## **REGISTERED NUMBER 06163193**

HOT ROCKS INVESTMENTS PLC

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2019



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Dear Shareholders.

I hereby present the financial results for the Company for the year ended 31 March 2019. The Company is an active investor primarily in junior natural resources companies.

The Company made a pre-tax loss of £35,376 for the year, compared to a pre-tax loss of £219,298 in the prior year. The Company will not be paying a dividend at this stage (2018: £Nil).

Cash and cash equivalents as at the year end of 31 March 2019 were £46,745 (2018: £16,710).

It has been quite a difficult period for small cap exploration companies and we have seen some significant fluctuations in the valuations of our investments during the period, both up and down.

We are generally pleased with performance and are working on a number of new projects to continue to add value to the portfolio.

We currently hold stakes in the following entities: :

- Bermele plc (LSE:BERM)
- Bidstack Group plc (AIM:BIDS)
- Block Energy plc (AIM: BLOE)
- Brazil Tungsten Holdings Limited
- Copper Bay plc
- Elephant Oil Limited
- Impact Oil & Gas Limited
- Mafula Energy Limited
- MedGold Resources Corp (TSXV:MED)
- Minergy Limited
- New Horizon Oil & Gas Limited (trading as T5)
- Predator Oil & Gas Holdings plc (LSE:PRD)
- Rift Resources Limited
- Royal Road Minerals Limited (previously Tigris Resources) (TSXV:RYR)
- TAG Oil (TSX:TAO)

The Board of Directors will continue to introduce further equity positions to the Company to enable additional diversification of the portfolio. It is anticipated that these will continue to be primarily within the natural resources sector.

Brian Rowbotham
Non-Executive Chairman

4 September 2019

The Directors of the Company present their Strategic Report on the Company for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### **Principal Activities and Review of the Business**

The principal activity of the Company is to invest in companies, or assets, in the natural resources sector. The Company has continued in this activity, managing the investments, as detailed in the Chairman's Statement. The Company will continue to seek to make investments primarily within this sector but the Directors will review other opportunities as they arise.

#### **Financial Review**

The loss for this year before taxation was £35,376 (2018: £219,298).

Cash in the bank at the end of March 2019 was £46,745 (2018: £16,710).

The Directors consider the results for the year to be satisfactory.

## **Key Performance Indictors ("KPI's")**

The Directors consider the following to be the KPIs of the business:

The Birectors consider the fellowing to be the fit to or the business.	2019 £	2018 £	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Valuation of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss Cash	770,235	811,206	(5%)
	46,745	16,710	180%

The company performed in line with expectations.

## **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

The principal risks and uncertainties lie in the investments the Company holds. The nature of the natural resource sector means that returns are uncertain and resources may be unviable to extract. The Directors seek to mitigate this risk by monitoring the performance of the companies in which it holds investments so they can take action accordingly.

Given the nature of the business and activity of the Company, the Directors believe that the Company is exposed to the following risks:

#### Liquidity risk

The Company's continued future operations depend on the ability to hold sufficient working capital to be able to meet its financial obligations. The Directors are confident that there is adequate funding to finance future immediate working capital requirements.

#### **Financial Risk Management**

The Company's principal financial instruments comprise financial assets at fair value through profit and loss, other payables and cash and cash equivalents. No bank loans or other financing arrangements have been required. No borrowings have been required to finance working capital. Therefore, the Company's exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk is not deemed significant.

## STRATEGIC REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

## Political and country risk - including EU Referendum

The Company holds investments whose operations are based in a number of locations worldwide, some of which have a history of political uncertainty. The Directors routinely monitor political and regulatory developments in its countries of interest, in particular those developments which may indicate a movement in fair value to financial assets through profit and loss.

The Company is quoted in the United Kingdom (UK) and operates in the UK and European Union (EU). As a result of the Referendum, the Company may be subject to the impact of the UK leaving the European Union. As a result, given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the situation the Company is monitoring matters and seeking advice as to how to mitigate the risks arising.

Approved by the Board on 4 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Gavin J Burnell

Director

The Directors present their report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### **General Information**

Hot Rocks Investments plc is a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act (Registered number 06163193). The company is domiciled in the United Kingdom and its registered office is 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 60 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0HR.

#### **Results and Dividends**

The loss for the year after taxation was £35,376 (2018: £219,218).

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2018: £Nil).

#### **Directors and Directors' Interests**

The Directors who held office during the period to the date of approval of these Financial Statements had the following beneficial interests in the ordinary shares of the Company:

	Ordinary shares interest at end of period No.	Warrants interest at end of period No.	Ordinary shares interest at start of period No.	Warrants interest at start of period No.
Gavin J Burnell Brian Rowbotham	38,789,999 5,366,666	15,000,000 1,000,000	32,956,666 4,200,000	15,000,000 1,000,000
Charles J Vaughan	2,900,000	1,000,000	2,150,000	1,000,000

These represent the following % shareholdings:

	% holding at end of period	% holding at beginning of period
Gavin J Burnell	22.34%	18.98%
Brian Rowbotham	3.09%	2.42%
Charles J Vaughan	1.67%	1.24%

## Supplier Payment Policy

Whilst there is no formal code or standard, it is Company policy to settle terms of payment with creditors when agreeing the terms of each transaction and to abide by the creditors' terms of payment. There are no creditors subject to special arrangements outside of suppliers' terms and conditions.

#### **Provision of Information to Auditor**

The Directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved have confirmed that:

- so far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- each Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as Directors in order to be aware of any information needed by the Company's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### Going concern

Accounting standards require the Directors to consider the appropriateness of the going concern basis when preparing the financial statements. The Directors confirm that they consider that the going concern basis remains appropriate. Further details can be found in the accounting policies accompanying the financial statements.

## Independent Auditor

PKF Littlejohn LLP has signified their willingness to continue in office as auditor.

Approved by the Board on 4 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Gavin J Burnell

Director

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. Under company law the Directors must not approve the Financial Statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject
  to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the company's website and legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements which may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Board on 4 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

**Gavin J Burnell** 

Director

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HOT ROCKS INVESTMENTS PLC

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hot Rocks Investments plc for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise of the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2019 and of its loss for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that
  may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis
  of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements
  are authorised for issue.

## Our application of materiality

The materiality applied to the financial statements was £37,000 (2018: £36,000), based on 5% of net assets. This was considered an appropriate measure given that the value of the Company is derived from its assets held. We apply the concept of materiality both in planning and performing the audit, and evaluating the effect of misstatements. At the planning stage materiality is used to determine the financial statement areas that are included within the scope of the audit and the extent of the sample sizes during the audit. Performance materiality was set at 80% of total materiality.

#### An overview of the scope of our audit

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality, as above, and assessed the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we looked at where the directors made subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates including the fair value of the level 2 and 3 investments held at fair value through profit and loss. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

#### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Valuation of Investments (Note 6) Ou	ır work in this area included:
value through profit and loss of £770,234 as at 31 March 2019, as outlined in Note 6 of the financial statements.  There is a risk that these investments are not valued correctly in accordance with IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' and IFRS 13 'Fair Value Measurement'.  This is a key audit matter due to the material value of the balance and the significant estimates and judgements required in their valuation.	Confirming ownership of each investments held.  For investment categorised within level 1 of the fair value hierarchy, we confirmed the investment valuation to source.  For investments categorised within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy, we obtained management's assessment of the valuation of the investments held at year end and challenged the inputs and assumptions used.  We confirmed the disclosures made within the financial statements were in compliance with IFRS.  We assessed whether management's assumptions were reasonable in light of the measurement objectives under IFRS 13.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been
  received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone, other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Joseph Archer (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of PKF Littlejohn LLP
Statutory auditor

4 September 2019

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Continuing Operations	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Revenue	•	-	-
Foreign exchange gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	6	20,897	(20,656)
Operating expenses	1	(50,060)	(48,369)
Share based payments expense  Movement in fair value of financial assets through profit and loss	10 6	(31,796)	(115,600) (52,604)
Other gains – sale of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss		35,572	17,922
Impairment		(10,000)	-
Operating Loss		(35,387)	(219,307)
Finance income		11	9
Loss before Income Tax		(35,376)	(219,298)
Income tax expense	4	-	-
Loss for the Year attributable to equity holders		(35,376)	(219,298)
Other Comprehensive Income			
Items that may be Reclassified Subsequently to Profit or Loss			
Fair value change in value on available-for-sale financial assets		-	78,469
Total Comprehensive (loss) for the Year attributable to equity holders		(35,376)	(140,829)
Earnings Per Share – Basic and Diluted (expressed in pence per share)	5	(0.0)	(0.1)

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MARCH 2019

	Note	As at 31 March 2019 £	As at 31 March 2018 £
Assets		2	2
Non-Current Assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	6	421,521	811,206
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Current Assets	₹		
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss		348,714	-
Cash and cash equivalents		46,745	16,710
		395,459	16,710
Total Assets		816,980	827,916
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Equity and Liabilities			
Equity Attributable to Shareholders			
Ordinary shares	9	173,602	173,602
Share premium account Share options and warrants reserve	9	1,174,631 115,600	1,174,631 115,600
Other reserves Retained loss	<b>11</b>	(776,871)	144,678 (886,173)
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	÷ •	686,962	722,338
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	<b>8</b>	130,018	105,578
Total Equity and Liabilities		816,980	827,916
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These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf on 4 September 2019.

Gavin J Burnell

Director

# Attributable to Equity Shareholders Share

	Ordinary shares £	Share premium £	options and warrants reserve £	Other reserves £	Retained loss £	Total £
Balance as at 1 April 2017	173,602	1,174,631		66,209	(666,875)	747,567
Loss for the year		-	-		(219,298)	(219,298)
Total Comprehensive Income		-		-	(219,298)	(219,298)
Fair value change on available for sale financial assets	-	-	-	78,469	-	78,469
Warrants issued in the year	<del>-</del> .	. <del>-</del>	115,600	<del>-</del> .	-	115,600
Total Transactions with Owners		-	115,600	78,469	<del></del>	194,069
Balance as at 31 March 2018 and 1 April 2018	173,602	1,174,631	115,600	144,678	(886,173)	722,338
Reclassification on implementation of IFRS 9	-	-	-	(144,678)	144,678	-
Loss for the year		<b>-</b>	-	-	(35,376)	(35,376)
Total Comprehensive Income	<del>-</del>		-	-	-	-
Total Transactions with Owners		-		<u>-</u>		
Recycling of share options	<del></del>		-		-	
Balance as at 31 March 2019	173,602	1,174,631	115,600		(776,871)	686,962

·	2019 £	2018 £
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
(Loss) before income tax	(35,376)	(219,298)
Finance income	(11)	(9)
Unrealised foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(20,897)	20,656
Impairment	10,000	445.000
Share based payments	- / <i>0E E</i> 70\	115,600
Gain on disposal of financial assets through profit and loss	(35,572) 31,796	(17,922) 52,604
Movement in fair value of financial assets through profit and loss	31,790	32,004
Decrease in other receivables	_	720
Increase in trade and other payables	24,337	4,082
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	(05.700)	(40.507)
Cash Used in Operations	(25,723)	(43,567)
Interest paid	- -	<del>-</del>
Income tax paid	_	_
Net Cash Used in Operations	(25,723)	(43,567)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchases of financial assets through profit and loss	(62,340)	(5,869)
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets through profit and	118,098	53,930
loss	110,090	55,950
Net Cash Generated from Investing Activities	55,758	48,061
Not busin bundation involving nouvilles		
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	30,035	4,494
increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	30,033	7,737
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	16,710	12,216
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Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Vear	46,745	16,710
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	40,743	10,710

#### General Information

Hot Rocks Investments PIc is a public limited company incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. Its registered office is disclosed on page 2 and details of its principal activities on page 4.

#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The principal Accounting Policies applied in the preparation of these Financial Statements are set out below. These Policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (IFRS as adopted by the EU), IFRIC interpretations (IFRS IC) and those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The Financial Statements have also been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss.

The preparation of Financial Statements in conformity with IFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company'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 later in these accounting policies.

The Financial Statements are presented in sterling (£), rounded to the nearest pound.

#### Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

a) New and amended standards and interpretations adopted by the Company

The standards which applied for the first time this year have been adopted are IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments and IFRS 15 – Revenue from contracts with customers have been summarised below:

#### IFRS 9 - Financial instruments

IFRS 9 became effective for all periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 and is relevant for the year ended 31 March 2019. IFRS 9 impacts the recognition, classification, measurement and disclosures of financial instruments. The financial instruments held in the Company are Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and trade and other payables.

#### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Company holds a number of both listed and unlisted equity investments at the year ended 31 March 2019, which are classified as both current and non-current assets. Under the previous standards, financial assets were classified as available for sale, and measured at fair value with gains or losses being recognised as a separate component of equity until the investment is derecognised or until the investment is determined to be impaired at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously reported in equity is included in the statement of comprehensive income. On transition to IFRS 9 both the title of the financial assets and the recognition of gains and loss from other comprehensive income to the profit and loss account have changed. Fair value gains included within other reserves have been reclassified to retained earnings on 1 April 2018. In addition on adoption of IFRS 9 all Tier 1 investments have been reclassified to current assets.

Under IFRS 9 Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through the profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

## HOT ROCKS INVESTMENTS PLC

#### Trade and other payables

Under IFRS 9 trade payables should continue to be measured at amortised cost and as such there are no changes to the numbers presented under the old standards.

#### IFRS 15 – Revenue from contracts with customers

IFRS 15 requires an expected quantitative impact of the application of IFRS 15 to be included within the financial statements. The company has no revenue sources and hence there is no impact on transition to IFRS 15.

There are no other IFRS's or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

b) New and amended standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective and not early adopted

The standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Financial Statements, that could potentially impact the Financial Statements, are disclosed below. The Directors do not consider, based on their initial assessment that they will impact the Company's financial statements other than for disclosures purposes:

Standard		Effective Date
IFRS 9 (Amendments)	Financial Instruments	1 January 2019
IFRS 16	Leases	1 January 2019
Annual Improvements	2015 – 2017 Cycle	*1 January 2019
IFRIC 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments	*1 January 2019

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to EU endorsement

There are no other IFRSs or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

#### Segmental Reporting

The Company has only one operating segment being the investment in companies, or assets, in the natural resource sector. Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the Chief Operating Decision-Maker ("CODM"). The CODM, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Board of Directors that makes strategic decisions. Therefore, the Financial Statements of the single segment is the same as that set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Change in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows.

## **Foreign Currency Translation**

## (a) Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the Financial Statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("functional currency").

The Financial Statements are presented in Pounds Sterling (£), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

#### (b) Transactions and Balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions, or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions, and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, are recognised in profit or loss.

#### **Financial Instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments and on a trade date basis. A financial asset is derecognised when the Company's contractual rights to future cash flows from the financial asset expire or when the Company transfers the contractual rights to future cash flows to a third party. A financial liability is derecognised only when the liability is extinguished.

#### (a) Financial Assets at fair value through profit and loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading and include both listed and unlisted equity investments. Details of these assets and their fair value is included in critical accounting estimates Note i.

## (b) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are measured at initial recognition at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired.

## (c) Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and have a maturity of three months or less when acquired to be cash equivalents. At the reporting date management believes that the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these financial instruments.

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, all of which are available for use by the company unless otherwise stated. Cash and cash equivalents are measured at fair value, based on the relevant exchange rates at the reporting date.

## (d) Financial liabilities and equity

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

The Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables. All financial liabilities, except for derivatives, are recognised initially at their fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial liability and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

## (e) Share Capital

Ordinary shares are recorded at nominal value and proceeds received in excess of nominal value of shares issued, if any, are accounted for as share premium. Both ordinary shares and share premium are classified as equity. Costs incurred directly to the issue of shares are accounted for as a deduction from share premium, otherwise they are charged to the Income Statement.

## (f) Share Based Payments

The Company operates a number of equity-settled, share-based schemes, under which it receives services from employees or third party suppliers as consideration for equity instruments (options and warrants) of the Company. The Company may also issue warrants to share subscribers as part of a share placing. The fair value of the equity-settled share based payments is recognised, if material, as an expense in the income statement or charged to equity depending on the nature of the service provided or instrument issued. The total amount to be expensed or charged is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted:

- including any market performance conditions;
- excluding the impact of any service and non-market performance vesting conditions (for example, profitability or sales growth targets, or remaining an employee of the entity over a specified time period); and
- including the impact of any non-vesting conditions (for example, the requirement for employees to save).

In the case of warrants the amount charged to the share premium account is determined by reference to the fair value of the services received if available. If the fair value of the services received is not determinable, the warrants are valued by reference to the fair value of the warrants granted as described previously.

Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options or warrants that are expected to vest. The total expense or charge is recognised over the vesting period, which is the period over which all of the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied. At the end of each reporting period, the Company revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest based on the non-market vesting conditions. It recognises the impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, in the income statement or equity as appropriate, with a corresponding adjustment to a separate reserve in equity.

When the options are exercised, the Company issues new shares. The proceeds received, net of any directly attributable transaction costs, are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium.

#### (g) Income tax

Income tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current income tax is calculated on the results shown in the Financial Statements and according to local tax rules, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date.

Tax losses available to be carried forward as well as other income tax credits due to the Company are assessed for recognition as deferred tax assets. Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be recognised and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

## (h) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the going concern assumption. Under the going concern assumption an entity is ordinarily viewed as continuing in business for the foreseeable future with neither the intention nor necessity of liquidation, ceasing trading or seeking protection from creditors.

In making their assessment the Directors have considered their net annual cash spend and the ability of the company to service such payments through its cash resources and liquid, tier 1 investments.

On this basis, the Directors have formed a judgement, at the time of approving the financial statements that there is a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements. For this reason they have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

#### (i) Critical Accounting Estimates and Assumptions

The Company 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 amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are:

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#### Fair value of financial assets - level 3

The Company reviews the fair value of its unquoted equity instruments at each Statement of Financial Position date. This requires management to make an estimate of the value of the unquoted securities in the absence of an active market.

## (b) Critical judgements in applying the entity's accounting policies

Many of the amounts included in the financial statements involve the use of judgement and/or estimation. These judgements and estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances, having regard to prior experience, but actual results may differ from the amounts included in the financial statements. The most critical judgements as applied to these financial statements are as follows:

## Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss

Level 3 financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss have a carrying value of £354,021 at 31 March 2019. An impairment charge of £10,000 (2018: £Nil) has been recognised in the year.

The Company follows the guidance of IFRS 9 to determine when an investment at fair value through profit or loss is impaired. This determination requires significant judgement. In making this judgement, the Company evaluates, among other factors, the duration and extent to which the fair value of an investment is less than its cost; and the financial health of the short-term business outlook for the investee, including factors such as industry and sector performance and operational and financing cash flow. Management also consider external indicators such as commodity prices, investment performance and demand for the underlying commodity. As per note 2, financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss are assessed individually. Details of the assessment of each investment is included in note J.

## (j) Fair Value Estimation

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels are defined as follows:

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

The following table presents the Company's assets that were measured at fair value as at 31 March 2019 and 31 March 2018. The Company does not have any liabilities measured at fair value.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
31 March 2019: Financial assets through profit and loss - Equity holdings	£ 348,714	£ 67,500	£ 354,022	£ 770,235
31 March 2018: Financial assets through profit and loss - Equity holdings	284,778		526,428	811,206

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the date of the Statement of Financial Position. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Company is the current bid price. These instruments are included in Level 1. Instruments included in Level 1 comprise primarily of equity investments quoted on the AIM, London Stock Exchange, TSX, Toronto Stock Exchange, and TSXV, TSX Venture Exchange, and classified as trading securities or available-for-sale.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available, and rely as little 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. The Company has valued all level 3 financial instruments at cost. The Directors perform an annual impairment assessment in for all level three inputs and recognise any impairment charge due.

The following table presents the changes in Level 3 instruments for the year ended 31 March 2019 and 31 March 2018:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Opening balance	526,428	440,969
Transfers into level 2	(25,000)	-
Transfers into level 3	<u>.</u>	139,594
Transfers into level 1	(139,595)	-
Gains (and losses) recognised in profit or loss	2,186	(1,531)
Movement in fair value of financial assets	-	(52,604)
Impairment	(10,000)	-
		<del></del>
Closing Balance	354,021	526,428

1.	Loss from Operations	2019 £	2018 £
	Loss from operations is stated after charging:		
	Auditor's remuneration (see below) Corporate finance fee	5,000	14,283 4,500
	NEX Fee	9,460	6,500
	During the year the Company obtained the following services from the Company's auditor and its associates:		
	Fees payable to Company's auditor and its associates for the audit of Company Financial Statements.	5,000	12,483
	Fees payable to company's auditor and its	· -	-
	associates for other services: Tax compliance service	1,800	1,800
		6,800	14,283
2.	Employee Benefit Expense (including Directors)		
	Wages and salaries	35,000	<u>-</u>
		35,000	<u>-</u> ·

## 3. Directors

Key management includes Directors (executive and non-executive).

The fees, remuneration paid or payable to key management for employee services all related to salaries and short term benefits. Gavin Burnell £25,000 (2018: £108,000), Brian Rowbotham £5,000 (2018: £6,800) and Charles Vaughan £5,000 (2018: £6,800). The 2018 amounts related to warrants issued.

	No.	No.
The average number of persons (including Directors) employed by the Company was:		
Directors	3	3

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## 4. Income Tax Expense

Current tax:	2019	2018
Income tax expense	<del>-</del>	

The tax on the Company's loss before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the weighted average tax rate applicable to losses of the Company as follows:

## **Factors Affecting the Tax Charge for the Year**

2019	2018
(35,376)	(219,307)
(6,721)	(41,668)
6,721	41,668
	<u>-</u>
	(35,376) ———— (6,721)

Tax losses available to be carried forward by the Company at 31 March 2019 against future profits are approximately £573,000 (2018 - £323,000). A deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of these losses in view of the uncertainty as to the level of future taxable profits and as a result this amount has not been disclosed above.

## 5. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year:

	2019	2018
Loss for the year	(35,376)	(219,307)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	173,602,222	173,602,222
Potential diluted weighted average number of shares	175,302,222	173,602,222
Basic earnings per share (expressed in pence)	(0.0)	(0.1)

There are no dilutive shares.

## 6. Financial Assets at fair value through profit and loss

	2019 £	2018 £
At 1 April Additions Disposal Movement in fair value Foreign exchange movements recognised in profit or loss Net gains/(losses) transferred to equity Impairment	811,206 61,935 (82,007) (31,796) 20,897 - (10,000)	836,126 23,801 (53,930) (52,604) (20,656) 78,469
	770,235	811,206
Financial assets through profit and loss are denominated in the follo	owing currencies:	
Pound Canadian Dollar US Dollar Euros	548,514 193,043 23,673 5,000	582,455 207,265 21,486
	770,235	811,206

In the prior year, all investments are presented as non-current assets as the Company intends to hold these assets until such time as their disposal represents a return for shareholders which, due to the depressed natural resource market, is expected to be more than one year from the date of the Financial Statements hence their classification as non-current assets. As part of the adoption of IFRS 9 in the current year, all Tier 1 investments have been reclassified to current assets. 10% increase / decrease in the foreign exchange would have led to a £18,452/£18,452 increase/decrease in the carrying value of the assets.

7. Trade and Other Payables			2019 £	2018 £
Trade payables Other creditors Accruals			4,636 95,656 29,624	15,676 60,656 29,246
			129,916	105,578
8. Ordinary Shares Issued	Number of shares	Ordinary shares £	Share premium £	Total £
At 1 April 2018	173,602,222	173,602	1,174,631	1,348,233
At 31 March 2018	173,602,222	173,602	1,174,631	1,348,233
At 31 March 2019	173,602,222	173,602	1,174,631	1,348,233

## 9. Share Based Payments

On 31 May 2017, the Company issued warrants to directors of the Company, using the Black Scholes method, as follows:

Gavin Burnell – 15,000,000 Charles Vaughan – 1,000,000 Brian Rowbotham – 1,000,000

The key inputs into the Black Scholes model were Volatility as 50% and the Risk Free Interest Rate as 1%.

The warrants are exercisable at 1p per new ordinary share and expire on 1 June 2027.

	Weighed average exercise Price £	Warrants Number
At 31 March 2018	0.01	17,000,000
At 31 March 2019	0.01	17,000,000

#### 10. Reserves

Share capital comprises amount subscribed for share capital at nominal value.

Share premium comprises amount subscribed for share capital in excess of nominal value.

Share options and warrants reserve consists of the fair value of options and warrants outstanding at the year end.

Other reserves represent the changes in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets.

Retained loss comprises cumulative net gains and losses recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

## 11. Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments authorised by the Directors or contracted for at 31 March 2019 or 31 March 2018.

## 12. Related Party Transactions

Mountbeach Associates Limited, which is controlled by Brian Rowbotham, invoiced the Company a sum of £5,000 for the services of Brian Rowbotham as non-executive Chairman during the year. An amount of £5,000 was paid to Mountbeach Associates during the year in respect of outstanding director fees. As at 31 March 2019, a balance of £10,000 (2018 - £10,000) remains outstanding.

Charles Vaughan, a Director of the Company, invoiced the Company a sum of £5,000 for his Director services during the year. An amount of £5,000 was paid to Charles Vaughan during the year in respect of outstanding director fees. At 31 March 2019, a balance of £11,250 (2018 - £11,250) remains outstanding.

Gavin Burnell, a Director of the Company, invoiced the Company a sum of £25,000 for his Director services during the year. At 31 March 2019, a balance £85,656 remains outstanding to Gavin Burnell (2018 - £60,656).

## 13. Ultimate Controlling Party

The Directors consider that there is no ultimate controlling party.

#### 14. Treasury Policy

The Company operates informal treasury policies which include ongoing assessments of interest rate management and borrowing policy. The Board approves all decisions on treasury policy.

#### 15. Financial Risk Management objectives and policies

The Company has sought to minimise its exposure as follows:

#### (a) Financial Risk Factors

The Company's principal financial instruments comprise both listed and unlisted investments, other receivables, other payables and cash. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the Company's operations.

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Company's Board monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Company. The Board provides written policies for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas.

#### Market risk

#### Price risk

The Company is exposed to equity securities price risk because of investments held by the Company, classified as financial assets through profit and loss. The Company is not directly exposed to commodity price risk. To manage its price risk arising from investments in equity securities, the Company diversifies its portfolio.

Diversification of the portfolio is done in accordance with the limits set by the Board.

#### Interest risk

The Company is not exposed to interest rate risk on financial liabilities.

The Company has no other borrowing facilities available to it.

#### Foreign Exchange risk

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk on the investments it holds on foreign exchanges which are traded in non GBP currency. The Company does not hedge against these investments but does monitor exchange rate movements to ensure that set exchange rate movements are not exceeded.

## **Liquidity Risk**

The Company's continued future operations depend on its ability to raise sufficient working capital through the issue of share capital, generate a return on its investments to meet its future obligations and the potential settlement of the convertible loan.

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. The Company seeks to manage financial risk, to ensure sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to invest cash assets safely and profitably.

#### 16. Capital Risk Management

The Company is subject to capital requirements set by the NEX capital market on which the Company's securities are traded. At 31 March 2019, the minimum share capital required by the regulated market was £50,000 (2018 - £50,000). The Company has remained within the required limits throughout the year.

The capital structure primarily consists of equity attributable to the owners – comprising issued capital, reserves and retained losses – as well as cash and cash equivalents. The Company manages its capital by making adjustments to its composition in light of the economic conditions, with the aim of ensuring that it will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders.

## 17. Changes in accounting policies

#### IFRS 9

## (i) Classification and measurement

On 1 April 2018 (the date of initial application of IFRS 9), the company's management has assessed which business models apply to the financial assets held by the company and has classified its financial instruments into the appropriate IFRS 9 categories. The main effects resulting from this reclassification are as follows:

Financial assets – 1 April 2018	Notes	FVTPL	FVOCI
Closing balance 31 March 2018 – IAS 39 Reclassify investments from available-for-sale to FVTPL	(a)	- 811,206	811,206 (811,206)
Opening balance 1 April 2018 – IFRS 9		811,206	-

The impact on the company's equity is as follows:

	Notes	Effect on other reserves	Effect on retained earnings
Opening balance – IAS 39		144,678	-
Reclassify investments from available-for-sale to FVTPL	(a)	(144,678)	144,678
Opening balance 1 April 2018 – IFRS 9	_	-	144,678

#### (a) Equity investments previously classified as available-for-sale

The company elected to present, in OCI, changes in the fair value of all its equity investments previously classified as available-for-sale, because these investments are held as long-term strategic investments that are not expected to be sold in the short to medium term. As a result, assets with a fair value of £811,206 were reclassified from available-for-sale financial assets to financial assets at FVTPL, and fair value gains of £144,678 were reclassified from other reserves to the retained earnings on 1 January 2018. In addition Tier 1 investments were reclassified from non-current assets to current assets.