## **ZCI** Limited

Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

For the six months ended 30 September 2014

## **ZCI LIMITED**

### CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT

ZCI Limited

(Registered in Bermuda) (South African registration number 1970/000023/10) JSE share code: ZCI ISIN: BMG9887P1068 Euronext share code: BMG9887P1068

("ZCI" or "the Company")

## CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON THE RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

We are pleased to present the Group's condensed reviewed consolidated interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2014. Although the group realised a gross profit from mining activities of US\$3.5 million it nevertheless incurred an overall loss of US\$3.1 million from activities for the six months ended to 30 September 2014, compared to an overall loss of US\$36.5 million for the same period in the previous year, owing largely to an impairment loss of US\$31.5 million recorded in the previous period.

### **MINING ACTIVITIES**

Copper produced in concentrate for this six month period increased by 15% compared to the same period last year primarily due to a 25% increase in recoveries. Gross profit from mining activities was US\$3.5 million, a decrease of 49.6% from US\$6.9 million for the corresponding period last year. The reduction in gross profit was primarily due to increased mining costs as a consequence of increased mining activities at Thakadu necessitated by an effort to make good on previous shortfalls in mining and drilling activity. The acceleration in mining cost reflects our success, working with our new mining contractor, Diesel Power Mining (Pty) Ltd ("Diesel Power") a subsidiary of JSE listed Buildmax Ltd, in addressing and turning around the low delivery rate of Thakadu ore we experienced under the previous contractor.

The Diesel Power contract is of strategic importance for the Group, since the transition of mining operations to the larger Mowana open pit commencing in the third quarter of the 2015 financial year, when the Thakadu mine will be depleted, will require significant waste stripping to expose the necessary supergene and sulphide ores.

Diesel Power's initial priority was to address and turn around the low delivery rate of Thakadu ore experienced under the previous contractor, taking a strategic approach to optimising the mining prior to the Thakadu mine's anticipated depletion. This plan encompassed adequately opening up the pit and prioritising the mining of high grade ore. Our production statistics for the period demonstrate solid performance in this respect. Even so, the Mowana process plant was under-utilised at times during the period, necessitating the processing of low grade ore.

Waste stripping commenced at the Mowana mine in October 2014. Similar to Thakadu, the approach is to develop Mowana so as to maximise the availability of high grade supergene and sulphide ore by June 2015 when Thakadu ore feed to the plant is scheduled to be depleted. Diesel Power's performance to date has been strong, but this remains the top critical success factor to the Company attaining its objectives in the near term.

Our key statistics for the period were as follows:

Description	Six Months ended 30 Sep 2014	Six Months ended 30 Sep 2013	Six Months ended 30 Sep 2012
Ore processed (Mt)	388,807	373,274	421,913
Cu grade (%)	1.6	1.81	1.86
Recovery (%)	91.3	73.0	57.3
Concentrate produced (Mt)	23,153	22,212	20,856
Copper produced in concentrate (Mt)	5,679	4,937	4,490

The average copper produced in concentrate for the period amounted to 946 tonnes per month, with the highest and lowest months' production yielding 1,303 tonnes and 407 tonnes respectively. The mass of copper produced in concentrate enabled the business to generate positive cash inflow from operating activities over the period of US\$7.9 million compared to an inflow of US\$6.1 million for the corresponding period during the previous year.

We are pleased to report continuing improvement in recoveries and in the total production of copper for the same six month period during each of the past three years. However the gains from these improvements have been reduced by the lower amount of ore processed as a consequence of the mining challenges described before.

The mine continues to perform at sub-optimal levels and we are still facing significant challenges within our mining activities. Subsequent to the period end, the Group has been impacted by working capital shortages due to a backlog in required waste stripping and lower than planned production levels during October and November, namely 972 tonnes and 607 tonnes copper produced in concentrate respectively. Consequently ACU requested financial support in December 2014 to the value of US\$2.5 million in order to fund the waste stripping required to manage the transition from the Thakadu pit to the Mowana pit. As a result, ZCI has entered into a term facility agreement for the same amount with ACU, supported by a term facility agreement between the Company and its controlling shareholder, the salient terms of which are described in note 16 to these financial statements. Drawdown on the facilities occurred on 19 December 2014.

Despite the difficulties described above and uncertainties disclosed in note 5 to the financial statements, we remain confident that the focus during the past periods on raising production levels by improving plant efficiency and increasing throughput by means of the optimised mining plans will lead to improved results.

## **GEOLOGY AND EXPLORATION<sup>1</sup>**

At the Thakadu open pit a total of nine reverse circulation drill holes were completed during the period to redefine the Thakadu ore body and the Thakadu geological model has been updated based on this work.

A reverse circulation drilling programme also commenced during the period, comprising seventeen drill holes at the Mowana open pit. It is expected that this will result in current Inferred Resources moving to the Measured and Indicated categories to be incorporated in the life of mine plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The technical information has been reviewed and approved by David De'Ath, BSc (Hons), MSc, GDE-Mining, MIMM and MAusIMM, the Company's Resident Geologist for the Mowana Mine, who is a qualified person for the purposes of N1 43-101, and the SAMREC and JORC Codes.

At Matsitama exploration activities during the quarter continued within the PL16/2004 and PL17/2004 prospecting licences, with work focused on the Phute and Nakalakwana targets.

At Phute we completed a total of thirteen reverse circulation drillholes comprising 2,170 metres. Low grade mineralisation, 0.4 to 0.8% TCu in the form of sulphides (pyrite and chalcopyrite) and oxides (malachite and chrysocolla) were intersected in both the north and south limbs of the target.

Following a review of soil geochemistry and drillhole data from previous programmes at Nakalakwana West, we tested anomalous targets using reverse circulation drilling. A total of six drill holes comprising 1,051 metres were drilled with traces of pyrite and chalcopyrite seen in the holes. Further geophysical surveys will be used to identify deeper targets in this area.

We submitted renewals and received extension of the main Matsitama prospecting licences, namely PL's 14/2004, 15/2004, 16/2004 and 17/2004 that have been extended to 30 September 2016. We anticipate further encouraging results from our exploration project at Matsitama during the periods ahead and the Group is actively seeking to secure a joint venture partner to enhance exploration efforts of the Nakalakwana area.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OPERATIONS

During the period under review the Botswana Pula weakened approximately 5.4% against the US Dollar. Revenues increased to US\$30.8 million, an increase of 3.7% from our revenues of US\$29.7 million for the corresponding period last year. The increase reflects greater copper in concentrate produced due to higher average recoveries during the period from a higher percentage of sulphide ore processed, but was also constrained by the production problems during the period described under the mining activities section.

Our cost of sales increased by 19.8% compared to the comparative period. This was largely attributable to increases in transport and mining costs:

- Mining costs increased as mining activities at Thakadu accelerated during the period as our new mining contractor allowed us to address and turn around the low delivery rate of Thakadu ore experienced under the previous contractor. This resulted in higher mining volumes at Thakadu, notably waste stripping (5.6m tonnes waste in six months of current financial year, against 3.9m tonnes in comparative period the previous year). Additionally, 1.2m tonnes of waste were mined at Mowana in the period compared to 0.2m tonnes in the comparative previous period.
- Transport costs increased during the current period due to an increase in ore trucked from the Thakadu pit to the Mowana processing facility.
- Processing and engineering costs decreased during the current period due to processing a higher percentage of Thakadu sulphide ore, requiring less expensive reagent chemicals than in the comparative period, and to decreased maintenance and repair costs. The mill drive train and crusher screen failures and consequent downtimes in the previous financial year led to higher process operating costs compared to the current period when the plant ran relatively smoothly.

Administrative costs increased slightly to US\$4.5 million from US\$4.3 million in the comparative period. The increase reflected an increase in certain consultancy fees. Finance costs increased to US\$1.3 million from US\$0.8 million in the comparative period. The increase relates to the finance charges on finance lease liability recognised in the current period, refer note 11.

There was a decrease in the cash and cash equivalents on hand during the period. Capital investments of US\$7.0 million (2013: US\$7.2 million) relating primarily to mine development and infrastructure and US\$0.8 million (2013: US\$0.5 million) relating to expenditures on exploration properties were incurred. At 30 September 2014, the capital equipment facility was drawn at US\$0.33 million and during the current period the MRI Trading Ag presale was repaid.

During the period, we reassessed the recoverability of the carrying value of our property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. As a result of this assessment, we did not recognise an impairment loss as the current best estimate of the value in use exceeds the carrying value of our mining assets. The value in use represents the estimated present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from the Thakadu and Mowana pits, discounted at a rate of 17% and factoring in sensitivities on the forecast copper price, production throughput, recoveries and mining costs.

ZCI's agreement to continue to defer all principal and interest payments arising from its subsidiary's debt obligations to ZCI have been extended to 31 December 2015, subject to any impact from the review of the reassessment of the strategic direction of ZCI and the Group . Furthermore, the related letter of financial support issued to ACU confirming that it is ZCI's policy to make sufficient financial resources available to the Group in order to allow the Group to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due in the normal course of its operations remains in force, also subject to the reassessment of the strategic direction of ZCI and the Group.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DEVELOPMENTS

Since the publication of the ZCI Integrated Annual Report in June 2014 there have been no material changes on the corporate governance front. All the members of the Board of Directors were re-elected at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 24 September 2014. ZCI continues to be committed to the implementation of corporate governance principles which are in accordance with best practices and we continue to make advancements in our long term plan for the implementation of King III corporate governance principles as appropriate to the size, type and activity of ZCI. In line with the strategic objectives of ZCI, the Board will continue to ensure on-going compliance with regulatory requirements and improved corporate governance. The directors also take full responsibility for the preparation of the consolidated interim financial statements.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT AND OUTLOOK**

We are able to report improvements during this six month period in our key operating measures. This reflects the processing of good quality Thakadu sulphide ore, a stable plant operating environment and our success, working with our new mining contractor, in addressing and turning around the low delivery rate of Thakadu ore we experienced under the previous contractor. The capability and operating performance of our new mining contractor greatly enhances our strategic position as we prepare to move mining operations back to the larger Mowana open pit in 2015. However, our future remains subject to significant risks and uncertainties, as set out in note 5 to our interim financial statements.

The Directors continue to consider all aspects of our operations and capital structure and the challenges facing the Group. While the remaining mine production from Thakadu is expected to yield good cash margins, the cessation of operations at Thakadu and the move back into the Mowana open pit will require significant operational and capital resources. Considering the risks inherent in these activities as well as the continued pressure on the copper price it is a vital exercise that must be measured against the availability of funding.

Lastly, a lack of diversity in the investment portfolio of ZCI remains one of the key risks faced by the Company. ZCI currently has one major investment being debt and equity held in ACU. The Board is continuing to work towards realising the full value of its investments, and will pursue all relevant opportunities to unlock value and put the Group in a position to build a more diversified investment portfolio providing sustainable growth for its shareholders.

Professor Stephen Simukanga

Tom Kamwendo

Chairman

CEO

19 December 2014

Condensed Consolidated Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the six months ended 30 September 2014

Revenue Cost of sales Gross profit from mining	Notes	Reviewed Six months ended 30 September 2014 USD '000 30,830 (27,342) 3,488	Reviewed Six months ended 30 September 2013 USD '000 29,742 (22,820) 6,922	Audited Twelve months ended 31 March 2014 USD '000 58,735 (44,625) 14,110
activities		0,100	0,022	11,110
Administrative expenses Impairment loss Other expenses	9 6	(4,487) - (879)	(4,299) (31,500) (9,150)	(8,473) (31,500) (11,705)
Loss before net finance	~	(1,878)	(38,027)	(37,568)
expense			· · · /	· · · /
Finance income		39	14	40
Finance costs	7	(1,253)	(811)	(1,540)
Loss before tax		(3,092)	(38,824)	(39,068)
			0.007	0.007
Income tax Loss for the period/year		(3,092)	2,297 (36,527)	2,297 (36,771)
Other comprehensive income that are or may be reclassified or loss Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		(877)	(1,214)	(1,856)
Total comprehensive income for the period/year		(3,969)	(37,741)	(38,627)
Loss attributable to: Owners of the company Non-controlling interest Total comprehensive		(232) (2,860)	(31,122) (5,405)	(26,211) (10,560)
income attributable to: Owners of the company Non-controlling interest		(876) (3,093)	(32,144) (5,597)	(27,574) (11,053)
Basic loss per ordinary share (US cents) Diluted loss per ordinary share	8	(0.42)	(55.90)	(47.08)
(US cents)	8	(0.93)	(60.14)	(48.95)

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 30 September 2014

	:	Reviewed 30 September 2014	Audited 31 March 2014
	Notes	USD'000	USD'000
ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	42,996	32,327
Intangible assets	U U	19,206	20,110
Other financial assets		243	257
Total non-current assets		62,445	52,694
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Inventories		7,486 4,944	7,624 5,859
Trade and other receivables		4,944 5,905	7,451
Cash and cash equivalents Total current assets		18,335	20,934
Total current assets		10,335	20,934
TOTAL ASSETS		80,780	73,628
EQUITY			
Share capital		102,688	102,688
Foreign currency translation reserve		(8,018)	(7,374)
Accumulated losses		(26,655)	(26,455)
Equity attributable to owners of the company		68,015	68,859
Non-controlling interest		(27,504)	(24,411)
Total equity		40,511	44,448
LIABILITIES			
Interest bearing debt		13	41
Finance lease liability	11	9,011	1,535
Environmental rehabilitation provision		6,997	7,024
Total non-current liabilities		16,021	8,600
Trade and other payables		21,160	18,331
Current portion of finance lease liability	11	2,771	378
Current portion of interest bearing debt		317	1,871
Total current liabilities		24,248	20,580
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		80,780	73,628

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the six months ended 30 September 2014

	Share capital	Foreign currency translation reserve	(Accumulated losses)/Retained earnings	Attributable to owners of the company	Non- controlling interest	Total equity
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Balance as at 31 March 2013	102,688	(6,891)	(10,831)	84,966	(7,952)	77,014
Transactions with owners of the company						
Contributions and distributions:						
Share option reserve	-	-	43	43	-	43
Equity settled share based payment	-	-	5,992	5,992	-	5,992
Total contributions and distributions			6,035	6,035	-	6,035
Total transactions with owners of the company	-	-	6,035	6,035	-	6,035
Total comprehensive income						
Loss for the period	-	-	(31,122)	(31,122)	(5,405)	(36,527)
Other comprehensive income						
- foreign currency translation differences	-	(1,022)	-	(1,022)	(192)	(1,214)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(1,022)	(31,122)	(32,144)	(5,597)	(37,741)
Balance as at 30 September 2013	102,688	(7,913)	(35,918)	58,857	(13,549)	45,308

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the six months ended 30 September 2014

	Share capital	Foreign currency translation reserve	(Accumulated losses)/Retained earnings	Attributable to owners of the company	Non- controlling interest	Total equity
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Balance as at 31 March 2014	102,688	(7,374)	(26,455)	68,859	(24,411)	44,448
Transaction with owners of the company						
Contribution and distributions:						
Share option reserve	-	-	32	32	-	32
Total contributions and distributions	-	-	32	32	-	32
Total transactions with owners of the company	-	-	32	32	-	32
Total comprehensive income						
Loss for the period	-	-	(232)	(232)	(2,860)	(3,092)
Other comprehensive income						
- foreign currency translation differences	-	(644)	-	(644)	(233)	(877)
Total comprehensive income for the period	L	(644)	(232)	(876)	(3,093)	(3,969)
Balance as at 30 September 2014	102,688	(8,018)	(26,655)	68,015	(27,504)	40,511

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the six months ended 30 September 2014

	Reviewed	Reviewed
	Six months ended	Six months ended
	30 September	30 September
	2014	2013
	USD'000	USD'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated by operations	8,480	6,190
Interest received	39	14
Interest paid	(628)	(100)
Net cash from operating activities	7,891	6,104
Cash flows from investing activities Additions to maintain operations:		
- Property, plant and equipment	(7,002)	(7,235)
Additions to expand operations:	(7,002)	(7,200)
- Intangible assets	(749)	(547)
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	24
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,751)	(7,758)
Cook flows from financing activities		
Cash flows from financing activities	(1 592)	(511)
Repayment of interest bearing debt	(1,582)	(511)
Interest bearing debt raised	-	2,629
Repayment of finance liability	(683)	
Net cash (used in)/from financing operations	(2,265)	2,118
Effect of foreign currency translation on		
cash balances	579	757
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and		
cash equivalents	(1,546)	1,221
Cash and cash equivalents at the		
beginning of the period	7,451	9,166
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of		
the period	5,905	10,387

Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. General information

ZCI ("the Company") is a public company incorporated and domiciled in Bermuda. It has a primary listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and a secondary listing on the Euronext.

The Company's business is not affected by any Government protection or investment encouragement laws.

ZCI is the holding company of a copper producing and mineral exploration and development group of companies (the "Group"). The Group's main project through its intermediate subsidiary, African Copper Plc. ("ACU") is the Mowana Mine which consists of a 3,000 Mt per day copper processing facility and the copper producing Mowana open pit. The Group also owns the rights to the adjacent high grade copper-silver Thakadu open-pit and holds permits in exploration properties at the Matsitama Project. The Mowana Mine and processing infrastructure is located in the north-eastern part of Botswana and the Matsitama Project is contiguous to the southern boundary of the Mowana Mine.

The address of ZCI's registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company as at and for the six months ended 30 September 2014 comprises the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group").

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved for issue on 19 December 2014 by the board of directors.

## 2. Basis of preparation

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard, (IAS) *34 Interim Financial Reporting* and the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee.

They do not include all the information required for a complete set of IFRS financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group's financial position and performance since the last annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2014

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in United States Dollars ("USD" or US\$), which is the Company's functional currency. All financial information presented in US\$ has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

## 3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in the presentation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards and are consistent with those applied for the year ended 31 March 2014. There are no accounting standards and amendments effective for the first time in the current financial period that applied to the Group.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies - continued

The following new standards that could be relevant to the Group, are not yet effective for the six months ended 30 September 2014, and has not been applied in preparing these financial statements:

- IFRS 9 *Financial instruments*, effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 This standard is set to replace the current IAS 39.
- IFRS 15 *Revenue from contracts with customers*, effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017 This standard specifies how and when revenue is recognised based on a principle based five-step model.

## 4. Segment information

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components. The Group's only operating segment is the exploration for, and the development and mining of copper and other base metal deposits. All the Group's activities are related to the exploration for, and the development and mining of copper and other base metal deposits. All the Group's activities are related to the exploration for, and the development and mining of copper and other base metals in Botswana with the support provided from ACU and it is reviewed as a whole by the Board (who is considered the chief operating decision maker) to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available. All mining revenue is attributed to Botswana and derives from a single customer.

As such, no segmental report has been prepared.

### 5. Going Concern

The Directors have considered the status of the current operations, the current funding position and the projected funding requirements of the business for twelve months from the date of approval of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements as detailed below.

There has been a decrease in the Group's loss after tax from US\$36.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2013 to a loss of US\$3.1 million for the period ended 30 September 2014, owing predominantly to the inclusion of a US\$31.5 million impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible mining assets during the prior period.

### Cash flow forecast - key assumptions and uncertainties

The majority of the Group's activities occur at a subsidiary level. Cash flow projections have been performed at an ACU and a Group level since the ability of ACU to continue as a going concern has a direct impact on the same ability of the Group. The cash flow projections are based on a number of inputs and assumptions which include mined tonnage, all associated mining and processing costs, extraction and yield rates for production of the copper concentrate, and the price of copper. The Group's approved capital expenditure as well as committed exploration costs are also included in the cash flow projections.

According to the current mine plan, the Thakadu pit will be depleted by April 2015 and the Group's future cash generation beyond this point depends entirely on a successful and timely restart of mining operations at the Mowana pit and associated processing of the supergene ore. Numerous significant challenges and risks exist in attaining this situation at Mowana. In particular, the Group over the years has experienced recurring problems with the quality of its mining contractors and other aspects of production, causing production levels to be significantly below planned levels.

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### 5. Going Concern – continued

However, the new mining contractor, appointed during the last quarter of the previous financial year, has led to a significant increase in the quality and productivity of mining which the Group expects to continue in the foreseeable future.

In the opinion of the Directors, the key assumptions to which the projections are most sensitive are the tonnage of produced copper concentrate and the copper price. The tonnage of produced copper concentrate is itself a function of mining output and recovery achieved in the processing operations.

The following key assumptions (relevant for the 12 months to December 2015) were used to calculate the future cash flows:

•	Average copper price per tonne	US\$6,427
•	Average monthly production	1,150 tonnes
•	Average monthly throughput	82,062 tonnes
•	Average recovery	84.9 %

The forecasted copper price per tonne is based on consensus analyst projections for the copper price and current market conditions. The actual average price per tonne achieved during the period under review was US\$6,872 (2014 financial year: US\$7,108).

The forecasted average monthly production is a 21.5% increase over average production for the period under review. The current period average production was significantly impacted by the low production in June and July 2014 which was primarily due to the very large volume of waste stripping that was required. The projected production is a 2.7% increase over the average production for the 6 months ended 30 September 2014 excluding the anomaly months of June and July 2014. Considering the on-going stability of the plant following the plant improvements completed during the prior financial year, the expertise and efficiency of the current mining contractor, and throughput achievements in the past, the projected ore availability and throughput as per the plan should be achievable.

Forecasted recovery rates are based on independent metallurgy and plant test-work, averaging 84.9% over the 12 months to December 2015.

#### Projected funding requirements and current activities

The Directors believe that the projections for the twelve months to December 2015 are achievable. The cash flow projections show that if the key operational and pricing assumptions are achieved, the Company and its subsidiaries will not require any funding in addition to the funding secured by means of prepayment and the term facility provided by ZCI (refer note 16), for the next twelve months from the date of approval of these interim financial statements.

By way of illustrating downside sensitivities in the projection, the impact of shortfalls would result in additional funding requirement over the forecasted period until December 2015 as follows (all other assumptions unchanged):

- shortfalls in the average copper price of up to 4 %;
- shortfalls in production throughput of up to 7.5% (equivalent to an improvement of at least 10% on the average throughput achieved during the 2015 interim period);
- shortfalls in average recoveries of up to 5%;

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## 5. Going Concern – continued

In the event that all the downside sensitivities illustrated above occur simultaneously, the impact would result in additional funding requirement over the forecasted period until December 2015 of up to US\$5.6 million (all other assumptions unchanged). However, it is the Directors view that this scenario is highly improbable.

These projections are furthermore subject to ZCI continuing to defer all principal and interest payments arising from ACU's debt obligations to ZCI for the next twelve months.

In light of the sensitivities of the cash flow forecast, the Directors of ZCI issued a further letter of financial support to ACU, confirming that ZCI will continue to make sufficient financial resources available up to a maximum amount of US\$7 million to allow ACU to meet its liabilities as they fall due in the course of normal operations, subject to no material changes in the shareholding or debt structure of ACU resulting from the review of the reassessment of the strategic direction of ZCI and the Group. To ensure that ZCI has the ability to provide such support based on existing and any additional funding requirements, the Company obtained an extension of the letter of financial support from its controlling shareholder, to the value of US\$7 million.

Furthermore, during December 2014 additional funding was requested by ACU in order to have sufficient working capital to perform the waste stripping required to manage the transition from the Thakadu pit to the Mowana pit. The shortages in working capital was as a result of a backlog in waste stripping and lower than planned production levels for October and November 2014. In order to ensure that ACU has sufficient working capital in the near term, ZCI has entered into a term facility agreement for US\$2.5 million with ACU, supported by a term facility agreement between the Company and its controlling shareholder of the same amount (refer note 16). Drawdown of the full amount occurred on 19 December 2014. *Conclusion* 

After taking account of the Company and its subsidiaries' funding position and their cash flow projections, and having considered the risks and uncertainties described above, the Directors have concluded that the Company and its subsidiaries have adequate resources to operate for at least the next 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. For these reasons, the Directors continue to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Although we expect the Group to continue as a going concern, the combination of the uncertainties surrounding the successful and timely restart of mining operations at the Mowana pit and the associated processing of supergene ore, the exposure to copper price variations, the risk of our mining targets not being met, and the availability of additional funding if necessary, collectively represent a material uncertainty casting significant doubt on the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to continue as going concerns and therefore they may be unable to realise their assets and discharge their liabilities in the normal course of business.

### 6. Other expenses

As disclosed in the 31 March 2014 and 30 September 2013 financial results, other expenses included an advisory fee of US\$2 million paid to iCapital (Mauritius) Limited as well as a share based payment expense of US\$5.992 million recognised as an equity settled share based payment transaction in terms of IFRS 2 Share Based Payments. These expenses have been incurred due to the settlement reached with iCapital.

### 7. Finance costs

Included in finance costs for the current period is interest accrued on the finance lease liabilities, refer to note 11 for further detail.

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## 8. Earnings per share

	Reviewed Six months ended 30 September 2014	Reviewed Six months ended 30 September 2013	Audited Twelve months ended 31 March 2014
Basic loss per ordinary share (US cents) Diluted loss per ordinary share (US cents)	(0.42) (0.93)	(55.90) (60.14)	(47.08) (48.95)
Headline loss per ordinary share (US cents) Diluted headline loss per ordinary share (US	(0.44)	(15.98)	(8.71)
cents)	(0.95)	(20.22)	(10.59)
Number of ordinary shares in issue	55,677,643	55,677,643	55,677,643
Weighted average and diluted number of ordinary shares in issue	55,677,643	55,677,643	55,677,643

The following adjustments to profit/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders were taken into account in the calculation of diluted loss, headline loss and diluted headline loss per share:

	Reviewed Six months ended 30 September 2014 USD'000	Reviewed Six months ended 30 September 2013 USD'000	Audited Twelve months ended 31 March 2014 USD'000
Loss attributable to owners of the company Increase in shareholding in subsidiary with	(232)	(31,122)	(26,211)
respect to convertible portion of debt	(283)	(2,360)	(1,045)
Diluted loss attributable to owners of the company	(515)	(33,482)	(27,256)
Loss attributable to owners of the company Impairment loss (Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and	(232)	(31,122) 31,500	(26,211) 31,500
equipment Total tax effect of adjustments Total non-controlling interest effect of	(19) -	320 (4,567)	526 (2,161)
adjustments	5	(5,031)	(8,506)
Headline loss attributable to owners of the company Increase in shareholding in subsidiary with	(246)	(8,900)	(4,852)
respect to convertible portion of debt	(283)	(2,360)	(1,045)
Diluted headline loss attributable to owners of the company	(529)	(11,260)	(5,897)

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## 9. Property, plant and equipment

	Mine development	Mine plant		
	and	and	Other	
	infrastructure	equipment	assets	Total
2015	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Cost				
Balance at 1 April 2014	35,634	29,240	4,029	68,903
Additions	7,649	11,091	98	18,838
Disposals	-	-	(11)	(11)
Foreign exchange adjustments	(2,122)	(1,932)	(209)	(4,263)
Balance at 30 September 2014	41,161	38,399	3,907	83,467
Depreciation and impairment loss	es			
Balance at 1 April 2014	(28,525)	(6,471)	(1,580)	(36,576)
Depreciation charge for the year	(3,916)	(1,824)	(269)	(6,009)
Disposals	-	-	10	10
Foreign exchange adjustments	1,612	402	90	2,104
Balance at 30 September 2014	(30,829)	(7,893)	(1,749)	(40,471)
Carrying value				
Balance at 1 April 2014	7,109	22,769	2,449	32,327
Balance at 30 September 2014	10,332	30,506	2,158	42,996

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## 9. Property, plant and equipment - continued

	Mine development	Mine plant		
	and	and	Other	
2014	infrastructure USD'000	equipment USD'000	assets USD'000	Total USD'000
Cost				
Balance at 1 April 2013	29,550	27,096	3,805	60,451
Additions	9,208	3,043	414	12,665
Disposals	-	(619)	(24)	(643)
Reclassifications/Transfers	(1,350)	1,296	54	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	(1,774)	(1,576)	(220)	(3,570)
Balance at 31 March 2014	35,634	29,240	4,029	68,903
Depreciation and impairment loss	<u>es</u>			
Balance at 1 April 2013	(14,351)	(4,242)	(1,249)	(19,842)
Depreciation charge for the year	(3,360)	(1,158)	(430)	(4,948)
Disposals	-	94	23	117
Impairment loss	(11,965)	(1,455)	-	(13,420)
Foreign exchange adjustments	1,151	290	76	1,517
Balance at 31 March 2014	(28,525)	(6,471)	(1,580)	(36,576)
Carrying value				
Balance at 1 April 2013	15,199	22,854	2,556	40,609
Balance at 31 March 2014	7,109	22,769	2,449	32,327

The majority of the Group's property, plant and equipment above are physically located at the mine, in Botswana.

### Impairment review

During the financial year, the Group reassessed the recoverability of the carrying value of its property, plant and equipment as well as intangible assets where mining is currently taking place, (this is considered to be one cash generating unit), following continuing operating challenges and its on-going reconsideration of the strategic direction of its mining assets (Refer to note 5). The recoverable amount was calculated with reference to value-in-use.

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### 9. Property, plant and equipment - continued

### Impairment review - continued

The Group performed an impairment test on the above mentioned cash generating unit. Key assumptions include the following:

- A revised five year and ten months mine plan based on processing 5.6 million tonnes of the Mowana mine's proven and probable reserves and 0.4 million tonnes of the Thakadu Pit's probable reserves over the life of the mine
- A discount rate of 15%, stress tested up to rate of 17% (2014: 15% 17%)
- Average production through-put levels of 81,976 tonnes per month over the life of mine (from January 2015), adjusted by 7.5% downside sensitivity factor to average production through put levels of 75,828, which is based on at least 10% increase over the life-of-mine on actual throughput compared to the previous financial year;
- Copper sales prices, based on consensus analyst projections for the copper price, forecast at price of US\$3.17 per lb over the life of mine, adjusted by a 2% downside sensitivity factor;
- Grade assumptions based on the Mowana and Thakadu resource model grades, which experience has shown to be reasonably predictive of the actual grades mined, both averaging 1.5%
- Recovery rates based on historical independent metallurgy and plant test-work adjusted by 5% downside sensitivity
- Operating costs based on historical costs and approved budget costs, plus a 2.5% sensitivity factor increase on mining costs
- Capital costs based on historical costs and approved budget costs

As required by IAS 36, no benefit has been recognised for any additional value that could be generated from the assets through improving the performance of the assets through additional cash outflows, from the development of underground workings or from production beyond the five year and ten months mine plan.

The value-in-use represents the estimated present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset, discounted at a rate of 15% and stress tested at a rate of 17%.

Neither the outcome of the value-in-use calculation, nor the stress test indicated any further impairment of the carrying value of property, plant and equipment and the intangible assets relating to the operations where mining is currently taking place.

During the previous corresponding financial period, the outcome of the value-in-use calculation indicated an impairment loss of US\$31.5 million (US\$13.42 million relating to property, plant and equipment and US\$18.08 million relating to intangible assets).

The Directors are of the opinion that the results of the period end value-in-use calculation did not support an impairment loss.

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## **10. Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves**

Since the previous financial year no material changes to the Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves disclosed in the ZCI Integrated report for the year ended 31 March 2014 are expected other than depletion, due to continued mining activities.

## 11. Financial lease liability

On 20 February 2014, the Group entered into an agreement for 52-months with a mining contractor, Diesel Power Mining (Proprietary) Limited ("Diesel Power"). In terms of the contract, specific mining equipment will be used by the contractor in fulfilling their duties of mine scheduling, drill and blasting, waste removal and ore mining.

Although the arrangement is not in the legal form of a lease, the Group concluded that the arrangement contains a lease of the mining equipment. The lease was classified as a finance lease. At the inception of the arrangement, it was impracticable to split the payments into lease payments and other payments related to the arrangement, as such the lease asset and liability was recognised at an amount equal to the fair value of the assets that was identified in terms of the lease. The imputed finance costs on the liability were determined based on the Group's incremental borrowing rate (9 %). This lease provides the Group with the option to buy the equipment at a beneficial price. In terms of the agreement Diesel Power shall not de-mobilise any or all of the mining equipment from the site without receiving written approval from the Group.

Finance lease liabilities recognised for items of equipment whereby the commencement date of the lease was prior to 30 September 2014, are payable as follows:

	Future minimum lease payments	Interest	Present value of minimum lease payments
	2015 USD'000	2015 USD'000	2015 USD'000
Less than one year	3,721	950	2,771
Between one and five years More than five years	10,237 	1,226 -	9,011 -
	13,958	2,176	11,782

	Future minimum lease payments 2014 USD'000	Interest 2014 USD'000	Present value of minimum lease payments 2014 USD'000
Less than one year	535	157	378
Between one and five years	1,783	248	1,535
More than five years	-	-	-
	2,318	405	1,913

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## 11. Financial lease liability - continued

## Commitments under finance lease

At the reporting date, all assets subject to this agreement were not yet at the mine as they are still being mobilised. The future minimum lease payments (for all assets subject to this agreement) are as follow:

		e minimum e payments 2015 USD'000	Interes 2015 USD'000	5 2015
Less than one year		4,131		5 3,076
Between one and five years More than five years		11,365 -	1,359	9 10,006
		15,496	2,414	13,082
		e minimum e payments 2014 USD'000	Interes 201 USD'00	4 2014
Less than one year Between one and five years More than five years		2,037	59	8 1,439
		6,793 -	94	5 5,848
		8,830	1,54	3 7,287
12. Contractual commitments				
Contractual Obligations	Total	2014 <sup>(d)</sup>	2015 <sup>(d)</sup>	2016 <sup>(d)</sup> 2017 <sup>(d)</sup>

Contractual Obligations	Total USD'000	2014 <sup>(d)</sup> USD'000	2015 <sup>(d)</sup> USD'000	2016 <sup>(d)</sup> USD'000	2017 <sup>(d)</sup> USD'000
Goods, services and equipment <sup>(a)</sup>	1,763	1,763	-	-	-
Exploration licences <sup>(b)</sup>	2,179	866	1,257	56	-
Lease agreements <sup>(c)</sup>	61	13	27	9	12
	4,003	2,642	1,284	65	12

a) The Group has a number of agreements with third parties who provide a wide range of goods and services and equipment. This includes commitments for capital expenditure.

b) Under the terms of the Company's prospecting licences Matsitama is obliged to incur certain minimum expenditures.

c) The Company has entered into agreements to lease premises for various periods.

d) The period refers to the calendar year ended.

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## **13. Financial instruments**

The carrying amounts of other financial assets, trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, interest bearing debt, finance lease liability and trade and other payables are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

## 14. Related party transactions

There were no changes with respect to the nature or terms of related party transactions during the period to that previously reported.

## 15. Dividends

No dividends were declared for the period under review.

## 16. Events after the reporting period

No event, material to the understanding of these financial statements, has occurred between the reporting date and the date of approval of the financial statements except for the following:

- On 19 November 2014 a prepayment loan of US\$3 million was obtained from MRI Trading AG ("MRI"), the Group's off-take partner. The loan is US\$ denominated and will be repaid by the offset of copper concentrate deliveries in six equal monthly instalments of minimum US\$0.5 million each, commencing latest thirty days after the one month grace period from the drawdown date. The loan is charged an interest rate of LIBOR 1 month plus 6% calculated daily until such time the entire loan has been repaid. On the same date the MRI off take contract was extended for a period of 12 months from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015. The MRI contract includes the full production of copper concentrates produced at the Group's Mowana and Thakadu mines.
- On 19 December 2014 the Company provided additional financing to the ACU Group by
  providing a term facility agreement to its indirect subsidiary, Messina Copper (Botswana) (Pty)
  Ltd, with a principal value of US\$2.5 million in broad terms to fund the short term working capital
  required to perform the necessary waste stripping to manage the transition from the Thakadu pit to
  the Mowana pit. This loan is made on substantially similar terms to previous loans extended by
  the Company to its subsidiaries, and bears interest at 9% per annum with repayment in equal
  monthly instalments of US\$500,000 commencing in January 2016. Drawdown of the full amount
  occurred on 19 December 2014.
- On 19 December 2014 the Company obtained a loan from its parent and ultimate controlling shareholder, the Copperbelt Development Foundation. The loan has a principal value of US\$2.5 million and bears interest at 9% per annum with repayment in equal monthly instalments of US\$500,000 commencing in January 2016. Drawdown of the full amount occurred on 19 December 2014.

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### 17. Review opinion

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of ZCI Limited for the six months ended 30 September 2014 have been reviewed by our auditors, KPMG Inc., who expressed an unmodified review conclusion. The auditor's report contained the following Emphasis of Matter paragraph: "Without qualifying our conclusion, we draw attention to note 5, which indicates that the Group incurred a loss for the six months ended 30 September 2014 of US\$3.1 million. This condition, along with other matters as set forth in the note, indicates the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company and its subsidiaries to continue as going concerns."

A copy of the review report is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company (Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda) and the offices of the sponsor, together with the financial statements identified in the auditor's report.

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