



WESTERN CLUSTER LIMITED

**AUDIT REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2024

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**Western Cluster Limited
Board of Directors
As at March 31, 2024**

The Board of Directors of Western Cluster Limited comprise one (1) member as mentioned below.

Directors	Title
Navin Kumar Jaju	Director
Leena Bhiku Verenkar	Director
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Legal Counsel:	Sherman & Sherman Law Firm R. Foley Sherman Law Building 17 th Street & Cheeseman Avenue Sinkor, Monrovia
Auditors:	PKF Liberia Lara Building, 4 th Floor Randall Street P. O. Box 10-3635 1000 Monrovia 10, Liberia

Western Cluster Limited
Statements of responsibilities of the Board of Directors

1. The Board has general powers to manage the business of the Company.
2. The Board of Directors is responsible to ensure that the books of accounts of the Company are kept in a manner considered suitable for reporting and other relevant purposes.

In particular, the Board is responsible to:

- a. ensure that the accounting records of the Company are satisfactorily maintained and its financial statements presented in accordance with authoritative standards and other governing policies applicable in such regard.
 - b. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
 - c. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures to be disclosed or explained in the financial statements;
 - d. ensure that the financial statements are prepared on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business;
3. In summary, the Board is responsible to ensure that proper accounting records are kept, which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Company. The Board is responsible to put in place the relevant mechanism for safeguarding the assets of the Company and to take reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other forms of irregularities, and the prompt detection of those that might nonetheless occur.
 4. The Board is also responsible to annually appoint competent auditors to examine the books of the Company, subject to ratification be ratified by an affirmative vote of the shareholders at their annual meeting. The Board shall cause to be printed a copy of the auditor's report, together with the relevant statements accompanying such report.
 5. The Board may appoint members of management committees as it may deem necessary; and may delegate to the committees such powers as the Board considers relevant and necessary.

The above statement of responsibilities of the Board with respect to the financial statements of the Company shall be read in conjunction with the statement of the Auditor's responsibilities set out on the next page of this document. This is necessary and is being done with the view to distinguishing for the benefit of shareholders and other users of the financial statements the respective responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Auditors in relation to the audited financial statements of Western Cluster Limited (WCL).



Navin Kumar Jaju
Director

22/04/24



Leena Bhiku Verenkar
Director

22/04/24



Independent Auditor's report

To the Shareholders
Western Cluster Limited (WCL)

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the **Western Cluster Limited (WCL)**; which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2024, the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Shareholder's Equity and Statement of Cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Western Cluster Limited (WCL)** as at March 31, 2024, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with **International Standards on Auditing (ISAs)**. 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 **International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants** together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Liberia, and have fulfilled our other responsibilities under those ethical requirements and **IESBA-Code**.

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

Key Audit Matter

Key audit matters are selected from matters, which are communicated with those charged with governance. Matters which are discussed with those charged with governance are then evaluated by the auditor who then determines those matters which required significant auditor attention during the course of the audit.

Based on our audit of these financial statements of the Company, we did not identify any key audit matter that is required to be reported as key audit matter.

Other information

The directors of the Company are responsible for other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report 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.

Based on the work we have performed; we conclude that there is no material inconsistency in other information. We therefore have nothing to report in this regard.

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Going Concern

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. The use of this basis of accounting is appropriate unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

As part of our audit of the financial statements, we have concluded that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Company's financial statements is appropriate.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with Governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

The objectives of our audit 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 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the planning and performance of the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtained audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.



- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities and business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Company's audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We are also required to provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

PKF Liberia
Accountants &
Business advisers

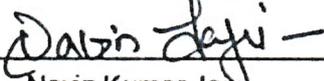
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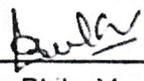
Western Cluster Limited
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2024

	Note	March 2024 US\$	March 2023 US\$
ASSETS:			
Non-Current Assets			
Development Cost	6	106,417,664	107,460,766
Property, Plant, & Equipment	7	<u>9,210,723</u>	<u>8,600,067</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>115,628,387</u>	<u>116,060,833</u>
Current Assets			
Cash and bank balances	3	2,879,615	1,523,603
Receivables and Advances	4	3,514,655	2,735,223
Inventory		27,822,777	8,962,600
Prepayments	5	2,183,577	1,502,792
Other Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>2,225,743</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>36,400,624</u>	<u>16,949,961</u>
Total Assets		<u>152,029,011</u>	<u>133,010,794</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY			
Shareholder's Equity			
Accumulated losses brought forward		(38,317,531)	(125,832,521)
Result for the year		<u>546,678</u>	<u>87,514,990</u>
Total Shareholder's Equity		<u>(37,770,853)</u>	<u>(38,317,531)</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Inter-company payables	9	127,425,481	119,692,000
Other Financial Liabilities		<u>32,437,768</u>	<u>29,803,912</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>159,863,249</u>	<u>149,495,912</u>
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payables		7,120,191	5,720,373
Financial Liabilities		3,100,000	8,100,000
Interest payable		1,297,317	761,776
Salaries payable		68,474	51,470
Taxes payable	8	836,005	83,951
Short-term borrowings		-	251,644
Other liabilities (provisions)		<u>17,514,627</u>	<u>6,863,199</u>
Total Current liabilities		<u>29,936,614</u>	<u>21,832,413</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>189,799,863</u>	<u>171,328,325</u>
Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity		<u>152,029,011</u>	<u>133,010,794</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements



 Navin Kumar Jaju
 Director



 Leena Bhiku Verenkar
 Director

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Income Statement
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Note	March 2024 US\$	March 2023 US\$
Revenue:			
Sale of Iron Ore (Exports)		33,141,692	13,059,443
MTM Gain or Loss		<u>(1,046,891)</u>	<u>-</u>
		32,094,801	13,059,443
Other Income		<u>400,000</u>	<u>16,383,974</u>
		32,494,801	29,443,417
Expenditures:			
Change in Inventory		(18,860,176)	(8,962,600)
Employee Benefits Expense	10	1,597,951	976,386
Finance Charges	11	4,901,873	15,693,705
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortisation Expenses		1,467,357	866,978
Other Expenses	12	<u>42,841,117</u>	<u>15,575,457</u>
Total Expenses		31,948,123	24,149,925
Profit before Exceptional Items		546,678	5,293,492
Exceptional Items		<u>-</u>	<u>82,221,498</u>
Profit / loss for the Year		546,678	87,514,990

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Western Cluster Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	March 2024 US\$	March 2023 US\$
Operating activities:		
Net operating profit/(loss) for the period	546,678	87,514,990
Depreciation	1,467,357	866,978
Exceptional Items (Impairments -Fixed Assets)	-	(82,221,498)
Capitalisation of Social Contribution	-	(27,915,393)
Development Cost	(96,175)	-
Adjustments required to present cash flow from operating activities		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities (Appendix A) :	<u>(9,738,805)</u>	<u>(15,218,719)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>(7,820,946)</u>	<u>(36,973,642)</u>
Investing activities:		
(Purchase)/sale of long-term assets	<u>(938,736)</u>	<u>(6,790,919)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>(938,736)</u>	<u>(6,790,919)</u>
Financing activities:		
Additional financing from group	7,733,481	15,000,000
Short -term borrowing (repayment)	(251,644)	251,644
Financing from other sources	<u>2,633,856</u>	<u>29,803,912.00</u>
Net cash flows from financing activities	<u>10,115,693</u>	<u>45,055,556</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalent	1,356,011	1,290,995
Cash and cash equivalent beginning of period	<u>1,523,603</u>	<u>232,608</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>2,879,615</u></u>	<u><u>1,523,603</u></u>

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Appendix A
For the year ended March 2024

	March 2024	March 2023
	US\$	US\$
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(779,432)	(2,735,223)
Inventory	(18,860,177)	(8,962,600)
Prepayments	(680,785)	(1,490,685)
Accounts payable	1,399,818	(14,005,419)
Other Assets	2,225,743	(2,225,743)
Financial Liabilities	(5,000,000)	8,100,000
Interest payable	535,541	743,716
Salaries payable	17,004	43,007
Taxes payable	752,054	69,956
Other liabilities	10,651,428	5,244,272
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(9,738,805)</u>	<u>(15,218,719)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Western Cluster Limited
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended March 31, 2024

1. Establishment

Western Cluster Limited is a 100% owned subsidiary of Bloom Fountain Limited, a company formed under the laws of Mauritius. The Company was incorporated in Liberia on October 18, 2010 to explore investment opportunities in the iron ore sector in the Western Region of Liberia. Its Mineral Development Agreement with the Government of Liberia was ratified by the National Legislature of Liberia on August 3, 2011.

The principal activities of Western Cluster Limited are to prospect, explore, mine and market iron ore and to manage investments in other companies. The Company is also engaged in importing and exporting goods and services related to the exploitation and processing of iron ore in Liberia.

The Company's concession agreement with the Government of Liberia gives Western Cluster Limited exclusive rights to iron ore deposits in the Western Region of Liberia, specifically Bomi Hills, Bea Mountain and Mano River.

2. Significant accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), under the historical cost convention.

2.2 Currency of reporting

These financial statements are expressed in United States dollars. Cash and near cash assets as well as all liabilities denominated in other currencies are translated to United States dollars at the applicable year-end rates of exchange. Transactions occurring in other currencies during the period are brought into the books at the prevailing rates of exchange on the dates of the respective transactions.

The United States dollar is legal tender in Liberia and circulates freely in the Liberian economy alongside the Liberian dollar. Rates of exchange between these two currencies are market determined.

2.3 Related party disclosure

Entities are considered to be related when one entity exercises control over the other or the entities are under common control. Transactions from related parties are recognized on arm length basis.

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2.4 Use of estimates and Judgments

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Directors to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the valuation of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revision to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates is revised and in any future periods affected. However, estimates and associated assumptions are not applicable for these financial statements.

2.5 Property and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost, excluding the costs of day-to-day servicing, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Replacement or major inspection costs are capitalized when incurred if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

An item of property and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognized.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis so as to allocate the cost less their residual values over the estimated useful lives of the following classes of assets

Computer & Laptops	-	4 years
Furniture & fittings	-	5 years
Office equipment	-	5 years
Motor vehicle	-	5 years
Plant & Machinery	-	25 years
Buildings	-	20 - 50 years

The assets' residual values, and useful lives and method of depreciation are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each financial year end and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

Impairment reviews are performed when there are indicators that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss as an expense, while reversals of impairment losses are also stated in profit or loss.

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- 2.5.1 During the year ended 2016, due to outbreak of the ebola epidemic the operations were stopped completely and also there was drastic fall in the International Iron ore prices due to which WCL had impaired its assets and capital work in progress to the extent of USD 104.14 Mn.

However, during the year 2022 various activities took place towards re-start of operations at Bomi (obtaining of Class A Mining License for a period of 25 years, signing of an MOU with GOL, ground-breaking, start of transportation activities between mine and port, successful completion of multiple shipments). Parallely International Iron Ore Market prices also rose and stabilized over long term view at optimum levels. Considering all of the above, an impairment reversal to the extent of expenses incurred/capitalized in Bomi amounting to around ~82 Mn USD is done in the books of WCL.

2.6 Impairment of non-financial assets

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Company estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's (CGU) fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account, if available. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation models, quoted share prices for publicly traded subsidiaries or other available fair value indicators.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset. An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the Company makes an estimate of the asset's or CGU's recoverable amount.

A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of amortisation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior year.

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2.7 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down.

2.9 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event for which it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. A provision to pay a levy is not recognised until the obligating event specified in the legislation occurs, even if there is no realistic opportunity to avoid the obligation.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. Provisions are measured at the present value of the expected outflow of resources required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

Decommissioning provision relates to the estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing items of property, plant and equipment and restoring the item and site on which the items are located to their original condition. The Company only recognises these decommissioning costs for the proportion of its overall number of sites for which it expects decommissioning to take place. The expected percentage has been based on actual experience in the respective operations.

2.10 Employment benefits

The Company operates a defined contribution pension plan. The contribution payable to a defined contribution plan is in proportion to the services rendered to the Company by the employees. Unpaid contributions are recorded as a liability.

(I) Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the income can be reliably measured. Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. The Company earns income in from of sale of iron ores.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	March 2024 US\$	March 2023 US\$
3.0 Cash and bank balances		
3.1 Foreign bank:		
Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius) Limited	<u>4,203</u>	<u>3,203</u>
3.2 Local banks:		
Ecobank	2,807,718	1,515,789
Guaranty Trust Bank	143	284.01
International Bank (Liberia) Ltd.	1,499	1,499
United Bank of Africa	<u>66,052</u>	<u>2,828</u>
	<u>2,875,412</u>	<u>1,520,400</u>
Total banks	<u>2,879,615</u>	<u>1,523,603</u>
4.0 Receivables and Advances		
4.1 Trade Debtors		
Cargill International International Trading PTE LTD	-	105,958
Trade Advances	3,500,000	-
Other Debtors	-	<u>2,582,613</u>
	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>2,688,571</u>
4.2 Advances		
Anand Naik	-	2,000
Prajyot Kamat	1,200	-
Sudhansu Patro	37	-
Chetan Savant	-	22,926
James Tarpeh	12,144	-
Jayvel G	750	-
Madhev Varak	414	-
Samarjeet Miiitra	112	-
Ernest Mubita	-	1
Jayvel G	-	1,350
Madhev Varak	-	414
SANTOSH GHADI	0	6,000
Bartho D Souza	-	3,250
Sagar Bandodkar	-	6,600
Samarjeet Miiitra	-	112
Uday Naik	-	3,999
	<u>14,655</u>	<u>46,652</u>
Total Receivables and Advances	<u>3,514,655</u>	<u>2,735,223</u>
5.0 Prepayments		
Prepaid Expenses (Insurance)	58,577	2,792
Prepaid Expense (Road Permit)	<u>2,125,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
	<u>2,183,577</u>	<u>1,502,792</u>
6 Development Cost		
Minning Reserves & Development Cost		
Opening balance	108,338,036	-
Additions	96,175	108,338,036
Closing balance	<u>108,434,211</u>	<u>108,338,036</u>
DEPRECIATION		
Opening balance	(877,270)	-
Charge for the year	<u>(1,139,277)</u>	<u>(877,270)</u>
Closing Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,016,547)</u>	<u>(877,270)</u>
BALANCE AS AT MARCH 31,	<u>106,417,664</u>	<u>107,460,766</u>

The Company along with Bloom Fountain Limited, Sesa Goa Ltd and Elenito Minerals Inc. signed a Minerals Development Agreement (MDA) with the Government of Liberia (GOL) on 3rd August, 2011. The MDA defines the terms and conditions under which the GOL grants the Company exploration rights for the Bomi Hills, Bea Mountain and Mano River iron ore deposits. In consideration of the rights granted to it through the exploration licenses, the company was obliged to make certain payments as defined in the MDA. The company has made the payments noted above, as required under the MDA and has also incurred other expenses on the project relating to topographical, geological, geochemical and geophysical studies, exploratory drilling, trenching and activities in relation to evaluating the technical feasibility of the project. The company has capitalised the above expenditure as per company's accounting policy in accordance with IFRS - 6 "Exploration and Evaluation of Mineral Resources". The related expenditure shall be assessed for impairment on an annual basis.

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7.0 Long -term assets

	Computers & Laptops US\$	Furniture US\$	Office Equipment US\$	Vehicles US\$	Plant & Machinery US\$	Buildings US\$	Capital Work in US\$	Total US\$
COST								
Balance at beginning of the year	268,476	120,736	161,007	423,447	6,936,292	4,254,415	20,152,278	32,316,651
Additions	43,579	-	-	-	550,370	-	344,787	938,736
Capital WIP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the year	<u>312,055</u>	<u>120,736</u>	<u>161,007</u>	<u>423,447</u>	<u>7,486,662</u>	<u>4,254,415</u>	<u>20,497,065</u>	<u>33,255,387</u>
DEPRECIATION								
Balance at beginning of the year	201,967	77,581	157,188	422,572	136,528	2,568,470	20,152,278	23,716,584
Depreciation (Impairment reversal (IAS 36))	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	6,044	-	-	-	322,036	-	-	328,080
Provision for Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the year	<u>208,011</u>	<u>77,581</u>	<u>157,188</u>	<u>422,572</u>	<u>458,564</u>	<u>2,568,470</u>	<u>20,152,278</u>	<u>24,044,664</u>
NET BOOK VALUE								
As at March 31, 2024	<u>104,044</u>	<u>43,155</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>7,028,098</u>	<u>1,685,945</u>	<u>344,787</u>	<u>9,210,723</u>
As at March 31, 2023	<u>66,509</u>	<u>43,155</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>6,799,764</u>	<u>1,685,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,600,067</u>

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	March 2024 US\$	March 2023 US\$
8.0 Taxes payable		
Employees withholding taxes payable	52,859	19,158
Social security payable	22,920	7,192
Other withholding taxes payable	760,227	57,600
	<u>836,005</u>	<u>83,951</u>
9.0 Inter-company payable		
90Day Facility Ecobank @7.5%	3,501,799	-
Loan From Bloom Fountain Ltd	103,692,000	103,692,000
Loan From Cairn India Holdings Limited	15,825,203	15,000,000
Loan from THL ZINC Holding BV	1,000,000	1,000,000
Term Loan - Ecobank (18 M @ 7.5%)	3,406,479	-
	<u>127,425,481</u>	<u>119,692,000</u>
<p>The Board of Directors of the company ratified an agreement with Bloom Fountain Limited, The Holding Company, Through a resolution in which Bloom Fountain Limited is to avail Loan up to US \$ 110 Million. The Total amount of Loan Availed so far is US \$ 103.69 million. The Loan is non interest bearing and is repayable in five years when the company commence commercial exploration with an option to review repayment schedule.</p>		
<p>9.1 The company has also entered into a Loan Agreement with THL Zinc Holding BV for an amount of US \$ 50 Million, out of which US \$ 1 Million has been drawn so far. This Loan bears Interest at a rate of 7.74% p.a.</p>		
<p>During the year, the company entered into Loan Agreements with Cairn India Holdings Limited for an aggregate amount of US \$ 15 Million, the whole of which has been drawn down. The initial portion of US\$ 10 Million currently bears an interest rate of 8.62% p.a. whereas the subsequent portion of US\$ 5 Million is 8.62% p.a. as well.</p>		
10.0 Employee Benefits Expense		
Basic Salaries	1,378,795	886,981
Staff Welfare	173,841	74,091
Long-term Incentive Plan	45,315	15,314
	<u>1,597,951</u>	<u>976,386</u>
11.0 Finance Charges		
Interest Expense	4,496,654	15,579,749
Bank Charges	405,219	113,956
	<u>4,901,873</u>	<u>15,693,705</u>
12.0 Other Expenses		
Mining and Exploration expenses	26,955,771	7,836,416
Transportation Charges	3,107,804	2,429,813
Ocean Freight	-	2,052,414
Royalty, Rate and Taxes (excluding taxes on income)	1,360,689	566,804
Insurance	68,344	30,125
Barge Hiring	1,617,337	650,100
Conveyance and Travelling Expenses	389,142	162,328
Port Expenses	2,379,049	681,344
Rent	387,076	97,325
Consultancy Expenses	125,994	550,293
Security charges	202,910	87,609
MDA Fees and Dues	600,000	-
Foreign Currency transactions and translation	-	80,354
Demurrage over despatch	109,111	243,214
Dead Freight	74,235	-
Road Rehabilitation	2,375,000	-
Rental (Machinery)	127,977	-
Repairs & Maintenance	83,232	-
Printing & Stationery	9,075	-
Misc. Expenses	404,609	-
Other Expenses	2,707,470	107,319
	<u>42,841,117</u>	<u>15,575,457</u>

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13 Financial commitments

The Directors are of the opinion that all known liabilities and commitments, which are relevant in assessing the state of affairs of the company, have been taken into consideration in the preparation of these financial statements (2023: Nil).

14 Pending litigation and claims

There are no pending litigations against the company as at March 31, 2024.

15 Events after reporting date

The directors are of the opinion that there are no events that will have impact on the financial statements after the reporting date.