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ASX: AZQ

# **QUARTERLY ACTIVITES REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2015**

#### **ASX Code: AZQ**

#### Securities on Issue

137.6M Ordinary Shares
3.2M \$0.20 options expiring 11/2016
0.4M \$0.40 options expiring 02/2016
50.0M unlisted Executive Incentives
2.7M unlisted Employee Incentives

#### **Directors**

Paul Kopejtka (Executive Chairman)

Andrew Caruso (Executive Director)

Francis De Souza (Non-Executive Director)

Shahb Richyal (Non-Executive Director)

James McClements (Non-Executive Director)

Nathan Featherby (Non-Executive Director)

Michael Young (Non-Executive Director)

#### Contact Details

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# **FOURTH QUARTER FY15 – HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **WONMUNNA IRON ORE PROJECT**

- Negotiations are continuing with a number of parties relating to potential mine gate sales and/or port access at Port Hedland.
- Significant opportunities to deliver lower capital cost for key infrastructure have been identified through engagement with vendors and contractors.
- Further mining and transport studies progressed to provide a basis for updated contractor pricing for mining, crushing and haulage services..
- Miscellaneous Licence 47/726 granted by the Department of Mines and Petroleum to create a secondary access from Mining Lease 47/1424 to the Great Northern Highway.
- → An exploration drilling program commenced in June to test prospective targets for iron mineralisation on the eastern side of exploration licence 47/1137.

#### **CORPORATE**

- → Issue of shares in lieu of interest payments under convertible notes for June Quarter.
- → Issue of shares to Resource Capital Fund V L.P. (RCF) on conversion of \$400k convertible note.
- → Appointment of Mr. Michael Young as a Non-Executive Director.

#### **FINANCIAL**

At 30 June 2015 the Company had cash reserves of \$3.15 million and a market capitalisation of \$6.19 million (based on a share price of \$0.045).



# **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

## **WONMUNNA IRON ORE PROJECT**

Ascot completed the acquisition of the Wonmunna Iron Ore Project (**Project**) from Ochre Group Holdings Ltd (Ochre) on 22 September 2014. In conjunction with completion of the Wonmunna acquisition, Ascot's existing cornerstone investor, Resource Capital Fund V L.P. (**RCF**), and global commodities trader, Gunvor Group (**Gunvor**), each subscribed for c.A\$5 million in new shares.

The Company is focussed on completing a viable business case for the Project.

# During the quarter:

- Ascot continued discussions with third parties with respect to securing a viable sales solution to get iron ore produced from the Wonmunna project to market. Confirmation of a feasible solution will enable Ascot to finalise cost estimates and Project economics.
- Significant opportunities to deliver lower capital cost for key infrastructure (such as the proposed camp, roads, and workshops) have been identified through engagement with vendors and contractors. A reduction in the initial capital cost for pre-stripping activities is also being pursued.
- Further mining and transport studies progressed to provide the basis for updated contractor pricing for mining, crushing and haulage services. The current contracting environment remains highly favourable discussions with a number of service providers indicate the potential for a material reduction in rates for core services (in comparison to PFS estimates previously reported 1).
- Following the approval of the Mining Proposal and Mine Closure Plan by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) in March 2015, the Company has commissioned the preparation of a Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP). As a condition of its approval, Ascot is to ensure the SWMP is in place and implemented prior to the commencement of ground disturbing activities.
- Ascot has been granted a Miscellaneous Licence to create a secondary access from Mining Lease 47/1424 to the Great Northern Highway to allow light vehicles to travel to the intended camp location.

In addition to core Project development activities, Ascot has identified a number of potential targets on the east side of exploration licence 47/1137 that could potentially host DSO deposits similar to those included within the current resource estimate for the Project. This view is based on the prevalence of Banded Iron Deposit (BID) style outcropping that has been delineated from field mapping and geophysical surveys. Drilling to test the potential targets commenced in June 2015.

### TITIRIBI COAL PROJECT

During the quarter Ascot continued discussions with Colombia's CorAntioquia agency towards obtaining environmental (PMA) approvals to support any future underground mining.

Ascot maintains a small presence in Colombia to advance its interests and to retain optionality in the event of an improvement in coal markets in future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer ASX announcement 2 February 2015



# MINING TENEMENTS

For details of mining tenements held, acquired or disposed of by Ascot during the quarter, refer to Appendix 1 of this report.

## CORPORATE

Mr Mike Young was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the Company on 12 June 2015. Mr Young is a geologist and graduate of Queens University, Canada and was previously CEO and Managing Director of BC Iron Ltd during its transition from an iron ore explorer to a successful iron ore producer in the Pilbara region of WA.

During the quarter RCF elected to convert the \$400k unsecured loan note issued in December 2013 into ordinary fully paid shares in the Company at a conversion price of \$0.12 per share.

Subsequent to quarter end, the Company issued a total of 957,464 fully paid ordinary shares in lieu of interest payable on outstanding convertible loan notes held by RCF and Sedgman Ltd for the June quarter.

# **FINANCIAL**

At 30 June 2015 the Company had cash reserves of \$3.15 million.

#### **About Ascot Resources Limited**

Ascot Resources Limited (Ascot) is an ASX listed resources company focused on exploring and developing opportunities in steel making minerals.

The Company's major asset is the 100% owned Wonmunna Iron Ore Project, a near term development asset located in the iron ore-rich Pilbara region, 80km northwest of Newman. The Wonmunna Project comprises 3 mining leases and 1 exploration licence (total area c.230km2) and is intersected by the Great Northern Highway, providing direct road access to Port Hedland. The deposit features a high quality direct shipping iron ore which is hosted in the Marra Mamba formation, similar to the world class West Angelas mine, approximately 30km west of Wonmunna.

In addition, Ascot owns a 90% JV interest in the Titiribi Coal Project located in the Department of Antioquia, Colombia. The Project is located only 70km from State Capital Medellin and is close to existing utilities and infrastructure. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.ascotresources.com">www.ascotresources.com</a> or contact:

#### Paul Kopejtka

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# **APPENDIX 1 - MINING TENEMENTS**

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 5.3.3, the Company provides the following information in relation to mining tenements held at the end of the quarter and acquired or disposed of during the quarter and their locations.

## Mining tenements held as at 30 June 2015 and their location

Tenement/	Status	Location	Beneficial Holder
Concession No.			
FHH-092	Granted	Antioquia, Colombia	Carbones de Titiribi SAS
HJID-06	Granted	Antioquia, Colombia	Carbones de Titiribi SAS
HJLI-01	Granted	Antioquia, Colombia	Carbones el Basal SAS
Refer footnote below	Granted	Antioquia, Colombia	CDI
Refer footnote below	Granted	Antioquia, Colombia	CDI
E47/1137	Granted	Pilbara, WA	Wonmunna Iron Ore Pty Ltd
M47/1423	Granted	Pilbara, WA	Wonmunna Iron Ore Pty Ltd
M47/1424	Granted	Pilbara, WA	Wonmunna Iron Ore Pty Ltd
M47/1425	Granted	Pilbara, WA	Wonmunna Iron Ore Pty Ltd
L47/726	Granted	Pilbara, WA	Wonmunna Iron Ore Pty Ltd
L47/727	Granted	Pilbara, WA	Wonmunna Iron Ore Pty Ltd

#### Footnote:

Each of these areas form part of concession application numbers 5849 and 5837 but have yet to be allocated individual concession numbers.

Wonmunna Iron Ore Pty Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ascot.

Mining tenements acquired or disposed of during the quarter and their location

L47/726 (Pilbara, WA) granted to Wonmunna Iron Ore Pty Ltd

Beneficial percentage interests held in farm-in or farm-out agreements as at 30 June 2015

Nil

Beneficial percentage interests in farm-in or farm-out agreements acquired or disposed of during the quarter

Nil

# Appendix 5B

Rule 5.3

# Mining exploration entity and oil and gas exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin Appendix 8 Amended 01/07/97, 01/07/98, 30/09/01, 01/06/10, 17/12/10, 01/05/2013

Name of entity

ASCOT RESOURCES LIMITED	
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ABN Quarter ended ('current quarter")

85 146 530 378 30/06/2015

State	ment of Cash Flows	Current quarter 30 June 2015	Year to date (12 months)
		\$A'000	\$A'000
	Cash flows related to operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from product sales and related debtors		
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration and evaluation*	(406)	(5,077)
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) administration	(311)	(2,295)
1.3	Dividends received	-	-
1.4	Interest and other items of a similar nature received	14	84
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	(22)
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
	Net Operating Cash Flows	(703)	(7,310)
	Cash flows related to investing activities		
1.8	Payment for purchases of:		
	(a) prospects	(50)	(50)
	(b) equity investments	-	-
	(c) other fixed assets	-	(8)
1.9	Proceeds from sale of:		
	(a) prospects	-	-
	(b) equity investments	-	-
	(c) other fixed assets	-	-
1.10	Loans to other entities		-
1.11	Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
1.12	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
	Net Investing Cash Flows	(50)	(58)
1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows		

State	rment of cash flows continued		
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
1.14	Proceeds from issues of shares, options, etc.	-	10,538
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares	-	-
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
1.17	Repayment of borrowings	-	(650)
1.18	Dividends paid	-	-
1.19	Other (Share issue costs on Non-Cash Director Shares issued)	-	-
	Net Financing Cash Flows	-	9,888
	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(753)	2,520
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	3,912	634
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20	(5)	-
1.22	Cash at end of quarter	3,154	3,154

Payments to directors of the entity, associates of the directors, related entities of the entity and associates of the related entities

		Curent quarter \$A'000
1.23	Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2	-
1.24	Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10	-

1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions

None				
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# Non-cash financing and investing activities

2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows

None			
None			

2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest

None			

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

# Financing facilities available

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

		Amount available \$A'000	Amount used \$A'000
3.1	Loan facilities	1,720	1,720
3.2	Credit standby arrangements		

	Estimated cash outflows for next quarter	\$A'000
4.1	Exploration and evaluation	(497)
4.2	Development	
4.3	Production	
4.4	Administration	(398)
	Total	(895)

# Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as shown in the statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.	Curent quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1 Cash on hand and at bank	3,104	3,862
5.2 Deposits at call	50	50
5.3 Bank overdraft		
5.4 Other (provide details)		
Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)	3,154	3,912

# Changes in interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements

6.1	Interests in mining
	tenements and
	petroleum
	relinquished, reduced
	or lapsed

6.2 Interests in mining tenements and petroleum acquired or increased

Tenement	Nature of	Interest	Interest at
reference	interest	at	end of
and location	(note (2))	beginning	quarter
		of	
		quarter	
L47/726	Miscellaneous		
	License	-	100%

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

# Issued and quoted securities at end of current quarter

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

		Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 3) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 3) (cents)
7.1	Preference +securities (description)	-	-	-	-
7.2	Changes during quarter				
	(a) Increases through issues	-	-	-	-
	(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions	-	-	-	-
7.3	+Ordinary securities*	137,588,776		-	-
7.4	Changes during quarter				
	(a) Increases through issues	4,122,843		-	-
	(b) Decreases through return of capital, buy-backs	-	-	-	-
7.5	+Convertible debt securities	2	Nil	\$1,720,000	-
7.6	Changes during quarter				
	(a) Increases through issues	-	Nil	-	-
	(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	1	-	\$400,000	-
7.7	Options			Exercise	
	(description)			price	Expiry date
	Employee Options	400,000	-	\$0.40	22/02/2016
	Options	3,136,335	-	\$0.20	28/11/2016
	Executive Incentives	50,000,000	-	Nil	Nil
7.8	Issued during quarter (performance rights)	2,560,000	-	Nil	Nil
7.9	Exercised during quarter	-	-	-	-
7.10	Expired during quarter	-	-	-	-
7.11	Cancelled during the quarter	-	_	-	-
7.12	Debentures (totals only)	-	-	-	-
7.13	Unsecured notes (totals only)	-	-	-	-

# Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Act or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 5).
- 2 This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Sign here: Date: 22 July 2015

Print name: Andrew Caruso

Executive Director

#### Notes

- The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity wanting to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes attached to this report.
- The 'Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement or petroleum tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.
- 3 **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.
- The definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report.
- Accounting Standards ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Financial Reporting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.

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