## AUSTRAL GOLD LIMITED HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT



## DECEMBER 2014 ALL FIGURES REPORTED IN USD

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## **Corporate Directory**

| Directors:                      | Eduardo Elsztain<br>Saul Zang<br>Pablo Vergara del Carril<br>Stabro Kasaneva<br>Wayne Hubert<br>Robert Trzebski<br>Ben Jarvis                           | Chairman & Non-Executive Director<br>Non-Executive Director<br>Non-Executive Director<br>Executive Director<br>Independent Non-Executive Director<br>Independent Non-Executive Director<br>Independent Non-Executive Director |
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| Listed:                         | Australian Securities Excl<br><b>ASX:</b> AGD   | nange   |
| Place of Incorporation:         | Western Australia   |   |

The half-year financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, it is recommended that this report be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2014 and any public announcements made by Austral Gold Limited during the half-year in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules of the Australian Securities Exchange.

## **Directors' Report**

The Directors present their report together with the consolidated financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2014 and the Auditor's Review Report.

### **Directors**

The Directors of Austral Gold Limited are:

| Eduardo Elsztain         | Chairman & Non-Executive Director  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Saul Zang                | Non-Executive Director             |
| Pablo Vergara del Carril | Non-Executive Director             |
| Stabro Kasaneva          | Executive Director                 |
| Wayne Hubert             | Independent Non-Executive Director |
| Robert Trzebski          | Independent Non-Executive Director |
| Ben Jarvis               | Independent Non-Executive Director |

All Directors were in office for the full reporting period, being 1 July to 31 December 2014 and up to the date of this report.

### **Review of operations**

The consolidated revenue and profit for the half-year ended 31 December 2014 was US\$36,467,698 (31 December 2013: US\$38,142,120) and US\$6,594,571 (31 December 2013: US\$7,001,461) respectively.

The consolidated statement of financial position has been strengthened considerably with the conversion of US\$53.7 million in debt to equity in December 2014.

Further information on the Company's operations during the half-year ended 31 December 2014 has been released in the Company's announcements and reports to the ASX. These are available for review on the Company's website at www.australgold.com.au.

### Corporate

At the AGM held on 16 December 2014, all resolutions as set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting were approved by shareholders.

## **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the period ended 31 December 2014 has been received and is included in this half year report.

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

Robert Trzebski Director 11 March 2015



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#### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY GARETH FEW TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUSTRAL GOLD LIMITED

As lead auditor for the review of Austral Gold Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2014, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

This declaration is in respect of Austral Gold Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

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Partner

#### **BDO East Coast Partnership**

Sydney, 11 March 2015

# **Review of Activities**

The strategy of Austral Gold Limited ('the Company') is to maximize shareholder value through the development of mineral deposits in which the Company has an interest.

The Company continues to explore and invest in its flagship asset, the Guanaco gold and silver mine ('Guanaco') in northern Chile and expand and invest in South America precious metals opportunities.

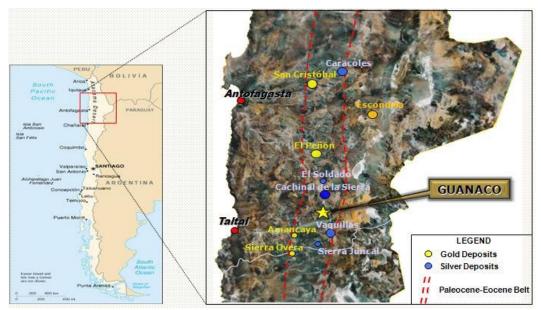
## **Guanaco Gold and Silver Mine, Chile (100% interest)**

#### **Project and Mine Description**

The 100% owned Guanaco mine, operated by Austral Gold, remains the Company's flagship asset. Guanaco is located approximately 220km SE of Antofagasta in Northern Chile at an elevation of 2,700m and 45km from the Pan American Highway. Guanaco is located in the Palaeocene/Eocene belt, a structural trend which runs

north/south through the centre of Chile, and hosts several large gold and copper mining operations including Zaldivar, El Penon and Escondida.

Currently, the majority of the ore processed from the Guanaco operation comes from the Cachinalito underground system and nearby vein systems with higher average grades. Gold mineralisation at Guanaco is controlled by pervasively silicified, E/NE trending sub-vertical zones



with related hydrothermal breccias. Silicification grades outward into advanced argillic alteration and further into zones with propylitic alteration. In the Cachinalito vein system most of the gold mineralisation is concentrated between depths of 75m and 200m and is contained in elongated shoots. High grade ore shoots (up to 180 g/t Au), 0.5 to 3.0m wide, have been exploited, but the lower grade halos, below 3 g/t, can reach up to 20m in width. The alteration pattern and the mineralogical composition of the Guanaco ores have led to the classification as a high-sulfidation epithermal deposit.

### **Production**

Total production from the heap-leach process reached a total of 50,375 gold ounces and 46,458 silver ounces in the 12-month period ended December 2014. The average cash operating cost for the same period for the Guanaco mine was approximately US\$558/gold-equivalent ounce (GEO).

For the six-month period ended 31 December 2014, the Guanaco mine produced 27,933 gold ounces and 19,684 silver ounces with an operating cash cost of approximately US\$508/GEO.

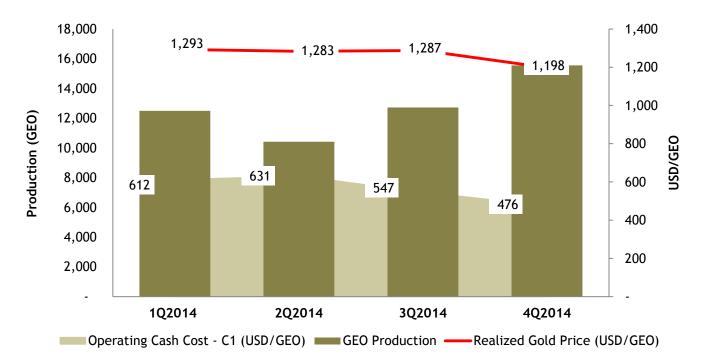
### **Gold and Silver Production:**

| Production     | 2011<br>Calendar Year | 2012<br>Calendar Year | 2013<br>Calendar Year | 2014<br>Calendar Year | 2015 (Budget)<br>Calendar year |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gold (Au Oz)   | 12,373                | 28,902                | 50,226                | 50,375                | 50,000                         |
| Silver (Ag Oz) | 37,511                | 74,807                | 74,031                | 46,458                | 49,000                         |

## **Guanaco Operational Performance:**

| 12 monti                       | ns to December 2014 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Ore Processed (t)        | 397,966             |
| Underground grade (g/t Au)     | 5.2                 |
| Gold Recovery (%)              | 80.5                |
| Gold Produced (Au oz)          | 50,375              |
| Silver Produced (Ag oz)        | 46,458              |
| Cash operating cost (US\$/GEO) | 558                 |

## 2014 Gold Equivalent Ounces (GEO) Production per quarter



Note: The Operating cash cost (C1) for the Guanaco Mine (non-GAAP measures) includes: Mine, Plant, On-site G&A, Smelting, and Refining costs.

## Safety

During the half year ended 31 December 2014, one lost-time accident (LTAs) occurred and three nil lost-time accidents (NTLAs) were reported involving employees and third-party contractors of the Group. All accidents were investigated and corrective actions were identified and implemented to prevent recurrence. Safety and environmental protection are core values of the Group. The implementation of safety best practices along with a sound risk management program are key priorities for Austral Gold.

### **Exploration Program**

The Exploration team continued to advance on the exploration program within the current mine development area of the Guanaco deposit, mainly in the Cachinalito Vein System and the geological mapping program of the identified area of interest.

In addition, preparation of the report of the district mapping works advanced. The objective is to supplement this report with petrography, ICP and geochemistry and radiometric dating in order to have all the information available to make a final model of the system, along with recommendations for exploration.

## Amancaya Project, Chile (100% interest)

Since the acquisition of this low sulphidation epithermal gold-silver deposit consisting of eight mining exploration concessions covering 1,755 hectares in July 2014, an Environmental Impact Statement was submitted and approval to proceed with the Amancaya exploration was received.

The geotechnical drilling campaign started with holes GTA-1 (140m), GTA-2 (79.8m) and GTA-3 (185.35m, partial depth) drilled, a total of 405.15m. This campaign includes drilling a total of 790m needed for the technical study that has to be presented to local mining authorities.

The results from this campaign, as well as the final review of the in-house feasibility study, are scheduled to be finalised in the coming weeks.

## 8 de Julio Project - Santa Cruz, Argentina (100% interest)

The Company and its subsidiaries ('the Group') hold several exploration licences (cateos) and "manifestations of discovery" over more than 76,000 hectares in the Deseado Massif corridor in the Province of Santa Cruz.

During 2014, the Group submitted an Environmental Impact Report as requested by government authorities. In addition, the Group continues with i) the conversion of cateos to manifestations of discovery, and ii) the filing of base geological reports in compliance with local regulations.

# **Financial Statements**

## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

| Austral Gold Limited and its Subsidiaries                                    | Half –Year Consolidated |                     |                     |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| For the half year ended 31 December 2014<br>All figures are reported in US\$ | Notes                   | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 31 Dec 2013<br>US\$ |
| CONTINUING OPERATIONS  |                         |                     |                     |
| Revenue  | 3                       | 36,467,698          | 38,142,120          |
| Cost of sales  |                         | (14,087,726)        | (16,838,808)        |
| Gross profit   |                         | 22,379,972          | 21,303,312          |
| Administration expenses  |                         | (3,203,646)         | (3,321,333)         |
| Gain from foreign exchange   |                         | 67,084              | 728,066             |
| Operating profit   |                         | 19,243,410          | 18,710,045          |
| Impairment   |                         | (96,102)            | -                   |
| Finance costs  |                         | (1,134,610)         | (1,223,401)         |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense  |                         | (7,443,567)         | (7,610,095)         |
| Profit before income tax expense   |                         | 10,569,131          | 9,876,549           |
| Income tax expense   | 6                       | (3,974,560)         | (2,875,088)         |
| Profit after income tax expense  |                         | 6,594,571           | 7,001,461           |
|  |                         |                     |                     |
| Profit attributable to:  |                         |                     |                     |
| Owners of the Company  |                         | 6,476,925           | 7,001,461           |
| Non-controlling interests  |                         | 117,646             | -                   |
|  |                         | 6,594,571           | 7,001,461           |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME   |                         |                     |                     |
| ITEMS THAT MAY NOT BE CLASSIFIED SUBSEQUENTLY TO PROFIT OR LOSS              |                         |                     |                     |
| Loss arising on revaluation of financial assets, net of tax                  |                         | (3,518,448)         | (5,211,044)         |
| ITEMS THAT MAY BE CLASSIFIED SUBSEQUENTLY TO PROFIT OR LOSS                  |                         |                     |                     |
| Foreign currency translation   |                         | (503)               | (7,361)             |
| Total comprehensive income for the year                                      |                         | 3,075,620           | 1,783,056           |
| Comprehensive income attributable to:  |                         |                     |                     |
| Owners of the Company  |                         | 2,957,974           | 1,783,056           |
| Non-controlling interests  |                         | 117,646             | -                   |
|  |                         | 3,075,620           | 1,783,056           |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE (cents per share):  |                         |                     |                     |
| Basic earnings per share   | 4                       | 3.5c                | 4.1c                |
| Diluted earnings per share   | 4                       | 3.5c                | 4.1c                |

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

## **Statement of Financial Position**

| Austral Gold Limited and its Subsidiaries                  | Consolidated |                     |                     |
|--|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| As at 31 December 2014<br>All figures are reported in US\$ | Notes        | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |
| ASSETS   |              |                     |                     |
| Current assets   |              |                     |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  |              | 10,254,207          | 4,347,075           |
| Trade and other receivables                                | 8            | 10,014,421          | 3,375,885           |
| Financial assets   | 9            | 209,601             | 278,072             |
| Inventories  | 7            | 2,606,840           | 3,934,932           |
| Total current assets                                       |              | 23,085,069          | 11,935,964          |
| Non-current assets   |              |                     |                     |
| Other receivables  | 8            | 201,412             | 589,582             |
| Financial assets   | 9            | 2,795,958           | 6,339,952           |
| Intangible assets and goodwill                             | 10           | 31,496,743          | 36,348,774          |
| Plant and equipment  | 11           | 28,959,720          | 28,124,42           |
| Exploration and evaluation expenditure                     | 12           | 12,472,869          | 506,71              |
| Total non-current assets                                   |              | 75,926,702          | 71,909,44           |
| TOTAL ASSETS   |              | 99,011,771          | 83,845,41           |
| LIABILITIES  |              |                     |                     |
| Current liabilities  |              |                     |                     |
| Trade and other payables                                   | 13           | 13,854,655          | 5,620,58            |
| Provisions   |              | 663,207             | 595,96              |
| Borrowings   | 14           | 1,428,028           | 2,271,37            |
| Total current liabilities                                  |              | 15,945,890          | 8,487,92            |
| Non-current Liabilities                                    |              |                     |                     |
| Trade and other payables                                   | 13           | 5,215,526           | 1,127,28            |
| Provisions   |              | 1,781,069           | 1,695,70            |
| Borrowings   | 14           | 600,735             | 54,274,27           |
| Deferred tax liability                                     |              | 4,634,124           | 4,161,85            |
| Total non-current liabilities                              |              | 12,231,454          | 61,259,11           |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES  |              | 28,177,344          | 69,747,03           |
| NET ASSETS   |              | 70,834,427          | 14,098,37           |
| EQUITY   |              |                     |                     |
| Issued capital   | 16           | 93,537,023          | 39,803,088          |
| Accumulated losses   |              | (17,558,825)        | (24,035,750         |
| Reserves   |              | (6,826,323)         | (3,307,372          |
| Non-controlling interest                                   |              | 1,682,552           | 1,638,40            |
| TOTAL EQUITY   |              | 70,834,427          | 14,098,372          |

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

## **Statement of Changes in Equity**

**Austral Gold Limited and its Subsidiaries** For the half year ended 31 December 2014 All figures are reported in US\$

|   |       | Half-Year Consolidated    |                               |                  |   |               |
|---|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---|---------------|
|   | Notes | lssued<br>capital<br>US\$ | Accumulated<br>losses<br>US\$ | Reserves<br>US\$ | Non-<br>controlling<br>interest<br>US\$ | Total<br>US\$ |
| Balance at 1 July 2013  |       | 40,551,198                | (12,354,527)                  | 680,526          | 110                                     | 28,877,307    |
| Profit for the period   |       |                           | 7,001,461                     |                  |   | 7,001,461     |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax                        |       |                           |                               | (5,211,044)      |   | (5,211,044)   |
| Foreign exchange movements from translation of financial statements to US dollars |       | -                         | -                             | (7,361)          | -                                       | (7,361)       |
| Total comprehensive<br>income for the period                                      |       | -                         | 7,001,461                     | (5,218,405)      | -                                       | 1,783,056     |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:                             |       |                           |                               |                  |   |               |
| Shares issued   |       | 185,756                   | -                             | -                | -                                       | 185,756       |
| Return of Capital   |       | (933,866)                 | -                             | -                | -                                       | (933,866)     |
| Balance at 31 December 2013   |       | 39,803,088                | (5,353,066)                   | (4,537,879)      | 110                                     | 29,912,253    |

| Balance at 1 July 2014  |    | 39,803,088 | (24,035,750) | (3,307,372) | 1,638,406 | 14,098,372  |
|---|----|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Profit for the period   |    |            | 6,476,925    |             |           | 6,476,925   |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax                        |    |            |              | (3,518,448) | 117,646   | (3,400,802) |
| Foreign exchange movements from translation of financial statements to US dollars |    | -          | -            | (503)       | -         | (503)       |
| Total comprehensive<br>income for the period                                      |    | -          | 6,476,925    | (3,518,951) | 117,646   | 3,075,620   |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as                                     |    |            |              |             |           |             |
| Dividend distribution   |    | -          | -            | -           | (73,500)  | (73,500)    |
| Shares issued   | 16 | 53,733,935 | -            | -           | -         | 53,733,935  |
| Balance at 31 December 2014   |    | 93,537,023 | (17,558,825) | (6,826,323) | 1,682,552 | 70,834,427  |

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

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

| Austral Gold Limited and its Subsidiaries                                    | Half-Year Consolidated |                     |                     |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| For the half year ended 31 December 2014<br>All figures are reported in US\$ | Notes                  | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 31 Dec 2013<br>US\$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities   |                        |                     |                     |
| Receipts from sale of goods  |                        | 30,299,344          | 38,663,595          |
| Payments to suppliers and employees  |                        | (13,778,450)        | (19,824,800)        |
| Taxes paid   |                        | (1,410,540)         | -                   |
| Net cash provided through operating activities                               |                        | 15,110,354          | 18,838,795          |
| Cash flows from investing activities   |                        |                     |                     |
| Purchase of plant and equipment  |                        | (693,304)           | (645,785)           |
| Payment for investment in listed shares                                      |                        | -                   | (7,863,826)         |
| Deferred consideration for investment in subsidiaries (Cachinalito)          |                        | (627,554)           | -                   |
| Payment for exploration and evaluation expenditure                           |                        | (3,316,937)         | (75,961)            |
| Payment for investment in development assets                                 |                        | (3,606,094)         | (4,794,991)         |
| Interest received  |                        | 870                 | 24,804              |
| Net cash used in investing activities  |                        | (8,243,019)         | (13,355,759)        |
| Cash flows from financing activities   |                        |                     |                     |
| Interest paid  |                        | (220,247)           | (12,875)            |
| Return of capital to shareholders  |                        | -                   | (933,866)           |
| Dividends distributed to minority interests                                  |                        | (73,500)            | -                   |
| Repayment of borrowings  |                        | (298,386)           | -                   |
| Repayment of borrowings to related party                                     |                        | (460,585)           | (1,524,367)         |
| Net cash used in financing activities  |                        | (1,052,718)         | (2,471,108)         |
| Movement attributable to foreign currency translation                        |                        | 92,515              | 730,022             |
| Net increase in cash held  |                        | 5,907,132           | 3,741,950           |
| Cash at beginning of the period  |                        | 4,347,075           | 4,586,313           |
| Cash at end of the period  |                        | 10,254,207          | 8,328,263           |

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

#### **1. CORPORATE INFORMATION**

Austral Gold Limited ('the Company') is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia, whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange. This consolidated half-year financial report comprises the Company and its controlled entities ('the Group') for the half-year ended 31 December 2014. The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in the Directors' report.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (i) Basis of preparation of half-year financial report

The Half-year Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for for-profit orientated entities.

The Half-year Financial Report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report of Austral Gold Limited as at 30 June 2014, which complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

It is also recommended that the Half-year Financial Report be considered together with any public announcements made by Austral Gold Limited during the half-year ended 31 December 2014 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001.

#### (ii) Basis of accounting

The Half-year Financial Report has been prepared on a historical cost convention except for certain financial assets and liabilities which are stated at fair value.

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

#### (iii) Basis of consolidation

A subsidiary is any entity over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the consolidated entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

A list of subsidiaries is contained in note 17 to the financial statements. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting periods as the parent company using consistent accounting policies.

All intercompany balances and transactions between entities in the Group, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation.

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting.

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

#### (iv) Significant accounting policies

The Half-year Financial Report has been prepared using the same accounting policies as used in the annual financial report of Austral Gold Limited for the year ended 30 June 2014.

|   |                                    | Half-Year Consolidated |                     |  |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 3 | REVENUE                            | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$    | 31 Dec 2013<br>US\$ |  |
|   | Operating activities               |                        |                     |  |
|   | Revenue from gold and silver sales | 36,398,597             | 38,001,670          |  |
|   | Interest revenue                   | 870                    | 24,804              |  |
|   | Other revenue                      | 68,231                 | 115,646             |  |
|   | Total revenue                      | 36,467,698             | 38,142,120          |  |

#### EARNINGS PER SHARE

|   | Half-Year Consolidated |                     |  |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Classification of securities as ordinary shares</b><br>Ordinary shares have been included in basic earnings per share. | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$    | 31 Dec 2013<br>US\$ |  |
| Earnings reconciliation   |                        |                     |  |
| Net profit attributable to owners   | 6,476,925              | 7,001,461           |  |
| Net profit attributable to non-controlling interest   | 117,646                | -                   |  |
| Net profit  | 6,594,571              | 7,001,461           |  |
|   |                        |                     |  |
| Weighted average number of shares used as the denominator   |                        |                     |  |
| Number for basic earnings per share   | 191,023,324            | 169,453,988         |  |
| Number for diluted earnings per share   | 191,023,324            | 169,453,988         |  |
| Basic earnings per ordinary share (cents)   | 3.5                    | 4.1                 |  |
| Diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents)   | 3.5                    | 4.1                 |  |

#### **5 SEGMENTS**

Management have determined the operating segments based on reports reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM"). The CODM considers the business from both an operations and geographic perspective and has identified two reportable segments, Australia and South America. The CODM monitors the performance in these two regions separately.

|                                       | Half-Year Consolidated |                       |                      |                   |                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                       |                        | 31 Dec 2014           |                      |                   |                       |                      |
|                                       | Australia<br>US\$      | South America<br>US\$ | Consolidated<br>US\$ | Australia<br>US\$ | South America<br>US\$ | Consolidated<br>US\$ |
| Revenue from gold<br>and silver sales | -                      | 36,398,597            | 36,398,597           | -                 | 38,001,670            | 38,001,670           |
| Interest revenue                      | 870                    | -                     | 870                  | 1,342             | 23,462                | 24,804               |
| Other revenue                         | -                      | 68,231                | 68,231               | -                 | 115,646               | 115,646              |
| Total segment revenue                 | 870                    | 36,466,828            | 36,467,698           | 1,342             | 38,140,778            | 38,142,120           |
| Cost of sales                         | -                      | (14,087,726)          | (14,087,726)         | -                 | (16,838,808)          | (16,838,808)         |
| Amortisation                          | -                      | (3,112,202)           | (3,112,202)          | -                 | (4,658,310)           | (4,658,310)          |
| Depreciation                          | (583)                  | (4,330,782)           | (4,331,365)          | (711)             | (2,951,074)           | (2,951,785)          |
| Finance costs                         | (998,720)              | (135,890)             | (1,134,610)          | (1,115,348)       | (108,053)             | (1,223,401)          |
| (Loss)/gain from foreign<br>exchange  | -                      | 67,084                | 67,084               | (47)              | 728,113               | 728,066              |
| Administration expenses               | (576,018)              | (2,627,628)           | (3,203,646)          | (644,876)         | (2,676,457)           | (3,321,333)          |
| Impairment                            | -                      | (96,102)              | (96,102)             | -                 | -                     | -                    |
| Income tax expense                    | -                      | (3,974,560)           | (3,974,560)          | -                 | (2,875,088)           | (2,875,088)          |
| Segment profit/(loss)                 | (1,574,451)            | 8,169,022             | 6,594,571            | (1,759,640)       | 8,761,101             | 7,001,461            |
| Segment assets                        | 796,164                | 98,215,607            | 99,011,771           | 1,561,912         | 104,233,826           | 105,795,738          |
| Segment liabilities                   | 163,159                | 28,014,185            | 28,177,344           | 55,330,048        | 20,553,437            | 75,883,485           |

|   | Half-Year Cons      | Half-Year Consolidated |  |  |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE                            | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 31 Dec 2013<br>US\$    |  |  |
| Amounts recognised in profit and loss         |                     |                        |  |  |
| Current tax expense                           | 3,502,289           | 1,030,263              |  |  |
| Deferred tax expense                          | 472,271             | 1,844,827              |  |  |
| Income tax expense                            | 3,974,560           | 2,875,088              |  |  |
| Reconciliation of effective tax rate          |                     |                        |  |  |
| Profit before tax                             | 10,569,131          | 9,876,549              |  |  |
| Prima facie income tax calculated at 30%      | 3,170,739           | 2,962,965              |  |  |
| Difference due to blended overseas tax rates* | (1,136,512)         | (1,233,889             |  |  |
| Deferred tax not brought into account         | 597,001             | 1,285,879              |  |  |
| Non-deductible expenses                       | -                   | (139,867               |  |  |
| Difference due to change in tax rate**        | 1,343,332           |                        |  |  |
| Income tax expense                            | 3,974,560           | 2,875,088              |  |  |

\* Chile tax rate: 21% (2013: 20%); Argentina tax rate: 35%

\*\* The tax rate in Chile will increase progressively over the next three years.

|                                 |  | Consolidated        |                     |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| 7                               | INVENTORIES  | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |  |
| Materials and supplies – at cos | Materials and supplies – at cost                           | 2,561,813           | 2,749,369           |  |
|                                 | Gold bullion and gold in process – at net realizable value | 45,027              | 1,185,563           |  |
|                                 | Total inventories  | 2,606,840           | 3,934,932           |  |

|                               | Consolid            | ated                |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES   | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |
| CURRENT                       |                     |                     |
| Trade receivables             | 6,647,778           | 480,294             |
| Other current receivables     | 302,819             | 419,231             |
| Pre-payments                  | 317,558             | 937,450             |
| GST/VAT receivable            | 2,746,266           | 1,538,910           |
| Total current receivables     | 10,014,421          | 3,375,885           |
| NON CURRENT                   |                     |                     |
| GST/VAT receivable            | 116,961             | 116,910             |
| Pre-payments                  | -                   | 472,066             |
| Other                         | 84,451              | 606                 |
| Total non-current receivables | 201,412             | 589,582             |

|  | Consoli             | dated               |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| FINANCIAL ASSETS                                 | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |
| CURRENT  |                     |                     |
| Bonds – level 1                                  | 209,601             | 278,072             |
| Total current financial assets at fair value     | 209,601             | 278,072             |
|  |                     |                     |
| NON CURRENT                                      |                     |                     |
| Listed equity securities - level 1               | 2,795,958           | 6,339,952           |
| Total non-current financial assets at fair value | 2,795,958           | 6,339,952           |

The table above sets out the Group's assets and liabilities that are measured and recognised at fair value at 31 December 2014.

Bonds are US\$ Argentina government bonds maturing in October 2015, but with the ability to redeem at any time, and with a fixed interest rate of 7% payable annually.

Listed equity securities represents the fair value of the Company's 19.9% investment in Argentex Mining Corporation (TSX-V: ATX) and 12.8% investment in Goldrock Mines Corp (TSX-V: GRM). A fair value movement of US\$3.5 million relating to these investments has been recognised in other comprehensive income.

#### Fair value hierarchy

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

-Level 1 – the instrument has quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

-Level 2 – a valuation technique is used using other than quoted prices within level 1 that are observable for the financial instrument, either directly (i.e. as prices), or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)

-Level 3 – a valuation technique is used using inputs that are not observable based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The Group only hold bonds and listed equity securities at fair value, which are measured at the closing bid price at the end of the reporting period. All financial assets held at fair value fall within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### Transfers

During the half year ended 31 December 2014, the consolidated entity has no level 2 or level 3 financial instruments. As such, there have been no transfers between the financial instrument levels of hierarchy.

|   | Consolidat          | Consolidated        |  |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| INTANGIBLE ASSETS   | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |  |
| Development assets-Guanaco                                |                     |                     |  |
| Cost  | 59,523,805          | 65,273,91           |  |
| Accumulated amortisation                                  | (28,952,955)        | (29,947,13          |  |
| Carrying value - Development assets-Guanaco               | 30,570,850          | 35,326,7            |  |
| Goodwill  |                     |                     |  |
| Cost  | 925,893             | 1,021,99            |  |
| Accumulated amortisation                                  | -                   |                     |  |
| Carrying value - Goodwill                                 | 925,893             | 1,021,9             |  |
| Total intangible assets                                   |                     |                     |  |
| Cost  | 60,449,698          | 66,295,9            |  |
| Accumulated amortisation                                  | (28,952,955)        | (29,947,13          |  |
| Total Carrying Value – Intangible assets                  | 31,496,743          | 36,348,7            |  |
| MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING VALUE - Development assets - Guanac | 0                   |                     |  |
| Carrying amount at beginning of the period/year           | 35,326,779          | 53,998,0            |  |
| Additions for the period/year                             | 3,606,094           | 8,249,8             |  |
| Reclassification to plant and equipment                   | (4,473,765)         | (5,568,15           |  |
| Write-off   | (68,781)            | (62,08              |  |
| Amortisation for the period/year                          | (3,112,201)         | (11,290,87          |  |
| Impairment  | -                   | (10,000,00          |  |
| Disposals   | (707,276)           |                     |  |
| Carrying amount at end of the period/year                 | 30,570,850          | 35,326,7            |  |
| MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING VALUE - Goodwill                    |                     |                     |  |
| Carrying amount at beginning of the period/year           | 1,021,995           |                     |  |
| Additions for the period/year                             | -                   | 1,021,9             |  |
| Impairment  | (96,102)            |                     |  |
| Carrying amount at end of the period/year                 | 925,893             | 1,021,9             |  |

|    |   | Consolida           | ted                 |
|----|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 11 | PLANT AND EQUIPMENT                                   | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |
|    | Plant and equipment - at cost                         | 48,961,903          | 43,797,029          |
|    | Accumulated depreciation                              | (20,002,183)        | (15,672,608)        |
|    | Carrying amount at end of period/year                 | 28,959,720          | 28,124,421          |
|    | MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING VALUE                           |                     |                     |
|    | Carrying amount at beginning of period/year           | 28,124,421          | 21,957,189          |
|    | Additions for the period/year                         | 693,304             | 6,488,638           |
|    | Reclassification from intangible assets               | 4,473,765           | 5,568,154           |
|    | Write-off   | (17)                | -                   |
|    | Depreciation for the period/year                      | (4,331,365)         | (5,889,667)         |
|    | Movement attributable to foreign currency translation | (388)               | 107                 |
|    | Carrying amount at end of period/year                 | 28,959,720          | 28,124,421          |

|    |  | Consolida           | ited                |
|----|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| 12 | EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE                 | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |
|    | Costs carried forward in respect of areas of interest: |                     |                     |
|    | Carrying amount at the beginning of the period/year    | 506,718             | 346,698             |
|    | Additions for the period/year                          | 11,966,151          | 160,020             |
|    | Carrying amount at end of period/year                  | 12,472,869          | 506,718             |

The recovery of the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploration or sale of the areas of interest.

#### Acquisition of the Amancaya property

During the period, the Group completed its acquisition of the Amancaya property. The property, acquired for US\$12 million (with a present value of US\$11,925,983), is currently recognised as exploration and evaluation expenditure as it is in the early exploration phase of development.

|    |  | Consolidated        |                     |  |
|----|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| 13 | TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES               | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |  |
|    | CURRENT                                |                     |                     |  |
|    | Trade payables                         | 3,636,440           | 1,953,896           |  |
|    | Accrued expenses                       | 614,414             | 559,264             |  |
|    | Income tax payable                     | 3,837,914           | 1,746,165           |  |
|    | Other payables                         | 5,765,887           | 1,361,257           |  |
|    | Total current trade and other payables | 13,854,655          | 5,620,582           |  |
|    | NON CURRENT                            |                     |                     |  |
|    | Other payables                         | 5,215,526           | 1,127,280           |  |

|                            |    | Consolidated        |                     |
|----------------------------|----|---------------------|---------------------|
| 14 BORROWINGS              |    | 31 Dec 2014<br>US\$ | 30 Jun 2014<br>US\$ |
| CURRENT                    |    |                     |                     |
| Lease liability            |    | 1,428,028           | 1,248,671           |
| Royalty payable            |    | -                   | 1,022,704           |
| Total current borrowings   |    | 1,428,028           | 2,271,375           |
| NON CURRENT                |    |                     |                     |
| Lease liability            |    | 600,735             | 1,078,478           |
| Loan – IFISA               |    | -                   | 53,195,800          |
| Total non-current borrowin | gs | 600,735             | 54,274,278          |

#### 14.1 Loan Inversiones Financieras del Sur SA (IFISA)

At the Annual General Meeting held on 16 December 2014, Austral Gold Limited shareholders voted to convert the entire balance of the loan with IFISA at that date (US\$53,733,935) into equity in the Group's own shares.

#### 14.2 Lease liabilities

The Group leases production equipment under a number of finance leases. At 31 December 2014, the net carrying amount of lease equipment was US\$2,692,077 (30 June 2014: US\$2,601,931).

#### 14.3 Royalty payable

In late 2013, the Company exercised an option to exit the royalty agreement with the previous owners of the Guanaco mine, Compañia Minera Kinam Guanaco (subsidiary of Kinross Corporation).

#### **15 DIVIDENDS**

No dividends were paid or proposed during the period.

| 16 | ISSUED CAPITAL                        | 31 Dec 2014 | 30 Jun 2014 |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|    | Fully paid ordinary shares (US\$)     | 93,537,023  | 39,803,088  |
|    | Number of ordinary shares at year end | 478,761,995 | 170,831,137 |

|   | Date             | Number of ordinary shares | US\$       |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Balance at 30 June 2014                       |                  | 170,831,137               | 39,803,088 |
| Shares issued to convert IFISA debt to equity | 19 December 2014 | 307,930,858               | 53,733,935 |
| Balance at 31 December 2014                   |                  | 478,761,995               | 93,537,023 |

#### **Conversion of debt to equity**

On 19 December 2014, after approval at the Annual General Meeting, 307,930,858 new shares in Austral Gold were issued to IFISA to convert the debt into equity.

| 17 | SUBSIDIARIES                              | Country of<br>Incorporation | 31 Dec 2014<br>% owned | 30 June 2014<br>% owned |
|----|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|    | PARENT ENTITY                             |                             |                        |                         |
|    | Austral Gold Limited                      | Australia                   |                        |                         |
|    | SUBSIDIARIES                              |                             |                        |                         |
|    | Guanaco Mining Company Limited            | British Virgin Islands      | 100.000                | 100.000                 |
|    | Guanaco Compañía Minera SpA               | Chile                       | 99.998                 | 99.998                  |
|    | Austral Gold Argentina S.A.               | Argentina                   | 99.930                 | 99.930                  |
|    | Ingenieria y Mineria Cachinalito Limitada | Chile                       | 51.000                 | 51.000                  |

#### **18 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

There are no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 December 2014.

#### **19 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

There have been no reportable events subsequent to 31 December 2014 up to the date of this report.

#### **20 RELATED PARTIES**

#### 20.1 Ultimate parent entity

The Parent Entity is controlled by IFISA which is incorporated in Uruguay. The ultimate beneficial owner of IFISA is Eduardo Elsztain.

#### 20.2 Significant related party transaction during the period

During the period, IFISA converted its debt of US\$53.7 million to equity following the shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting.

# **Directors' Declaration**

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2014 and of its performance for the financial half-year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 303(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors

Smith

Robert Trzebski Director

Sydney, 11 March 2015

> Dr Robert Trzebski is a Director of Austral Gold Limited. He has a Degree in Geology, a PhD in Geophysics, a Masters in International Project Management and has over 20 years professional experience in mineral exploration, project management and research and development.

> Dr Robert Trzebski is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AUSIMM) and qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.' Dr Robert Trzebski consents to the inclusion of the resources noted in this Half Year Report.



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the members of Austral Gold Limited

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

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Austral Gold Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year's end or from time to time during the half-year.

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

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2014 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of Austral Gold Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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

#### Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Austral Gold Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.



#### Conclusion

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

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2014 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and Corporations Regulations 2001

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Gareth Few Partner

Sydney, 11 March 2015