% on the previous period due to 5% lower realised nickel prices and marginally lower payable nickel.

Profit from ordinary activities rose significantly from the previous corresponding period's result of \$18,288,000. Contributing factors include:

- Underlying earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation¹ from operations increased by \$126,775,000 or 64%, primarily due to an \$85,056,000 contribution from the Tropicana project. In addition, the Jaguar Operations' underlying EBITDA exceeded the previous year's amount by \$38,432,000 which can be attributed to lower cash costs and higher revenues.
- The Company recorded impairments of exploration and evaluation assets totalling \$32,045,000 of which \$16,999,000 related to an abnormal impairment in relation to the Company's Karlawinda gold project. The previous period's impairments totalled \$5,762,000.
- Total depreciation and amortisation expense for the year increased by \$45,390,000 to \$69,840,000 for the year, primarily due to Tropicana charges of \$36,600,000 (2013: \$185,000).

Further details and analysis can be found in the Operating and financial review contained in the Directors' Report of the Financial Report following this Appendix.

The Company paid a fully franked interim dividend of 3 cents per share in March 2014. The Company has announced a fully franked final dividend of 5 cents per share which will be paid on 30 September 2014. The record date for determining dividend entitlements is 16 September 2014.

The Company did not gain or lose control over any entity during the period.

The accounts have been audited by BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd. The accounts are not subject to dispute or qualification.

¹ Underlying EBITDA is a non-IFRS measure and comprises net profit or loss after tax, adjusted to exclude tax expense, finance costs, interest income, asset impairments, depreciation and amortisation.



Independence Group

**Financial Report
for the Year Ended
30 June 2014**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors submit their report on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the Group) consisting of Independence Group NL (referred to hereafter as the Company) and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2014.

Directors

The following persons were Directors of the Company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise noted:

Peter Bradford (Managing Director)
 Peter Bilbe (Non-executive Chairman)
 Geoffrey Clifford (Non-executive Director)
 Rod Marston (Non-executive Director)
 Kelly Ross (Non-executive Director)

Peter Bradford was appointed Managing Director effective 17 March 2014. Christopher Bonwick was Managing Director from the beginning of the financial year until his resignation on 15 November 2013.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Group during the financial year were non-operator gold mining from the Company's 30% interest in the Tropicana gold mine, nickel mining at the Long nickel mine, zinc and by-product mining at the Jaguar Operations and ongoing mineral exploration.

Dividends – Independence Group NL

Dividends paid to members during the financial year were as follows:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Final ordinary dividend for the year ended 30 June 2013 of 1 cent (2012: 1 cent) per fully paid share paid on 27 September 2013	2,333	2,329
Interim ordinary dividend for the year ended 30 June 2014 of 3 cents (2013: 1 cent) per fully paid share paid on 28 March 2014	7,000	2,329
	9,333	4,658

In addition to the above dividends, since the end of the financial year the Directors have announced the payment of a final ordinary dividend of \$11,713,000 (5 cents per fully paid share) to be paid on 30 September 2014.

Operating and financial review

Independence Group NL is a company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX:IGO). The Group currently has operations in the production phase in Western Australia comprising:

- The Long nickel mine located near Kambalda – 100% owned,
- The Jaguar zinc, copper and silver mine and processing operations north of Leonora – 100% owned, and
- The Tropicana gold operation (IGO: Non-operator joint venturer; 30% owned) located 330km east northeast of Kalgoorlie.

The Group is also an active explorer for base and precious metals within and outside of Australia. Active search areas within Australia include the Stockman Project (copper, zinc, silver, gold) located in Victoria and numerous tenement holdings at or near the above mines, as well as other remote areas.

This review should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the accompanying notes.

The objective and strategy of the Group is to create long-term shareholder value through the discovery, development and acquisition of low cost and high grade projects. Since incorporation in 2002, the Company is proud of its achievement of returning to shareholders in excess of \$108 million by way of a combination of \$98.3 million fully franked dividends and a \$9.7 million share buy back in 2009. The Company currently has 234,256,573 shares outstanding.

The Group's future prospects are dependent on a number of external factors that are summarised towards the end of this report.

At the end of the financial year, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of \$57.0 million (2013: \$27.2 million). A milestone achievement for the Company was the commencement of commissioning of the Tropicana Operations by joint venture partner and project operator AngloGold Ashanti Australia Limited during the September 2013 quarter. Consequently, gold sales have largely driven the Group's cash inflows during financial year 2014. The cash increase of \$29.8 million includes \$138.4 million in gold sales receipts, which represented 35% of the Group's customer receipts for the year. Other receipts came from nickel sales (\$113.4 million) with the remaining \$140.2 million sales coming from the Jaguar Operation. During the financial year, the Company paid Tropicana joint venture contributions totalling \$110.2 million (2013: \$165.1 million). These contributions provided for funding of the Company's share of construction capital expenditure completion, ongoing funding of its share of the mine's operational expenditure and ongoing sustaining and non-sustaining capital expenditure and exploration expenditure. Joint venture contributions to the operator will be ongoing over the life of the mine whereas gold sales receipts will be credited to each individual venturer's metal account held with the gold refiner.

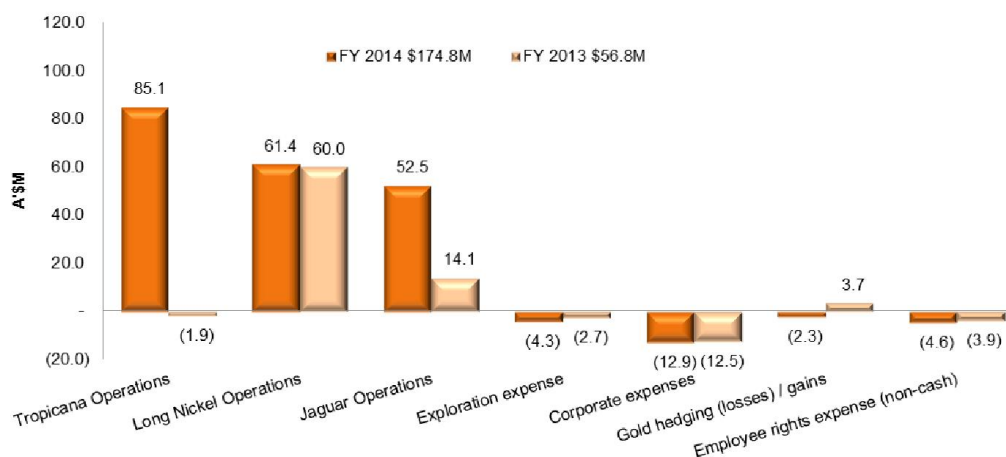
Operating and financial review (continued)

Other significant cash flows during the year include payments to suppliers and employees of \$258 million (2013: \$173 million); the higher payments arising due to operating cost payments for the Tropicana mine. Total exploration and evaluation expenditure was \$38.7 million with the significant expenditure including \$14 million at Long, \$6 million for Jaguar regional activity, \$4 million at Tropicana, \$5 million at the Company's Stockman project and \$14 million on the Group's remaining and varied exploration tenements. A number of new joint venture exploration projects were entered into during the year including the Lake MacKay JV in the Northern Territory where the Company is targeting large gold deposits in a prospective but underexplored tenure package, the Darlot JV where the Company is exploring for satellite VMS deposits within trucking distance of the Jaguar Project and the Bryah Basin JV along strike to the west of the DeGrussa copper & gold mine, where the Company is targeting DeGrussa style deposits. Significant results during the year include identification of possible extensions to the McLeay and Long North deposits at the Long Operation, identification of the Flying Spur lens at the Jaguar Operation and the discovery of a zone of potentially significant mineralisation at the Triumph Prospect located 5km to the north of the Jaguar processing plant.

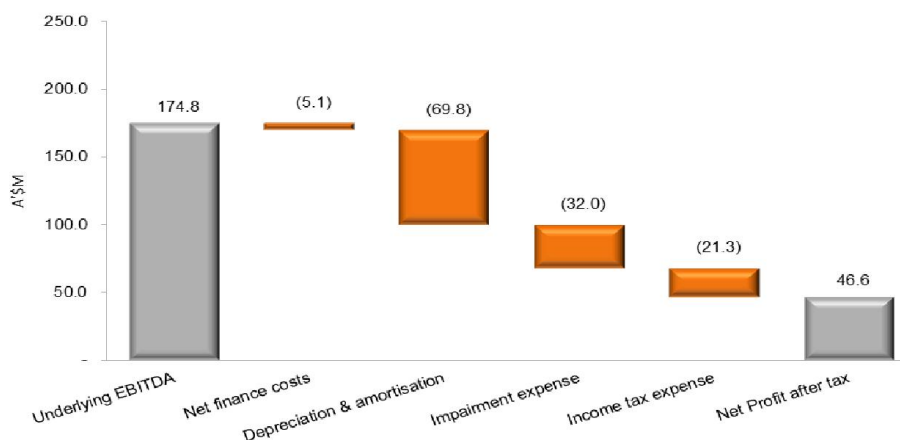
Total development and construction capital expenditure was \$76 million of which \$57 million was for plant construction and mine open pit waste stripping at Tropicana. \$16.6 million was for Jaguar underground mine development and the balance was for Long underground development.

Financing activities of the Group included \$47 million in corporate facility borrowings between July and September 2013 whilst Tropicana was in the construction phase and facility repayments of \$32 million between March 2014 and June 2014. In addition, there were \$6 million in equipment finance debt repayments and \$9.3 million in fully franked dividends.

During discussions of the operating results of its business, the Group's Board and management often refer to a measure known as Underlying EBITDA. The Board considers this measure to be important to the Group and investors alike, as it represents a useful proxy to measuring an operation's cash generating capabilities. Underlying EBITDA is calculated as profit after tax adjusted for income tax expense, finance costs, interest income, asset impairments, depreciation and amortisation. Underlying EBITDA increased relative to the previous financial year as can be seen in the following chart:



Net profit after tax (NPAT) for the year of \$46.6 million compares favourably with the 2013 financial year NPAT of \$18.3 million. Below is a reconciliation of Underlying EBITDA to NPAT.



Depreciation & amortisation expense of \$69.8 million includes \$36.6 million relating to Tropicana assets, \$22 million to Long, \$9.4 million to Jaguar Operations and the balance to corporate assets. Exploration and evaluation asset impairments during the 2014 financial year of \$32 million include a \$17.0 million write-down of the Karlawinda Gold Project as the Company considers that the Project no longer meets internal metrics for development.

Operating and financial review (continued)

Operations

Long Operation

The Long Operation was acquired from Western Mining Corporation in 2002 and is located adjacent to Kambalda. The mine has entered into a long term ore tolling agreement with BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd whereby the Group is paid for the nickel metal contained in the ore mined, less applicable ore toll charges. Revenue from nickel sales is priced on a quotational period of three months after the month of production. 70% of the sales receipt is provisionally paid based on the average London Metals Exchange (LME) price for the month of delivery; a balancing adjustment is paid in the fourth month after delivery based on the average LME price of the third month after delivery. The mine produced 10,909 tonnes of contained nickel during the year at payable cash costs including royalties (net of copper credits) of A\$3.78 per pound (2013: A\$4.34 per pound).

The Long Operation constitutes an operating segment as disclosed in the Financial Report. During the year a total of 268,162 tonnes of ore was mined, with all four underground ore bodies (Long, Victor South, McLeay and Moran) contributing. The majority of ore was won via long hole stoping with lesser amounts coming from other mechanised mining methods and non-mechanised methods.

Segment revenue was \$118.9 million in 2014, a decrease of 7% from \$127.7 million in 2013. This was the result of a combination of lower realised nickel prices (~5%), and lower payable nickel sold as outlined in the table below. Net operating profit before income tax fell 9% from \$40.1 million in 2013 to \$36.3 million in the current year, due to revenue factors outlined above, offset by lower cash costs during the year.

Based on current ore reserves, the mine currently has a life of approximately four years.

Table 1 highlights the key operational statistics during the current and prior year.

Table 1

Long Operation		2014	2013
Ore mined	<i>Tonnes</i>	268,162	291,196
Nickel grade	<i>Head %</i>	4.07	3.84
Copper grade	<i>Head %</i>	0.29	0.28
Tonnes milled	<i>Tonnes</i>	268,162	291,196
Nickel delivered	<i>Tonnes</i>	10,909	11,180
Copper delivered	<i>Tonnes</i>	769	821
Metal payable (IGO share)			
- Nickel	<i>Tonnes</i>	6,589	6,754
- Copper	<i>Tonnes</i>	312	332
C1 Ni cash costs & royalties *	<i>A\$ payable metal pound</i>	3.78	4.34

*C1 cash costs include credits for copper

Jaguar Operation

The Jaguar Operation was acquired by the Company from Jabiru Metals Limited in 2011. The Operation is located 60km north of Leonora and 250km north of Kalgoorlie. Active mining is currently underway in the Bentley underground mine. In addition, both near mine and greenfields exploration targets continue to be investigated for potential to add mine life to the operation.

The Bentley mine performed well during the year; copper and zinc grades mined increased year on year by 33% and 8% respectively. Ore mined is beneficiated at the Jaguar processing facility to produce zinc and copper concentrates.

These concentrates are trucked to the Geraldton port for shipping to customers primarily in Asia. The copper concentrate contains significant levels of silver and gold as by-products, which attract precious metal credits that contribute significantly to the Group's cash flows and revenue. The zinc concentrate has minor amounts of silver in its concentrate.

Similar to nickel sales, copper and zinc concentrate sales are paid on a quotational period that varies between one and three months with generally 90% of the sales receipt payable by the customer shortly after shipment. The one month or three month average LME copper and zinc price ultimately determines the final price paid by the customer.

Based on current ore reserves, the Bentley mine is currently anticipated to have a life of approximately four years.

Operating and financial review (continued)

Jaguar Operation (continued)

Table 2

Jaguar Operation		2014	2013
Ore mined	Tonnes	431,362	446,584
Copper grade	%	2.0	1.5
Zinc grade	%	10.6	9.8
Silver grade	g/t	145	139
Ore milled	Tonnes	441,867	392,125
Concentrate produced			
- Copper	Tonnes	29,574	20,010
- Zinc	Tonnes	86,296	71,138
Metal payable (IGO share)			
- Copper	Tonnes	7,396	4,792
- Zinc	Tonnes	34,258	28,118
- Silver	Ounces	1,233,972	982,313
- Gold	Ounces	4,467	2,938
Zinc C1 cash costs & royalties *	<i>A\$/lb Total Zn Metal Produced</i>	0.31	0.49

*C1 cash costs include credits for copper, silver and gold

The Jaguar Operation also constitutes an operating segment. Segment revenue increased to \$141.8 million from \$91.8 million in the previous year. Zinc revenue increased 33% due to a combination of 22% higher payable zinc and 9% higher realised prices. Copper revenue increased 105% due to both 54% higher payable copper and 33% higher realised prices. Segment profit before income tax was \$42.7 million during the 2014 financial year (2013: \$7.0 million).

Tropicana Gold Project

The Tropicana Gold Project segment comprises the Tropicana Gold Mine and exploration activities. The Project is located approximately 330km east northeast of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia and has a combined tenement holding of approximately 9,200 km². The Tropicana Gold Mine is operated as an unincorporated joint venture. Joint operators of the venture are AngloGold Ashanti Australia Limited (70% share and manager) and Independence Group NL (30% share). The mine commenced commissioning during the September 2013 quarter and by financial year end produced 348,371 ounces. MacMahon Mining Contractors undertake the mining using conventional open cut mining methods. A total of 32.1Mt of material was mined this financial year following commencement of the first full month of commissioning. Since September 2013, 4.0Mt of ore was processed, with the processing plant achieving name plant capacity (5.8Mt/yr) in March 2014.

Power on site is currently generated via diesel-fired generators. During the year the feasibility of piping gas to site and generating power from gas-fired generators was studied. In July 2014 a decision to proceed with this project was approved.

The Tropicana Gold Mine is currently expected to have a life in excess of 10 years. Segment revenue for the financial year was \$137.9 million. Segment profit was \$42.5 million.

Table 3

Tropicana Gold Mine		2014 *
Gold ore mined (>0.6g/t Au)	'000 wmt	5,721
Gold ore mined (>0.4 and <0.6g/t Au)	'000 wmt	1,088
Waste mined	'000 wmt	25,251
Gold grade mined (>0.6g/t Au)	g/t	2.22
Ore milled	'000 wmt	4,043
Gold grade milled	g/t	3.02
Metallurgical recovery	%	89.4
Gold recovered	Ounces	350,743
Gold produced	Ounces	348,371
Gold refined and sold (IGO share)	Ounces	100,167
Cash Costs	\$ per ounce produced	552
All-in Sustaining Costs ("AISC") **	\$ per ounce sold	740

* 2014 refers to the period October 2013 to June 2014 being the period when the first full month of commissioning commenced.

** All-in Sustaining costs is a measure derived by the World Gold Council. On 27 June 2013, the Council released a publication outlining definitions of both Cash Costs and All-in Sustaining Costs.

Operating and financial review (continued)

External factors affecting the Group's results

The Group operates in an uncertain economic environment and its performance is dependent upon the result of inexact and incomplete information. As a consequence, the Group's Board and management monitor these uncertainties and mitigate the associated risk of adverse outcomes where possible. The following external factors are all capable of having a material adverse effect on the business and will affect the prospects of the Group for future financial years.

Commodity prices

The Group's operating revenues are sourced from the sale of commodities and precious metals that are priced by the London Metals Exchange (LME). The Group is not a price maker with respect to the commodities it sells and it is, and will remain, susceptible to adverse price movements. By way of example, average cash seller and settlement LME nickel prices rose 30% from June 2013 to June 2014 (compared to a fall of 15% during the previous corresponding period). Zinc and copper cash seller and settlement LME prices rose 16% and fell 3% over the June 2014 financial year respectively. The Group's Board and management regularly review commodity prices in light of forecast trends and give consideration to hedging between 0% and 50% of payable production.

Exchange rates

The Group is exposed to exchange rate risk on sales denominated in United States dollars whilst its Australian dollar functional currency is the currency of payment to the majority of its suppliers and employees. The monthly average AUD/USD currency pair strengthened from 0.9138 for the month of June 2013 to 0.9420 in June 2014. A strengthening AUD implies a lower AUD receipt of sales denominated in USD. The Group's policy is to mitigate adverse foreign exchange risk by transacting commodity hedges in AUD equivalent terms where possible.

Downstream processing markets

The price of sea freight, smelting and refining charges are market driven and vary throughout the year. These also impact on the Group's overall profitability.

Interest rates

Interest rate movements affect both returns on funds on deposit as well as the cost of borrowings. Furthermore, AUD and USD interest rate differentials are intimately related to movements in the AUD/USD exchange rate.

Native Title

With regard to tenements in which the Group has an existing interest in, or will acquire an interest in the future, it is the case that there are areas over which common law Native Title rights exist, or may be found to exist, which may preclude or delay exploration, development or production activities. Specifically, at our Long Operation, a Federal Court judgment has recently determined that certain tenements are invalid insofar as they are inconsistent with the exercise of the Native Title rights of the Aboriginal Native Title holders. The Company is currently assessing the implications of this judgment however final Orders have not yet been made by the Court. The Company will continue to monitor the matter, including any right of appeal, in conjunction with other affected parties.

Other external factors and risks

The Group is subject to many other external factors and risks, including the following:

- Operational performance including uncertain mine grades, seismicity ground support conditions, grade control, in fill resource drilling, mill performance and experience of the workforce;
 - Contained metal (tonnes and grades) are estimated annually and published in resource and reserve statements, however actual production in terms of tonnes and grade often vary as the ore body can be complex and inconsistent.
 - Active underground mining operations can be subjected to varying degrees of seismicity. This natural occurrence can represent significant safety, operational and financial risk. To mitigate this risk substantial amounts of resources and technology are used in an attempt to predict and control seismicity.
- Exploration success or otherwise;
 - Due to the nature of an ever depleting reserve/resource base, the ability to continually find or replace reserves/resources presents a significant operational risk. Drill sites need to be continually mined (for underground drilling) to enable effective exploration drilling.
- Operating costs including labour markets and productivity;
 - Labour is one of the main cost drivers in the business and as such can materially impact the profitability of an operation.
- Changes in market supply and demand of products;
 - Any change in the supply or demand impacts on the ability to generate revenues and hence the profitability of an operation.
- Changes in government taxation legislation;
- Changes in health, safety and environmental regulations;
- Environmental issues and social expectations; and
- Assumption of estimates that impact on reported asset and liability values.

Shareholders are also encouraged to read notes 3 and 4 in the Financial Report.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Significant events after the reporting date

On 27 August 2014, the Company announced that a final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2014 would be paid on 30 September 2014. The dividend is 5 cents per share and will be fully franked.

Other than the above, there has been no other transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors, to significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group, in future financial years.

Environmental regulation and performance

The Group's operations are subject to significant environmental regulation under the laws of the Commonwealth and various States of Australia. During the year there were no non-compliance incidents.

The Group is subject to the reporting obligations of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007, under which the Group reports its greenhouse emissions, energy consumption and production. Systems have been put in place to comply with these reporting requirements. The Directors have considered compliance with the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 which requires entities to report annual greenhouse gas emissions and energy use.

The Environmental Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

Information on Directors

Peter Bilbe	Chairman and Non-executive Director. Age 64
Qualifications	BEng (Mining) (Hons), MAusIMM
Tenure	Board member since 31 March 2009 and Chairman since 29 July 2011.
Special Responsibilities	Mr Bilbe is a member of the Remuneration and Risk Committees.
Other Directorships	Mr Bilbe is currently a director of Northern Iron Limited. He was also a director of Sihayo Gold Limited until November 2013 and Norseman Gold plc until December 2011.
Peter Bradford	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer from 17 March 2014. Age 56
Qualifications	BAppSc (Extractive Metallurgy), FAusIMM, MSMME
Tenure	Managing Director and Board member since his appointment on 17 March 2014.
Special Responsibilities	Mr Bradford is the executive in charge of the day to day management of the Group's activities, including operations, risk management and corporate development. He is also a member of the Risk Committee.
Other Directorships	Mr Bradford was previously a director of PMI Gold Corporation until February 2014.
Geoffrey Clifford	Non-Executive Director. Age 64
Qualifications	BBus, FCPA, FCIS, FAICD
Tenure	Board member since 2012.
Special Responsibilities	Mr Clifford is a member of the Remuneration, Audit, Hedging and Risk Committees.
Other Directorships	Mr Clifford is currently a director of Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (from 1 October 2013). Mr Clifford was also previously a director of Atlas Iron Limited (until July 2011), Centaurus Metals Limited (until August 2011) and Fox Resources Limited (until September 2011).
Rod Marston	Non-executive Director. Age 71
Qualifications	BSc (Hons), PhD, MAIG, MSEG
Tenure	Board member since 2001.
Special Responsibilities	Dr Marston is a member of the Remuneration, Audit and Risk Committees.
Other Directorships	Dr Marston has been a director of Kasbah Resources Limited since November 2006.
Kelly Ross	Non-Executive Director. Age 52
Qualifications	BBus, CPA, ACSA
Tenure	Board member since 2002.
Special Responsibilities	Mrs Ross is a member of the Hedging, Audit and Risk Committees.
Other Directorships	Mrs Ross is currently a director of Musgrave Minerals Limited.
Christopher Bonwick	Managing Director until 15 November 2013. Age 55
Qualifications	BSc (Hons), MAusIMM
Tenure	Managing Director and Board member until his resignation on 15 November 2013.
Special Responsibilities	Mr Bonwick was the executive in charge of the day to day management of the Group's activities, including operations, risk management and corporate development.
Other Directorships	None.

Directors' Report

Company Secretary qualifications

Mr Tony Walsh was appointed Company Secretary effective 17 July 2013. Mr Walsh, who is also employed as the Company's General Manager Corporate, was previously Company Secretary of ASX listed iron ore producer Atlas Iron Limited for seven years from July 2006. Mr Walsh has over 25 years' experience in dealing with listed companies, ASX, ASIC and corporate transactions, including four years as a director of Shaw River Manganese Limited and 14 years with the ASX Limited in Perth where he acted as ASX liaison with the JORC Committee. Mr Walsh is currently a member of the West Australian State Council of Chartered Secretaries Australia and a member of Newman College school council. Prior to his role at the ASX, he worked with Ernst & Young for over 5 years in an audit and compliance capacity. Mr Walsh is also a Fellow of Chartered Secretaries Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

Mr Adrian Di Carlo was the interim Company Secretary from 11 February 2013 until 2 August 2013. Mr Di Carlo is a member of Chartered Secretaries Australia.

Meetings of Directors

The numbers of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors and of each Board Committee held during the year ended 30 June 2014, and the numbers of meetings attended by each Director were:

Director	Directors' meetings		Meetings of Committees							
			Remuneration Committee		Audit Committee		Hedging Committee		Risk Committee	
	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended
Peter Bilbe	11	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Christopher Bonwick ¹	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peter Bradford ²	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Geoffrey Clifford	11	11	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Rod Marston	11	11	1	1	2	2	-	-	1	1
Kelly Ross	11	10	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1

1. Mr Bonwick resigned with effect from 15 November 2013.
2. Mr Bradford was appointed Managing Director with effect from 17 March 2014.

Interests in shares and share rights of the Company

At the date of this report, the interests of the Directors in the shares and share rights of Independence Group NL were as follows:

	Ordinary Fully Paid Shares	Share Rights
Peter Bilbe	-	-
Peter Bradford	-	-
Geoffrey Clifford	-	-
Rod Marston	1,321,917	-
Kelly Ross	345,000	-
Total	1,666,917	-

AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT

The information provided in this Remuneration Report has been audited as required by section 308(3C) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Remuneration policy and procedures

The Company has established a Remuneration Committee to oversee the remuneration of senior executives and executive directors. At the date of this report, the Committee members were Rod Marston (Chairman), Geoffrey Clifford and Peter Bilbe, each of which are independent non-executive directors.

The Committee reviews executive directors' and senior management's remuneration and other terms of employment annually, having regard to the skills, experience, the relative industry remuneration levels and performance of both the Group and the individuals themselves. No director may be involved in setting their own remuneration or terms and conditions.

The remuneration of non-executive directors is determined by the Board within the maximum amount approved by shareholders in general meeting. Non-executive directors are not entitled to retirement benefits other than statutory superannuation or other statutory required benefits. Non-executive directors do not participate in share or bonus schemes designed for executive directors or employees. The remuneration of non-executive directors is fixed to encourage impartiality, high ethical standards and independence on the Board. The available non-executive directors' fees pool is \$600,000 which was approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 24 November 2010, of which \$490,000 was being utilised at 30 June 2014 (2013: \$440,000).

Non-executive directors may provide additional consulting services to the Group, at a rate approved by the Board. During the current year, the Board approved an additional one-off payment of \$20,000 to Mr Bilbe (Chairman) for the extra services he provided to the Company during the current year.

Performance evaluations of the Board are undertaken with a view to comparing the performance of the Board and directors to the performance and growth of companies of similar size and complexity within the mining industry. The current base remuneration was reviewed during the current financial year and was amended accordingly.

Bonuses may be given to senior managers where the Committee believes their performance, experience and skills have provided the Group with ongoing and enduring benefits that align with shareholder interests. Other performance-based rewards, including short term incentives, are given where the Committee believes performance of an individual senior manager compares favourably with their peers within the industry and is at the discretion of the Committee. The objectives of the rewards are to both reinforce the short and long term goals of the Group and to provide a common interest between management and shareholders. The following summarises the performance of the Group over the last 5 financial years:

	2010	2011 ¹	2012	2013	2014
Revenue (\$millions)	116.7	163.6	216.6	225.9	399.1
Net profit (loss) after income tax (\$millions)	28.7	5.5	(285.3) ²	18.3	46.6
Share price at year end (\$/share)	4.72	5.63	3.16	2.26	4.35
Dividends paid (cents/share)	5	7	5	2	4

1. Includes results and performance of Jabiru Metals Limited from 4 April 2011.
2. Includes after tax non-cash asset impairments of \$288 million.

Company performance based remuneration

Short term incentive (STI)

The objective of STI's is to link the creation of shareholder wealth in the short term with the remuneration of those employees who are charged with the management of the Group and are primarily responsible for its performance. The total potential STI available is set annually at a level to provide sufficient incentive to executive directors and senior managers to achieve operational targets at a cost to the Group that is reasonable in the circumstances.

Managing Director's STI

The Board introduced performance based criteria in 2010 to incentivise the former Managing Director, based on achievement versus target key performance indicators (KPI's). The target KPI's relate to matters such as mine production, safety, mine development and costs, as well as exploration success, corporate growth, environmental activity and risk management actions. The total available to be paid in 2014 as an STI for the Managing Director's performance in the 2013 financial year was \$300,000 (2013: \$300,000). STI payments are normally delivered as a yearly cash bonus payable in the subsequent financial year. During the year, the former Managing Director, Mr Bonwick, was allocated 72% of the total bonus available (\$216,000) for his performance in the 2013 financial year.

Long term incentive (LTI) – Executives and other employees

The LTI component of the remuneration package is to reward executive directors, senior managers and other invited employees of the Group in a manner which aligns a proportion of their remuneration package with the creation of shareholder wealth over a longer period than the STI.

The Independence Group NL Employee Performance Rights Plan (PRP) was approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting in November 2011. Under the PRP, participants are granted share rights which will only vest if certain performance conditions are met and the employees are still employed by the Group at the end of the vesting period. Participation in the PRP is at the Board's discretion and no individual has a contractual right to participate in the plan or to receive any guaranteed benefits.

AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**Long term incentive (LTI) – Executives and other employees (continued)**

Vesting of the performance rights to executive directors and executives is subject to a combination of the Company's shareholder return and return on equity. The performance rights will vest if over the three year measurement period the following performance hurdles are achieved:

Shareholder Return

The vesting of 75% of the performance rights at the end of the third year will be based on measuring the actual shareholder return over the three year period compared with the change in the S&P ASX 300 Metals and Mining Index (Index) over that same period. The portion of performance rights (75% of the total) that will vest based on the comparative shareholder return will be:

Shareholder return	Level of vesting
100% of the Index	25%
Between 100% and 115% of the Index	Pro-rata straight line percentage
115% of the Index or greater	100%

Return on equity

The vesting of the remaining 25% of the performance rights at the end of the third year will be based on the average return on equity over the three year period compared with the average target return on equity as set by the Board for the same period.

Return on equity (ROE) for each year will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{ROE} = \text{Net profit after tax} / \text{Total shareholders' equity}$$

The target ROE will be set each year by the Board as part of the budget approval process for the following year. The target ROE for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 was 10% (2013: 10%). The portion of performance rights (25% of the total) that will vest based on the comparative return on equity will be:

Actual ROE	Level of vesting
100% of average target ROE	25%
Between 100% and 115% of average target ROE	Pro-rata straight line percentage
115% of average target ROE or greater	100%

The performance rights will not be subject to any further escrow restrictions once they have vested to the employees.

Share trading policy

The trading of shares issued to participants under the PRP is subject to, and conditional upon, compliance with the Company's employee share trading policy.

Long term incentives (LTI) – Non-executive directors

The PRP permits non-executive directors to be eligible employees and therefore to participate in the plan. It is not currently intended that non-executive directors will be issued with performance rights under the PRP and any such issue would be subject to all necessary shareholder approvals.

Voting and comments made at the Company's 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Independence Group NL received more than 97% of "yes" votes (with another 1.6% abstaining or at the Chairman's discretion) on its remuneration report for the 2013 financial year. The Company did not receive any specific feedback at the AGM or throughout the year on its remuneration practices.

Use of independent remuneration consultants

During the current financial year, the Board authorised the engagement of Aon Hewitt McDonald as independent remuneration consultants. Aon Hewitt McDonald were engaged to prepare a report examining the competitiveness of remuneration for directors and officers employed by the Company in the context of a group of a peer companies. An amount of \$8,500 was paid for the report and the Board is satisfied that the recommendations in the report were made free from undue influence from any members of the key management personnel.

Key Management Personnel

The Directors who held office during the financial year were Peter Bilbe (Non-executive Director and Chairman), Christopher Bonwick (Managing Director until his resignation on 15 November 2013), Peter Bradford (Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer following his appointment on 17 March 2014), Geoffrey Clifford (Non-executive Director), Rod Marston (Non-executive Director) and Kelly Ross (Non-executive Director). The Directors held office during the entire financial year unless otherwise stated.

The only other persons who qualified as key management personnel during the financial year, and to whom this Remuneration Report also relates, are as follows:

- Andrew Eddowes – Business Development Manager
- Brett Hartmann – Group Operations Manager (and Acting Chief Executive Officer from 16 October 2013 until 17 March 2014)
- Rodney Jacobs – Development Manager
- Tim Kennedy – Exploration Manager
- Scott Steinkrug – Chief Financial Officer
- Tony Walsh – Company Secretary and General Manager Corporate (following his appointment on 17 July 2013).

AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**Employment contracts**

Terms and conditions of employment contracts of key management personnel in effect during the year ended 30 June 2014 were as follows:

i) Non-executive directors do not have employment contracts with the Company. The current base fees for non-executive directors are as follows:

	From 1 January 2014 \$	From 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 \$
Base fees		
Chairman	190,000	170,000
Non-executive directors	100,000	90,000

ii) The current Managing Director, Peter Bradford, is employed under a contract which does not have a defined term. The contract includes provision for a maximum termination benefit payable of up to 12 months of average annual base salary should the Company terminate the employment contract without cause, but only if such payment would not breach ASX Listing Rules. A termination benefit of three months' remuneration is payable to the Managing Director should the Company terminate the employment contract due to illness, injury or incapacity. In all other circumstances the contract can be terminated by either party after provision of six months' notice. The Company may pay the executive in lieu of notice. The current employment contract for Mr Bradford as at 30 June 2014 provides for total fixed remuneration of \$750,000. Mr Bradford commenced his position with the Company effective 17 March 2014.

Mr Bradford is also entitled to short term incentives to a maximum of 40% of total fixed remuneration. This amount is currently set at \$300,000 and is normally paid in cash in the subsequent financial year. The short term incentive is based on achievement versus target KPI's relating to such matters such as mine production, safety, mine development and costs, as well as exploration success, corporate growth, environmental activity and risk management actions.

Mr Bradford is also entitled to participate in the PRP. The maximum amount he may be awarded under the PRP is 100% of total fixed remuneration (\$750,000). The granting of such performance rights are subject to the necessary shareholder approvals.

iii) The key management personnel Andrew Eddowes is employed under a contract which does not have a defined term and can be terminated by either party after provision of one month's notice, in which case only accrued leave and other accrued remuneration is payable. The current employment contract provides for total remuneration of \$327,750 per annum (2013: \$261,600 per annum). Mr Eddowes may also receive performance based bonuses should the Remuneration Committee so recommend and those bonuses are approved by the Board. Mr Eddowes is also entitled to participate in the PRP.

iv) The key management personnel Brett Hartmann is employed under a contract which does not have a defined term and can be terminated by either party after provision of one month's notice, in which case only accrued leave and other accrued remuneration is payable. The current employment contract provides for total remuneration of \$447,925 per annum (2013: \$408,205 per annum). Mr Hartmann may also receive performance based bonuses should the Remuneration Committee so recommend and those bonuses are approved by the Board. Mr Hartmann is also entitled to participate in the PRP.

v) The key management personnel Rodney Jacobs is employed under a contract which does not have a defined term and can be terminated by either party after provision of one month's notice, in which case only accrued leave and other accrued remuneration is payable. The current employment contract provides for total remuneration of \$366,741 per annum (2013: \$356,975 per annum). Mr Jacobs may also receive performance based bonuses should the Remuneration Committee so recommend and those bonuses are approved by the Board. Mr Jacobs is also entitled to participate in the PRP.

vi) The key management personnel Tim Kennedy is employed under a contract which does not have a defined term and can be terminated by either party after provision of one month's notice, in which case only accrued leave and other accrued remuneration is payable. The current employment contract provides for total remuneration of \$345,230 per annum (2013: \$317,462 per annum). Mr Kennedy may also receive performance based bonuses should the Remuneration Committee so recommend and those bonuses are approved by the Board. Mr Kennedy is also entitled to participate in the PRP.

vii) The key management personnel Scott Steinkrug is employed under a contract which does not have a defined term and can be terminated by either party after provision of one month's notice, in which case only accrued leave and other accrued remuneration is payable. The current employment contract provides for total remuneration of \$391,039 per annum (2013: \$378,775 per annum). Mr Steinkrug may also receive performance based bonuses should the Remuneration Committee so recommend and those bonuses are approved by the Board. Mr Steinkrug is also entitled to participate in the PRP.

viii) The key management personnel Tony Walsh is employed under a contract which does not have a defined term. The contract can be terminated by the Company with the provision of six months' notice, other than in the event of redundancy where the termination benefit is the greater of six months' salary or four weeks salary per year of service. Mr Walsh can terminate the contract with three months' notice. The current employment contract provides for total remuneration of \$381,501 per annum. Mr Walsh may also receive performance based bonuses should the Remuneration Committee so recommend and those bonuses are approved by the Board. Mr Walsh is also entitled to participate in the PRP.

ix) The former managing director, Christopher Bonwick, was employed under a contract which did not have a defined term. The contract included provision for termination benefits of one month's remuneration for every year of service should the Company terminate the employment contract without cause. A termination benefit of 12 months remuneration was payable to Mr Bonwick should the Company terminate the employment contract due to a takeover event, but only if such payment would not breach ASX Listing Rules. In all other circumstances the contract could be terminated by either party after provision of one month's notice, in which case only accrued leave and other accrued remuneration was payable. The employment contract for Mr Bonwick provided for total fixed remuneration of \$750,000. Mr Bonwick resigned from his position with the Company effective 15 November 2013. Mr Bonwick was also entitled to receive short term cash bonuses and was entitled to participate in the PRP.

AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)
Details of remuneration

The following tables show details of the remuneration received by the Directors and key management personnel of the Group for the current and previous financial year:

2014	Short-term benefits			Post-employment benefits	Long-term benefits	Share-based payments	Total
	Cash salary & fees ¹	Cash bonus	Other	Superannuation	Long service leave ²	Share rights ³	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Non-executive Directors							
Peter Bilbe ⁴	192,982	-	-	17,851	-	-	210,833
Geoffrey Clifford	91,284	-	-	8,444	-	-	99,728
Rod Marston	91,284	-	-	8,444	-	-	99,728
Kelly Ross	91,284	-	-	8,444	-	-	99,728
Executive Directors							
Peter Bradford ⁵	218,058	-	-	17,371	740	-	236,169
Christopher Bonwick ⁶	256,382	216,000	-	24,067	1,083	257,509	755,041
Other key management personnel							
Andrew Eddowes	277,144	25,000	-	25,000	19,939	49,455	396,538
Brett Hartmann	461,964	40,000	-	45,489	15,469	130,351	693,273
Rodney Jacobs	333,705	-	-	25,000	12,618	114,042	485,365
Tim Kennedy	303,708	25,000	-	25,000	11,009	101,381	466,098
Scott Steinkrug	355,280	25,000	-	25,000	8,797	120,940	535,017
Tony Walsh ⁷	350,985	-	-	25,000	1,248	29,587	406,820
Total remuneration	3,024,060	331,000	-	255,110	70,903	803,265	4,484,338
2013							
Non-executive Directors							
Peter Bilbe	155,963	-	-	14,037	-	-	170,000
John Christie ⁸	34,404	-	-	3,096	-	-	37,500
Geoffrey Clifford ⁹	46,526	-	-	4,187	-	-	50,713
Rod Marston	82,569	-	-	7,431	-	-	90,000
Kelly Ross	82,569	-	-	7,431	-	-	90,000
Executive Directors							
Christopher Bonwick	723,611	-	-	25,000	17,795	224,937	991,343
Other key management personnel							
Terry Bourke ¹⁰	183,758	-	27,273	19,076	(817)	(12,701)	216,589
Brett Hartmann	382,054	20,000	-	36,994	12,810	67,259	519,117
Rodney Jacobs	312,042	15,000	-	25,350	8,397	58,852	419,641
Tim Kennedy	289,135	10,000	-	25,000	9,732	52,312	386,179
Scott Steinkrug	360,394	15,000	-	25,000	6,041	62,401	468,836
Drew Totterdell ¹¹	159,676	-	-	5,963	(6,564)	(10,999)	148,076
Andrew Eddowes ¹²	177,059	15,000	-	16,988	10,957	47,402	267,406
Total remuneration	2,989,760	75,000	27,273	215,553	58,351	489,463	3,855,400

1 Cash salary and fees includes movements in annual leave provision during the year.

2 Long service leave relates to movements in long service leave provision during the year.

3 Rights to shares granted under the PRP are expensed over the performance period, which includes the vesting period of the rights, in accordance with AASB 2 *Share-based Payment*. Negative amounts reflect share rights lapsed during the year which have been reversed. Refer to note 31 for details of the valuation techniques used for the PRP.

4 In addition to his base fee for the year, the Board approved that Mr Bilbe be paid an additional once off payment of \$20,000 for the extra services provided by him during the current year for the benefit of the Company.

5 Mr Bradford commenced employment as Managing Director effective 17 March 2014.

6 Mr Bonwick resigned from his position as Managing Director effective 15 November 2013. Amounts accrued for annual leave (\$25,210) and long service leave (\$161,279) were paid out on termination, these amounts have been offset against the movement in the provisions for the year.

7 Mr Walsh commenced employment as Company Secretary and General Manager Corporate on 17 July 2013.

8 Mr Christie resigned from his position as a Non-executive Director effective 21 November 2012.

9 Mr Clifford commenced employment as a Non-executive Director on 10 December 2012.

10 Mr Bourke ceased employment effective 8 February 2013. Other short-term benefits relate to a living away from home allowance paid to Mr Bourke.

11 Mr Totterdell resigned from his position as Business Development Manager effective 30 September 2012. An amount accrued for annual leave of \$53,223 was paid out on termination, this amount has been offset against the movement in the provision for the 2013 year.

12 Mr Eddowes was appointed to the position of Business Development Manager effective 1 October 2012. Remuneration has been included from the date of his appointment as a key management personnel.

AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**Details of remuneration (continued)**

The relative proportions of remuneration that are linked to performance and those that are fixed are as follows:

Name	Fixed Remuneration ¹		At risk - STI		At Risk – LTI	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Non-executive Directors						
Peter Bilbe	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-
Geoffrey Clifford	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-
Rod Marston	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-
Kelly Ross	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	-
John Christie	-	100.0	-	-	-	-
Executive Directors						
Peter Bradford ²	100.0	-	-	-	-	-
Christopher Bonwick	37.3	77.3	28.6	-	34.1	22.7
Other key management personnel						
Andrew Eddowes	81.2	76.7	6.3	5.6	12.5	17.7
Brett Hartmann	75.4	83.2	5.8	3.8	18.8	13.0
Rodney Jacobs	76.5	82.4	-	3.6	23.5	14.0
Tim Kennedy	72.9	83.9	5.4	2.6	21.7	13.5
Scott Steinkrug	72.7	83.5	4.7	3.2	22.6	13.3
Tony Walsh	92.7	-	-	-	7.3	-
Terry Bourke	-	100.0	-	-	-	-
Drew Totterdell	-	100.0	-	-	-	-

1. Fixed remuneration paid is not based upon any measurable performance indicators. Non-performance based remuneration is based on relative industry remuneration levels and is set at a level designed to retain the services of the director or senior executive.
2. Mr Bradford commenced employment with the Company on 17 March 2014. Eligibility for short term and long term incentives was not assessed at 30 June 2014, therefore 100% of Mr Bradford's remuneration was considered fixed for the current year.

AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**Share-based payments**

A reference to share rights is a reference to share rights granted under the PRP.

The details of each grant of share rights affecting remuneration in the current or future reporting period are as follows:

Name	Date of grant	Number of share rights granted	Fair value of share right at date of grant \$	Fair value of share rights at grant date ¹ \$	Vesting date ³	Unamortised total value of grant yet to vest ² \$
Executive Directors						
Christopher Bonwick ⁴	21/11/2012	183,824	2.00	368,179	1/07/2015	-
Christopher Bonwick ⁴	23/11/2011	159,235	2.14	341,559	1/07/2014	-
Other key management personnel						
Andrew Eddowes	28/02/2014	45,771	2.14	97,756	1/07/2016	77,421
Andrew Eddowes	28/02/2013	34,597	2.06	71,245	1/07/2015	29,120
Andrew Eddowes	13/03/2012	17,125	3.64	62,370	1/07/2013	-
Brett Hartmann	28/02/2014	71,421	2.14	152,537	1/07/2016	120,807
Brett Hartmann	28/02/2013	67,324	2.06	138,643	1/07/2015	56,668
Brett Hartmann	13/03/2012	58,318	1.69	98,848	1/07/2014	-
Rodney Jacobs	28/02/2014	62,458	2.14	133,395	1/07/2016	105,647
Rodney Jacobs	28/02/2013	58,908	2.06	121,311	1/07/2015	49,584
Rodney Jacobs	13/03/2012	51,028	1.69	86,492	1/07/2014	-
Tim Kennedy	28/02/2014	55,544	2.14	118,630	1/07/2016	93,953
Tim Kennedy	28/02/2013	52,363	2.06	107,382	1/07/2015	44,075
Tim Kennedy	13/03/2012	45,358	1.69	76,880	1/07/2014	-
Scott Steinkrug	28/02/2014	66,272	2.14	141,542	1/07/2016	112,099
Scott Steinkrug	28/02/2013	62,461	2.06	128,626	1/07/2015	52,574
Scott Steinkrug	13/03/2012	54,106	1.69	91,708	1/07/2014	-
Tony Walsh	28/02/2014	66,596	2.14	142,233	1/07/2016	112,647

1. The value at grant date for share rights granted during the year as part of remuneration is calculated in accordance with AASB 2 *Share-based Payment*. Refer to note 31 for details of the valuation techniques used for the PRP.
2. Unamortised total value of grant yet to vest comprises the total fair value of the award at the date of grant less amounts expensed to date.
3. Share rights only vest if performance targets are achieved.
4. Following Mr Bonwick's resignation from the Company on 15 November 2013, the Board resolved to allocate the share rights previously granted to him on a period of service pro-rata basis in the relevant performance period. This resulted in the cancellation of a total of 132,746 share rights previously granted to Mr Bonwick. Refer to the following table for further information.

AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**Share-based payments (continued)**

The number and percentage of share rights that vested in the financial year and the number and percentage of share rights that were forfeited during the financial year are set out below.

Name	Date of grant	Vesting date	Number of share rights granted	% of share rights vested during the year	Number of share rights vested during the year	Value of share rights at vesting date	% of share rights forfeited during the year	Number of share rights forfeited during the year	Value of share rights forfeited
				%		\$	%		\$
Executive Directors									
Christopher Bonwick ¹	21/11/2012	1/07/2015	183,824	-	-	-	54.2	99,572	366,425
Christopher Bonwick ¹	23/11/2011	1/07/2014	159,235	-	-	-	20.8	33,174	122,080
Other key management personnel									
Andrew Eddowes	28/02/2014	1/07/2016	45,771	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andrew Eddowes	28/02/2013	1/07/2015	34,597	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andrew Eddowes	13/03/2012	1/07/2013	17,125	60.0	10,275	25,821	40.0	6,850	17,214
Brett Hartmann	28/02/2014	1/07/2016	71,421	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brett Hartmann	28/02/2013	1/07/2015	67,324	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brett Hartmann	13/03/2012	1/07/2014	58,318	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rodney Jacobs	28/02/2014	1/07/2016	62,458	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rodney Jacobs	28/02/2013	1/07/2015	58,908	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rodney Jacobs	13/03/2012	1/07/2014	51,028	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Kennedy	28/02/2014	1/07/2016	55,544	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Kennedy	28/02/2013	1/07/2015	52,363	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Kennedy	13/03/2012	1/07/2014	45,358	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Steinkrug	28/02/2014	1/07/2016	66,272	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Steinkrug	28/02/2013	1/07/2015	62,461	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Steinkrug	13/03/2012	1/07/2014	54,106	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Walsh	28/02/2014	1/07/2016	66,596	-	-	-	-	-	-

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AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**Shareholdings and share rights of key management personnel**

The number of shares in the Company and share rights for ordinary shares in the Company held by each director and other key management personnel, including their personally related entities, are set out below.

Shareholdings in the Company

2014	Balance 1 July 2013	Granted as remuneration ³	Net other changes during the year	Balance 30 June 2014
Directors of Independence Group NL				
Peter Bilbe	-	-	-	-
Christopher Bonwick ¹	2,057,500	-	(2,057,500)	-
Peter Bradford	-	-	-	-
Geoffrey Clifford	-	-	-	-
Rod Marston	1,321,917	-	-	1,321,917
Kelly Ross	345,000	-	-	345,000
Other key management personnel				
Andrew Eddowes	75,500	10,275	-	85,775
Brett Hartmann	40,000	-	-	40,000
Rodney Jacobs	-	-	-	-
Tim Kennedy	50,000	-	-	50,000
Scott Steinkrug	2,000	-	-	2,000
Tony Walsh ²	-	-	10,000	10,000
Total	3,891,917	10,275	(2,047,500)	1,854,692

1. Shareholdings are reversed to show a zero balance at 30 June 2014 on resignation as a director or key management personnel.
2. Other changes during the year include opening balances on becoming a key management personnel for the first time during the year.
3. Shares granted as remuneration relate to the vesting of share rights under the PRP.

Share rights in the Company

2014	Balance 1 July 2013	Granted during the year	Vested as shares during the year	Lapsed during the year	Other changes during the year	Balance 30 June 2014
Directors of Independence Group NL						
Peter Bradford	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christopher Bonwick ¹	343,059	-	-	(132,746)	(210,313)	-
Other key management personnel						
Andrew Eddowes	51,722	45,771	(10,275)	(6,850)	-	80,368
Brett Hartmann	125,642	71,421	-	-	-	197,063
Rodney Jacobs	109,936	62,458	-	-	-	172,394
Tim Kennedy	97,721	55,544	-	-	-	153,265
Scott Steinkrug	116,567	66,272	-	-	-	182,839
Tony Walsh	-	66,596	-	-	-	66,596
Total	844,647	368,062	(10,275)	(139,596)	(210,313)	852,525

1. Following Mr Bonwick's resignation from the Company on 13 November 2013, the Board resolved to allocate the share rights previously granted to him on a period of service pro-rata basis based in the relevant performance period. This resulted in the cancellation of a total of 132,746 share rights previously granted to Mr Bonwick. Mr Bonwick's share rights are reversed to show a zero balance at 30 June 2014 following his resignation as Managing Director.

The share rights relate to the key management personnel's participation in the PRP. The share rights represent the maximum number of share rights that the key management personnel are entitled to. They are subject to certain performance conditions being met, including the ongoing employment of the key management personnel at the end of the vesting period.

Other transactions and balances with key management personnel and their related parties

Consulting fees have been paid to Virtual Genius Pty Ltd, a company to which former Managing Director Mr Bonwick is related. The fees were based on normal commercial terms and conditions. Fees paid to Virtual Genius Pty Ltd during the year totalled \$3,000 (2013: \$4,000).

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Share options

At the reporting date, there were no unissued ordinary shares under options, nor were there any ordinary shares issued during the year ended 30 June 2014 on the exercise of options.

Insurance of officers

During the financial year, the Company paid an insurance premium in respect of a contract insuring the Directors and executive officers of the Company and of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such a Director or executive officer to the extent permitted by the Corporations Law. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

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

Proceedings on behalf of the Company

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

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

Non-audit services

The Company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the Company and/or the Group are important.

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd) for non-audit services provided during the year are set out below.

The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The nature and the scope of each type of non-audit service provided means that auditor independence was not compromised.

BDO received or are due to receive the following amounts for the provision of non-audit services during the year:

	\$
Other services	2,350
	2,350

Auditor independence

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 19. This declaration forms part of the Directors' Report.

Rounding of amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the Directors' Report. Amounts in the Directors' Report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Peter Bilbe
Chairman

Perth, Western Australia
Dated this 27th day of August 2014

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY BRAD MCVEIGH TO THE DIRECTORS OF INDEPENDENCE GROUP NL

As lead auditor of Independence Group NL for the year ended 30 June 2014, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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



Brad McVeigh

Director

BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd

Perth, 27 August 2014

	Notes	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Revenue from continuing operations	6	399,059	225,871
Other income	7	-	690
Mining, development and processing costs		(100,310)	(63,156)
Employee benefits expense		(61,196)	(54,659)
Share-based payments expense		(4,632)	(3,874)
Fair value movement of financial investments		(2)	(2,196)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(69,840)	(24,450)
Rehabilitation and restoration borrowing costs		(565)	(268)
Exploration costs expensed		(4,334)	(2,667)
Royalty expense		(14,309)	(8,029)
Ore tolling expense		(11,973)	(11,978)
Shipping and wharfage costs		(17,551)	(12,464)
Net losses on fair value financial liabilities		-	(345)
Borrowing and finance costs		(5,138)	(1,356)
Impairment of exploration and evaluation expenditure	19	(32,045)	(5,762)
Other expenses		(9,355)	(7,530)
Profit from continuing operations before income tax		67,809	27,827
Income tax expense	9	(21,253)	(9,539)
Profit after income tax		46,556	18,288
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss			
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges, net of tax		(4,435)	(10,160)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax		(4,435)	(10,160)
Total comprehensive income		42,121	8,128
Profit attributable to the members of Independence Group NL		46,556	18,288
Total comprehensive income attributable to the members of Independence Group NL		42,121	8,128
		Cents	Cents
Earnings per share for profit attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company			
Basic earnings per share	11	19.95	7.85
Diluted earnings per share	11	19.78	7.79

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

	Notes	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	12	56,972	27,215
Trade and other receivables	13	30,070	24,159
Inventories	14	40,567	22,760
Financial assets	15	858	1,092
Derivative financial instruments	24	2,519	6,946
Total current assets		130,986	82,172
Non-current assets			
Receivables	16	57	604
Inventories	14	8,803	-
Property, plant and equipment	17	47,230	36,278
Mine properties	18	364,443	349,115
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	19	186,784	199,392
Deferred tax assets	9	152,339	152,261
Intangible assets	20	-	179
Derivative financial instruments	24	658	1,981
Total non-current assets		760,314	739,810
TOTAL ASSETS		891,300	821,982
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	21	46,855	53,599
Borrowings	25	3,508	6,030
Derivative financial instruments	24	6,381	1,910
Provisions	22	2,557	2,446
Total current liabilities		59,301	63,985
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	25	24,854	11,524
Provisions	23	25,545	21,724
Deferred tax liabilities	9	94,711	75,280
Total non-current liabilities		145,110	108,528
TOTAL LIABILITIES		204,411	172,513
NET ASSETS		686,889	649,469
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	26	735,060	734,007
Reserves	27	13,476	14,332
Accumulated losses	27	(61,647)	(98,870)
TOTAL EQUITY		686,889	649,469

The above consolidated balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

	Notes	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		418,790	241,164
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(258,318)	(173,355)
		160,472	67,809
Interest and other costs of finance paid		(4,177)	(1,314)
Interest received		563	3,547
Exploration expenditure		(4,194)	(2,824)
Receipts from other operating activities		959	301
Net cash flows from operating activities	28	153,623	67,519
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends received		5	-
Payments for purchase of listed and unlisted investments		(75)	(183)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and other investments		377	1,258
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(8,935)	(7,634)
Payments for development expenditure		(76,101)	(170,558)
Payments for exploration and evaluation expenditure		(38,692)	(37,980)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(123,421)	(215,097)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		47,000	10,000
Repayment of borrowings		(32,000)	(7,382)
Transaction costs associated with borrowings		(82)	(2,045)
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		(6,030)	(13,800)
Payment of dividends		(9,333)	(4,658)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(445)	(17,885)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		29,757	(165,463)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		27,215	192,678
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	12	56,972	27,215

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

	Issued capital \$000	Accumulated losses \$000	Hedging reserve \$000	Share-based payments reserve \$000	Acquisition reserve \$000	Total equity \$000
At 1 July 2012	734,007	(112,500)	12,557	4,919	3,142	642,125
Profit for the year	-	18,288	-	-	-	18,288
Other comprehensive income						
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges, net of tax	-	-	(10,160)	-	-	(10,160)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	-	18,288	(10,160)	-	-	8,128
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners						
Dividends paid	-	(4,658)	-	-	-	(4,658)
Share-based payments	-	-	-	3,874	-	3,874
At 30 June 2013	734,007	(98,870)	2,397	8,793	3,142	649,469
At 1 July 2013	734,007	(98,870)	2,397	8,793	3,142	649,469
Profit for the year	-	46,556	-	-	-	46,556
Other comprehensive income						
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges, net of tax	-	-	(4,435)	-	-	(4,435)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	-	46,556	(4,435)	-	-	42,121
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners						
Dividends paid	-	(9,333)	-	-	-	(9,333)
Share-based payments, net of tax	-	-	-	4,632	-	4,632
Issue of shares – Employee Performance Rights Plan	1,053	-	-	(1,053)	-	-
At 30 June 2014	735,060	(61,647)	(2,038)	12,372	3,142	686,889

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

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial report of Independence Group NL (the Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2014 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 27 August 2014.

Independence Group NL is a company limited by shares incorporated and domiciled in Australia whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are for the Group consisting of Independence Group NL and its subsidiaries.

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Company is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

(i) Compliance with IFRS

The consolidated financial statements of the Group also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

(ii) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

• AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements

The Group has applied AASB 10 from 1 July 2013, which has a new definition of 'control'. Control exists when the reporting entity is exposed, or has the rights, to variable returns from its involvement with another entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its 'power' over that other entity. A reporting entity has power when it has rights that give it the current ability to direct the activities that significantly affect the investee's returns. The Group not only has to consider its holdings and rights but also the holdings and rights of other shareholders in order to determine whether it has the necessary power for consolidation purposes.

• AASB 11 Joint Arrangements

The Group has applied AASB 11 from 1 July 2013. The standard defines which entities qualify as joint arrangements and removes the option to account for joint ventures using proportional consolidation. Joint ventures, where the parties to the agreement have the rights to the net assets, are accounted for using the equity method. Joint operations, where the parties to the agreements have the rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities, will account for its share of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses separately under the appropriate classifications.

• AASB 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities

The Group has applied AASB 12 from 1 July 2013. The standard contains the entire disclosure requirement associated with other entities, being subsidiaries, associates, joint arrangements (joint operations and joint ventures) and unconsolidated structured entities. The disclosure requirements have been significantly enhanced when compared to the disclosures previously located in AASB 127 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*, AASB 128 *Investments in Associates*, AASB 131 *Interests in Joint Ventures* and Interpretation 112 *Consolidation - Special Purpose Entities*.

• AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement and AASB 2011-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 13

The Group has applied AASB 13 and its consequential amendments from 1 July 2013. The standard provides a single robust measurement framework, with clear measurement objectives, for measuring fair value using the 'exit price' and provides guidance on measuring fair value when a market becomes less active. The 'highest and best use' approach is used to measure non-financial assets whereas liabilities are based on transfer value. The standard requires increased disclosures where fair value is used.

• AASB 2011-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards to Remove Individual Key Management Personnel Disclosure Requirement

The Group has applied AASB 2011-4 from 1 July 2013, which amends AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* by removing the disclosure requirements for individual key management personnel. Corporations and Related Legislation Amendment Regulations 2013 and Corporations and Australian Securities and Investments Commission Amendment Regulation 2013 (No.1) now specify the KMP disclosure requirements to be included within the Directors' Report.

• Interpretation 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine

The Group has applied Interpretation 20 from 1 July 2013. Interpretation 20 applies to waste removal (stripping) costs that are incurred in surface mining activity during the production phase of the mine. The Interpretation clarifies that the costs of removing mine waste materials (overburden or deferred stripping) to gain access to mineral ore deposits during the production phase of a surface mine must be capitalised as inventories under AASB 102 *Inventories* if the benefits from the stripping activity is realised in the form of inventory produced. If, however, the stripping activity provides improved access to the ore, and recognition criteria are met, then the stripping costs must be capitalised as non-current mine properties (as an addition to, or enhancement of, an existing asset). Refer to note 2(o).

(iii) Early adoption of standards

The Group has not elected to early adopt any new accounting standards.

(iv) Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets, financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss and certain classes of property, plant and equipment.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

(v) *Critical accounting estimates*

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 4.

(b) Basis of consolidation

(i) *Subsidiaries*

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Independence Group NL (Company or parent entity) as at 30 June 2014 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Independence Group NL and its subsidiaries together are referred to in this financial report as the Group or the consolidated entity.

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The Group recognises its direct right to the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the Tropicana Gold Project and its share of any jointly held or incurred assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. These have been incorporated in the financial statements under the appropriate headings.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the Group (refer to note (2)(e)).

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and balance sheet respectively.

(ii) *Associates*

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control or joint control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting, after initially being recognised at cost.

(iii) *Joint arrangements*

Under AASB 11 *Joint Arrangements* investments in joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures. The classification depends on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor, rather than the legal structure of the joint arrangement. The Group's interests in joint venture entities, if any, are brought to account at cost using the equity method of accounting in the financial statements, after initially being recognised at cost in the balance sheet.

(c) Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of an entity that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses (including revenues and expenses relating to transactions with other components of the same entity), whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the entity's chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance and for which discrete financial information is available. This includes start up operations which are yet to earn revenues.

Operating segments have been identified based on the information provided to the chief operating decision makers – identified as being the Board of Independence Group NL.

Operating segments that meet the quantitative criteria as described by AASB 8 *Operating Segments* are reported separately. However, an operating segment that does not meet the quantitative criteria is still reported separately where information about the segment would be useful to users of the financial statements.

(d) Foreign currency translation

(i) *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars (\$), which is the Group's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) *Transactions and balances*

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency by applying the exchange rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate as at the date of the initial transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) Business combinations

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for all business combinations, regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary comprises the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred also includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement and the fair value of any pre-existing equity interest in the subsidiary. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are, with limited exceptions, measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquiree's net identifiable assets.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If those amounts are less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the subsidiary acquired and the measurement of all amounts has been reviewed, the difference is recognised directly in profit or loss as a bargain purchase.

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of exchange. The discount rate used is the entity's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

Contingent consideration is classified either as equity or a financial liability. Amounts classified as a financial liability are subsequently remeasured to fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

(f) Impairment of assets

Goodwill and intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

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

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

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

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are included within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(h) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are generally received up to four months after the shipment date. The receivables are initially recognised at fair value.

Trade receivables are subsequently revalued by the marking-to-market of open sales. The Group determines mark-to-market prices using forward prices at each period end for copper and zinc concentrates and nickel ore.

Collectibility of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Individual debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An impairment provision is recognised when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect the receivable. Financial difficulties of the debtor or default payments are considered objective evidence of impairment. The amount of the impairment loss is the receivable carrying amount compared to the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

(i) Inventories

(i) Ore, concentrate and gold inventories

Inventories, including gold, copper and zinc in concentrate, gold dore, gold in circuit and ore stockpiles, are valued at the lower of weighted average cost and net realisable value. Costs include fixed direct costs, variable direct costs and an appropriate portion of fixed overhead costs. A portion of the related depreciation, depletion and amortisation charge is included in the cost of inventory.

(ii) Stores and fuel

Inventories of consumable supplies and spare parts are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is assigned on a weighted average basis. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less estimated costs of completion, and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

The recoverable amount of surplus items is assessed regularly on an ongoing basis and written down to its net realisable value when an impairment indicator is present.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(j) Derivative financial instruments

The Group uses derivative financial instruments to manage its risks associated with metals price and foreign currency fluctuations. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at the end of each reporting period.

The Group uses derivative financial instruments such as foreign currency contracts and commodity contracts to hedge its risks associated with gold, nickel, copper and zinc prices and foreign currency fluctuations. Such derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value.

The fair value of forward exchange contracts is calculated by reference to current forward exchange rates for contracts with similar maturity profiles. The fair value of commodity contracts is determined by reference to market values for similar instruments.

For the purposes of hedge accounting, hedges are classified as cash flow hedges where they hedge exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a forecasted transaction.

In relation to cash flow hedges (forward foreign currency contracts and commodity contracts) to hedge firm commitments which meet the conditions for hedge accounting, the portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognised directly in other comprehensive income and the ineffective portion is recognised in the profit or loss. If the hedge accounting conditions are not met, movements in fair value are recognised in the profit or loss.

Amounts accumulated in equity are recycled in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the periods when the hedged item will affect profit or loss, for instance when the forecast sale that is hedged takes place. The gain or loss relating to the effective portion of forward foreign exchange contracts and forward commodity contracts is recognised in the profit or loss within sales.

(k) Investments and other financial assets

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition.

Financial assets are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given and including acquisition charges associated with the investment.

After initial recognition, financial assets which are classified as held for trading are measured at fair value. Gains or losses on investments held for trading are recognised in the profit or loss. The Group has investments in listed entities which are considered to be tradeable by the Board and which the Company expects to sell for cash in the future.

For investments carried at amortised cost, gains and losses are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the investments are de-recognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

Fair value of quoted investments is based on current bid prices. If the market for a financial asset is not active (eg. unlisted securities), a valuation technique is applied and if this is deemed unsuitable, they are held at initial cost.

(l) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. It also includes the direct cost of bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for first use and the estimated future cost of rehabilitation, where applicable. The assets are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any component accounted for as a separate asset is derecognised when replaced. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the reporting period in which they are incurred.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using either units-of-production or straight-line depreciation as follows:

Depreciation periods are primarily:

Buildings	5 – 10 years
Mining plant and equipment	2 – 5 years
Motor vehicles	3 – 8 years
Furniture and fittings	3 – 10 years
Leased assets	3 – 4 years

Depreciation is expensed as incurred, unless it relates to an asset or operation in the construction phase, in which case it is capitalised.

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

An asset's carrying value is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (note 2(f)).

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(m) Exploration and evaluation expenditure

Exploration and evaluation expenditure is stated at cost and is accumulated in respect of each identifiable area of interest.

Such costs are only carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be recouped through the successful development of the area of interest (or alternatively by its sale), or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active operations are continuing.

Accumulated costs in relation to an abandoned area are written off to profit or loss in the period in which the decision to abandon the area is made.

A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest. An impairment exists when the carrying value of expenditure exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The area of interest is then written down to its recoverable amount and the impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Exploration and evaluation assets acquired in a business combination are initially recognised at fair value. They are subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment.

(n) Mine properties

(i) Mine properties in development

When technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource have been demonstrated, then any subsequent expenditure in that area of interest is classified as mine properties in development. These costs are not amortised but the carrying value is assessed for impairment whenever facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of the asset may exceed its recoverable amount.

(ii) Mine properties in production

Mine properties in production represent the accumulation of all acquisition, exploration, evaluation and development expenditure incurred by or on behalf of the Group in relation to areas of interest in which mining of the mineral resource has commenced. When further development expenditure, including waste development and stripping, is incurred in respect of a mine property after the commencement of production, such expenditure is carried forward as part of the cost of that mine property only when substantial future economic benefits are established, otherwise such expenditure is classified as part of the cost of production.

Amortisation is provided on a units-of-production basis, with separate calculations being made for each mineral resource. The units-of-production method results in an amortisation charge proportional to the depletion of the economically recoverable mineral resources (comprising proven and probable reserves).

A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest. An impairment exists when the carrying value of expenditure not yet amortised exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The asset is then written down to its recoverable amount and the impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

(o) Deferred stripping

Stripping activity costs incurred in the development phase of a mine are capitalised as part of the cost of constructing the mine and subsequently amortised over the life of the mine on a units-of-production basis.

Stripping activity incurred during the production phase of a mine is assessed as to whether the benefit accruing from that activity is to provide access to ore that can be used to produce ore inventory, or whether it in addition provides improved access to ore that will be mined in future periods.

To the extent that the benefit from the stripping activity is realised in the form of inventory produced, the Group accounts for those stripping activity costs in accordance with AASB102 *Inventories*. A stripping activity asset is brought to account if it is probable that future economic benefits (improved access to the ore body) will flow to the Group, the component of the ore body for which access has been improved can be identified and costs relating to the stripping activity can be measured reliably.

The amount of stripping activity costs that are capitalised is determined based on a comparison of the stripping ratio in the relevant period with the life of mine stripping ratio. To the extent that there is a period of sustained stripping that exceeds the average life of mine stripping ratio, mine waste stripping costs are capitalised to the stripping activity asset. Such capitalised costs are amortised over the life of that mine on a units-of-production basis. The life of mine ratio is based on economically recoverable reserves of the mine. Changes to the life of mine are accounted for prospectively.

Deferred stripping costs are included in Mine Properties in the balance sheet. These form part of the total investment in the relevant cash generating units, which are reviewed for impairment if events or changes of circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

(p) Rehabilitation, restoration and environmental costs

Long-term environmental obligations are based on the Group's environmental management plans, in compliance with current environmental and regulatory requirements.

Full provision is made based on the net present value of the estimated cost of restoring the environmental disturbance that has occurred up to the reporting date. To the extent that future economic benefits are expected to arise, these costs are capitalised and amortised over the remaining lives of the mines.

Annual increases in the provision relating to the change in the net present value of the provision are recognised as finance costs. The estimated costs of rehabilitation are reviewed annually and adjusted as appropriate for changes in legislation, technology or other circumstances. Cost estimates are not reduced by the potential proceeds from the sale of assets or from plant clean-up at closure.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(q) Intangible assets

(i) Goodwill

Goodwill is measured as described in note 2(e). Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisitions of associates is included in investments in associates. Goodwill is not amortised but it is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose, identified according to operating segments.

(ii) Other

Other intangible assets relate to a database for research purposes, which is carried at fair value at the date of acquisition less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated based on the time it will take to complete the research on the database which is currently four years.

(r) Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Group, as lessee, has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases (refer note 25). Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's inception at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in current and non-current borrowings. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to the profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the asset's useful life or over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Group will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term.

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are not transferred to the Group as lessee are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(s) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months from the reporting date. They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(t) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the draw down occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a prepayment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

(u) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs incurred for the construction of any qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed.

(v) Financial liabilities

The Group designates certain liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Financial liabilities are initially measured at cost, being the fair value of the amounts received. After initial recognition, financial liabilities are measured at fair value, with gains or losses recognised in the profit or loss.

(w) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and annual leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave is recognised in trade and other payables.

(ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national Government bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(x) Share-based payment transactions

Equity-settled transactions

The Company provides benefits to employees (including directors) of the Group in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares (equity-settled transactions).

There is currently a plan in place to provide these benefits, the Employee Performance Rights Plan (PRP), which provides benefits to executive directors and other employees.

The cost of these equity-settled transactions is measured by reference to the fair value at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined in conjunction with an external valuation consultant using a trinomial tree which has been adopted by the Boyle and Law (1994) node alignment algorithm to improve accuracy. In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any performance conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares of Independence Group NL (market conditions).

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

The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until vesting date reflects (i) the extent to which the vesting period has expired and (ii) the number of awards that, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, will ultimately vest. This opinion is formed based on the best available information at the reporting date.

No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for awards where vesting is conditional upon a market condition.

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. In addition, an expense is recognised for any increase in the value of the transaction as a result of the modification, as measured at the date of modification.

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

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

(y) Contributed equity

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

(z) Revenue recognition

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

(i) *Sale of goods*

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when there is persuasive evidence indicating that there has been a transfer of risks and rewards to the customer.

Sales revenue comprises gross revenue earned, net of treatment and refining charges where applicable, from the provision of product to customers, and includes hedging gains and losses. Sales are initially recognised at estimated sales value when the product is delivered. Adjustments are made for variations in metals price, assay, weight and currency between the time of delivery and the time of final settlement of sales proceeds.

(ii) *Interest revenue*

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

(aa) Income tax

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(aa) Income tax (continued)

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

- when the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- when the taxable temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tax consolidation legislation

Independence Group NL and its wholly-owned Australian controlled entities have implemented the tax consolidation legislation. As a consequence, these entities are taxed as a single entity and the deferred tax assets and liabilities of these entities are set off in the consolidated financial statements.

Current and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income, directly in equity or as a result of a business combination. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

(ab) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated goods and services tax (GST), unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

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

(ac) Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated as net profit or loss attributable to shareholders, adjusted to exclude any costs of servicing equity, divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated as net profit or loss attributable to shareholders, adjusted for:

- cost of servicing equity;
- the after tax effect of dividends and interest associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares that have been recognised as expenses; and
- other non-discretionary changes in revenues or expenses during the period that would result from the dilution of potential ordinary shares

divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares.

(ad) Comparatives

Where appropriate, comparatives have been reclassified to be consistent with the current year presentation. The reclassification does not have an impact on the results presented.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(ae) New accounting standards and interpretations

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2014 reporting periods. The Group's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

AASB reference	AASB Standard affected	Nature of change	Application date of standard	Impact on Independence Group NL's financial statements	Application date for Independence Group NL
AASB 9 (issued December 2009 and amended December 2010)	Financial Instruments	<p>Amends the requirements for classification and measurement of financial assets. The available-for-sale and held-to-maturity categories of financial assets in AASB 139 have been eliminated.</p> <p>Under AASB 9, there are three categories of financial assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amortised cost • Fair value through profit or loss • Fair value through other comprehensive income. <p>AASB 9 requires that gains or losses on financial liabilities measured at fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that the effects of changes in the liability's credit risk are recognised in other comprehensive income.</p>	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017	Adoption of AASB 9 is only mandatory for the year ending 30 June 2018. This standard is not expected to impact the Group as financial assets are currently classified as fair value through profit or loss.	1 July 2017
AASB 2012-6 (issued September 2012)	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Mandatory Effective Date of AASB 9 and Transition Disclosures	Defers the effective date of AASB 9 to 1 January 2015. Entities are no longer required to restate comparatives on first time adoption. Instead, additional disclosures on the effects of transition are required.	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015	As comparatives are no longer required to be restated, there will be no impact on amounts recognised in the financial statements. However, additional disclosures will be required on transition, including the quantitative effects of reclassifying financial assets on transition.	1 July 2015
AASB 2013-4 (issued July 2013)	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting (AASB 139)	Clarifies treatment of novated hedging instruments and continuation of hedge accounting where entities are required to replace the original party with a central counterparty as a consequence of laws or regulations or the introduction of laws and regulation.	1 January 2014	There will be no impact on first-time adoption of this amendment as the Group does not account for proposed changes in taxation legislation until the relevant Bill has passed through both Houses of Parliament, which is consistent with the views expressed by the Australian Accounting Standards Board in their agenda decision of December 2012.	1 July 2014

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(ae) New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

AASB reference	AASB Standard affected	Nature of change	Application date of standard	Impact on Independence Group NL's financial statements	Application date for Independence Group NL
AASB 2013-9 (issued December 2013)	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments	<p>Makes three amendments to AASB 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding the new hedge accounting requirements into AASB 9 • Deferring the effective date of AASB 9 from 1 January 2015 to 1 January 2017, and • Making available for early adoption the presentation of changes in 'own credit' in other comprehensive income (OCI) for financial liabilities under the fair value option without early applying the other AASB 9 requirements. <p>Under the new hedge accounting requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 80-125% highly effective threshold has been removed • Risk components of non-financial items can qualify for hedge accounting provided that the risk component is separately identifiable and reliably measurable • An aggregated position (i.e. combination of a derivative and a non-derivative) can qualify for hedge accounting provided that it is managed as one risk exposure • When entities designate the intrinsic value of options, the initial time value is deferred in OCI and subsequent changes in time value are recognised in OCI • When entities designate only the spot element of a forward contract, the forward points can be deferred in OCI and subsequent changes in forward points are recognised in OCI. Initial foreign currency basis spread can also be deferred in OCI with subsequent changes be recognised in OCI <p>Net foreign exchange cash flow positions can qualify for hedge accounting.</p>	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017	The Group currently applies hedge accounting. It is expected that the application of the new amendments will not have an impact on the Group's financial statements.	1 July 2017

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(ae) New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

AASB reference	AASB Standard affected	Nature of change	Application date of standard	Impact on Independence Group NL's financial statements	Application date for Independence Group NL
AASB 2013-5 (issued August 2013)	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Investment Entities	<p>The amendment defines an 'investment entity' and requires a parent that is an investment entity to measure its investments in particular subsidiaries at fair value through profit or loss in its consolidated and separate financial statements.</p> <p>The amendment prescribes three criteria that must be met in order for an entity to be defined as an investment entity, as well as four 'typical characteristics' to consider in assessing the criteria.</p> <p>The amendment also introduces disclosure requirements for investment entities into AASB 12 <i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities</i> and amends AASB 127 <i>Separate Financial Statements</i>.</p>	1 January 2014	As the Group does not meet the definition of an investment entity, it will continue to consolidate its investments in subsidiaries in accordance with AASB 10 <i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i> .	1 July 2014
AASB 2013-3 (issued June 2013)	Amendments to AASB 136 – Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets	Clarifies the disclosure requirements for cash-generating units (CGUs) with significant amounts of goodwill and intangibles with indefinite useful lives and also adds additional disclosures when recoverable amount is determined based on fair value less costs to sell.	1 January 2014	As this standard amends disclosure requirements only, there will be no impact on amounts recognised in the financial statements. The recoverable amount for CGUs with significant amounts of goodwill and intangibles with indefinite lives will only be required to be disclosed where an impairment loss has been recognised. However, there will be additional disclosures about the level of the fair value hierarchy where recoverable amount for a CGU is determined based on fair value less costs to sell.	1 July 2014
AASB 2014-1	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [Operative dates: Parts A-C – 1 Jul 2014; Part D – 1 Jan 2016; Part E – 1 Jan 2015]	Non-urgent but necessary changes to standards arising from Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010–2012 Cycle and Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011–2013 Cycle.	1 July 2014, 1 January 2016, 1 January	There will be no impact on the financial statements when these amendments are first adopted because they apply prospectively or are disclosure impacts only.	1 July 2014, 1 July 2015, 1 July 2016
Improvements to IFRSs (issued December 2013)	Annual Improvements 2011-2013 Cycle (IFRS13 & IAS 40)	<p>Non-urgent but necessary changes to standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRS13 – Clarifies portfolio exception in relation to contracts under IAS 39 • IAS 40 – Clarifies interrelationship between IFRS 3 & IAS 40 when classifying the acquisition of property as investment or owner occupied 	1 July 2014	There will be no impact on the financial statements when these amendments are first adopted.	1 July 2014

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(ae) New accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

AASB reference	AASB Standard affected	Nature of change	Application date of standard	Impact on Independence Group NL's financial statements	Application date for Independence Group NL
Interpretation 21 (issued June 2013)	Levies	Clarifies the circumstances under which a liability to pay a levy imposed by a government should be recognised, and whether that liability should be recognised in full at a specific date or progressively over a period of time.	1 January 2014	The Group is liable to pay royalties. The royalties are payable quarterly and are calculated based on revenue generated in the previous quarter and only become payable in the following quarter of operations. The new standard is not expected to impact on the recognition of royalties in the Group accounts.	1 July 2014
IFRS 15 (issued June 2014)	Revenue from contracts with customers	An entity will recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised good or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This means that revenue will be recognised when control of goods or services is transferred, rather than on transfer of risks and rewards as is currently the case under IAS 18 Revenue.	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017	Due to the recent release of this standard, the Group has not yet made a detailed assessment of the impact of this standard.	1 July 2017

(af) Parent entity financial information

The financial information for the parent entity, Independence Group NL, disclosed in note 35 has been prepared on the same basis as the consolidated financial statements, except as set out below.

(i) Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint venture entities are accounted for at cost in the financial statements of Independence Group NL. Dividends received from associates are recognised in the parent entity's profit or loss, rather than being deducted from the carrying amount of these investments.

(ii) Tax consolidation legislation

Independence Group NL and its wholly-owned Australian controlled entities have implemented the tax consolidation legislation.

The head entity, Independence Group NL, and the controlled entities in the tax consolidated group account for their own current and deferred tax amounts. These tax amounts are measured as if each entity in the tax consolidated group continues to be a standalone taxpayer in its own right.

In addition to its own current and deferred tax amounts, Independence Group NL also recognises the current tax liabilities (or assets) and the deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits assumed from controlled entities in the tax consolidated group.

The entities have also entered into a tax funding agreement under which the wholly-owned entities fully compensate Independence Group NL for any current tax payable assumed and are compensated by Independence Group NL for any current tax receivable and deferred tax assets relating to unused tax losses or unused tax credits that are transferred to Independence Group NL under the tax consolidation legislation. The funding amounts are determined by reference to the amounts recognised in the wholly-owned entities' financial statements.

The amounts receivable/payable under the tax funding agreement are due upon receipt of the funding advice from the head entity, which is issued as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year. The head entity may also require payment of interim funding amounts to assist with its obligations to pay tax instalments.

Assets or liabilities arising under the tax funding agreements with the tax consolidated entities are recognised as current amounts receivable from or payable to other entities in the group.

Any difference between the amounts assumed and amounts receivable or payable under the tax funding agreement are recognised as a contribution to (or distribution from) wholly-owned tax consolidated entities.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks; market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk, equity price risk and commodity price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group. The Group uses derivative financial instruments such as foreign exchange contracts, forward commodity contracts and collar arrangements to hedge certain risk exposures.

Risk management relating to commodity and foreign exchange risk is overseen by the Hedging Committee under policies approved by the Board of Directors. The Board identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks in close co-operation with the Group's operating units. The Board provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as mitigating foreign exchange, commodity price, interest rate and credit risks, use of derivative financial instruments and investing excess liquidity.

Risk exposures and responses

Foreign currency risk

As 100% of the Group's sales revenues for nickel, copper, zinc and silver are denominated in US dollars and the majority of operating costs are denominated in Australian dollars, the Group's cash flow is significantly exposed to movements in the A\$:US\$ exchange rate. The Group mitigates this risk through the use of derivative instruments, including but not limited to forward contracts and the purchase of Australian dollar call options.

The financial instruments denominated in US dollars and then converted into the functional currency (i.e. A\$) were as follows:

	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	17,923	3,319
Trade and other receivables	25,054	14,801
Derivative financial instruments	1,809	5,263
	44,786	23,383
Financial liabilities		
Derivative financial instruments	6,381	1,910
	6,381	1,910
Net financial assets	38,405	21,473

The cash balance above only represents the cash held in the US dollar bank accounts at the reporting date and converted into Australian dollars at the 30 June 2014 A\$:US\$ exchange rate of \$0.9420 (2013: \$0.9138). The remainder of the cash balance of \$39,049,000 (2013: \$23,896,000) was held in Australian dollars and therefore not exposed to foreign currency risk.

The trade and other receivables amounts represent the US dollar denominated trade debtors. All other trade and other receivables were denominated in Australian dollars at the reporting date.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Foreign currency risk (continued)

The following table summarises the Group's sensitivity of financial instruments held at 30 June 2014 to movements in the A\$:US\$ exchange rate, with all other variables held constant. Sensitivity analysis is calculated using a reasonable possible change of 1.5% (2013: 1.5%) in the foreign rate in both directions based on the exposure period of the trade receivables, a 5.0% (2013: 5.0%) variation for derivative contracts and a 3.0% (2013: 9.0%) variation for USD cash balances in both directions.

Sensitivity of financial instruments to foreign currency movements	Impact on profit after tax		Impact on other components of equity	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents				
Increase 3.0% (2013: 9.0%)	(365)	(211)	-	-
Decrease 3.0% (2013: 9.0%)	388	258	-	-
Trade receivables				
Increase 1.5% (2013: 1.5%)	(176)	(153)	-	-
Decrease 1.5% (2013: 1.5%)	222	158	-	-
Derivative financial instruments				
Increase 5.0% (2013: 5.0%)	361	-	1,444	(175)
Decrease 5.0% (2013: 5.0%)	(399)	-	(1,596)	194
	31	52	(152)	19
Financial liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments				
Increase 5.0% (2013: 5.0%)	50	-	163	679
Decrease 5.0% (2013: 5.0%)	(55)	-	(180)	(751)
	(5)	-	(17)	(72)
Net sensitivity to foreign currency movements	26	52	(169)	(53)

Commodity price risk

The Group's sales revenues are generated from the sale of nickel, copper, zinc, silver and gold. Accordingly, the Group's revenues, derivatives and trade receivables are exposed to commodity price risk fluctuations, primarily nickel, copper, zinc, silver and gold.

Nickel

Nickel ore sales have an average price finalisation period of three months until the sale is finalised with the customer.

It is the Board's policy to hedge between 0% and 50% of total nickel production tonnes. All of the hedges qualify as "highly probable" forecast transactions for hedge accounting purposes.

Copper and zinc

Copper and zinc concentrate sales have an average price finalisation period of up to four months from shipment date.

It is the Board's policy to hedge between 0% and 50% of total copper and zinc production tonnes.

Gold

It is the Board's policy to hedge between 0% and 50% of forecast gold production from the Company's 30% interest in the Tropicana Gold Mine.

The markets for nickel, copper, zinc, silver and gold are freely traded and can be volatile. As a relatively small producer, the Group has no ability to influence commodity prices. The Group mitigates this risk through derivative instruments, including, but not limited to, quotational period pricing, forward contracts and collar arrangements.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Commodity price risk (continued)

At the reporting date, the carrying value of the financial instruments exposed to commodity price movements were as follows:

Financial instruments exposed to commodity price movements	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Financial assets		
Trade and other receivables	19,853	12,839
Derivative financial instruments – commodity hedging contracts	1,777	8,927
	21,630	21,766
Financial liabilities		
Derivative financial instruments – commodity hedging contracts	6,381	-
	6,381	-
Net exposure	15,249	21,766

The following table summarises the sensitivity of financial instruments held at 30 June 2014 to movements in the nickel price, with all other variables held constant. Trade receivables valuation uses a sensitivity analysis of 1.5% (2013: 1.5%) which is based upon the three month forward commodity rate as there is a three month lag time between delivery and final nickel price received. A 20.0% (2013: 20.0%) sensitivity rate is used to value derivative contracts held and is based on reasonable assessment of the possible changes.

Sensitivity of financial instruments to nickel price movements	Impact on profit after tax		Impact on other components of equity	
	2014 \$000	2013 \$000	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Financial assets				
Trade receivables				
Increase 1.5% (2013: 1.5%)	217	298	-	-
Decrease 1.5% (2013: 1.5%)	(217)	(298)	-	-
Derivative financial instruments – commodity hedging contracts				
Increase 20.0% (2013: 20.0%)	(1,346)	-	(3,949)	(2,117)
Decrease 20.0% (2013: 20.0%)	1,353	-	3,946	2,117
	7	-	(3)	-

The following table summarises the sensitivity of financial instruments held at 30 June 2014 to movements in the copper price, with all other variables held constant. Trade receivables valuation uses a sensitivity analysis of 1.5% (2013: 1.5%) which is based upon the three month forward commodity rate as there is a three month lag time between delivery and final copper price received. A 20.0% (2013: 20.0%) sensitivity rate is used to value derivative contracts held and is based on reasonable assessment of the possible changes.

Sensitivity of financial instruments to copper price movements	Impact on profit after tax		Impact on other components of equity	
	2014 \$000	2013 \$000	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Financial assets				
Trade receivables				
Increase 1.5% (2013: 1.5%)	11	124	-	-
Decrease 1.5% (2013: 1.5%)	(11)	(124)	-	-
Derivative financial instruments – commodity hedging contracts				
Increase 20.0% (2013: 20.0%)	(960)	-	(1,323)	-
Decrease 20.0% (2013: 20.0%)	957	-	1,317	-
	(3)	-	(6)	-

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Commodity price risk (continued)

The following table summarises the sensitivity of financial instruments held at 30 June 2014 to movements in the gold price, with all other variables held constant. A 20.0% (2013: 20.0%) sensitivity rate is used to value derivative contracts held and is based on reasonable assessment of the possible changes.

Sensitivity of financial instruments to gold price movements	Impact on profit after tax	
	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Financial assets		
Derivative financial instruments – commodity hedging contracts		
Increase 20.0% (2013: 20.0%)	(4,280)	(6,569)
Decrease 20.0% (2013: 20.0%)	1,581	1,287
	(2,699)	(5,282)

There were no financial instruments held at 30 June 2014 relating to zinc that were affected by movements in the zinc price. The following table summarises the sensitivity of financial instruments held at 30 June 2013 to movements in the zinc price, with all other variables held constant. Trade receivables valuation uses a sensitivity analysis of 1.5% in the previous financial year which is based upon the three month forward commodity rate as there is a four month lag time between delivery and final zinc price received.

Sensitivity of financial instruments to zinc price movements	Impact on profit after tax	
	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Financial assets		
Trade receivables		
Increase 0.0% (2013: 1.5%)	-	94
Decrease 0.0% (2013: 1.5%)	-	(94)
	-	-

Equity price risk sensitivity analysis

The following sensitivity analysis has been determined based on the exposure to equity price risks at the reporting date. Each equity instrument is assessed on its individual price movements with the sensitivity rate based on a reasonably possible change of 45% (2013: 45%). At reporting date, if the equity prices had been higher or lower, net profit for the year would have increased or decreased by \$254,000 (2013: \$328,000).

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. At the reporting date, the Group had the following exposure to interest rate risk on financial instruments:

	Weighted average interest rate 2014 %	Balance 2014 \$000	Weighted average interest rate 2013 %	Balance 2013 \$000
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	1.3%	56,972	3.0%	27,215
		56,972		27,215
Financial liabilities				
Bank loans	4.9%	25,000	5.0%	10,000
		25,000		10,000
Net exposure		31,972		17,215

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates at the reporting date and the stipulated change taking place at the beginning of the financial year and held constant throughout the reporting period. A 100 basis point increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the possible change in interest rates.

Sensitivity of interest revenue and expense to interest rate movements	Impact on profit after tax	
	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Revenue		
Interest revenue		
Increase 1.0% (2013: 1.0%)	243	57
Decrease 1.0% (2013: 1.0%)	(243)	(57)
	-	-
Expense		
Interest expense		
Increase 1.0% (2013: 1.0%)	(175)	(70)
Decrease 1.0% (2013: 1.0%)	175	70
	-	-

The interest rate on the outstanding lease liabilities is fixed for the term of the lease, therefore there is no exposure to movements in interest rates.

Credit risk

Nickel sales

The Group has a concentration of credit risk in that it depends on BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd for a significant volume of revenue. During the year ended 30 June 2014 all nickel sales revenue was sourced from this company. The risk is mitigated in that the agreement relating to sales revenue contains provision for the Group to seek alternative revenue providers in the event that BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd is unable to accept supply of the Group's product due to a force majeure event. The risk is further mitigated by the receipt of 70% of the value of any months' sale within a month of that sale occurring. The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales of products are made to customers with an appropriate credit history.

Copper and zinc sales

Credit risk arising from sales to customers is managed by contracts that stipulate a provisional payment of at least 90% of the estimated value of each sale. This is generally paid promptly after vessel loading. Title to the concentrate does not pass to the buyer until this provisional payment is received by the Group.

Due to the large size of concentrate shipments, there are a relatively small number of transactions each month and therefore each transaction and receivable balance is actively managed on an ongoing basis with attention to timing of customer payments and imposed credit limits. The resulting exposure to bad debts is not considered significant.

Gold sales

Credit risk arising from the sale of gold to customers is low as customers have short contractual payment terms (commonly within 2 days) and customers are considered to be reliable.

Other

In respect of financial assets and derivative financial instruments, the Group's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. Exposure at the reporting date is addressed below. The Group does not hold any credit derivatives to offset its credit exposure.

Derivative counterparties and cash transactions are restricted to high credit quality financial institutions.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Other (continued)

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was as follows:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	56,972	27,215
Trade and other receivables	24,828	22,463
Other receivables	2,456	525
Financial assets	858	1,092
Derivative financial instruments	3,177	8,927
Total exposure	88,291	60,222

On analysis of trade and other receivables, none are past due or impaired for either 30 June 2014 or 30 June 2013.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial liabilities as they fall due. The Group's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation. The Board monitors liquidity levels on an ongoing basis.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The tables are based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay.

	Contractual maturities			Contractual value	Carrying value
	Less than 6 months \$000	6 - 12 months \$000	Between 1 and 5 years \$000	A\$ \$000	A\$ \$000
2014					
Trade and other payables	42,982	-	-	42,982	42,982
Lease liabilities	2,300	1,371	522	4,193	4,018
Bank loans	-	-	25,000	25,000	24,344
	45,282	1,371	25,522	72,175	71,344
2013					
Trade and other payables	49,798	-	-	49,798	49,798
Lease liabilities	3,694	2,910	4,193	10,797	10,048
Bank loans	-	-	10,000	10,000	7,506
	53,492	2,910	14,193	70,595	67,352

The following table details the Group's liquidity analysis for its derivative financial instruments. The table is based on the undiscounted net cash inflows/(outflows) on the derivative instrument that settles on a net basis. When the net amount payable is not fixed, the amount disclosed has been determined by reference to the projected forward curves existing at the reporting date.

	Contractual maturities			Contractual value	Carrying value
	Less than 6 months \$000	6 - 12 months \$000	Between 1 and 5 years \$000	A\$ \$000	A\$ \$000
2014					
Net settled					
Commodity hedging contracts	3,013	3,368	-	6,381	6,381
	3,013	3,368	-	6,381	6,381
2013					
Net settled					
Foreign currency contracts hedging contracts	-	1,910	-	1,910	1,910
	-	1,910	-	1,910	1,910

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Fair values

a) Fair value hierarchy

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- (a) quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1),
- (b) inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices) (level 2), and
- (c) inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The following table presents the Group's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value at 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013 on a recurring basis.

At 30 June 2014	Level 1 \$000	Level 2 \$000	Level 3 \$000	Total \$000
Financial assets				
Derivative instruments				
Commodity hedging contracts	-	1,777	-	1,777
Foreign currency hedging contracts	-	1,400	-	1,400
Listed and unlisted investments	808	-	50	858
	808	3,177	50	4,035
Financial liabilities				
Derivative instruments				
Commodity hedging contracts	-	6,381	-	6,381
	-	6,381	-	6,381
At 30 June 2013				
Financial assets				
Derivative instruments				
Commodity hedging contracts	-	8,927	-	8,927
Listed and unlisted investments	1,042	-	50	1,092
	1,042	8,927	50	10,019
Financial liabilities				
Derivative instruments				
Commodity hedging contracts	-	1,910	-	1,910
	-	1,910	-	1,910

The Group did not measure any financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis as at 30 June 2014 and did not transfer any fair value amounts between the fair value hierarchy levels during the year ended 30 June 2014.

b) Valuation techniques used to derive level 1 values

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading and available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1.

c) Valuation techniques used to derive level 2 and level 3 fair values

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments include:

- The use of quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments.
- The fair value of commodity and forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward commodity and exchange rates at the balance sheet date.
- Other techniques, such as discounted cash flow analysis, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments.

All of the resulting fair value estimates are included in level 2 except for unlisted equity securities which are included in level 3.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Fair values (continued)

d) Fair value of other financial instruments

The Group also has a number of financial instruments which are not measured at fair value in the balance sheet. These instruments had the following fair value at the reporting date.

At 30 June 2014	Carrying amount \$000	Fair value \$000
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	56,972	56,972
	56,972	56,972
Current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	3,508	3,671
	3,508	3,671
Non-current liabilities		
Bank loans	24,344	25,000
Lease liabilities	510	522
	24,854	25,522
At 30 June 2013		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	27,215	27,215
	27,215	27,215
Current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	6,030	6,604
	6,030	6,604
Non-current liabilities		
Bank loans	7,506	10,000
Lease liabilities	4,018	4,193
	11,524	14,193

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Trade receivables

The Group estimates the value of trade receivables in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in note 2(h).

Impairment of assets

In determining the recoverable amount of assets, in the absence of quoted market prices, estimations are made regarding the present value of future cash flows using asset-specific discount rates.

Reserve estimates

Estimates of recoverable quantities of proven and probable reserves include assumptions regarding commodity prices, exchange rates, discount rates, production and transportation costs for future cash flows. It also requires interpretation of complex and difficult geological and geophysical models in order to make an assessment of the size, shape, depth and quality of reserves and their anticipated recoveries. The economic, geological and technical factors used to estimate reserves may change from period to period. Changes in reported reserves can impact asset carrying values, the provision for restoration and the recognition of deferred tax assets, due to changes in expected future cash flows. Reserves are integral to the amount of depreciation, depletion and amortisation charged to the profit or loss and the calculation of inventory. The Group prepares reserve estimates in accordance with the JORC Code 2012, guidelines prepared by the Joint Ore Reserves Committee of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Minerals Council of Australia.

Rehabilitation and restoration provisions

The provision for rehabilitation and restoration costs is based on the net present value of the estimated cost of restoring the environmental disturbance that has occurred up to the reporting date. Significant estimates and assumptions are made in determining the provision for mine rehabilitation as there are numerous factors that will affect the ultimate liability payable. These factors include estimates of the extent and costs of rehabilitation activities, technological changes, regulatory changes, cost increases as compared to the inflation rates and changes in discount rates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from the amounts currently provided. The provision at reporting date represents management's best estimate of the present value of the future rehabilitation costs required.

Share-based payments

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined with the assistance of an external valuer using a trinomial tree. The related assumptions are detailed in note 31. The accounting estimates and assumptions relating to equity-settled share-based payments would have no impact on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period but may impact expenses and equity.

5. OPERATING SEGMENTS

Identification of reportable segments

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Board that are used to make strategic decisions. The Group operates in predominantly only one geographic segment (ie. Australia) and has identified four operating segments, being the Long Nickel Operation which is disclosed under the nickel mining segment, the Jaguar Operation which is disclosed under the copper and zinc mining segment, the Tropicana Gold Project, and other regional exploration, scoping studies and feasibility which are disclosed under feasibility and regional exploration activities.

The Long Nickel Operation produces primarily nickel, together with copper, from which its revenue is derived. Revenue derived by the Long Nickel Operation is received from one customer, being BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd. The Registered Manager of the Long Nickel Operation is responsible for the budgets and expenditure of the operation, which includes exploration activities on the mine's tenure. The Long Nickel Operation and exploration properties are owned by the Group's wholly owned subsidiary Lightning Nickel Pty Ltd.

The Jaguar Operation primarily produces copper and zinc concentrate. Revenue is derived from a number of different customers. The Registered Manager of the Jaguar Operation is responsible for the budgets and expenditure of the operation, responsibility for ore concentrate sales rests with corporate management. The Jaguar Operation and exploration properties are owned by the Group's wholly owned subsidiary Jabiru Metals Limited.

The Tropicana Gold Project represents the Group's 30% joint venture interest in the Tropicana Joint Venture. AngloGold Ashanti Australia Limited is the manager of the project and holds the remaining 70% interest. Programs and budgets are provided by AngloGold Ashanti Australia Limited and are considered for approval by the Independence Group NL Board. The project comprises regional and brownfields exploration tenements covering in excess of 9,200 square kilometres, together with the Tropicana gold mine which had its maiden gold pour in late September 2013. The Project is allocated its own segment.

The Group's Exploration Manager and its Development Manager are responsible for budgets and expenditure relating to the Group's regional exploration, scoping studies and feasibility studies. The feasibility and regional exploration division does not normally derive any income. Should a project generated by the feasibility and regional exploration division commence generating income or lead to the construction or acquisition of a mining operation, that operation would then be disaggregated from feasibility and regional exploration and become reportable as a separate segment.

5. OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)

	Nickel mining \$000	Copper and zinc mining \$000	Tropicana gold project \$000	Feasibility and regional exploration activities \$000	Total \$000
Year ended 30 June 2014					
Revenue					
Sales to external customers	118,648	140,963	137,918	-	397,529
Other revenue	211	832	-	55	1,098
Total segment revenue	118,859	141,795	137,918	55	398,627
Segment net operating profit (loss) before income tax	36,330	42,703	42,466	(30,984)	90,515
Segment assets	114,151	102,828	495,407	167,498	879,884
Segment liabilities	29,960	30,535	29,705	30,879	121,079
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	1,076	5,358	1,993	-	8,427
Impairment loss before tax	2,736	-	2,598	26,711	32,045
Depreciation and amortisation expense	22,019	9,744	36,600	-	68,363
Other non-cash expenses	36	233	296	-	565
Year ended 30 June 2013					
Revenue					
Sales to external customers	127,175	91,579	3,664	-	222,418
Other revenue	486	233	-	4	723
Total segment revenue	127,661	91,812	3,664	4	223,141
Segment net operating profit (loss) before income tax	40,140	6,986	1,596	(5,879)	42,843
Segment assets	103,126	107,053	336,303	174,254	720,736
Segment liabilities	22,490	40,404	22,872	64,408	150,174
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	8,503	1,364	2,119	58	12,044
Impairment loss before tax	2,572	-	-	3,190	5,762
Depreciation and amortisation expense	17,039	6,209	185	-	23,433
Other non-cash expenses	45	223	-	-	268

5. OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)

(i) Reconciliation of segment revenue to total revenue

A reconciliation of reportable segment revenue to total revenue is as follows:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Total segment revenue	398,627	223,141
Other revenue from continuing operations	432	2,730
Total revenue	399,059	225,871

Revenues for the nickel mining segment are all derived from a single customer, being BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd. Revenues for the copper and zinc mining segment were derived from various customers during the year.

Revenues for the Tropicana gold project were derived from a single customer, being The Perth Mint.

(ii) Reconciliation of segment net profit (loss) before tax to operating profit before tax

A reconciliation of reportable segment net profit before income tax to net profit before income tax is as follows:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Segment net profit before tax	90,515	42,843
Interest revenue on corporate cash balances and other unallocated revenue	433	2,730
Unrealised losses on financial assets	(2)	(2,196)
Share-based payments expense	(4,632)	(3,874)
Other corporate costs	(13,961)	(11,331)
Net losses on silver hedge financing	-	(345)
Borrowing and finance costs	(4,544)	-
Total net profit before tax	67,809	27,827

(iii) Segment assets reconciliation to the balance sheet

A reconciliation of reportable segment assets to total assets is as follows:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Total assets for reportable segments	879,884	720,736
Intersegment eliminations	(163,841)	(60,304)
<i>Unallocated assets</i>		
Deferred tax assets	152,339	152,261
Listed equity securities	808	1,042
Cash and receivables held by the parent entity	19,224	5,452
Office and general plant and equipment	2,886	2,795
Total assets as per the balance sheet	891,300	821,982

(iv) Segment liabilities reconciliation to the balance sheet

A reconciliation of reportable segment liabilities to total liabilities is as follows:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Total liabilities for reportable segments	121,079	150,174
Intersegment eliminations	(44,489)	(75,047)
<i>Unallocated liabilities</i>		
Deferred tax liabilities	94,711	75,280
Creditors and accruals	7,598	13,398
Provision for employee entitlements	1,168	1,202
Bank loans	24,344	7,506
Total liabilities as per the balance sheet	204,411	172,513

6. REVENUE

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Sales revenue		
Sale of goods	397,529	222,418
	397,529	222,418
Other revenue		
Interest received	566	3,218
Other revenue	964	235
	1,530	3,453
Total revenue	399,059	225,871

7. OTHER INCOME

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment and other investments	-	42
Net gain on disposal of tenements	-	648
Total other income	-	690

8. EXPENSES AND LOSSES

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Profit before income tax includes the following specific items:		
Cost of sale of goods	199,138	144,672
Share-based payments expense	4,632	3,874
Employee benefits expense	61,196	54,659
Exploration costs expensed	4,334	2,667
Rental expense relating to operating leases	1,291	1,190
Rehabilitation and restoration borrowing costs	565	268
Amortisation expense	54,839	11,466
Depreciation expense	15,369	13,847
Less : Amounts capitalised	(368)	(863)
Depreciation expensed	15,001	12,984
<i>Borrowing and finance costs</i>		
Borrowing and finance costs – other entities	3,919	1,338
Amortisation of borrowing costs	1,763	90
Less: Amounts capitalised	(544)	(72)
Borrowing and finance costs expensed	5,138	1,356
Impairment of exploration and evaluation expenditure	32,045	5,762
Net loss on sale of property, plant and equipment and other investments	60	-

9. INCOME TAX

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
(a) Income tax expense		
The major components of income tax expense are:		
Deferred income tax expense	(21,253)	(9,539)
Income tax expense	(21,253)	(9,539)
Deferred tax income (expense) included in income tax expense comprises:		
Increase (decrease) in deferred tax assets	841	(359)
(Increase) decrease in deferred tax liabilities	(22,094)	(9,180)
	(21,253)	(9,539)
(b) Amount charged or credited directly to equity		
Deferred income tax income (expense) related to items charged or credited to other comprehensive income		
Recognition of hedge contracts	1,900	4,354
Income tax expense reported in equity	1,900	4,354
(c) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense and tax expense calculated per the statutory income tax rate		
Profit before tax from continuing operations	67,809	27,827
At the Group's statutory income tax rate of 30% (2013: 30%)	(20,343)	(8,348)
Capital losses not brought to account	(357)	-
Other non-deductible items	(1,184)	(1,197)
Adjustments for current tax of prior periods	631	6
Aggregate income tax expense	(21,253)	(9,539)

9. INCOME TAX (continued)

(d) Deferred tax assets and liabilities

	Balance Sheet		Profit or loss		Equity	
	2014 \$000	2013 \$000	2014 \$000	2013 \$000	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Deferred tax liabilities						
Capitalised exploration, pre-production and acquisition costs	(48,834)	(57,877)	(9,043)	1,909	-	-
Capitalised development expenditure	(40,802)	(11,654)	29,148	7,844	-	-
Deferred gains and losses on hedging contracts	(900)	(2,678)	885	(153)	(2,663)	(4,354)
Trade debtors	(2,885)	(1,497)	1,388	(984)	-	-
Consumable inventories	(1,259)	(1,162)	97	-	-	-
Other	(31)	(412)	(381)	564	-	-
Gross deferred tax liabilities	(94,711)	(75,280)	22,094	9,180	(2,663)	(4,354)
Deferred tax assets						
Property, plant and equipment	24,019	26,668	2,649	4,834	-	-
Deferred losses on hedged commodity contracts	1,862	1,884	(741)	(1,713)	763	-
Capitalised development expenditure	-	2,312	2,312	9,723	-	-
Concentrate inventories	32	566	534	172	-	-
Business-related capital allowances	1,402	2,598	1,196	1,382	-	-
Provision for employee entitlements	2,387	1,917	(470)	(198)	-	-
Provision for rehabilitation	7,205	6,208	(997)	(2,295)	-	-
Mining information	2,680	11,376	8,696	-	-	-
Carry forward tax losses	110,243	97,257	(12,986)	(11,596)	-	-
Other	2,509	1,475	(1,034)	50	-	-
Gross deferred tax assets	152,339	152,261	(841)	359	763	-
Deferred tax expense (income)	57,628	76,981	21,253	9,539	(1,900)	(4,354)

(e) Tax losses

In addition to the above recognised tax losses, the Group also has the following tax losses for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Unrecognised capital tax losses	2,576	1,388
Potential tax benefit at 30% (2013: 30%)	773	416

(f) Tax consolidation

(i) Members of the tax consolidated group and the tax sharing arrangement

Independence Group NL and its wholly owned subsidiaries formed a tax consolidated group with effect from 1 July 2002. Independence Group NL is the head entity of the tax consolidated group. Tax expense/income, deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences of the members of the tax consolidated group are recognised in the separate financial statements of the members of the tax consolidated group using the "separate tax payer within group" approach. Current tax liabilities and assets and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and tax credits of the members of the tax consolidated group are recognised by the Company, as head entity in the tax consolidated group.

Due to the existence of a tax funding arrangement between entities in the tax consolidated group, amounts are recognised as payable to or receivable by the Company and each member of the Group in relation to the tax contribution amounts paid or payable between the parent entity and the other members of the tax consolidated group in accordance with the arrangement.

The amounts receivable/payable under the tax funding agreement are due upon receipt of the funding advice from the head entity, which is issued as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year. The head entity may also require payment of interim funding amounts to assist with its obligations to pay tax instalments.

10. DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
(a) Ordinary shares		
Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2013 of 1 cent (2012: 1 cent) per fully paid share	2,333	2,329
Interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2014 of 3 cents (2013: 1 cent) per fully paid share	7,000	2,329
Total dividends paid during the financial year	9,333	4,658

(b) Unrecognised amounts

In addition to the above dividends, since year end the Directors have recommended the payment of a final dividend of 5 cents (2013: 1 cent) per fully paid share, fully franked based on tax paid at 30%. The aggregate amount of the proposed dividend expected to be paid on 30 September 2014 out of retained earnings at 30 June 2014, but not recognised as a liability at year end is:

	11,713	2,333
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(c) Franked dividends

The franked portions of the final dividends recommended after 30 June 2013 will be franked out of existing franking credits or out of franking credits arising from the payment of income tax in the year ending 30 June 2014.

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Franking credits available for subsequent financial year based on a tax rate of 30% (2013: 30%)	58,888	62,884

The above amounts represent the balance of the franking account at the end of the reporting period, adjusted for:

- (a) franking credits that will arise from the payment of the amount of the provision for income tax;
- (b) franking debits that will arise from the payment of dividends recognised as a liability at the reporting date; and
- (c) franking credits that will arise from the receipt of dividends recognised as receivables at the reporting date.

The impact on the franking account of the dividend recommended by the Directors since the end of the reporting period, but not recognised as a liability at the reporting date, will be a reduction in the franking account of \$5,020,000 (2013: \$1,000,000).

11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following reflects the income used in the basic and diluted earnings per share computations:

(a) Earnings used in calculating earnings per share

Profit used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent is \$46,556,000 (2013: \$18,288,000).

(b) Weighted average number of shares

	2014 Number of shares	2013 Number of shares
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings per share	233,318,721	232,882,535
Effect of dilution:		
Share rights	1,991,871	1,902,035
Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effect of dilution	235,310,592	234,784,570

(c) Information on the classification of securities

Share rights

There are share rights included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share that could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future.

12. CURRENT ASSETS – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Cash at bank and in hand	32,021	26,039
Deposits at call	24,951	1,176
	56,972	27,215

The Group has cash balances of \$1,268,000 (2013: \$12,887,000) not generally available for use as the balances are held by Tropicana Joint Venture and may only be used in relation to joint venture expenditure. In the previous financial year, the Group also had amounts of \$469,000 in cash balances not generally available for use as they were subject to security with respect to government performance bonds and other guarantees issued by a financier.

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk and a sensitivity analysis for financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in note 3.

13. CURRENT ASSETS – TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Trade receivables	24,828	12,839
GST receivable	1,112	5,117
Sundry debtors	1,314	4,507
Prepayments	2,816	1,696
	30,070	24,159

No balances within trade and other receivables contain impaired assets nor are past due. It is expected that these balances will be received when due.

The Group's exposure to credit risk, foreign exchange and commodity price risk in relation to trade receivables is disclosed in note 3.

14. INVENTORIES

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Current		
Mine spares and stores – at cost	14,965	9,664
ROM inventory – at cost	3,834	1,632
Concentrate inventory – at cost	4,441	5,361
Concentrate inventory – at net realisable value	11,661	6,103
Work in progress – gold in process	499	-
Gold in circuit	1,566	-
Gold dore	3,601	-
	40,567	22,760
Non-current		
ROM inventory – at cost	8,803	-
	8,803	-

Inventory classified as non-current relates to 0.6 to 1.2 g/t grade gold ore stockpiles which are not intended to be utilised in the next 12 months but will be utilised over the life of the mine.

There were no impairment charges to inventories recognised as an expense for the year ended 30 June 2014 (2013: \$nil).

15. CURRENT ASSETS – FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Shares in Australian listed and unlisted companies - at fair value through profit or loss	858	1,092
	858	1,092

The shares in Australian listed companies are valued at fair value through profit or loss and are all held for trading. Changes in the fair values of these financial assets are recognised in the profit or loss and are valued using market prices at year end.

The Group's exposure to price risk and a sensitivity analysis for financial assets are disclosed in note 3.

16. NON-CURRENT ASSETS – RECEIVABLES

	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000
Term deposits	30	525
Prepayments	27	79
	57	604

The term deposit is interest-bearing and is used by way of security for government performance bonds issued by a financier.

17. NON-CURRENT ASSETS – PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000
Buildings - at cost	35,994	17,577
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(12,570)	(9,786)
Net carrying amount	23,424	7,791
Mining plant under construction - at cost	407	2,362
Net carrying amount	407	2,362
Mining plant and equipment - at cost	92,223	88,602
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(79,039)	(75,159)
Net carrying amount	13,184	13,443
Motor vehicles - at cost	18,205	14,033
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(14,331)	(12,303)
Net carrying amount	3,874	1,730
Furniture, fittings and other equipment - at cost	7,396	6,590
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(4,787)	(3,322)
Net carrying amount	2,609	3,268
Leased assets	18,746	20,266
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(15,014)	(12,582)
Net carrying amount	3,732	7,684
Total net carrying amount	47,230	36,278

(a) Reconciliation of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of the period

Reconciliations of the carrying amount for each class of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the financial year are as follows:

Buildings

Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	7,791	9,627
Additions	684	-
Transfers	18,030	146
Depreciation expense	(3,081)	(1,982)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	23,424	7,791

Mining plant under construction

Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	2,362	2,102
Additions	279	2,136
Transfers	(2,234)	(1,876)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	407	2,362

17. NON-CURRENT ASSETS – PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
(b) Reconciliation of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of the period (continued)		
Mining plant and equipment		
Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	13,443	14,804
Additions	3,865	3,903
Transfers	2,003	852
Disposals	(50)	-
Depreciation expense	(6,077)	(6,116)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	13,184	13,443
Motor vehicles		
Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	1,730	1,144
Additions	3,274	965
Transfers	(146)	478
Disposals	-	(25)
Depreciation expense	(984)	(832)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	3,874	1,730
Furniture, fittings and other equipment		
Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	3,268	1,822
Additions	1,113	1,861
Transfers	(438)	762
Disposals	(59)	(7)
Depreciation expense	(1,275)	(1,170)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	2,609	3,268
Leased assets		
Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	7,684	7,674
Additions	-	3,762
Disposals	-	(5)
Depreciation expense	(3,952)	(3,747)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	3,732	7,684
Total property, plant and equipment		
Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	36,278	37,173
Additions	9,215	12,627
Transfers from mine properties in development	17,215	1,095
Transfers to mine properties in production	-	(733)
Disposals	(109)	(37)
Depreciation expense	(15,369)	(13,847)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	47,230	36,278

(c) Non-current assets pledged as security

Refer to note 25 for information on non-current assets pledged as security by the Group.

18. NON-CURRENT ASSETS – MINE PROPERTIES

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Mine properties in development	-	258,778
Mine properties in production	364,443	90,337
	364,443	349,115

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of the financial year are as follows:

Mine properties in development

Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	258,778	59,609
Additions	28,587	167,484
Transfers from exploration and evaluation expenditure	228	32,708
Transfers to property, plant and equipment	(17,215)	(1,095)
Transfers to mine properties in production	(271,095)	-
Borrowing costs capitalised	544	72
Depreciation expense capitalised	173	-
Carrying amount at end of financial year	-	258,778

Mine properties in production

Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	90,337	63,665
Additions	47,589	34,162
Transfers from exploration and evaluation expenditure	19,601	3,061
Transfers from mine properties in development	271,095	-
Transfers from property, plant and equipment	-	733
Transfers to inventories	(9,519)	-
Disposals	-	(93)
Amortisation expense	(54,660)	(11,191)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	364,443	90,337

19. NON-CURRENT ASSETS – EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Exploration and evaluation costs	186,784	199,392
	186,784	199,392

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of the financial year are as follows:

Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	199,392	203,371
Additions	39,266	37,759
Transfers to mine properties in production	(19,601)	(3,061)
Transfers to mine properties in development	(228)	(32,708)
Impairment charge	(32,045)	(5,762)
Disposals	-	(207)
Carrying amount at end of financial year	186,784	199,392

19. NON-CURRENT ASSETS – EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE (continued)

Impairment of exploration and evaluation expenditure

Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment when facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of an exploration and evaluation asset may exceed its recoverable amount. Management regularly evaluates the recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets. The Group has impaired the following capitalised exploration and evaluation costs:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Jaguar regional exploration costs	5,797	677
Karlawinda exploration and feasibility costs ¹	16,992	-
Other exploration costs	9,256	5,085
	32,045	5,762

1. During the current financial year, the Company determined that the Karlawinda Gold Project is unlikely to meet its size and economic thresholds for development, resulting in an impairment of \$16,992,000 (2013: \$nil).

20. NON-CURRENT ASSETS – INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Goodwill \$000	Database \$000	Total \$000
At 1 July 2012			
Cost	91,065	1,378	92,443
Accumulated amortisation	(91,065)	(924)	(91,989)
Net book amount	-	454	454
Year ended 30 June 2013			
Opening net book amount	-	454	454
Amortisation expense	-	(275)	(275)
Closing net book amount	-	179	179
At 30 June 2013			
Cost	91,065	1,378	92,443
Accumulated amortisation	(91,065)	(1,199)	(92,264)
Net book amount	-	179	179
Year ended 30 June 2014			
Opening net book amount	-	179	179
Amortisation expense	-	(179)	(179)
Closing net book amount	-	-	-
At 30 June 2014			
Cost	91,065	1,378	92,443
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(91,065)	(1,378)	(92,443)
Net book amount	-	-	-

21. CURRENT LIABILITIES – TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Trade payables	7,706	7,368
Other payables	35,276	42,430
Employee entitlements	3,873	3,801
	46,855	53,599

The Group's exposure to liquidity risk is disclosed in note 3.

22. CURRENT LIABILITIES – PROVISIONS

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Provision for employee entitlements	2,557	2,446
	2,557	2,446

23. NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES – PROVISIONS

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Provision for employee entitlements	1,527	1,030
Provision for rehabilitation costs (i)	24,018	20,694
	25,545	21,724

(i) Movements in the provision for rehabilitation costs during the year are as follows:

Carrying amount at beginning of financial year	20,694	13,045
Additional provision	2,889	7,381
Rehabilitation and restoration borrowing costs expense	565	268
Payments during the period	(130)	-
Carrying amount at end of financial year	24,018	20,694

Rehabilitation provision

A provision for restoration is recognised in relation to mining activities for such costs as reclamation, site closure, plant closure and other costs associated with the restoration of the mining sites.

24. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Current assets		
Commodity hedging contracts – cash flow hedges	1,119	6,946
Foreign currency contracts – at fair value through profit or loss	29	-
Foreign currency contracts – cash flow hedges	1,371	-
	2,519	6,946
Current liabilities		
Commodity hedging contracts – at fair value through profit or loss	1,489	-
Commodity hedging contracts – cash flow hedges	4,892	-
Foreign currency contracts – cash flow hedges	-	1,910
	6,381	1,910
Non-current assets		
Commodity hedging contracts – cash flow hedges	658	1,981
	658	1,981

(a) Instruments used by the Group

Derivative financial instruments are used by the Group in the normal course of business in order to hedge exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and commodity prices.

The fair value of the derivative instruments at the reporting date is reflected in current and non-current assets and liabilities in the balance sheet and is calculated by comparing the contracted rate to the market rates for derivatives with the same length of maturity.

Refer to note 3 and below for details of the foreign currency and commodity prices risk being mitigated by the Group's derivative instruments as at 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013.

24. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Cash flow hedges

Nickel

At 30 June 2014, the Group held various nickel commodity contracts designated as hedges of expected future nickel sales. These hedge contracts are in US dollars. Foreign exchange contracts are also held which match the terms of the commodity contracts. These contracts are all designated as cash flow hedges and are used to reduce the exposure to a future decrease in the Australian dollar market value of nickel sales.

The outstanding contracts held by the Group at 30 June 2014 are as follows:

Year of delivery	Sell (Nickel tonnes)	USD/tonne	Exchange rate	AUD/tonne
2014/15	2,400	16,608	0.9163	18,126
Total	2,400	16,608	0.9163	18,126

The hedge contracts are to be settled at the rate of 200 tonnes per month from July 2014 to June 2015. The hedge contracts have been marked to market as at 30 June 2014 and the resulting surplus/deficit compared to market value (net of tax) is reflected in the hedging reserve in the balance sheet. The portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognised directly in equity. When the cash flows occur, the Group adjusts the initial measurement of the component recognised in the profit or loss by the related amount deferred in equity.

The forecast transactions are expected to occur three months prior to the maturity of its respective commodity and foreign exchange contracts.

The following table details the forward foreign currency contracts outstanding at the reporting date:

Sell USD forward

	Notional amounts (US\$)		Weighted average A\$:US\$ exchange rate		Fair value	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000			\$000	\$000
0 – 3 months	10,174	-	0.9368	-	29	-
3 – 6 months	10,005	-	0.9212	-	140	-
6 – 12 months	19,681	18,676	0.9036	0.9881	493	(1,910)
Total	39,860	18,676	0.9163	0.9881	662	(1,910)

Copper

At 30 June 2014, the Group held various copper commodity contracts designated as hedges of expected future copper sales. These hedge contracts are in US dollars. Foreign exchange contracts are also held which match the terms of the commodity contracts. These contracts are all designated as cash flow hedges and are used to reduce the exposure to a future decrease in the Australian dollar market value of copper sales.

The outstanding contracts held by the Group at 30 June 2014 are as follows:

Year of delivery	Sell (Copper tonnes)	USD/tonne	Exchange rate	AUD/tonne
2014/15	1,500	7,257	0.8720	8,322
Total	1,500	7,257	0.8720	8,322

The hedge contracts are to be settled at the varying rates per month from September 2014 to June 2015. The hedge contracts have been marked to market as at 30 June 2014 and the resulting surplus/deficit compared to market value (net of tax) is reflected in the hedging reserve in the balance sheet. The portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognised directly in equity. When the cash flows occur, the Group adjusts the initial measurement of the component recognised in the profit or loss by the related amount deferred in equity.

The forecast transactions are expected to occur three months prior to the maturity of its respective commodity and foreign exchange contracts.

The following table details the forward foreign currency contracts outstanding at the reporting date:

Sell USD forward

	Notional amounts (US\$)		Weighted average A\$:US\$ exchange rate		Fair value	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000			\$000	\$000
0 – 3 months	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 – 6 months	3,948	-	0.8783	-	195	-
6 – 12 months	6,938	-	0.8591	-	543	-
Total	10,886	-	0.8720	-	738	-

24. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Cash flow hedges (continued)

Gold

Gold collar structures (i.e. purchased put and sold call) have been designated as hedges of expected future gold sales and have been designated as cash flow hedges. These comprise:

	Ounces of metal		Weighted average price (A\$/ounce)		Fair value	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
0 – 6 months						
Gold put options purchased	33,000	-	1,300	-	237	-
Gold call options sold	33,000	-	1,803	-	(14)	-
6 – 12 months						
Gold put options purchased	29,000	33,000	1,316	1,300	803	2,339
Gold call options sold	29,000	33,000	1,719	1,728	(316)	(657)
12 – 18 months						
Gold put options purchased	23,500	33,000	1,350	1,300	1,175	3,274
Gold call options sold	23,500	33,000	1,744	1,803	(517)	(1,293)
Total/weighted average strike price						
Gold put options purchased	85,500	66,000	1,319	1,300	2,215	5,613
Gold call options sold	85,500	66,000	1,758	1,766	(847)	(1,950)

The fair value of the gold collars outstanding at balance date is comprised exclusively of the extrinsic value (time value) of the options.

Derivatives at fair value through profit or loss

In addition to the above, the Group also had a commodity derivative financial instrument outstanding which was designated as a derivative at fair value through profit or loss. This contract did not qualify as a cash flow hedge and therefore the fair value marked to market adjustments on the contract were recorded directly in the profit or loss for the period. Details of commodity derivatives at fair value through profit or loss outstanding as at the reporting date are summarised below.

Copper

US dollar forward copper sales contracts – at fair value through profit or loss at the reporting date were as follows:

	Tonnes of metal		Weighted average price (US\$/metric tonne)		Fair value	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
0 – 6 months	1,200	-	6,889	-	(175)	-
	1,200	-	6,889	-	(175)	-

25. BORROWINGS

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Current		
<i>Secured</i>		
Lease liability (note 32)	3,508	6,030
	3,508	6,030
Non-current		
<i>Secured</i>		
Bank loans (a)	24,344	7,506
Lease liability (note 32)	510	4,018
	24,854	11,524

(a) Corporate loan facility

On 1 March 2013, the Company entered into a Corporate Loan Facility (Facility) with National Australia Bank. The Facility comprises a corporate debt facility of \$130,000,000, an asset finance facility of \$20,000,000 and a contingent instrument facility of \$20,000,000.

Total capitalised transaction costs to 30 June 2014 are \$2,377,000 (2013: \$2,504,000). Transaction costs are accounted for under the effective interest rate method. These costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the loan and include loan origination fees, commitment fees and legal fees. The balance of unamortised transaction costs of \$656,000 (2013: \$2,494,000) have been offset against the bank loans contractual liability of \$25,000,000 (2013: \$10,000,000).

Borrowing costs of \$544,000 (2013: \$72,000) relate to a qualifying asset (Tropicana Gold Project) and have been capitalised in accordance with AASB 123 *Borrowing Costs*. Refer to note 18.

The Facility has certain financial covenants that the Company has to comply with. All such financial covenants have been complied with in accordance with the Facility.

In addition to the above Facility, the Group has an additional asset finance facility with ANZ of \$420,000 (2013: \$20,000,000). This facility was cancelled during the year and will expire once the outstanding lease contracts have been repaid in full.

(b) Interest rate, foreign exchange and liquidity risk

Details regarding interest rate, foreign exchange and liquidity risk are disclosed in note 3.

(c) Assets pledged as security

The carrying amount of assets pledged as security for non-current borrowings is \$25,000,000 (2013: \$10,000,000). The security is provided under a General Security Agreement (GSA) and is on arm's length commercial terms with the financier.

Lease liabilities are effectively secured as the rights to the leased assets recognised in the financial statements revert to the lessor in the event of default.

In addition to the above, \$15,950,000 (2013: \$15,249,000) is pledged as security in relation to the contingent instrument facility.

25. BORROWINGS (continued)

(d) Financing arrangements

The Group had access to the following financing arrangements at the reporting date:

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Total facilities		
Corporate debt facility	130,000	130,000
Asset finance facility	20,420	40,000
Contingent instrument facility ¹	20,000	20,000
	170,420	190,000
Facilities used as at reporting date		
Corporate debt facility	25,000	10,000
Asset finance facility	3,826	9,691
Contingent instrument facility	15,950	15,249
	44,776	34,940
Facilities unused as at reporting date		
Corporate debt facility	105,000	120,000
Asset finance facility	16,594	30,309
Contingent instrument facility	4,050	4,751
	125,644	155,060

1. This facility provides financial backing in relation to non-performance of third party guarantee requirements.

26. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Fully paid issued capital	735,060	734,007

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 held. 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.

Movements in shares on issue	2014		2013	
	No. of shares	\$000	No. of shares	\$000
Balance at beginning of financial year	232,882,535	734,007	232,882,535	734,007
Issued during the year:				
- issue of shares under the Employee Performance Rights Plan	441,370	1,053	-	-
Balance at end of financial year	233,323,905	735,060	232,882,535	734,007

Capital management

The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business.

The capital structure of the Group consists of debt, which includes the borrowings, cash and cash equivalents and equity, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings.

Operating cash flows are used to maintain and expand the Group's operating and exploration assets, as well as to make dividend payments. The Board and management assess various financial ratios to determine the Group's debt levels and capital structure prior to making any major investment or expansion decisions.

None of the Group's entities are currently subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the year.

27. RESERVES AND RETAINED EARNINGS

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
(a) Reserves		
Share-based payments reserve	12,372	8,793
Hedging reserve	(2,038)	2,397
Acquisition reserve	3,142	3,142
	13,476	14,332
Movements		
<i>Share-based payments reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of financial year	8,793	4,919
Share-based payments expense	4,632	3,874
Issue of shares under the Employee Performance Rights Plan	(1,053)	-
Balance at end of financial year	12,372	8,793
<i>Hedging reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of financial year	2,397	12,557
Revaluation – gross	(7,894)	(4,250)
Deferred tax	2,368	1,275
Transfer to net profit – gross	1,559	(10,264)
Deferred tax	(468)	3,079
Balance at end of financial year	(2,038)	2,397
<i>Acquisition reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of financial year	3,142	3,142
Balance at end of financial year	3,142	3,142
(b) Accumulated losses		
Balance at beginning of financial year	(98,870)	(112,500)
Net profit for the year	46,556	18,288
Dividends paid during the year	(9,333)	(4,658)
Balance at end of financial year	(61,647)	(98,870)

(c) Nature and purpose of reserves

Share-based payments reserve

The share-based payments reserve is used to record the value of share-based payments provided to employees, including key management personnel, as part of their remuneration. Refer to note 31 for further details of these plans.

Hedging reserve

The hedging reserve is used to record gains or losses on a hedged instrument in a cash flow hedge that are recognised directly in equity. Amounts are recognised in profit or loss when the associated hedged item occurs.

Acquisition reserve

The acquisition reserve is used to record differences between the carrying value of non-controlling interests and the fair value of the shares issued, where there has been a transaction involving non-controlling interests that do not result in a loss of control. The reserve is attributable to the equity of the parent.

28. CASH FLOW STATEMENT RECONCILIATION

	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000
Net profit for the year	46,556	18,288
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation and amortisation	69,840	24,450
Impairment of exploration and evaluation expenditure	32,045	5,762
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and other investments	60	(690)
Devaluation of investments in listed entities	2	2,196
Dividend income	(5)	-
Employee share-based payment expenses	4,632	3,874
Unrealised gains on financial liabilities	-	345
Unrealised loss on changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	3,886	1,849
Amortisation of borrowing costs	1,280	-
Amortisation of lease incentive liability	(55)	(38)
<i>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in trade debtors	(11,989)	17,680
(Increase)/decrease in other debtors and prepayments	2,602	(3,662)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(26,610)	(5,974)
(Increase)/decrease in deferred tax assets	(78)	359
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	9,083	(6,881)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax liability	21,331	9,181
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	1,043	780
Net cash flows from operating activities	153,623	67,519
Non-cash investing and financing activities		
Acquisition of plant and equipment by means of finance leases	-	5,230
	-	5,230

29. RELATED PARTIES DISCLOSURE

(a) Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2(b):

Name of Entity	Country of Incorporation	Class of share	Equity interest	
			2014 %	2013 %
Independence Long Pty Ltd*	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Newsearch Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Karlawinda Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Jaguar Limited*	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence ESP Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Jaguar Exploration Parent Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Jaguar Exploration Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Stockman Parent Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Stockman Project Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Jaguar Project Parent Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Jaguar Project Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence CM Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence BBS Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Projects Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	100
Independence Europe Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	100	-

* These subsidiaries have been granted relief from the necessity to prepare financial reports in accordance with Class Order 98/1418 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Refer to note 36 for further information.

(b) Key management personnel

Details relating to key management personnel, including remuneration paid, are included in note 30.

(c) Transactions with related parties

During the financial year, a wholly-owned entity paid dividends of \$20,000,000 (2013: \$63,000,000) to Independence Group NL. This amount has been eliminated on consolidation for the purposes of calculating the profit of the Group for the financial year.

Loans were made between Independence Group NL and certain entities in the wholly-owned group. The loans receivable from controlled entities are interest-free and repayable on demand.

30. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

(a) Compensation of key management personnel

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Short-term employee benefits	3,355,060	3,092,033
Post-employment benefits	255,110	215,553
Long-term employee benefits	70,903	58,351
Share-based payments	803,265	489,463
	4,484,338	3,855,400

31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT PLANS

Employee Performance Rights Plan

The Independence Group NL Employee Performance Rights Plan (PRP) was approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the Company in November 2011. Under the PRP, participants are granted share rights which will only vest if certain performance conditions are met and the employees are still employed by the Group at the end of the vesting period. Participation in the PRP is at the Board's discretion and no individual has a contractual right to participate in the plan or to receive any guaranteed benefits.

31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT PLANS (continued)

Employee Performance Rights Plan (continued)

The following table illustrates the maximum number and weighted average fair value of, and movements in, share rights during the year:

	2014		2013	
	Number of share rights	Weighted average fair value \$	Number of share rights	Weighted average fair value \$
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	3,239,280	2.66	1,608,837	2.58
Rights issued during the year	1,821,215	3.29	2,042,423	2.68
Rights vested during the year	(441,370)	3.93	-	-
Rights lapsed during the year	(1,231,204)	3.62	(411,980)	2.39
Rights cancelled during the year	(132,746)	2.04	-	-
Outstanding at the end of the year	3,255,175	2.99	3,239,280	2.66

The fair value of the share rights granted under the PRP is estimated at the grant date using a trinomial tree which has been adopted by the Boyle and Law (1994) node alignment algorithm to improve accuracy.

The following table lists the inputs to the models used.

Grant date	Performance hurdle	Dividend yield %	Expected stock volatility %	Expected index volatility %	Risk free rate %	Expected life Years	Weighted average share price at grant date \$	Probability ROE exceeding target %
28/02/2014	TSR	1.45	48	22	2.70	0.3	4.13	-
28/02/2014	TSR	1.45	43	24	2.95	2.3	4.13	-
28/02/2014	ROE	-	-	-	-	-	-	<50
21/11/2012	TSR	0.47	41	24	2.64	2.6	4.29	-
21/11/2012	ROE	-	-	-	-	-	-	<50
28/02/2013	TSR	0.45	40	22	2.67	0.3	4.47	-
28/02/2013	TSR	0.45	40	23	2.72	2.3	4.47	-
28/02/2013	ROE	-	-	-	-	-	-	<50
23/11/2011	TSR	1.07	54	30	3.09	2.6	4.69	-
23/11/2011	ROE	-	-	-	-	-	-	<50
13/03/2012	TSR	0.72	46	29	3.56	0.3	4.17	-
13/03/2012	TSR	0.72	46	29	3.56	2.3	4.17	-
13/03/2012	ROE	-	-	-	-	-	-	<50

The share-based payments expense included in profit or loss for the year totalled \$4,632,000 (2013: \$3,874,000).

Executive directors and other executives

Vesting of the performance rights to executive directors and other executives of the Company is subject to a combination of the Company's shareholder return and return on equity. The performance rights will vest if over the three year measurement period the following performance hurdles are achieved:

Shareholder return

The vesting of 75% of the performance rights at the end of the third year will be based on measuring the actual shareholder return over the three year period compared with the change in the S&P ASX 300 Metals and Mining Index (Index) over that same period. The portion of performance rights (75% of the total) that will vest based on the comparative shareholder return will be:

Shareholder return	Level of vesting
100% of the Index	25%
Between 100% and 115% of the Index	Pro-rata straight line percentage
115% of the Index or greater	100%

31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT PLANS (continued)

Employee Performance Rights Plan (continued)

Return on equity

The vesting of the remaining 25% of the performance rights at the end of the third year will be based on the average return on equity over the three year period compared with the average target return on equity as set by the Board for the same period.

Return on equity (ROE) for each year will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{ROE} = \text{Net profit after tax} / \text{Total shareholders' equity}$$

The target ROE will be set each year by the Board as part of the budget approval process for the following year. The target ROE for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 is 10% (2013: 10%). The portion of performance rights (25% of the total) that will vest based on the comparative return on equity will be:

Actual ROE	Level of vesting
100% of average target ROE	25%
Between 100% and 115% of average target ROE	Pro-rata straight line percentage
115% of average target ROE or greater	100%

Other employees

Vesting of the performance rights to all other employees of the Company is subject to a combination of the personal performance of the individual and the Company's shareholder return over the measurement period, being one year. The performance rights will vest one year after measurement period on the following basis:

Personal performance

The vesting of between 60-90% of the performance rights at the end of the second year will be based on the personal performance of the individual employee. The personal performance of the participant will be determined solely at the discretion of the Company and is determined as a result of the annual performance review of each participant. The portion of performance rights (ranging between 60-90% of the total) that will vest based on the personal performance return will be:

Performance standard criteria	Level of vesting
Unsatisfactory work performance	0%
Improvement in performance standard required	0%
Developing contributor	40%
Consistent contributor	60%
Solid contributor	80%
Outstanding contributor	100%

Shareholder return

The vesting of between 10-40% of the performance rights at the end of the second year will be based on measuring the actual shareholder return at the end of the measurement period of one year compared with the change in the S&P ASX 300 Metals and Mining Index (Index) over that same period. The portion of performance rights (ranging between 10-40% of the total) that will vest based on the comparative shareholder return will be:

Shareholder return	Level of vesting
100% of the Index	25%
Between 100% and 115% of the Index	Pro-rata straight line percentage
115% of the Index or greater	100%

The performance rights will not be subject to any further escrow restrictions once they have vested to the employees.

Share trading policy

The trading of shares issued to participants under the Company's PRP is subject to, and conditional upon, compliance with the Company's employee share trading policy.

Non-executive directors

The PRP permits non-executive directors to be eligible employees and therefore to participate in the plan. It is not currently intended that non-executive directors will be issued with performance rights under the PRP and any such issue would be subject to all necessary shareholder approvals.

32. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
(a) Commitments		
(i) Leasing commitments		
<i>Operating lease commitments</i>		
Future minimum rentals payable under non-cancellable operating leases at 30 June are as follows:		
Within one year	1,374	1,361
After one year but no more than five years	6,768	6,620
After more than five years	1,242	2,689
Total minimum lease payments	9,384	10,670
<i>Finance lease and hire purchase commitments</i>		
Future minimum lease payments under lease contracts with the present value of net minimum lease payments are as follows:		
Within one year	3,671	6,604
After one year but not more than five years	522	4,193
Total minimum lease payments	4,193	10,797
Less amount representing finance charges	(175)	(749)
Present value of minimum lease payments	4,018	10,048
Current borrowings (note 25)	3,508	6,030
Non-current borrowings (note 25)	510	4,018
Total included in borrowings	4,018	10,048

(ii) Property, plant and equipment commitments

The Group had no specific contractual obligations to purchase plant and equipment at the reporting date (2013: \$nil).

(b) Contingencies

The Group had guarantees outstanding at 30 June 2014 totalling \$15,950,000 (2013: \$15,249,000) which have been granted in favour of various third parties. The guarantees primarily relate to environmental and rehabilitation bonds at the various mine sites.

33. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

On 27 August 2014, the Company announced a fully franked final dividend of 5 cents per share to be paid on 30 September 2014.

Other than the above, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity, in future financial years, other than as stated elsewhere in the financial report.

34. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	2014 \$	2013 \$
The auditor of Independence Group NL is BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd		
<i>Amounts received or due and receivable by BDO for:</i>		
• An audit or review of the financial report of the entity and any other entity in the consolidated Group	261,200	213,351
• Other services in relation to the entity and any other entity in the consolidated Group	2,350	23,165
	263,550	236,516

35. PARENT ENTITY INFORMATION

a) Summary financial information

The following information relates to the parent entity, Independence Group NL, at 30 June. The information presented here has been prepared using consistent accounting policies as presented in note 2.

	2014 \$000	2013 \$000
Balance sheet		
Current assets	38,136	27,421
Non-current assets	712,562	680,643
Total assets	750,698	708,064
Current liabilities	26,013	28,297
Non-current liabilities	67,850	33,952
Total liabilities	93,863	62,249
Net assets	656,835	645,815
Shareholders' equity		
Contributed equity	735,060	734,007
Reserves	15,514	11,935
Accumulated losses	(93,739)	(100,127)
Total equity	656,835	645,815
Profit for the year	15,721	6,680
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	15,721	6,680

b) Guarantees entered into by the parent entity

The parent entity has given unsecured guarantees in respect of finance leases of subsidiaries amounting to \$3,406,000 (2013: \$7,050,000).

There are cross guarantees given by the Independence Group NL, Independence Long Pty Ltd and Independence Jaguar Limited as described in note 36. No deficiencies of assets exist in any of these companies.

c) Contingent liabilities of the parent entity

The parent entity did not have any contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2014 or 30 June 2013.

d) Contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment

The parent entity did not have any outstanding contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment at 30 June 2014 or 30 June 2013.

36. DEED OF CROSS GUARANTEE

Independence Group NL, Independence Long Pty Ltd and Independence Jaguar Limited are parties to a deed of cross guarantee under which each company guarantees the debts of the others. By entering into the deed, the wholly-owned entities have been relieved from the requirement to prepare a financial report and Directors' Report under Class Order 98/1418 (as amended) issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

(a) Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and summary of movements in consolidated accumulated losses

The above companies represent a 'closed group' for the purposes of the Class Order, and as there are no other parties to the deed of cross guarantee that are controlled by Independence Group NL, they also represent the 'extended closed group'.

Set out below is a consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and a summary of movements in consolidated accumulated losses for the year ended 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013 of the closed group consisting of Independence Group NL, Independence Long Pty Ltd and Independence Jaguar Limited.

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000
Revenue from continuing operations	399,004	225,867
Other income	-	715
Mining and development costs	(100,310)	(63,156)
Employee benefits expense	(61,196)	(54,659)
Share-based payments expense	(4,632)	(3,874)
Fair value movement of financial investments	(2)	(2,196)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(67,923)	(24,265)
Rehabilitation and restoration borrowing costs	(269)	(268)
Exploration costs expensed	(4,334)	(2,667)
Royalty expense	(14,309)	(8,029)
Ore tolling expense	(11,973)	(11,978)
Shipping and wharfage expense	(17,551)	(12,464)
Net losses on fair value financial liabilities	-	(345)
Borrowing and finance costs	(5,138)	(1,356)
Impairment of exploration and evaluation expenditure	(11,602)	(5,672)
Impairment of loans to subsidiaries	(12,518)	-
Other expenses	(9,362)	(5,645)
Profit from continuing operations before income tax	77,885	30,008
Income tax expense	(12,920)	(10,170)
Profit after income tax	64,965	19,838
Other comprehensive income		
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges, net of tax	(4,435)	(10,160)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(4,435)	(10,160)
Total comprehensive income	60,530	9,678
Summary of movements in consolidated retained earnings (accumulated losses)		
Accumulated losses at the beginning of the financial year	(36,302)	(51,482)
Profit for the year	64,965	19,838
Dividends paid	(9,333)	(4,658)
Retained earnings (accumulated losses) at the end of the financial year	19,330	(36,302)

36. DEED OF CROSS GUARANTEE (continued)

(b) Consolidated balance sheet

Set out below is a consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June of the closed group consisting of Independence Group NL, Independence Long Pty Ltd and Independence Jaguar Limited.

	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	55,603	14,327
Trade and other receivables	27,637	18,185
Inventories	26,935	22,193
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	808	1,042
Derivative financial instruments	2,519	6,946
Total current assets	113,502	62,693
Non-current assets		
Receivables	3,475	49,489
Property, plant and equipment	25,030	30,638
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	26,138	22,655
Mine properties	96,779	88,774
Deferred tax assets	151,443	152,255
Investments in controlled entities	139,276	139,276
Investments in joint ventures	316,546	292,561
Intangible assets	-	179
Derivative financial instruments	658	1,981
Total non-current assets	759,345	777,808
TOTAL ASSETS	872,847	840,501
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	28,372	37,907
Borrowings	3,508	6,030
Derivative financial instruments	6,381	1,910
Provisions	2,557	2,446
Total current liabilities	40,818	48,293
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	24,854	11,524
Provisions	13,540	12,904
Deferred tax liabilities	25,769	55,743
Total non-current liabilities	64,163	80,171
TOTAL LIABILITIES	104,981	128,464
NET ASSETS	767,866	712,037
EQUITY		
Contributed equity	735,060	734,007
Reserves	13,476	14,332
Retained earnings (accumulated losses)	19,330	(36,302)
TOTAL EQUITY	767,866	712,037

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 20 to 69 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date, 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; and
- (c) at the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the members of the extended closed group identified in note 36 will be able to meet any obligation or liabilities to which they are, or may become, subject by virtue of the deed of cross guarantee described in note 36.

Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The Directors have been given the declarations by the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

On behalf of the Board



Peter Bradford
Managing Director

Perth, Western Australia

Dated this 27th day of August 2014

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Independence Group NL

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Independence Group NL, which comprises the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2014, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, 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 year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 2(a)(i), the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial statements comply with *International Financial Reporting Standards*.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, 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 Independence Group NL, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Independence Group NL is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- (b) the financial report also complies with *International Financial Reporting Standards* as disclosed in Note 2(a)(i).

Report on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2014. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Independence Group NL for the year ended 30 June 2014 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd



Brad McVeigh
Director

Perth, 27 August 2014