

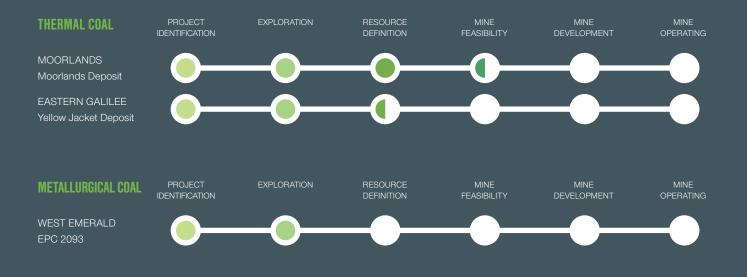
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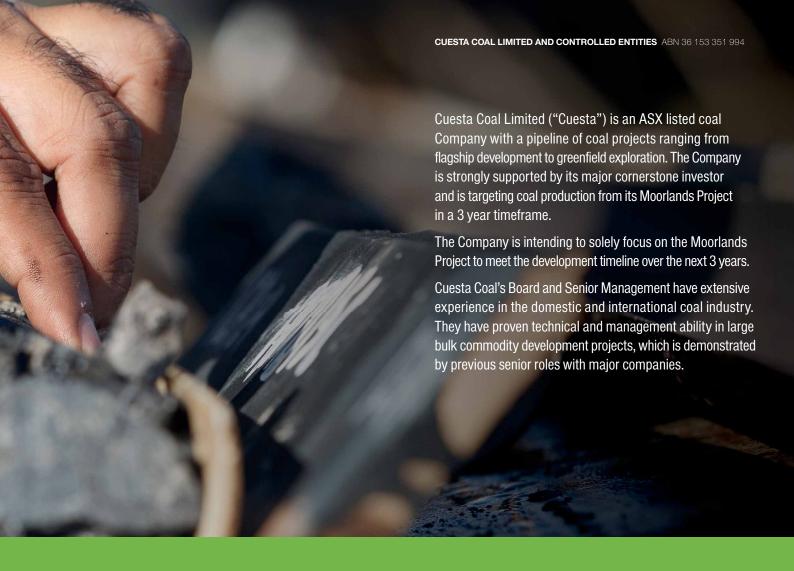
# TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT

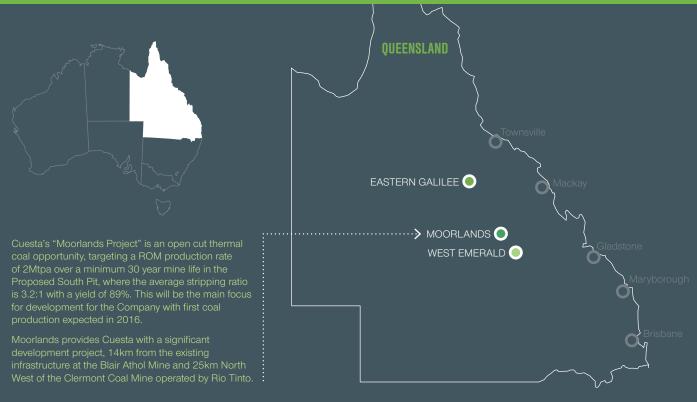




# PROJECT OVERVIEW







# **CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW**

#### **DEAR SHAREHOLDER**

I am pleased to present Cuesta Coal's Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2013, being the first Report since my appointment as Non-Executive Chairman in March 2013.

The past 12 months have been both eventful and positive for the Company in terms of Project Development and Corporate Activities.

Cuesta has defined the Moorlands Project, located 25km north-west of Rio Tinto's Clermont Coal Mine in the Western Bowen Basin of Queensland, as its Flagship Development Project. The Company intends to focus on the development of this project to bring it into production in the shortest possible timeframe. The Company has set itself an ambitious yet achievable goal of first coal production in early 2016.

Moorlands is developing into one of the few remaining robust thermal coal projects yet to be developed in Australia. The Company is continuing an exploration programme to enable a Bankable Feasibility Study to commence in Q1 2014 for a 2Mtpa ROM operation. The deposit has attractive attributes such as proximity to rail infrastructure, thick seams, low stripping ratios (3.2:1), long mine life (>30 years) and low ash, export quality, thermal coal. The Project is located in a region where significant coal projects such as the Blair Athol and Clermont Thermal Coal Mines have operated profitably at high tonnages since the early 1980s.

During the year Cuesta executed an agreement to raise \$12m through its major shareholder Longluck Investments (Australia) Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Beijing Guoli. Settlement of the placement occurred after year-end, as did the appointment of their nominee, Mr Hanping Liu, as a Non-Executive Director to the Cuesta Coal Board. Cuesta's Management has been strengthened with the appointment of Mr Blair Richardson, a respected and experienced executive in the Queensland Coal Industry, as General Manager of Exploration and Development.

In closing, I would like to thank the shareholders of Cuesta Coal for their continued support through the current difficult market conditions for coal. Cuesta believes the medium to long term outlook for the thermal coal industry will be strong given the increasing energy demand in Asia, particular China and India.

We look forward to updating you on our progress at Moorlands as we move into the feasibility stage of the project. The Company believes the foundations have been established for a substantial increase in the value of its assets over the next 12 months.

**BRIAN JOHNSON** 

Non-Executive Chairman

# CEO AND MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

#### **OVERVIEW**

Over the last 12 months, Cuesta has significantly advanced its ambition to become a coal producer by 2016. Cuesta completed the Orion Coal Project acquisition in February 2013, which was a bolt on acquisition to the existing Moorlands Deposit creating an exciting stand-alone thermal coal project located close to existing coal infrastructure.

The board of Cuesta Coal was strengthened by the appointment of Mr Brian Johnson as non-executive Chairman and Mr Ruoshui Wang and Mr Huaixi Zheng as non-executive directors representing the major shareholder of Cuesta Coal.

Cuesta was able to successfully raise \$12m to progress the Moorlands development in difficult conditions for fundraising, which was a validation to the potential of the Moorlands Project.

Subsequent to the year-end and as part of the \$12m placement, Mr Hanping Liu was appointed as non-executive director.



#### FLAGSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

#### **MOORLANDS PROJECT**

During the past year Cuesta chose Moorlands as its Flagship Development Project as it provides a long-life asset with significant resource upside potential. Capital costs can be minimised by implementing a staged start-up of the mine and the project economics are expected to be robust owing to the following key project attributes:

- target initial production rate of two million tonnes per annum from the proposed South Pit to minimise start-up capital expenditure requirements;
- average stripping ratio of 3.2:1 in proposed South Pit for life of mine;
- depth to first coal in the south of the proposed South Pit of only approximately 40 metres from surface;
- primary coal seam thicknesses:
  - B1 averaging 6 metres
  - B4 of 6–10 metres
  - B8 averaging 10 metres
  - B9 averaging 4 metres
- secondary coal seam thicknesses consisting of B5 and B7, each 1–2 metres in thickness; and
- several coal seams and individual coal plies will not require washing, enhancing project economics.

Exploration upside at the Moorlands Project is provided by a significant (but as yet not fully defined) proposed North Pit, which based on the current level of geological understanding, has an average stripping ratio of between 4:1 and 5:1. Drilling activities in 2013 will provide adequate geological understanding enabling feasibility studies to commence.

Robust economics, combined with a mine life exceeding 30 years, support Cuesta Coal's strategy to prioritise the development of the Moorlands Project.

# The Moorlands Project represents a significant new coal mine development in a historical low cost coal mining region

Rio Tinto commenced a major low cost mining operation at Blair Athol in the early 1980s and more recently opened the Clermont mine. Both of these mines have produced greater than 10Mtpa of export thermal coal and host similar coal resources, very low stripping ratios, thick coal seams and coal quality to that of Moorlands. There is a distance of 14km between Moorlands and Blair Athol.

#### Moorlands Proposed South Pit Coal Quality Results

Encouragingly a single low ash, moderate energy coal specification can be generated from the South Pit Deposit.

Particularly encouraging, are the yields on the washed coal samples which average 89% while producing a 10.4% ash product with an acceptable energy content of 6,077 k/cal adb, as shown in the table below:

#### Moorlands South Pit Coal Quality Results

Yield (%)	89
Inherent Moisture % (ad)	9.5
Ash % (ad)	10.4
Volatile Matter % (ad)	30.7
Fixed Carbon % (ad)	49.4
Calorific Value MJ/kg (ad)	25.44
Calorific Value Kcal/kg (ad)	6077
Total Sulphur % (ad)	0.72
HGI	59

The combination of the high yields and coal seam thickness enhance the economics of future mining operations due to the high product coal ratio versus ROM Coal. Within the individual coal seams in the South Pit, yields vary from 87.1 – 96.8% and within the South Pit area, it is estimated that 25% of the ROM feed will not require washing and will be run as bypass coal.

Importantly, the 10m thick B8 seam averages 88.3% recovery, producing a product coal containing 9.9% ash, energy content of 6,139 k/cal adb and 0.53% sulphur.

In addition to this, the 4m thick B9 seam averages 90.4% recovery, producing a product coal containing 10.9% ash, energy content of 6,041 k/cal adb and 0.65% sulphur.

The key short term development goals for the Moorlands Project is to complete a 50 hole exploration program by December 2013 followed by a Feasibility Study commencing February/March 2014. During this period, the Company intends to submit a Mining Lease Application and complete the various regulatory approvals required for coal mining to commence in 2016.

It is expected that the Moorlands Project will underpin the long term growth ambitions of Cuesta Coal by generating significant profitable cash flow over the life of mine.

#### Infrastructure

During the year the Company has evaluated a number of primary (development) and secondary (existing) port and rail options to provide an initial allocation of 2Mtpa for the Moorlands Project. The Company advanced discussions regarding indicative commercial terms to assign port and rail capacity from an existing user. The Company aims to execute these terms and move to formalising a binding formal agreement prior to commencement of the Moorlands Bankable Feasibility Study in Q1 2014.

In the latter half of 2013 the Company will also prepare to submit applications to the relevant infrastructure providers seeking capacity directly.

The Company has also evaluated its options for power and water and will engage industry specialists to identify the most economical solution for the Moorlands Project.

#### PIPELINE PROJECTS

Following the establishment of successful and profitable mining operations at Moorlands, Cuesta Coal has two additional medium to long term development opportunities:

- · the West Emerald Project; and
- · the Eastern Galilee Project.

Cuesta Coal is targeting a PCI/Semi Soft coal from the **West Emerald Project**. The **Eastern Galilee Project** comprises large open cut thermal coal potential with a longer term development opportunity once the infrastructure which is proposed for the Galilee Basin is established.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Cuesta is pleased to report that it continues to maintain its strong commitment to health and safety guided by the Safety and Health Committee and a comprehensive company Safety and Health Management System.

As announced in last years Annual Report, a training matrix was established with staff members and directors attending a variety of training courses. This will be an ongoing focus for the Company.

# **CORPORATE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Board Appointment**

On 12 March 2013 Cuesta appointed Mr Brian Johnson as non-executive Chairman of the Company.

Mr Johnson is a qualified civil engineer with extensive experience in the construction and mining industries in Australia, South East Asia and North America. He has been instrumental in establishing a number of successful public companies including Austral Coal Limited and both Portman Mining Limited and Mount Gibson Iron Limited in the iron ore sector.

He was previously Chairman of South Blackwater Coal Limited and of Linc Energy Limited for nearly five years from its IPO in early 2006.

Mr Ruoshui Wang and Mr Huaixi Zheng were appointed as non-executive directors on 27 November 2012 and 17 July 2012, respectively.

Mr Wang is a senior executive with Guoli and he has over 15 years' experience managing overseas investments in coal, real estate and agricultural projects.

Mr. Zheng is a senior executive of Guoli and a mining engineer with over 20 years experience within the coal industry. He has worked at China's most authoritative coal planning and processing department and at senior management level within China's largest coal mining companies.

Subsequent to the year-end and as part of the \$12m placement, Mr Hanping Liu was appointed as non-executive director and representative of Guoli. Mr Liu has a master of Law and is also a qualified accountant; he currently holds the position of Associate General Manager of Beijing Guoli Energy Investment Co., Limited.

#### **OUTLOOK**

The Board of Cuesta Coal believes that the long term outlook for coal, both metallurgical and thermal, remains strong, particularly with ongoing demand from countries such as China and India.

Over the coming 12 month period Cuesta is aiming to complete the following:

- Continue with resource exploration at the Moorlands Project targeting a minimum of 11 years marketable reserves in the South Pit by the end of 2014
- Submission of Mining Lease Application (MLA) for the Moorlands Project
- Commencement of Bankable Feasibility Study for the Moorlands Project
- Formalise a port & rail solution for 2mtpa of capacity for the Moorlands Project
- Continue exploration and evaluation of Eastern Galilee through the Snake Creek Joint Venture
- Assess PCI/Metallurgical Coal potential at West Emerald Project
- Evaluate non-core projects to seek divestment or Joint Venture partnering options

In achieving the above objectives it is essential that Cuesta completes these activities on time, within budget and safely for all staff and contractors.

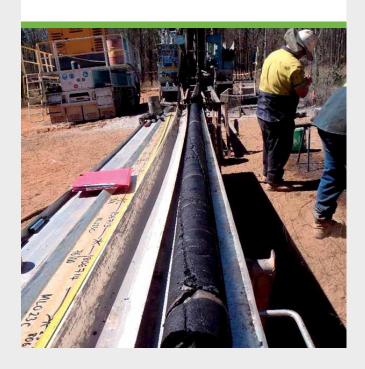
MATTHEW CRAWFORD CEO and Managing Director

#### **COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT**

The information in this report/statement relating to the resource of EPCs 1738, 775 & 776 is based on information reviewed by Blair Richardson, who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He is a full time employee Cuesta Coal Limited.

Blair Richardson has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a 'Competent Person' as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for the Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Blair Richardson consents to the inclusion in this report of matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

Sections of information contained in this report that relate to Exploration Results for EPCs 1738, 775 & 776 were compiled or supervised by Blair Richardson, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is General Manager of Exploration and Development for Cuesta Coal Limited. Mr Richardson has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineral deposits under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Richardson consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.





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The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'consolidated entity') consisting of Cuesta Coal Limited (referred to hereafter as the 'company') and the entities it controlled for the year ended 30 June 2013.

#### Directors

The following persons were directors of Cuesta Coal Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Brian Johnson (appointed 12 March 2013)
Brice Mutton
Patrick Elliott
Matthew Crawford
Keith McKnight
Ian Richer (resigned 10 May 2013)
Ruoshui Wang (appointed 27 November 2012)
Huaixi Zheng (appointed on 17 July 2012)
Hanping Liu (appointed on 18 July 2013)

#### **Principal activities**

During the financial year the principal continuing activities of the consolidated entity consisted of exploration for and evaluation of coal resources at the consolidated entity's mining tenements which are located in Queensland, Australia.

#### **Dividends**

No dividends were paid or declared during the financial year.

#### **Review of operations**

The loss for the consolidated entity after tax amounted to \$2,631,000 (30 June 2012: \$4,666,000).

The consolidated entity continued to undertake further exploration and evaluation activities on its tenements located in Queensland, Australia.

#### Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the consolidated entity during the financial year.

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

On 21 February 2013, Cuesta Coal Limited executed a Share Subscription Agreement (SSA) to raise \$12,000,000 by issuing 66,666,667 new ordinary shares at AU\$0.18 per share to the Company's major shareholder, Longluck Investment (Australia) Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Beijing Guoli Energy Investment Co. The placement required Chinese Regulatory, FIRB and Shareholder approval. On 24 July 2013, settlement of the placement took place. 5,000,000 convertible notes were redeemed for \$5,000,000 pursuant to the SSA executed by the Company and Longluck Investment (Australia) Pty Ltd. The remaining funds will be used to fast track the Company's priority development project at Moorlands, located 14km west of the Blair Athol Coal Mine in the Western Bowen Basin in Queensland.

EPC 2093 (West Emerald Project) and EPC 2613 (East Acland Project) were granted subsequent to the end of the financial year, on 23 July and 17 September 2013, respectively.

#### Use of funds

The consolidated entity has used its cash and assets which are readily convertible into cash in a way which is consistent with its business objectives. The Board's policy in respect to managing funds raised is to invest surplus funds in short-term cash deposits with either of the four main banking institutions.

# Likely developments and expected results of operations

The consolidated entity intends to continue its exploration activities on its existing projects and to acquire further suitable projects for exploration as opportunities arise.

# **Environmental regulation**

The consolidated entity is subject to and is compliant with all aspects of environmental regulation of its exploration and evaluation activities. The directors are not aware of any environmental law that is not being complied with.

#### Information on directors

Name:Brian Godfrey JohnsonTitle:Non-Executive ChairmanQualifications:B.Eng Civil (UWA) MIEAust

Experience and expertise: Mr Johnson is a civil engineer with extensive experience in the

construction and mining industries in Australia, South East Asia and North America. Mr Johnson was instrumental in establishing successful companies Portman Limited and Mount Gibson Iron Limited in the iron ore industry and South Blackwater Coal Limited and Austral Coal Limited in the coal sector. He has previously been a director of stock exchange listings in London, New York and

Australia.

Other current directorships: Executive Chairman of Panterra Gold Limited

Former directorships (in the last 3 years): Non- executive Chairman of Linc Energy Limited (7 May 2006 to 25

November 2010)

Special responsibilities: Chairman of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee and

member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Interests in shares: None

Interests in options: None

Interests in performance rights: None

Name: Brice Kenneth Mutton

Title: Non- executive Director (Technical)

Qualifications: BSc (Appl Geology) (UNSW), FAusIMM, MAIG, MSEG

Experience and expertise: Mr Mutton is a geologist with over 35 years' experience in the

resources industry. His experience extends from grass roots exploration to mine operation and executive management, mainly in

base metals, gold and coal.

Other current directorships: Non- executive Director of Drummond Gold Limited (since 5 April

2007)

Former directorships (in the last 3 years): Non- executive Director of Apex Minerals NL (resigned 1 May 2013)

Special responsibilities: Chairman of the Safety and Health Committee, member of the Audit

and Risk Management Committee and member of the Remuneration

and Nomination Committee.

Interests in shares: 28,740 ordinary shares

3,705,748 ordinary shares (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

Interests in options: 300,000 options (ex. price 20c, expiry 31 Dec 2015) (escrowed until 4

May 2014)

933,333 options (ex. price 25c, expiry 31 Dec 2015) (escrowed until 4

May 2014)

Interests in performance rights: 1,400,000 performance rights (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

#### Information on directors (continued)

Name: Patrick James Dymock Elliott

Title: Non- executive Director

Qualifications: B.Comm (UNSW), MBA (Mineral Economics)(Macquarie University), ASA, MAICD

Experience and expertise: Mr Elliott has 40 years' experience in investment, financial and industrial

management having previously been with Consolidated Goldfields Australia

Limited, Morgan Grenfell Australia and Natcorp investments.

Other current directorships: Non- executive Chairman of Argonaut Resources NL (since 2003)

Non- executive Chairman of Platsearch NL

Non- executive Director of Global Geoscience Limited

Former directorships (in the last 3

years):

Stevenson Group Limited (NZ) Australian Oriental Minerals NL Crossland Uranium Mines Limited

Acuvax Limited

Special responsibilities: Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and Member of the

Remuneration and Nomination Committee

Interests in shares: 2,834,001 ordinary shares

14,500,666 ordinary shares (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

Interests in options: 26,668,000 options (ex price 25c, expiry 31 Dec 2015) (escrowed until 4 May

2014)

Interests in performance rights: None

Name: Matthew Phillip Crawford

Title: Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Qualifications: MAusIMM, MAICD

Experience and expertise: Mr Crawford is a founding Director of Cuesta Coal Limited / Blackwood Coal Pty

Limited. He has extensive coal industry experience in both Australia and

Indonesia.

Mr Crawford previously held roles at Australian Char and Griffin Coal working on a variety of projects including trial shipments of coal to export markets, carbonisation and coking trials, evaluation of coal drying technologies and various

business development activities associated in the coal sector.

He has worked as an engineering consultant to White Energy Company and played a key role in the commercialisation of the Binderless Coal Briquetting

Technology.

Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (in the last 3

years):

None

Special responsibilities: Member of the Safety and Health Committee.

Interests in shares: 381,641 ordinary shares

25,490,876 ordinary shares (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

Interests in options: 7,461,905 options (ex price 25c, expiry 31 Dec 2015) (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

Interests in performance rights: 5,600,000 (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

# Information on directors (continued)

Name:Keith James McKnightTitle:Chief Operations Officer

Qualifications: B.Eng Mechanical (University of Limerick) MAusIMM, MAICD

Experience and expertise: Mr McKnight is a founding Director of Cuesta Coal Limited/ Blackwood Coal Pty

Limited. He is a mechanical engineer with substantial Australian and international experience in engineering, procurement, contract management and

project development.

Mr McKnight immigrated to Australia in 2004 and worked for various engineering consultants such as Richard Heggies and Montgomery Watson. He joined White Energy Company in late 2006 as a project manager and became engineering manager in 2009. He worked on their Binderless Coal Briquetting Demonstration

facility and on their first commercial plant in Indonesia.

Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (in the last 3

years):

None

Special responsibilities: Member of the Safety and Health Committee.

Interests in shares: 255.089 ordinary shares

24,976,591 ordinary shares (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

Interests in options: 300,000 options (ex price 20c, expiry 31 Dec 2015) (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

6,590,477 options (ex price 25c, expiry 31 Dec 2015) (escrowed until 4 May

2014)

Interest in performance rights: 5,600,000 (escrowed until 4 May 2015)

Name: Huaixi Zheng (Appointed on 17 July 2012)

Title: Non-Executive Director

Qualifications: B. Mineral Processing of Mining Engineering.

Experience and expertise: Mr Zheng is a mining engineer with over 20 years' experience within the coal

industry. He has worked at China's most authoritative coal planning and processing department and at senior management level within China's largest coal companies. Since 2004, Mr. Zheng has been responsible for mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, management, exploration and operating coal projects at Beijing Guoli. Mr. Zheng was the Managing Director of Chaohua Coal mining company, during which time he successfully merged 4 coal mining companies and developed a total coal reserve of 500 million tonnes. He is currently

responsible for Beijing Guoli's investments in Australian coal projects

Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (in the last 3

years):

None

Special responsibilities: None

Interests in shares: None

Interests in options: None

Interest in performance rights: None

# Information on directors (continued)

Name: Ruoshui Wang (Appointed on 27 November 2012)

Title: Non-Executive Director

Qualifications: Masters and B. Thermal Engineering, Ph.D in Management (Tsinghua

University)

Experience and expertise: Mr Wang is a senior executive with Beijing Guoli (Guoli) and has over 15 years

experience in managing overseas investments in coal, real estate and agricultural projects. During his 10 year tenure with Guoli, Mr Wang has held a number of roles including Director of Beijing Guoli Energy Investment Co. Ltd, Assistant President of Sino-Australian International Trust Co. Ltd and more recently, as the Director and General Manager of a number of investment

subsidiaries of Guoli.

Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (in the last 3

years):

None

Special responsibilities: None

Interests in shares: None

Interests in options: None

Interest in performance rights: None

Name: Hanping Liu (Appointed 18 July 2013 )

Title: Non-Executive Director

Qualifications: Bachelor of Mathematics, Master of Law

Experience and expertise: Mr Liu has been systematically trained in accounting and auditing, and has

many years practical experience in various projects. He is familiar with modern internal audit standards, procedures and methodologies. Furthermore, Mr. Liu has audited many companies, including electrical power, banking, real estate, chemistry, and the IT sector. Thus, has he accumulated abundant internal audit

and performance appraisal experience.

Mr. Liu is also familiar with comprehensive budget management theory, and corporate incentive models, such as equity, options, EVA etc. He has practical experience in many areas of financial and business operating & managing. Due to his knowledge of economic laws, Mr. Liu has drafted a number of contracts,

agreements and company rules & regulations.

Other current directorships: None

Former directorships (in the last 3

years):

None

Special responsibilities: None

Interests in shares: None

Interests in options: None

Interest in performance rights: None

# Information on directors (continued)

Name: lan Frederick Richer, (resigned on 10 May 2013)

Title: Non-Executive Director Qualifications: Dip Met.Min, MAusIMM

Experience and expertise: Mr Richer is a mining engineer with 40 years' experience in the resources

industry. Commencing his career as an engineer with Consolidated Goldfields and International Nickel (INCO), Mr Richer has key experience in Mining Project

Finance and execution of coal projects.

His coal experience centres around evaluation and feasibility studies of both underground and open pit operations with particular reference to surface

processing facilities and infrastructure.

Mr Richer spent 11 years in the project finance industry as Director- Project Finance for Societe General and Chase NBA during which time he was

responsible for over A\$2 billion in commitments.

Other current directorships: Non- executive Director of 3D Resources Limited (since 2008)

Former directorships (in the last 3

years):

Executive Director Accent Resources N.L (resigned 31 August 2012)

Non- executive Director Hazelwood Resources Limited (resigned 31 August

2011)

Special responsibilities: None

Interests in shares: 369,360 ordinary shares (up to date of resignation)

3,943,872 ordinary shares (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

Interests in options: 933,333 options (ex.price 25c, expiry 2015) (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

Interest in performance rights: 1,400,000 performance rights (escrowed until 4 May 2014)

'Other current directorships' and 'Former directorships (in the last 3 years)' quoted above are current directorships for listed entities only and excludes directorships in all other types of entities, unless otherwise stated.

#### Company secretary

Megan McPherson (BComms, CA) has held the role of Company Secretary since 16 November 2011 and was appointed as full time Chief Financial Officer/ Company Secretary on 19 March 2012.

She was previously Manager of the Corporate Advisory team at DFK Richard Hill (Chartered Accountants and Business Advisory Services) where she gained extensive experience with resource sector clientele and listed entities. She also held a position in tax compliance with Macquarie Bank.

# **Meetings of directors**

The number of meetings of the company's Board of Directors and of each board committee held during the year ended 30 June 2013, and the number of meetings attended by each director were:

	Full Board*		Audit & Risk Management Committee		Remuneration & Nomination Committee		Safety and Health Committee	
	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held
B. Johnson	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Mutton	15	15	-	-	-	-	1	1
P. Elliott	11	15	2	4	3	3	-	-
M. Crawford	15	15	4	4	3	3	1	1
K. McKnight	15	15	-	-	-	-	1	1
I. Richer	12	13	3	4	3	3	-	-
H. Zheng	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Wang	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	-

Held: represents the number of meetings held during the time the Director held office or was a member of the relevant committee.

#### Remuneration report (audited)

The remuneration report, which has been audited, outlines the director and executive remuneration arrangements for the consolidated entity and the company, in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and its Regulations.

The remuneration report includes payments made to the directors and key management personnel of Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd for the period 1 July 2011 to 1 October 2011. All payments made to directors and key management personnel post 1 October 2011 were payments made by Cuesta Coal Limited.

The remuneration report is set out under the following main headings:

- A Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration
- B Details of remuneration
- C Service agreements
- D Share-based compensation
- E Performance Rights

# Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

#### A Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration

The objective of the consolidated entity's and company's executive reward framework is to ensure reward for performance is competitive and appropriate for the results delivered. The framework aligns executive reward with the achievement of strategic objectives and the creation of value for shareholders, and conforms with the market best practice for delivery of reward. The Board of Directors ('the Board') ensures that executive reward satisfies the following key criteria for good reward governance practices:

- competitiveness and reasonableness
- acceptability to shareholders
- transparency

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee is responsible for determining and reviewing remuneration arrangements for its directors and executives. The performance of the consolidated entity and company depends on the quality of its directors and executives. The remuneration philosophy is to attract, motivate and retain senior managers and directors with the expertise to enhance the performance and growth of the consolidated entity.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee has structured an executive remuneration framework that is market competitive and complementary to the reward strategy of the consolidated entity and company.

Alignment to shareholders' interests:

- focuses on sustained growth in shareholder wealth, consisting of growth in share price, and delivering constant or increasing return on assets as well as focusing the executive on key non-financial drivers of value
- · attracts and retains high calibre executives

Alignment to program participants' interests:

• rewards capability and experience

In accordance with best practice corporate governance, the structure of non-executive directors and executive remuneration is separate.

#### Non-executive directors remuneration

Fees and payments to non-executive directors reflect the demands which are made on, and the responsibilities of, the directors. Non-executive directors' fees and payments are reviewed annually by the Remuneration and Nomination Committee. The chairman's fees are determined independently to the fees of other non-executive directors based on comparative roles in the external market. The chairman is not present at any discussions relating to determination of his own remuneration.

ASX listing rules require that the aggregate non-executive directors' remuneration shall be determined periodically by a general meeting. The most recent determination was at the General Meeting held on 24 October 2011, where the shareholders approved an aggregate remuneration of \$350,000.

#### Executive remuneration

The consolidated entity and company aims to reward executives with a level and mix of remuneration based on their position and responsibility.

The executive remuneration and reward framework has four components:

- base pay and non-monetary benefits
- short-term performance incentives
- share-based payments
- other remuneration such as superannuation and long service leave

The combination of these comprises the executive's total remuneration.

# Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

Fixed remuneration, consisting of base salary, superannuation and non-monetary benefits, are reviewed annually by the Remuneration and Nomination Committee, based on individual and business unit performance, the overall performance of the consolidated entity and comparable market remuneration.

Executives can receive their fixed remuneration in the form of cash or other fringe benefits (for example motor vehicle benefits) where it does not create any additional costs to the consolidated entity and adds additional value to the executive.

#### B Details of remuneration

#### Amounts of remuneration

Details of the remuneration of the directors, other key management personnel (defined as those who have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the consolidated entity) and specified executives of Cuesta Coal Limited are set out in the following tables.

The key management personnel of the consolidated entity consisted of the directors of Cuesta Coal Limited and the following executives:

- Megan McPherson Company Secretary and CFO
- Blair Richardson- General Manager of Exploration (Commenced employment 19 November 2012)
- Timothy Spencer Exploration Manager (Ceased employment 14 February 2013)

Total	1,603,407	-	67,425	-	3,173,885	4,844,717
Timothy Spencer*****	228,805		-	-	-	228,805
Blair Richardson****	170,833	-	15,375	-	-	186,208
Megan McPherson	180,000	-	16,200	-	-	196,200
Other Key Management Personnel:						
Keith McKnight	292,500	-	11,100	-	1,269,555	1,573,155
Executive Directors: Matthew Crawford	367,500	-	11,100	-	1,269,556	1,648,156
Ruoshui Wang****	23,939	-	-	-	-	23,939
Huaixi Zheng***	38,333	-	3,450	-	-	41,783
Patrick Elliott	32,357	-	-	-	-	32,357
Brice Mutton	137,167	-	5,100	-	317,387	459,654
Ian Richer**	98,667	-	5,100	-	317,387	421,154
Non-Executive Directors: Brian Johnson*	33,306	-	_	-	_	33,306
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Name	Cash salary and fees	Bonus	Superannuation	Equity- settled	Performance Rights	Total
2013	Short term benefits		Post- employment benefits	Share-bas		

<sup>\*</sup> Represents remuneration from 12 March 2013 to 30 June 2013

<sup>\*\*</sup> Represent remuneration from 1 July 2012 to 10 May 2013

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Represents remuneration from 17 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Represents remuneration from 27 November 2012 to 30 June 2013

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Represents remuneration from 19 November 2012 to 30 June 2013

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Represents remuneration from 1 July 2012 to 14 February 2013

# Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

2012	Short-term benefits		Post- employment benefits	Share-based payments		
Name	Cash salary and fees \$	Bonus \$	Superannuation	Equity- settled \$	Performance Rights \$	Total \$
Non-Executive Directors: Ian Richer Brice Mutton Patrick Elliott Arthur Sinodinos*  Executive Directors: Matthew Crawford Keith McKnight	126,167 152,025 25,656 7,517 324,650 259,900		3,825 1,988 - 677 1,988 1,988	150,000 150,000 150,000 62,500 150,000 150,000	271,519 271,519 - - - 1,086,075 1,086,075	551,511 575,532 175,656 70,694 1,562,713 1,497,963
Other Key Management Personnel: Megan McPherson** Timothy Spencer  Total	52,500 239,800 <b>1,188,215</b>	14,285 7,500 <b>21,785</b>	4,725 - 15,191	- - 812,500	2,715,188	71,510 247,300 <b>4,752,879</b>

The relative proportions of remuneration that are linked to performance and those which are fixed are as follows;

Name	Fixed remuneration		At risk- STI		At risk- LTI	
Name	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Brian Johnson	100%	-	-	-	-	
lan Richer	25%	24%	-	27%	75%	49%
Brice Mutton	31%	27%	-	26%	69%	47%
Patrick Elliott	100%	15%	-	85%	-	-
Huaixi Zheng	100%	-	-	-	-	-
Ruoshui Wang	100%	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur Sinodinos (resigned 31 October	-	12%	-	88%	-	-
2011)						
Matthew Crawford	23%	21%	-	10%	77%	69%
Keith McKnight	19%	17%	-	10%	81%	73%
Megan McPherson	100%	80%	-	20%	-	-
Blair Richardson	100%	-	-	-		
Tim Spencer	100%	97%	-	3%	-	

<sup>\*</sup> Represents remuneration from 1 July 2011 to 31 October 2011 \*\* Represents remuneration from 19 March 2012 to 30 June 2012

#### Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

#### C Service agreements

Remuneration and other terms of employment for key management personnel are formalised in service agreements. Details of these agreements are as follows:

Name: Matthew Crawford

Title: Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Agreement commenced: 4 May 2012 Term of agreement: 2 years

Details: Matthew Crawford will provide services as Chief Executive Office to the

Company under a consultancy agreement. Alouarn Pty Ltd as trustee for the

Alouarn Consulting Trust will provide the services of Mr Crawford.

As remuneration, Alouarn receives \$335,000 (plus GST) per annum and this amount is inclusive of appropriate insurance cover. Alouarn is reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Four month termination notice by either

party.

In addition, Mr Crawford also receives \$40,000 per annum (plus superannuation)

as Director's Fee.

Name: Keith McKnight

Title: Chief Operations Officer

Agreement commenced: 4 May 2012 Term of agreement: 2 years

Details: Keith McKnight will provide services as Chief Operations Office to the Company

under a consultancy agreement. Alouarn Pty Ltd as trustee for the Alouarn

Consulting Trust will provide the services of Mr McKnight.

As remuneration, Alouarn receives \$260,000 (plus GST) per annum and this amount is inclusive of appropriate insurance cover. Alouarn is reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Four month termination notice by either

party.

In addition, Mr McKnight also receives \$40,000 per annum (plus superannuation)

as Director's Fee.

Name: Brice Mutton
Title: Technical Director
Agreement commenced: 1 January 2012

Term of agreement: 2 years

Details: Brice Mutton will provide services as Technical Director to the Company under a

consultancy agreement. Brice Mutton & Associates Pty Ltd will provide the

services of Mr Mutton.

A consultancy rate of \$1,400 plus GST per day (capped at 8 hours), or part thereof at \$175 per hour. When on-site, a rate of \$1,750 plus GST per day (capped at 10 hours), applies. Either party can terminate the consultancy by

giving 45 days notice.

In addition, Mr Mutton also receives \$40,000 per annum (plus superannuation)

as Director's Fee.

# Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

Name: Megan McPherson

Title: Chief Financial Officer/ Company Secretary

Agreement commenced: 19 March 2012

Term of agreement: n/a

Details: Base salary for the year ending 30 June 2013 of \$180,000 plus superannuation,

to be reviewed annually by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Three month termination notice by either party.

Name: Blair Richardson

Title: General Manager- Exploration

Agreement commenced: 19 November 2012

Term of agreement: n/a

Details: Base salary for the year ending 30 June 2013 of \$275,000 plus superannuation,

to be reviewed annually by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Three month termination notice by either party.

Name: Tim Spencer

Title: Exploration Manager

Agreement commenced: 8 March 2011

Term of agreement: n/a

Details: Base salary for the year ending 30 June 2013 of \$220,000 plus superannuation,

to be reviewed annually by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Three month termination notice by either party.

Key management personnel have no entitlement to termination payments in the event of removal for misconduct.

# D Share-based compensation

#### Issue of shares

Details of shares issued to directors and other key management personnel as part of compensation during the year ended 30 June 2013 are set out below:

Name	Date	No of shares	Issue price per share	Total* \$
2013 Ian Richer Brice Mutton Matthew Crawford Keith McKnight	31 January 2013 31 January 2013 31 January 2013 31 January 2013	2,800,000 2,800,000 11,200,000 11,200,000	\$0.125 \$0.125 \$0.125 \$0.125	350,000 350,000 1,400,000 1,400,000
2012 Ian Richer Brice Mutton Patrick Elliott Matthew Crawford Keith McKnight Arthur Sinodinos (resigned 31 October 2011)	31 July 2011 31 July 2011 31 July 2011 31 July 2011 31 July 2011 6 December 2011	600,000 600,000 600,000 600,000 250,000	\$0.25 \$0.25 \$0.25 \$0.25 \$0.25 \$0.25	150,000 150,000 150,000 150,000 150,000 62,500

<sup>\*</sup> this represents the gross fair value of the shares issued during the year to the directors including share-based payments previously recognised.

# Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

	Number of opti-	ons granted	Number of options veste	
	during the	during the year		
Name	2013	2012	2013	2012
Brian Johnson	-	-	-	-
lan Richer	933,333	300,000	933,333	300,000
Brice Mutton	933,333	300,000	933,333	300,000
Patrick Elliott	-	-	-	-
Huaixi Zheng	-	-	-	-
Ruoshui Wang	-	-	-	-
Arthur Sinodinos (resigned 31 October 2011)	-	300,000	-	300,000
Matthew Crawford	3,733,333	300,000	3,733,333	300,000
Keith McKnight	3,733,333	300,000	3,733,333	300,000

Options granted carry no dividend or voting rights.

# E Performance Rights

In December 2010 an Executive Share and Option Plan (**EXSOP**) was executed. Under the terms of the EXSOP, Cuesta Coal Limited must issue the following securities to Brice Mutton and Ian Richer (10% each), Keith McKnight (40%) and Matthew Crawford (40%), in their respective proportions;

- > 10,000,000 Shares (**Series One Shares**) and 1 option for every 3 Series One Shares upon receiving a written report from a competent person to the extent that the West Bowen Project has an Inferred Mineral Resource that exceeds 45,000,000 tons by no later than 31 December 2012;
- ➤ 18,000,000 (**Series Two Shares**) and 1 options for every 3 Series Two Shares issued upon receiving a written report from a competent person to the extent that the East Wandoan project has an Inferred Mineral Resource that exceeds 40,000,000 tons by no later than 31 December 2012;
- ➤ 14,000,000 (**Series Three Shares**) and 1 option for every 3 Series Three Shares issued upon receiving a written report from a competent person to the extent that the Blackwood Coal Project has an inferred Mineral Resource that exceeds 120,000,000 tons by no later than 31 December 2013.

The options to be issued under the EXSOP will have an expiry date of 31 December 2015 and an exercise price of \$0.25, subject to any reconstruction of share capital.

The following amounts have been recognised in section B details of remuneration and in the financial statements in respect of the performance rights;

Name	2013 \$	2012 \$
lan Richer	317,387	271,519
Brice Mutton	317,387	271,519
Matthew Crawford	1,269,556	1,086,075
Keith McKnight	1,269,555	1,086,075
	3,173,885	2,715,188

On 20 June 2012, Cuesta announced an increase to the maiden JORC resource at East Wandoan to 44.6Mt of Indicated and Inferred Coal Resource in accordance with the JORC Code (2004) guideline. The increase satisfied the condition precedent to the issue of the Series Two Shares. Accordingly, on 31 January 2013, Cuesta issued 18,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares and 6,000,000 unlisted options (exercisable at \$0.25, expire 31 December 2015) to the relevant directors in their respective proportions.

On 10 December 2012, Cuesta announced an increase to the maiden JORC resource at Moorlands to 53.4Mt of Measured, Indicated and Inferred Coal Resource in accordance with the JORC Code (2004) guideline. The increase satisfied the condition precedent to the issue of the Series One Shares. Accordingly, on 31 January 2013, Cuesta issued 10,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares and 3,333,333 unlisted options (exercisable at \$0.25, expire 31 December 2015) to the relevant directors in their respective proportions.

# Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

#### **Shareholding**

The number of shares in the parent entity held during the financial year by each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

	Number of shares				
2013	Balance at the start of the year	Received as part of remuneration	Additions	Disposals/ other	Balance at the end of the year
Ordinary Shares					
Brian Johnson	-	-	-	-	-
Ian Richer	1,513,232	-	2,800,000	(4,313,232)*	-
Brice Mutton	934,488	-	2,800,000	-	3,734,488
Patrick Elliott	17,334,667	-	_	-	17,334,667
Huaixi Zheng	-	-	-	-	-
Ruoshui Wang	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew Crawford**	14,672,517	-	11,200,000	-	25,872,517
Keith McKnight**	14,031,680	-	11,200,000	-	25,231,680
Megan McPherson	25,000	-	_	-	25,000
Blair Richardson	-	-	_	-	-
Tim Spencer	25,000	-	-	(25,000)*	-

<sup>\*</sup> Represents 4,313,232 shares held at resignation date.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Represents 25,000 shares held at resignation date.

	Number of shares				
2012	Balance at the start of the year	Received as part of remuneration	Additions	Disposals/ other	Balance at the end of the year
Ordinary Shares					
lan Richer	550,000	600,000	363,232*	-	1,513,232
Brice Mutton	300,000	600,000	34,488	-	934,488
Patrick Elliott	-	600,000	30,068,000**	(13,333,333)**	17,334,667
Arthur Sinodinos	300,000	250,000	34,488	(584,488)***	-
Matthew Crawford****	14,014,886	600,000	357,631	(300,000)	14,672,517
Keith McKnight****	13,443,458	600,000	288,222	(300,000)	14,031,680
Megan McPherson	-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Tim Spencer	-	-	25,000	-	25,000

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 300,000 shares which are issued pursuant to an exercise of options

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes shares held and acquired by Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd of which Mr Crawford and Mr McKnight have a 50% interest.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Represents shares issued to Argonaut Resources NL during the year including upon conversion of convertible notes and disposal by way of sell-down in the IPO. Mr Elliott is Non- Executive Chairman of Argonaut Resources NL.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Represents 584,488 shares held at resignation date.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Includes shares held and acquired by Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd of which Mr Crawford and Mr McKnight have a 50% interest.

# Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

The number of options over ordinary shares in the parent entity held during the financial year be each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including their personally related parties is set out below;

	Number of Options					
2013	Balance at the start of the year	Granted	Exercised	Expired/ forfeited/ other	Balance at the end of the year	
Options over ordinary shares						
Brian Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	
Ian Richer	-	933,333	-	(933,333)*	-	
Brice Mutton	300,000	933,333	-	-	1,233,333	
Patrick Elliott	26,668,000	-	-	-	26,668,000	
Huaixi Zheng	-	-	-	-	-	
Ruoshui Wang	-	-	-	-	-	
Matthew Crawford**	3,728,572	3,733,333	-	-	7,461,905	
Keith McKnight**	3,157,144	3,733,333	-	-	6,890,477	
Megan McPherson	-	-	-	-	-	
Blair Richardson	-	-	-	-	-	
Tim Spencer	-	-	-	-	-	

<sup>\*</sup> Represents 933,333 options held at resignation date.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes options held and acquired by Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd of which Mr Crawford and Mr McKnight have a 50% interest.

	Number of options			
2013	Vested and exercisable	Vested and unexercisable	Vested at the end of the year	
Options over ordinary shares			•	
Brian Johnson	-	-	-	
Ian Richer	-	933,333	933,333	
Brice Mutton	-	1,233,333	1,233,333	
Patrick Elliott	-	26,668,000	26,668,000	
Huaixi Zheng	-	-	-	
Ruoshui Wang	-	-	-	
Matthew Crawford	-	7,461,905	7,461,905	
Keith McKnight	-	6,890,477	6,890,477	
Megan McPherson	-	-	-	
Blair Richardson	-	-	-	
Tim Spencer	-	-	-	

The Directors and their related parties have executed restriction agreements in relation to the options held. The escrow period expires 4 May 2014.

# Remuneration report (audited)- (continued)

	Number of options				
2012	Balance at the start of the year	Granted	Exercised	Expired/ forfeited/ other	Balance at the end of the year
Options over ordinary shares					
lan Richer	300,000	-	(300,000)	-	-
Brice Mutton	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Patrick Elliott	-	26,668,000*	-	-	26,668,000
Arthur Sinodinos	300,000	-	-	(300,000)**	-
Matthew Crawford***	3,728,572	-	-	-	3,728,572
Keith McKnight***	3,157,144	-	-	-	3,157,144
Megan McPherson	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Spencer	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Represents options issued to Argonaut Resources NL upon conversion of convertible notes. Mr Elliott is Non-Executive Chairman of Argonaut Resources NL.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Includes options held and acquired by Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd of which Mr Crawford and Mr McKnight have a 50% interest.

	Number of options			
2012	Vested and exercisable	Vested and unexercisable	Vested at the end of the year	
Options over ordinary shares			•	
lan Richer	-		-	
Brice Mutton	-	300,000	300,000	
Patrick Elliott	-	- 26,668,000	26,668,000	
Arthur Sinodinos	-		-	
Matthew Crawford	-	- 3,728,572	3,728,572	
Keith McKnight	-	3,157,144	3,157,144	
Megan McPherson	-		-	
Tim Spencer	-		-	

Options have an average exercise price of \$0.20 to \$0.25.

This concludes the remuneration report, which has been audited.

#### Shares under option

Unissued ordinary shares of Cuesta Coal Limited under option at the date of this report are as follows:

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number under option
8 December 2011	29 October 2015	\$0.25	600,000
Various	31 December 2015	\$0.20	8,035,718
Various	31 December 2015	\$0.25	59,763,237

No person entitled to exercise the options had or has any right by virtue of the option to participate in any share issue of the company or of any other body corporate.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Represents 300,000 options held at resignation date.

#### Shares issued on the exercise of options

No shares were issued on the exercise of options granted during the year ended 30 June 2013.

The following ordinary shares of Cuesta Coal Limited were issued during the year ended 30 June 2012 on the exercise of options granted:

Date options granted	Exercise price	Number of shares issued
17 August 2010	\$0.20	300,000

#### Indemnity and insurance of officers

The company has indemnified the directors and executives of the company for costs incurred, in their capacity as a director or executive, for which they may be held personally liable, except where there is a lack of good faith.

During the financial year, the company paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the directors and executives of the company against a liability to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of liability and the amount of the premium.

#### Indemnity and insurance of auditor

The company has not, during or since the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the company or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

# Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001 for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or part of those proceedings.

#### Non-audit services

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for non-audit services provided during the financial year by the auditor are outlined in note 19 to the financial statements.

The directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services during the financial year, by the auditor (or by another person or firm on the auditor's behalf), is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001.

The directors are of the opinion that the services as disclosed in note 18 to the financial statements do not compromise the external auditor's independence for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed and approved to ensure that they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor, and
- none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the company, acting as advocate for the company or jointly sharing economic risks and rewards.

#### Officers of the company who are former audit partners of BDO East Coast Partnership

There are no officers of the company who are former audit partners of BDO East Coast Partnership.

#### Rounding of amounts

The company is of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

# Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on the following page.

#### **Auditor**

BDO East Coast Partnership continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the Corporations Act 2001.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors

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Brian Johnson Chairman

30 September 2013 Sydney

Matthew Crawford Managing Director

30 September 2013 Sydney





# DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY GRANT SAXON TO THE DIRECTORS OF CUESTA COAL LIMITED

As lead auditor of Cuesta Coal Limited for the year ended 30 June 2013, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

This declaration is in respect of Cuesta Coal Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

**Grant Saxon** 

Partner

**BDO East Coast Partnership** 

Sydney, 30 September 2013

The Board of directors of Cuesta Coal Limited is responsible for establishing the corporate governance framework of the consolidated entity having regard to the ASX Corporate Governance Council (CGC) published guidelines as well as its Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations ("Recommendations"). The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of the Company on behalf of the shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable.

The Board seeks, where appropriate, to adopt without modification, the Recommendations. Where there has been any variation from the Recommendations, it is because the Board believes that the Company is not as yet of size, nor are its financial affairs of such complexity, to justify some of these Recommendations. The Board is of the view that with the exception of the departures to the Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations as are set out below, it otherwise complied with all of the Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations during the year ended 30 June 2013.

The following table briefly addresses each recommendation made by the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations.

ASX Principles and Recommendations	Summary of position of the Company
Principle 1 – Lay solid foundations for management	* 1
Companies should establish and disclose the respective	roles and responsibilities of board and management
Recommendation 1.1 – Companies should establish the functions reserved to the board and those delegated to senior executives and disclose those functions	The Board has approved a formal charter that details their functions and responsibilities. The charter includes a formal statement of the area of authority delegated to senior executives.
Recommendation 1.2 – Companies should disclose the process for evaluating the performance of senior executives	The Remuneration and Nomination Committee is responsible for the evaluation and review of performance of individual executives against measurable and qualitative indicators, to be established by the committee.
<b>Recommendation 1.3</b> – Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 1	The Company will report and address any departures from Recommendations 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 in its future annual reports and on its website.
Principle 2 – Structure Board to Add Value	
Companies should have a board of an effective compresponsibilities and duties	position, size and commitment to adequately discharge its
Recommendation 2.1 – A majority of the board should be independent directors	While the Company does not presently comply with this Recommendation 2.1, the Company may consider appointing further independent directors in the future. The Company is of the view that given the current size and scale of its operations, non-compliance with Recommendation 2.1 will not be detrimental to the Company.
<b>Recommendation 2.2</b> – The chair should be an independent director	Mr Brian Johnson was appointed on 12 March 2013 as the Company's independent Chairman.
Recommendation 2.3 – The roles of chair and chief executive officer should not be exercised by the same individual	Mr Brian Johnson holds the position of Chair while the position of CEO is held by Mr Matthew Crawford.
Recommendation 2.4 – The board should establish a nomination committee	A committee has been established to provide advice, recommendations and assistance to the Board, with regards to remuneration policies and identifying nominees for senior appointments.
<b>Recommendation 2.5</b> – Companies should disclose the process for evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors.	The committee will evaluate the performance of the board and individual directors against both measurable and qualitative indicators, established by the committee.
	The committee will review its performance from time to time and whenever there are major changes to the management of the company.

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Recommendation 2.6 – Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 2	The Company will report and address any departures from Recommendations 2.1 to 2.6 in its future annual reports and on its website.
Principle 3 – Promote Ethical and Responsible Decision	sion Making
Companies should actively promote ethical and respons	
<ul> <li>a code of conduct and disclose the code or a summary of the code as to:</li> <li>The practices necessary to maintain confidence in the company's integrity</li> <li>The practices necessary to take into account their legal obligations and the reasonable expectations</li> </ul>	The Company has established a Corporate Code of Conduct which regulates the Company's external dealings and dealings with Shareholders. All executives and employees are required to abide by laws and regulations, to respect confidentiality and the proper handling of information and act with the highest standards of honesty, integrity, objectivity and ethics in all dealings with each other, the Company, its shareholders, customers, suppliers and the community.
<ul> <li>The responsibility and accountability of individuals for reporting and investigating reports of unethical practices</li> </ul>	The code of conduct will be regularly reviewed and updated as necessary to ensure it reflects the highest standards of behaviour and professionalism.
Recommendation 3.2 - Companies should establish a policy concerning diversity and disclose the policy or a summary of that policy. The policy should include requirements for the Board to establish measureable objectives for achieving gender diversity for the Board to assess annually both the objectives and progress in achieving them.	The Company established and adopted a Diversity Policy in August 2012.  The policy outlines the Company's measureable objectives for achieving gender diversity. However, due to the current size and scale of its operations, the Company is unable to comply with the recommendation to assess these objectives and the progress in achieving them annually.  The Company is of the view that non-compliance with Recommendation 3.2 will not be detrimental to the Company.
<b>Recommendation 3.3</b> – Companies should disclose in each annual report the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board in accordance with the diversity policy and progress towards achieving them.	Due to the current size and scale of its operations, the Company is unable to comply with Recommendation 3.3.  The Company is of the view that non-compliance with Recommendation 3.3 will not be detrimental to the Company.
Recommendation 3.4 – Companies should disclose in each annual report the proportion of women employees in the whole organisation, women in senior executive positions and women on the Board.	Women represent 25% of the executive management team for the reporting period and 40% of the employees of the Company. There are presently no women on the Board of Directors.
<b>Recommendation 3.5</b> – Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 3	The Company will report and address any departures from Recommendations 3.1 to 3.5 in its future annual reports and on the Company's website.
Principle 4 – Safeguard Integrity in Financial Report	
	rify and safeguard the integrity of their financial reporting
Recommendation 4.1 – The Board should establish an audit committee	The Company has established an Audit and Risk Management Committee to assist the Board with monitoring and reviewing financial controls, the competency of internal and external auditors and the Company's risk policies.
Recommendation 4.2 – The audit committee should be structured so that it:	The Audit and Risk Management Committee is made up of three non-executive directors and is chaired by an independent chair who is not the chair of the Board

independent chair who is not the chair of the Board.

• Consists only of non-executive directors

• Consists of a majority of independent directors

<ul> <li>Is chaired by an independent chair, who is not chair of the board</li> </ul>	
Has at least three members	
Recommendation 4.3 – The audit committee should have a formal charter	An Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter has been established and will govern the roles, responsibilities, composition and membership of the audit and risk management committee.
Recommendation 4.4 – Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 4  Principle 5 – Make Timely and Balanced Disclosure	The Company will report and address any departures from Recommendations 4.1 to 4.4 in its future annual reports.
Companies should promote timely and balanced disclos	ure of all material matters concerning the company
Recommendation 5.1 – Companies should establish written policies designed to ensure compliance with ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements and to ensure accountability at a senior executive level for that compliance and disclose those policies or a summary of those policies	The Board has adopted a formal Continuous Disclosure Policy which sets out its obligations in respect of continuous disclosure under the <i>Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)</i> and the ASX Listing Rules. The Directors are committed to keeping the market fully informed of material developments to ensure compliance with the Corporations Act. Executive Directors, in conjunction with all Non-Executive Directors, are charged with the day-to-day disclosure to the market of any information in relation to the on-going exploration activities of the Company.
<b>Recommendation 5.2</b> – Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 5	The Company will report and address any departures from Recommendations 5.1 and 5.2 in its future annual reports and on its website.
Principal 6 – Respect the Rights of Shareholders	
Companies should respect the rights of shareholders an	d facilitate the effective exercise of those rights
<b>Recommendation 6.1</b> – Companies should design a communications policy for promoting effective communications with shareholders and encouraging their participation at general meetings and disclose their policy or a summary of that policy	The Board has established a formal code of conduct setting out the Company's obligations to stakeholders including shareholders.
<b>Recommendation 6.2</b> – Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 6	The Company will report and address any departures from Recommendations 6.1 and 6.2 in its future annual reports and on its website.
Principle 7 – Recognise and Manage Risk	
Companies should establish a sound system of risk ove	rsight and management and internal control
<b>Recommendation 7.1</b> – Companies should establish policies for the oversight and management of material business risks and disclose a summary of those policies	The Company's risk management policies are incorporated in the Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter.
Recommendation 7.2 – The board should require management to design and implement the risk management and internal control system to manage the company's material business risks and report to it on whether those risks are being managed effectively. The board should disclose that management has reported to it as to the effectiveness of the Company's management of its material business risks	Ultimate responsibility for risk oversight and risk management rests with the full Board, notwithstanding the establishment of the committee.

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Recommendation 7.3 – The board should disclose whether it has received assurance from the chief executive officer (or equivalent) and the chief financial officer (or equivalent) that the declaration provided in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control and that the system us operating effectively in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks	The Board will disclose in its annual report and on its website whether it has received assurance from the chief executive officer (or equivalent) and the chief financial officer (or equivalent) that the declaration provided in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control and that the system is operating effectively in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks.
Recommendation 7.4 – Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on Principle 7	The Company will report and address any departures from Recommendations 7.1 to 7.4 in its annual reports and on its website.
Principle 8 – Remunerate Fairly and Responsibly	
	n of remuneration is sufficient and reasonable and that its
Recommendation 8.1 – The Board should establish a remuneration committee	A committee has been established to provide advice, recommendations and assistance to the Board, with regards to remuneration policies and identifying nominees for senior appointments.
Recommendation 8.2 – The remuneration committee should be structured so that it:	The Remuneration and Nomination Committee is made up of three non-executive directors and is chaired by an independent chair.
Consists of a majority of independent     Directors	
Is chaired by an independent chair	
Has at least three members.	
Recommendation 8.3 – Companies should clearly distinguish the structure of non-executive director's remuneration from that of executive directors and senior executives	The remuneration of Executive Directors is designed to motivate directors with the aim of enhancing the long-term growth and performance of the company. Non-executive directors' remuneration is generally fee based. They do not participate in remuneration schemes designed for executive directors or receive options, bonus payments or retirement benefits, other than statutory superannuation.
<b>Recommendation 8.4</b> – Companies should provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting to on Principle 8	The Company will report and address any departures from Recommendations 8.1 to 8.4 (if any) in its annual reports and on its website.

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#### General information

The financial report covers Cuesta Coal Limited as a consolidated entity consisting of Cuesta Coal Limited and the entities it controlled. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is Cuesta Coal Limited's functional and presentation currency.

The financial report consists of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration.

Cuesta Coal Limited is a listed public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are:

Registered office and Principal place of business Suite 15.01 Level 15, St Martins Tower 31 Market Street Sydney NSW 2000

A description of the nature of the consolidated entity's operations and its principal activities are included in the directors' report, which is not part of the financial report.

The financial report was authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 30 September 2013. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

#### Readers please note:

The presentation of these financial statements reflects the accounting required as a result of Cuesta Coal Limited acquiring Blackwood Coal Pty Limited, which for accounting purposes, was a legal reverse acquisition. While Cuesta Coal Limited remains the parent entity for the Group, Blackwood Coal Pty Limited is that parent entity for the purpose of consolidating the financial statements.

Amounts shown in Note 22 "Parent entity information" continue to reflect the financial statements of the legal parent, Cuesta Coal Limited.

# Cuesta Coal Limited Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2013

		Consol	Consolidated	
	Note	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000	
Other income	2	984	188	
Expenses				
Accountancy fees		(59)	(300)	
Auditors' remuneration	19	(68)	(126)	
Occupancy expenses	3	(94)	(86)	
Corporate development expenses		(219)	(399)	
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(47)	(40)	
Directors' fees Share based payments	27	(568) (1,371)	(271) (2,060)	
Employee expenses	21	(904)	(2,000)	
Finance costs	3	(6)	(740)	
Cost incurred for abandoned equity transaction	3	-	(232)	
Insurance expenses	-	(69)	()	
Investor relations & promotion expenses		(142)	-	
Travel expenses		(146)	(121)	
Other expenses		(291)	(391)	
Loss before income tax		(3,000)	(4,871)	
Income tax benefit	4	369	205	
Loss after income tax expense for the year		(2,631)	(4,666)	
Other comprehensive income for the year		<u>-</u>	-	
Total comprehensive income for the year		(2,631)	(4,666)	
Total comprehensive income for the year is attributable to:				
Owners of Cuesta Coal Limited		(2,631)	(4,666)	
		Cents	Cents	
Loss per share for loss attributable to the owners of Cuesta Coal				
Limited	00	(4.00)	/F 00\	
Basic loss per share Diluted loss per share	26 26	(1.30)	(5.62)	
Diluted 1035 per Strate	20	(1.30)	(5.62)	

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Cuesta Coal Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2013

	Note	Conso 2013 \$'000	olidated 2012 \$'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,073	19,253
Trade and other receivables	6	726	937
Other current assets	7	2,908	6,956
Total current assets		6,707	27,146
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	8	201	126
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	9	45,033	12,882
Total non-current assets		45,234	13,008
Total assets		51,941	40,154
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payable	10	3,968	2,655
Derivatives	11	793	-
Borrowings	12	4,243	
Total current liabilities		9,004	2,655
Non-current liabilities			
Derivatives	11	794	
Borrowings	12	4,243	
Total non-current liabilities		5,037	
Total liabilities		14,041	2,655
Net assets		37,900	37,499
Equity			
Equity Issued capital	13	41,964	38,606
Reserves	14	5,208	5,534
Accumulated losses	15	(9,272)	(6,641)
Total equity		37,900	37,499

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Cuesta Coal Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2013

		Reserves				
	Issued Capital	Options Reserve	Share-based Payments Reserve	Convertible Notes	Accumulated losses	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
At 1 July 2011	1,523	-	4,007	710	(1,975)	4,265
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(4,666)	(4,666)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	(4,666)	(4,666)
Transaction with owners in their capacity as owners						
Shares issued, net of transaction costs	25,883	-	-	-	-	25,883
Shares issued on conversion of notes	6,562	-	-	(710)	-	5,852
Share-based payments	4,638	12	1,515	-	-	6,165
Total transactions with owners and other transfers	37,083	12	1,515	(710)	-	37,900
Balance at 30 June 2012	38,606	12	5,522	-	(6,641)	37,499
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(2,631)	(2,631)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	(2,631)	(2,631)
Transaction with owners in their capacity as owners						
Shares issued, net of transaction costs	3,358	-	(3,500)	-	-	(142)
Share-based payments		-	3,174		-	3,174
Total transactions with owners and other transfers	3,358	-	(326)	-	-	3,032
Balance at 30 June 2013	41,964	12	5,196	-	(9,272)	37,900

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Cuesta Coal Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2013

	Note	Consolida 2013	olidated 2012	
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	
Cash flows from operating activities Payments to suppliers and employees Interest received		(2,257) 619	(2,336) 188	
R & D tax claim received Finance costs paid	_	205 (3)	(70)	
Net cash used in operating activities	25 _	(1,436)	(2,218)	
Cash flows from investing activities  Payments for plant and equipment  Payment for exploration and evaluation expenditure and exploration licence		(122)	(33)	
applications	_	(14,571)	(8,320)	
Net cash used in investing activities	_	(14,693)	(8,353)	
Cash flows from financing activities Transaction costs	_	(51)	25,883	
Net cash provided by financing activities	_	(51)	25,883	
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents		(16,180)	15,312	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	_	19,253	3,941	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5 _	3,073	19,253	

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for-profit oriented entities. These financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

The financial statements are presented in English and Australian Dollars, which is the Group's functional and presentation currency.

## **Parent Entity**

In accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, these financial statements present the results of the consolidated entity only. Supplementary information about the legal parent entity is disclosed in note 22.

#### **Acquisition of Subsidiaries and Businesses**

Acquisition of subsidiaries and businesses are accounted for based on the following accounting methods depending on the nature of the acquisition.

#### Business combination

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at fair value, which is calculated as the sum of the acquisition date fair values of the assets transferred by the acquirer, the liabilities assumed by the acquirer to former owners of the acquiree and the equity issued by the acquirer, and the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree.

For each business combination, the acquirer measures the non-controlling interest in the acquiree at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic conditions, the Group's operating or accounting policies and other pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts of the acquiree. If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured at fair value as at the acquisition date through profit or loss.

#### Acquisition from entities under common control

Transfers of interests in entities that are under the control of the shareholder that controls the Group are accounted for as if the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented or, if later, at the date that common control was established. The assets and liabilities acquired are recognised at the carrying amounts recognised previously in the Group's controlling shareholder's consolidated financial statements. The components of equity of the acquired entities are added to the same components within the Group's equity. Any cash paid for the acquisition is recognised as an investment cost.

## Acquisition of subsidiaries deemed not carrying on a business

The acquisition of subsidiaries that are deemed not to be carrying on a business, and do not meet the conditions of AASB 3 *Business Combinations*, are recognised at cost and are treated as asset acquisitions depending on the nature of the assets acquired from the subsidiaries.

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Reverse acquisitions

Cuesta Coal Limited was incorporated on 27 September 2011 to acquire Blackwood Coal Pty Limited and its controlled entities ("Blackwood Coal"). As a consequence of the previous shareholders of Blackwood Coal becoming the major shareholders of the Group the transaction is deemed to be a reverse acquisition for accounting purposes. Therefore while Cuesta Coal Limited remains the legal parent company of the Group, Blackwood Coal Pty Limited is the parent company for the purpose of consolidating the financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements together with Cuesta Coal Limited therefore reflect a continuation of the consolidated financial statements of Blackwood Coal.

The acquisition of Blackwood Coal by Cuesta Coal Limited does not meet the conditions of AASB 3 Business Combinations and therefore the transaction is recorded at cost. No goodwill or any adjustment to fair value is recognised on the acquisition. The assets and liabilities acquired are recognised at the carrying amounts recognised previously by Blackwood Coal.

## **Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of the Group as at 30 June 2013 and the results of all subsidiaries for the period then ended. Cuesta Coal Limited and its legal subsidiaries together are referred to in these financial statements as the 'consolidated entity', 'Group" and/or 'Cuesta'. However, as indicated above, following the reverse-takeover Blackwood Coal Pty Limited is the parent company for the purposes of consolidating the financial statements.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the consolidated entity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights. The effects of potential exercisable voting rights are considered when assessing whether control exists. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the consolidated entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between entities in the consolidated entity are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the consolidated entity.

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using one of the methods prescribed under the Acquisition of subsidiaries and businesses policy above.

Where the consolidated entity loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets including goodwill, liabilities and non-controlling interest in the subsidiary together with any cumulative translation differences recognised in equity. The consolidated entity recognises the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any investment retained together with any gain or loss in profit or loss.

#### Revenue

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other Revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

#### Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### **Income Tax**

The income tax expense (revenue) for the period comprises current income tax expense (income) and deferred tax expense (income).

Current income tax expense charged to the profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income measured at the amounts expected to be paid to (recovered from) the relevant taxation authority.

Deferred income tax expense reflects movements in deferred tax asset and deferred tax liability balances during the period as well unused tax losses.

Current and deferred income tax expense (income) is charged or credited directly to equity instead of the profit or loss when the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit or loss.

Except for business combinations, no deferred income tax is recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled and their measurement also reflects the manner in which management expects to recover or settle the carrying amount or the related asset or liability.

Deferred tax assets relating to temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the benefits of the deferred tax asset can be utilised.

Where temporary differences exist in relation to investments in subsidiaries, branches, associates and joint ventures, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is not probable that the reversal will occur in the foreseeable future.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset where a legally enforceable right of set-off exists and it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where: (a) a legally enforceable right of set-off exists; (b) the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur in future periods in which significant amounts of deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be recovered or settled.

The Group formed a tax consolidated group in effective July 2011. All entities in the tax consolidated group will enter into a tax sharing agreement in due course to limit the joint and several liabilities of the wholly owned entities in the case of a default by the head entity, Cuesta Coal Limited. The entities will also enter into a tax funding agreement under which the wholly owned entities will fully compensate the head entity for any current tax payable assumed and are compensated by the head entity for any current tax receivable and deferred tax assets relating to unused tax losses or unused tax credits that are transferred to the head entity under the tax consolidation legislation.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

#### **Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### **Plant and Equipment**

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

## Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis and is therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of the recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

The cost of plant and equipment constructed within the consolidated entity includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowings costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated either on a diminishing value basis or on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the profit or loss. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

The depreciation rates used for each class of asset are;

Class of plant and equipment	Depreciation rate
Leasehold improvements	2.5%
Computer equipment	10-66%
Furniture and office equipment	10-40%

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### **Financial Instruments**

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the Group commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs where the instrument is not classified "at fair value through profit or loss" in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

#### Classification and Subsequent Measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate and adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense item in the profit or loss.

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to simular instruments and option pricing models.

The Group does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures entities as being subject to the requirements of Accounting Standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

#### (i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at "fair value through profit or loss" when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personal or a fair basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

#### (ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### (iii) Held to maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments, and it is the Group's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# **Financial Instruments (continued)**

#### (iv) Available for sale financial assets

Available for sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial asserts due to their nature, or they are designed as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in such fair value (i.e. gains or losses) recognised in other comprehensive income (except for impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses). When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss.

#### (v) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

## (vi) Derivative financial liabilities

Derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in such fair value (i.e. gains or losses) recognised in profit or loss.

## Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Group assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

## Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expire or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the Group no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the assets. Financial liabilities are derecognised where related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

#### **Impairment of Non-Financial Assets**

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

#### Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependant on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

A distinction is made between finance leases, which effectively transfer from the lessor to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of leased assets, and operating leases, under which the lessor effectively retains substantially all such risks and benefits.

Finance leases are capitalised. A lease asset and liability are established at the present value of minimum lease payments. Lease payments are allocated between the principal component of the lease liability and the finance costs, so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Leased assets acquired under a finance lease are depreciated over the asset's useful life or over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the consolidated entity will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term.

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# Leases (continued)

Operating lease payments, net of any incentives received from the lessor, are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### **Employee Benefits**

Wages and salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in current liabilities in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

#### Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in current and non-current liabilities, depending on the unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date. The liability is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

#### Share-based payments

Equity-settled and cash-settled share-based compensation benefits are provided to employees.

Equity-settled transactions are awards of shares, or options over shares, that are provided to employees in exchange for the rendering of services. Cash-settled transactions are awards of cash for the exchange of services, where the amount of cash is determined by reference to the share price.

The cost of equity-settled transactions are measured at fair value on grant date. Fair value is independently determined using either the Binomial or Black-Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the impact of dilution, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk free interest rate for the term of the option, together with non-vesting conditions that do not determine whether the consolidated entity receives the services that entitle the employees to receive payment. No account is taken of any other vesting conditions.

The cost of equity-settled transactions are recognised as an expense with a corresponding increase in equity over the vesting period. The cumulative charge to profit or loss is calculated based on the grant date fair value of the award, the best estimate of the number of awards that are likely to vest and the expired portion of the vesting period. The amount recognised in profit or loss for the period is the cumulative amount calculated at each reporting date less amounts already recognised in previous periods.

The cost of cash-settled transactions is initially, and at each reporting date until vested, determined by applying either the Binomial or Black-Scholes option pricing model, taking into consideration the terms and conditions on which the award was granted. The cumulative charge to profit or loss until settlement of the liability is calculated as follows:

- During the vesting period, the liability at each reporting date is the fair value of the award at that date multiplied by the expired portion of the vesting period.
- From the end of the vesting period until settlement of the award, the liability is the full fair value of the liability at the reporting date.

All changes in the liability are recognised in the profit or loss. The ultimate cost of cash-settled transactions is the cash paid to settle the liability.

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

## **Employee Benefits (continued)**

Market conditions are taken into consideration in determining fair value. Therefore any awards subject to market conditions are considered to vest irrespective of whether or not that market condition has been met, provided all other conditions are satisfied.

If equity-settled awards are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the modification has not been made. An additional expense is recognised, over the remaining vesting period, for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based compensation benefit as at the date of modification.

If the non-vesting condition is within the control of the consolidated entity or employee, the failure to satisfy the condition is treated as a cancellation. If the condition is not within the control of the consolidated entity or employee and is not satisfied during the vesting period, any remaining expense for the award is recognised over the remaining vesting period, unless the award is forfeited.

If equity-settled awards are cancelled, it is treated as if it has vested on the date of cancellation, and any remaining expense is recognised immediately. If a new replacement award is substituted for the cancelled award, the cancelled and new award is treated as if they were a modification.

## **Exploration and Evaluation Expenditure**

Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred is capitalised in respect of each identifiable area of interest. These costs are only capitalised to the extent that they are expected to be recovered through the successful development of the area or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage that permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

Accumulated costs in relation to an abandoned area are written off in full against profit in the period in which the decision to abandon the area is made.

When production commences, the accumulated costs for the relevant area of interest are amortised over the life of the area according to the rate of depletion of the economically recoverable reserves.

A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continued capitalisation for that area of interest.

Costs of site restoration are currently expensed as incurred due to the minimal scouting nature of drilling currently being carried out. Once extensive drill campaigns are planned, costs of site restoration will be provided over the life of the project from when exploration commences and will be included in the costs of that stage. Site restoration costs include the dismantling and removal of mining plant, equipment and building structures, waste removal, and rehabilitation of the site in accordance with local laws and regulations and clauses of the permits.

Such costs will be determined using estimates of future costs, current legal requirements and technology on a discounted basis.

Any changes in the estimates for the costs will be accounted for on a prospective basis. In determining the costs of site restoration, there is uncertainty regarding the nature and extent of the restoration due to community expectations and future legislation. Accordingly the costs will be determined on the basis that the restoration will be completed within one year of abandoning the site.

## Exploration licence applications

Exploration licence applications acquired under a sales and purchase agreement, and costs incurred in relation to the applications are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as other current assets until the licence is granted. When the exploration licences are granted, they will be reclassified to exploration and evaluation.

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## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

# Restoration provision

Where applicable, a provision for material restoration is recognised on a gradual basis over the life of the mining licences and exploration and evaluation expenditure. The amount recognised includes costs of reclamation and site rehabilitation after taking into account restoration works that are carried out during exploration. Costs are determined from estimated future costs on a discounted basis.

#### **Borrowings**

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Where there is an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date, the loans or borrowings are classified as non-current.

The component of the convertible notes that exhibits characteristics of a liability is recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position, net of transaction costs.

On issue of the convertible notes the fair value of the liability component is determined using a market rate for an equivalent non-convertible bond and this amount is carried as a non-current liability on an amortised cost basis until extinguished on conversion or redemption. The increase in the liability due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost. The remainder of the proceeds are allocated to the conversion option that is recognised and included in shareholders equity as a convertible note reserve, net of transaction costs. The carrying amount of the conversion option is not remeasured in the subsequent years. The corresponding interest on convertible notes is expensed to profit or loss.

## **Borrowing Costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets (including exploration and evaluation assets) that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in the income statement in the period in which they are incurred.

# **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the Group that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

#### Deferred consideration

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of acquisition. The discount rate used is based on bond rates under comparable terms and conditions.

#### Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

The Group formed a GST group effective January 2012 with Cuesta Coal Limited as the representative member of the group. The members of the Cuesta Coal GST Group will be executing an indirect tax sharing agreement with Cuesta Coal Limited to limit their respective liabilities. Post grouping, Cuesta Coal Limited as the representative member will be responsible for completing the activity statements on behalf of the group members.

#### **Contributed Equity**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Transaction costs of an equity transaction are accounted for as a deduction from equity, net of any relevant GST impact. The costs of an equity transaction that is abandoned are recognised as an expense.

## **Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit/loss attributable to the owners of Cuesta Coal Limited, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial period, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the financial period.

## Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share to take into account the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares.

#### **Share-based Payment**

The goods or services are measured by reference to the fair value of the goods or services received, or where this is not possible, indirectly, by reference to the equity instrument acquired. The fair value of equity instrument is measured at grant date.

## Performance rights

From time to time the Group may issue Performance Rights. These are equity payments, contingent on a specific future event occurring. Fair value in this instance is the Directors' best estimate of a pre-determined JORC resource being identified from exploration activity on acquired licences.

Performance rights granted to Directors and employees are capitalised to exploration and evaluation expenditure to the extent of their services performed on those activities.

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

## **Going Concern**

The Group recorded a net loss after tax from operations of \$2,631,000 for the year ended 30 June 2013 (2012: \$4,666,000), had cash outflows from operations of \$1,436,000 (2012: \$2,218,000) and its current liabilities exceed its current assets by \$2,297,000 (2012: Net current assets of \$24,491,000). In addition, the Group's convertible notes with the face value of \$10 million (as disclosed in Note 12) mature in August 2014. These conditions may give rise to a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt over the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Directors believe that the Group will be able to continue as a going concern on the following basis:-

- a) The Group has raised \$12 million since 30 June 2013 of which \$5 million has been used to settle half of the convertible note debt;
- b) The cash flow forecast prepared by the Directors show that the Group is expected to be in a cash positive position in September 2014; and
- c) The Directors believe that they can raise further necessary funds for ongoing activities, if required, as the Group has been successful in raising funds in the past.

On that basis the Directors are of the opinion that the financial statements can be prepared on a going concern basis and the Group will be able to pay its debt as and when they fall due and payable.

Should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern it may be required to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities other than in the normal course of business and at amounts different to those stated in the financial statements. The financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of asset carrying amounts or the amount of liabilities that might result should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern and meet its debts as and when the fall due.

## Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

## *Impairment*

The consolidated entity assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions and events specific to the group that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value in use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

## Rounding of amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

## Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

## New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the consolidated entity for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2013.

AASB No.	Title	Issue Date	Operative Date (Annual reporting periods beginning on or after)
9	Financial Instruments	Dec 2010	1 Jan 2013
10	Consolidation	Jun 2011	1 Jan 2013
11	Joint Arrangements	Jun 2011	1 Jan 2013
12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities	Jun 2011	1 Jan 2013
13	Fair Value Measurement	Jun 2011	1 Jan 2013
1053	Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards	Jun 2010	1 Jul 2013
2009 – 12	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASBs 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 139, 1023 & 1031 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052]	Dec 2009	1 Jan 2011
2010 – 2	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements	Jun 2010	1 Jul 2013
2010 – 4	Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project [AASB 1, AASB 7, AASB 101 & AASB 134 and Interpretation 13]	Jun 2010	1 Jan 2011
2010 – 5	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 101, 107, 112, 118, 119, 121, 132, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 112, 115, 127, 132 & 1042]	Oct 2010	1 Jan 2011
2010 – 6	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures on Transfers of Financial Assets [AASB 1 & AASB 7]	Nov 2010	1 Jul 2011
2010 – 7	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010)  [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19 & 127]	Dec 2010	1 Jan 2013
2010 – 8	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets [AASB 112]	Dec 2010	1 Jan 2012
2010 – 9	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Severe Hyperinflation and Removal of Fixed Dates for First-time Adopters [AASB 1]	Dec 2010	1 Jul 2011
2010 – 10	Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Removal of Fixed Dates for First-time Adopters [AASB 2009-11 & AASB 2010-7]	Dec 2010	1 Jan 2013
2011 - 1	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project [AASB 1, AASB 5, AASB 101, AASB 107, AASB 108, AASB 121, AASB 128, AASB 132 & AASB 134 and Interpretations 2, 112 & 113]	May 2011	1 Jul 2011
2011 - 2	Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project – Reduced Disclosure Requirements [AASB 101 & AASB 1054]	May 2011	1 Jul 2013

The Directors anticipate that the adoption of these Standards and interpretations in the future periods will have no material financial impact on the financial statements of the consolidated entity.

# Note 2. Other income

	Consolidated 2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000
Fair value gain on embedded derivative Interest received	298 686	- 188
Other income	984	188
Note 3. Expenses		
Interest expense:		
Interest payable to convertible note holder Unwinding of interest on convertible notes General interest charges	- - 6	14 726
Total interest expense	6	740
Rental expense on operating leases: Total rental expense	94 94	86 86
Significant expense The following significant expense items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:		
Costs incurred for abandoned equity transaction Directors' remuneration	-	232
-payable in cash -payable in shares -performance shares (expensed) Corporate consulting fees	901 - 1,371 164	334 750 1,173 399
Employee benefit - defined contribution plan	112	46

# Note 4. Income tax expense

	Consolidate 2013 \$'000	ed 2012 \$'000
The prima facie tax on loss from ordinary activities is reconciled to the income tax as follows:		
Net loss for the year	(2,631)	(4,666)
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 30%	(789)	(1,400)
Tax effect amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:  Other non deductible items Other deductible items	472 (5,883) -	950 (1,906) -
Tax effect of losses not brought to account	6,200	2,356
Income tax expense Research and development tax concession	- 369	- 205
Total income tax losses for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised	30,458	9,791

The potential future income tax benefits arising from tax losses and temporary difference has not been recognised as an asset because it is not probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow the benefit of part or all of that deferred tax asset to be utilised.

The potential future income tax benefit will be obtained if:

- i. The relevant Company derives future assessable income of a nature an amount sufficient to enable the benefit to be realised; and
- ii. The relevant Company and/ or Group continues to comply with the conditions for deductibility imposed by the law.

No changes in tax legislation adversely affect the Company and/or the Group in realising the benefit.

## Note 5. Current assets - cash and cash equivalents

	Consolidated 2013 2012 \$'000 \$'000	
Cash on bank and on hand	3,073	19,253
	3,073	19,253

#### Risk Exposure

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk is discussed in note 17. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of each class of cash and cash equivalents mentioned in the above.

Reconciliation to cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year

The above figures are reconciled to cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	3,073	19,253
Balance as per statement of cash flows	3,073	19,253

## Note 6. Current assets - trade and other receivables

	Consolidated	
	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000
GST receivable	171	469
Research and development tax concession	369	205
Prepayments	120	221
Other receivables	66	42
	726	937

## Fair value and credit risk

Due to the short-term nature of the trade and other receivables, their carrying amount is assumed to approximate their fair value.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period in the carrying amount of each class of receivables mentioned above. Refer to note 17 for more information on the risk management policy of the consolidated entity and credit quality of the receivables.

# Note 7. Current assets - other

		2012 6'000
Deposit for exploration licence applications	2,908 6	8,9 <u>56</u>
	2,908 6	3,9 <u>56</u>

# Note 8. Non-current assets - plant and equipment

	Consolidated	
	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000
Plant and equipment- at cost	297	175
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(96)	(49)
	201	126

# Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

Consolidated	Plant and equipment \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2011	132	132
•		
Additions	43	43
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(49)	(49)
Balance at 30 June 2012	126	126
Additions	171	171
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(96)	(96)
Balance at 30 June 2013	201	201

# Note 9. Non-current assets - exploration and evaluation expenditure

	Consolida 2013 \$'000	ated 2012 \$'000
Exploration and evaluation expenditure - at cost	45,033	12,882
Reconciliations Reconciliations of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the current and previbelow:	ous financial year	are set out
	Exploration and evaluation expenditure \$'000	Total \$'000
Consolidated Balance at 1 July 2011 Additions	5,546 7,336	5,546 7,336
Balance at 30 June 2012 Additions Additions- capitalised convertible note interest	12,882 31,479 672	12,882 31,479 672
Balance at 30 June 2013	45,033	45,033

Recoverability of the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation expenditure is dependent on successful development and commercial exploration, or alternatively, sale of the respective areas of interest.

## Note 10. Current liabilities - trade and other payables

	Consolidated 2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000
Trade payables	796	252
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	127	190
Stamp duty payable	912	-
Deferred consideration - vendor payments	1,832	2,173
Interest payable on convertible notes	301	40
	3,968	2,655

Refer to note 17 for further information on financial instruments.

The stamp duty is payable to Queensland Government upon assessment of the Orion Coal Project which was acquired on 28 February 2013 and was paid subsequent to year end on 19 September 2013.

The deferred consideration - vendor payments relate to acquisition of applications of exploration licences and will be settled upon the granting of the exploration licences by the Queensland Government.

#### Note 11. Derivatives

	Consolidated	Consolidated		
	2013 2012 \$'000 \$'000			
Current Derivative element of convertible notes	793			
Non-Current Derivative element of convertible notes	794			

The conversion element of the Convertible Notes (as disclosed in Note 12) have been accounted for as a derivative financial instrument liability on the basis the conversion is calculated at 90% of the volume weight average trading price of the Company's shares over the 10 business days preceding the conversion date. The assessed fair value of the derivative was calculated using the term of the convertible notes and risk free rate at the reporting date.

Note 12. Borrowings	Consolid	lated
	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000
Current Convertible notes - secured	4,243	
Non-current Convertible notes - secured	4,243	_

The consolidated entity had 10,000,000 convertible notes on issue at 30 June 2013.

On 11 December 2012, Cuesta Coal Limited executed a Share Sale Agreement (**SSA**) to acquire Hannigan & Associates Pty Limited (**Hannigan**) for a total consideration of \$18,200,000. Hannigan is the holder of EPC 775 & EPC 776, collectively known as the Orion Coal Project which is located immediately north of the Moorlands Deposit (EPC 1738). Under the terms of the transaction, a \$5,000,000 deposit was paid before 21 December 2012.

On 28 February 2013, Cuesta Coal Limited completed the acquisition via a cash payment of \$3,200,000 and the issue of 10,000,000 secured Convertible Notes. A summary of the rights and conditions attaching to the Convertible Notes are outlined in the table below;

# Note 12. Borrowings (continued)

Transaction	Subscription for \$10,000,000 principal amount of secured convertible notes ( <b>Notes</b> ) convertible into fully paid-up ordinary shares of the Issuer ( <b>Shares</b> )				
Rank	The Notes constitute a secured obligation of the Issuer to the extent of the amount outstanding. Each Share issued upon the conversion ranks equally in all respects with all Ordinary Shares at the conversion date.				
Security	The Notes have been secured by:  • a charge over the issued capital of Hannigan;				
	<ul> <li>upon approval of the members of the Issuer, a general security agreement will be granted by Hannigan in respect of all the assets of Hannigan; and</li> <li>until the granting of the above general security agreement over the assets of Hannigan is granted, the Issuer is granting a general security agreement in respect of all the assets of the Issuer.</li> <li>(the Security Documents)</li> </ul>				
Issue Price	No cash is payable by the Noteholders for their subscription for the, Notes or Shares under the Deed. The Notes are allotted and issued to the Noteholders in part satisfaction of the consideration payable by the Issuer under the SSA.				
Maturity Date	28 August 2014				
Face Value	Each Note has a Face Value of \$1.00.				
Interest	9% per annum in the first 12 months after the Issue Date and 10% per annum thereafter.				
Conversion	The formula for calculating the number of Shares to be issued on conversion is as follows;   N = F  V  Where N = The number of Shares				
	F = The face value of the Notes  V = 90% of the volume weighted average trading price of the Issuer's shares over the 10 Business Days ending on the Business Day preceding the Conversion Date.				

# Note 12. Borrowings (continued)

Redemption	The Noteholder may convert the Convertible Notes into Shares as follows:
	• in the 30 day period prior to 27 November 2013, 50% of the Noteholder's Notes;
	in the 30 day period prior to the Maturity Date, all of the Noteholder's Notes; and
	all of the Noteholder's Notes upon the occurrence of a Trigger Event.
	If any Notes have not been Converted prior to the Maturity Date, the Company will redeem those Notes on the Maturity Date.
Transferability	A Noteholder may, at any time, notify the Issuer in writing it wishes to transfer all or some of its Notes provided the aggregate Face Value of the Notes being transferred is no less than \$1,000,000. Upon notifying the Issuer that the Noteholder wishes to transfer the Notes, the Issuer may, within 20 business days, redeem those Notes. If the Issuer does not redeem the Notes, the Noteholder is permitted to transfer those Notes on the terms notified to the Issuer.

Note 13. Equity - issued capital

	Consolidated		Consolid	Consolidated		
	2013 Shares			2012 \$'000		
Ordinary shares - fully paid	219,622,713	191,622,713	41,964	38,606		

## Movements in ordinary share capital

Details	Date	No of shares	\$'000
At the beginning of the year	1 July 2011	29,583,940	1,523
Share- based payment- directors	31 July 2011	3,000,000	750
Exercise of options	30 August 2011	300,000	60
Incorporation of Cuesta Coal Limited Share- based payment- Issued to acquire	27 September 2011	2	-
Scorpion Energy Pty Ltd	7 October 2011	8,935,714	2,400
Issue of shares	December 2011	11,116,006	2,779
Share- based payment	6 December 2011	550,000	138
Issue of shares	February 2012	25,852,000	6,463
Share- based payment- Issued to acquire	•		
tenement from ACN Mining Pty Ltd	23 April 2012	5,400,000	1,350
Conversion of convertible notes	26 April 2012	40,001,328	6,562
Issue of shares	27 April 2012	66,883,723	20,065
Transaction costs for the year			(3,484)
Balance	30 June 2012	191,622,713	38,606
Issue of shares- directors	31 January 2013	28,000,000	3,500
Transaction costs for the year			(142)
Balance	30 June 2013	219,622,713	41,964

# Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on the winding up of the company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held. The shares have no par value.

On a show of hands every member present at a meeting in person or by proxy shall have one vote and upon a poll each share shall have one vote.

## Share buy-back

There is no current on-market share buy-back.

#### Capital risk management

The consolidated entity's objective when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can provide returns for shareholders and to maintain an optimum capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure the consolidated entity may return capital to shareholders or issue new shares.

The consolidated entity will look to raise capital when an opportunity to invest in further assets is seen as value adding to the current parent entity's share price at the time of the investment.

## Note 14. Equity - reserves

			Consolidat 2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000
Option reserve			12	12
Share-based payment reserve			5,196	5,522
		_	5,208	5,534
		_		
		Share-based	Convertible	
	Options	payments	Notes	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Consolidated	·	·	·	
Balance at 1 July 2011	-	4,007	710	4,717
Issued during the year	12	-	_	12
Share-based payments	-	4,335	_	4,335
Conversion of convertible notes	-	-	(710)	(710)
Share-based payment paid to vendors	<u> </u>	(2,820)		(2,820)
Balance at 30 June 2012	12	5,522	_	5,534
Issued during the year	-	-	_	_
Share-based payments	-	3,174	-	3,174
Transfer from share-based payment reserve to share capital - shares issued to				
directors		(3,500)		(3,500)
Balance at 30 June 2013	12	5,196	-	5,208

# Option reserve

The reserve is used to recognise the fair value of options issued as part of the consideration paid in respect of vendor agreements.

## Share-based payment reserve

The reserve is used to recognise the fair value of deferred consideration in respect of vendor agreements and performance shares granted to Directors. The reserve reduces when those share based payments are paid/ issued.

## Convertible note reserve

The reserve is used to recognise the conversion option upon issue of the convertible notes, net of transaction costs. The carrying amount of the conversion option is not remeasured in subsequent years.

# Note 15. Equity – accumulated losses

	Consolidated		
	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000	
Accumulated losses at the beginning of the financial year Loss for the year	(6,641) (2,631)	(1,975) (4,666)	
Accumulated losses at the end of the financial year	(9,272)	(6,641)	

#### Note 16. Equity - Share under options

Unissued ordinary shares of Cuesta Coal Limited under option at the balance date are as follows:

Grant Date	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	No of Shares under option
8 December 2011	29 October 2015	\$0.25	600,000
Various	31 December 2015	\$0.20	8,035,718
Various	31 December 2015	\$0.25	59,763,237

#### Note 17. Financial instruments

#### Financial risk management objectives

The consolidated entity's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The consolidated entity's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the consolidated entity.

Risk management is carried out by senior executives under policies approved by the Board of Directors ('Board'). These policies include identification and analysis of the risk exposure of the consolidated entity and appropriate procedures, controls and risk limits.

#### Market risk

Price risk

The consolidated entity is currently in the exploration phase therefore movements in commodity prices would not have a material impact on the profit or loss for the year.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the consolidated entity. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements. The consolidated entity does not hold any collateral.

The consolidated entity has no significant concentrations of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties.

# Liquidity risk

Vigilant liquidity risk management requires the consolidated entity to maintain sufficient liquid assets (mainly cash and cash equivalents) and available borrowing facilities to be able to pay debts as and when they become due and payable.

The consolidated entity manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves by continuously monitoring actual and forecast cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The Group's financial liabilities mainly consist of trade and other payables and this is expected to be paid within the next 12 months.

#### Interest rate risk

The consolidated entity's statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is affected by changes in interest rate due to the impact of such changes on interest income from cash and cash equivalents.

At balance date, the consolidated entity had the following mix of financial assets and liabilities exposed to variable interest rate risk which is not designated as cash flow hedges:

	Consolidate	Consolidated		
	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000		
Financial asset				
Cash and cash equivalents	3,073	19,253		
	3,073	19,253		

# Note 17. Financial instruments (continued)

# Remaining contractual maturities

The following tables detail the consolidated entity's remaining contractual maturity for its financial instrument liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the financial liabilities are required to be paid. The tables include both interest and principal cash flows disclosed as remaining contractual maturities and therefore these totals may differ from their carrying amount in the statement of financial position:

Consolidated- 2013	Weighted average interest rate %	1 year or less \$'000	Between 1 and 2 years \$'000	Between 2 and 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000	Remaining contractual maturities \$'000
Non-derivatives Non-interest bearing Trade payables Other payables	,0	796 3,172	-	- -	- -	796 3,172
Interest bearing fixed rate Convertible note payable	9.33	4,243	4,243	-	_	8,486
Total non-derivatives	<del>-</del>	8,211	4,243	-	-	12,454
Derivatives Derivative element of convertible note payable Total derivatives	-	793 793	794 794	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	1,587 1,587
	-					<u> </u>
Consolidated- 2012	Weighted average interest rate %	1 year or less \$'000	Between 1 and 2 years \$'000	Between 2 and 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000	Remaining contractual maturities \$'000
Non-derivatives				·		•
Non-interest bearing		252				252
Trade payables Other payables		252 571	1,832	-	-	2,403
Total non-derivatives	<del>-</del>	823	1,832	-	-	2,655

The cash flows in the maturity analysis above are not expected to occur significantly earlier than contractually disclosed above.

## Note 18. Key management personnel disclosures

#### **Directors**

The following persons were directors of Cuesta Coal Limited during the financial year:

Brian Johnson

Brice Mutton

Patrick Elliott

Ian Richer (resigned 10 May 2013)

Huaixi Zheng

Ruoshui Wang

Non-Executive Director

Non-Executive Director

Non-Executive Director

Non-Executive Director

Non-Executive Director

Non-Executive Director

Matthew Crawford Managing Director and CEO

Keith McKnight Executive Director and Director of Operations

#### Other key management personnel

The following persons also had the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the consolidated entity, directly or indirectly, during the financial year:

Megan McPherson

Company Secretary and CFO
Blair Richardson (appointed November 2012)

General Manager- Exploration

Tim Spencer (resigned February 2013) Exploration Manager

#### Compensation

The aggregate compensation made to directors and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity is set out below:

	Consolidated		
	2013	2012	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Short-term employee benefits	1,603	1,210	
Post-employment benefits	67	15	
Long-term benefits	-	-	
Share-based payments	3,174	3,528	
	4,844	4,753	

Detailed remuneration disclosures are provided in the Remuneration Report on pages 14 to 23 of the Director's report.

## Note 18. Key management personnel disclosures- (continued)

# Shareholding

The number of shares in the parent entity held during the financial year by each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

	Number of Shares				
	Balance at the start of	Received as part of		Disposals/	Balance at the end of
2013	the year	remuneration	Additions	other	the year
Ordinary shares					
Brian Johnson	-	-	-	-	-
lan Richer	1,513,232	-	2,800,000	(4,313,232)*	-
Brice Mutton	934,488	-	2,800,000	-	3,734,488
Patrick Elliott	17,334,667	-	-	-	17,334,667
Huaixi Zheng	-	-	-	-	-
Ruoshui Wang	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew Crawford**	14,672,517	-	11,200,000	-	25,872,517
Keith McKnight**	14,031,680	-	11,200,000	-	25,231,680
Megan McPherson	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Blair Richardson	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Spencer	25,000	-	-	(25,000)**	-

<sup>\*</sup> Represents 4,313,232 shares held at resignation date.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Represents 25,000 shares held at resignation date.

		Nur	nber of Shares		
2012	Balance at the start of the year	Received as part of remuneration	Additions	Disposals/ other	Balance at the end of the year
Ordinary shares					
Ian Richer	550,000	600,000	363,232*	-	1,513,232
Brice Mutton	300,000	600,000	34,488	-	934,488
Patrick Elliott	-	600,000	30,068,000**	(13,333,333)	17,334,667
Arthur Sinodinos	300,000	250,000	34,488	(584,488)***	-
Matthew Crawford****	14,014,886	600,000	357,631	(300,000)	14,672,517
Keith McKnight****	13,443,458	600,000	288,222	(300,000)	14,031,680
Megan McPherson	-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Tim Spencer	-	-	25,000	-	25,000

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 300,000 shares which are issued pursuant to an exercise of options.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes shares held and acquired by Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd of which both Mr Crawford and Mr McKnight have a 50% interest.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Represents shares issued to Argonaut Resources NL during the year including upon conversion of convertible notes and disposal by way of sell-down in the IPO. Mr Elliott is Non- Executive Chairman of Argonaut Resources NL.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Represents 584,488 shares held at resignation date.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Includes shares held and acquired by Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd of which both Mr Crawford and Mr McKnight have a 50% interest.

# Note 18. Key management personnel disclosures- (continued)

# Option holding

The number of options over ordinary shares in the parent entity held during the financial year by each director and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity, including their personally related parties, is set out below:

	Number of options				
	Balance at the start of			Expired/ forfeited/	Balance at the end of
2013	the year	Granted	Exercised	other	the year
Options over ordinary shares					
Brian Johnson	-	-	-	-	-
Ian Richer	-	933,333	-	(933,333)*	-
Brice Mutton	300,000	933,333	-	-	1,233,333
Patrick Elliott	26,668,000	-	-	-	26,668,000
Huaixi Zheng	-	-	-	-	-
Ruoshui Wang	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew Crawford**	3,728,572	3,733,333	-	-	7,461,905
Keith McKnight**	3,157,144	3,733,333	-	-	6,890,477
Megan McPherson	-	-	-	-	-
Blair Richardson	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Spencer	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Represents 933,333 options held at resignation date.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes options held by Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd of which both Mr Crawford and Mr McKnight have a 50% interest.

	Number of options		
2013 Options over ordinary	Vested and exercisable	Vested and unexercisable	Vested at the end of the year
shares			
Brian Johnson	-	-	-
Ian Richer	-	933,333	933,333
Brice Mutton	-	1,233,333	1,233,333
Patrick Elliott	-	26,668,000	26,668,000
Huaixi Zheng	-	-	-
Ruoshui Wang	-	-	-
Matthew Crawford	-	7,461,905	7,461,905
Keith McKnight	-	6,890,477	6,890,477
Megan McPherson	-	-	-
Blair Richardson	-	-	-
Tim Spencer	-	-	-

Note 18. Key management personnel disclosures- (continued)

	Number of options				
2012	Balance at the start of the year	Granted	Exercised	Expired/ forfeited/ other	Balance at the end of the year
Options over ordinary shares	•				•
Ian Richer	300,000	-	(300,000)	-	-
Brice Mutton	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Patrick Elliott	-	26,668,000*	-	-	26,668,000
Arthur Sinodinos	300,000	-	-	(300,000)**	-
Matthew Crawford***	3,728,572	-	-	-	3,728,572
Keith McKnight***	3,157,144	-	-	-	3,157,144
Megan McPherson	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Spencer	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Represents options issued to Argonaut Resources NL upon conversion of convertible notes. Mr Elliott is Non-Executive Chairman of Argonaut Resources NL.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Includes options held by Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd of which both Mr Crawford and Mr McKnight have a 50% interest.

	Number of options		
2012 Options over ordinary	Vested and exercisable	Vested and unexercisable	the end of the year
shares			
Ian Richer	-	-	-
Brice Mutton	-	300,000	300,000
Patrick Elliott	-	26,668,000	26,668,000
Arthur Sinodinos	-	-	-
Matthew Crawford	-	3,728,572	3,728,572
Keith McKnight	-	3,157,144	3,157,144
Megan McPherson	-	-	-
Tim Spencer	-	-	-

Options have an average exercise price of \$0.20 to \$0.25.

# Related party transactions

Related party transactions are set out in note 21.

The following amounts have been recognised in the financial statements in relation to the Directors performance rights;

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Ian Richer Brice Mutton Matthew Crawford Keith McKnight Amount capitalised to exploration assets	317,387 634,778 850,601 1,802,766	271,519 543,038 727,670 1,542,227
Ian Richer Brice Mutton Matthew Crawford Keith McKnight Amount recognised in statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	317,387 - 634,778 418,954 1,371,119	271,519 - 543,037 358,405 1,172,961

<sup>\*\*</sup> Represents 300,000 options held at resignation date.

## Note 18. Key management personnel disclosures- (continued)

On 20 June 2012, Cuesta announced an increase to the maiden JORC resource at East Wandoan to 44.6Mt of Inferred and Indicated Coal Resource in accordance with the JORC Code (2004) guideline. The increase satisfied the condition precedent to the issue of the Series Two Shares. Accordingly, on 31 January 2013, Cuesta issued 18,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares and 6,000,000 unlisted options (exercisable at \$0.25, expire 31 December 2015) to the relevant directors in their respective proportions.

On 10 December 2012, Cuesta announced an increase to the maiden JORC resource at Moorlands to 53.4Mt of Measured, Indicated and Inferred Coal Resource in accordance with the JORC Code (2004) guideline. The increase satisfied the condition precedent to the issue of the Series One Shares. Accordingly, on 31 January 2013, Cuesta issued 10,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares and 3,333,333 unlisted options (exercisable at \$0.25, expire 31 December 2015) to the relevant directors in their respective proportions.

#### Note 19. Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by BDO East Coast Partnership, the auditor of the Company, and its network firms:

	Consolidated	
	2013 \$	2012 \$
Audit services – BDO East Coast Partnership Audit or review of the financial statements Other services – BDO East Coast Partnership	67,500	90,250
Taxation matters Investigating Accountant's Report for prospectus and due diligence Less: Fees capitalised as share issue costs	19,700 122,075 (48,000)	96,575 185,800 (246,675)
Amount recognised in statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	161,275	125,950
Note 20. Commitments	Consolida 2013 \$'000	ated 2012 \$'000
Lease commitments - operating  Committed at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities, payable:		
Within one year One to five years More than five years	125 61 	50 - -
	186	50

During the year, the Company established an operations office in Taringa, QLD. An operating lease was executed in September 2012. The lease is a non-cancellable 2 year property lease with an option to renew for a further 2 years.

The annual rent is \$65,450 per annum plus outgoings. A rental rebate of \$16,363 has been negotiated.

The operating lease for the Company's head office is Sydney is a non-cancellable 2 year property lease with an option to renew for a further 2 years. The option to renew was exercised on 13 August 2012 on the following terms;

The annual rent is \$79,950 per annum plus outgoings. A rental rebate of \$30,370 has been negotiated.

# Note 21. Related party transactions

## Parent entity

Cuesta Coal Limited is the ultimate parent entity and the parent entity of the consolidated entity from a legal perspective. For accounting purposes, Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd is the deemed ultimate parent of the Consolidated Entity in line with reverse acquisition accounting.

## Subsidiaries

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 23.

#### Key management personnel

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 18 and the remuneration report in the directors' report.

## Transactions with related parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	Consolidated	
	2013 \$	2012 \$
Payment for goods and services: Payment for corporate consulting services from Anycall Pty Ltd (director- related entity of Ian Richer) Payment for geological consulting services from Brice Mutton & Associates (director-related entity of Brice	42,000	72,000
Mutton) The above amounts are included as cash salary in the Remuneration Report.	80,500	119,525
Payment for company secretarial services from DFK Richard Hill (former company secretary- related entity of Richard Hill) Payment for accounting and corporate advisory services from DFK Richard Hill (former company secretary- related	-	22,500
entity of Richard Hill)	-	331,907

#### Loans to/from related parties

There were no loans to or from related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

# Note 22. Parent entity information

Cuesta Coal Limited (legal parent entity) was incorporated on 27 September 2011. Cuesta Coal Limited is the ultimate parent entity and the parent entity of the consolidated entity from a legal perspective

Set out below is the supplementary information about the parent entity.

Statement of comprehensive income

Statement of comprehensive income	Pard 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 \$'000	From date of Incorporation to 30 June 2012
Net loss for the period	56	495
Total comprehensive income for the period	56	492
Statement of financial position	Pare 2013 \$'000	nt Entity 2012 \$'000
Total current assets	53	72
Total assets	49,076	37,932
Total current liabilities	6,306	
Total liabilities	11,343	
Equity  Issued capital Accumulated losses	37,919 (186)	38,061 (129)
Total equity	37,733	(37,932)

Guarantees entered into by the parent entity in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries. The parent entity had no guarantees in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries as at 30 June 2013.

# Contingent liabilities

The parent entity had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2013.

## Capital commitments - Property, plant and equipment

The parent entity had no capital commitments for property, plant and equipment as at 30 June 2013.

## Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies of the parent entity are consistent with those of the consolidated entity, as disclosed in note 1.

#### Note 23. Subsidiaries

## (a) Ultimate parent

Cuesta Coal Limited is the ultimate parent entity and the parent entity of the consolidated entity from a legal perspective. For accounting purposes, Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd is the deemed ultimate parent of the consolidated entity in line with reverse acquisition accounting.

#### (b) Corporate structure

The legal corporate structure of the consolidated entity is set out below;

		Equity holdi	ng
	Country of	2013	2012
Name of entity	incorporation	%	%
Parent entity: Cuesta Coal Limited	Australia		
Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	100.00
Blackwood Resources Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	100.00
Blackwood Exploration Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	100.00
RDB Coal Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	100.00
Scorpion Energy Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	100.00
West Bowen Coal Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	-
Hannigan & Associates Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	-
Macleod-Carey & Associates Pty Ltd	Australia	100.00	-

## Blackwood Coal Pty Limited

Cuesta Coal Limited was incorporated on 27 September 2011. In December 2011, the Company completed its acquisition of Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd and its controlled entities ("Blackwood Coal"). As a consequence of the previous shareholders of Blackwood Coal becoming the major shareholders of the Group the transaction is deemed to be a reverse acquisition for accounting purposes. Therefore while Cuesta Coal Limited remains the legal parent of the Group, Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd is the parent for the purpose of consolidating the financial statements.

## Note 24. Events after the reporting period

On 21 February 2013, Cuesta Coal Limited executed a Share Subscription Agreement (SSA) to raise \$12,000,000 by issuing 66,666,667 new ordinary shares at AU\$0.18 per share to the Company's major shareholder, Longluck Investment (Australia) Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Beijing Guoli Energy Investment Co. The placement required Chinese Regulatory, FIRB and Shareholder approval. On 24 July 2013, settlement of the placement took place. 5,000,000 convertible notes were redeemed for \$5,000,000 pursuant to the SSA executed by the Company and Longluck Investment (Australia) Pty Ltd. The remaining funds will be used to fast track the Company's priority development project at Moorlands, located 14km west of the Blair Athol Coal Mine in the Western Bowen Basin in Queensland.

EPC 2093 (West Emerald Project) and EPC 2613 (East Acland) were granted subsequent to the end of the financial year, on 23 July 2013 and 17 September 2013, respectively.

Note 25. Reconciliation of loss after income tax to net cash from operating activities

	Consolid 2013 \$'000	ated 2012 \$'000
Loss after income tax expense for the year	(2,631)	(4,666)
Adjustments for: Depreciation and amortisation Unwinding of convertible note interest Share option expense Share-based payments Gain on embedded derivative	47 (40) - 1,371 (298)	40 726 3 2,060
Change in operating assets and liabilities:  (Increase) in trade and other receivables  (Decrease) / Increase in trade and other payables	(187)	(301) (80)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,436)	(2,218)
26. Loss per share	Consolid 2013 \$'000	ated 2012 \$'000
Loss per share Loss after income tax	(2,631)	(4,666)
Loss after income tax attributable to the owners of Cuesta Coal Limited	(2,631)	(4,666)
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic loss per share Adjustments for calculation of diluted loss per share:  Options	202,604,569	82,995,257 <u>-</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted loss per share	202,604,569	82,995,257
	Cents	Cents
Basic loss per share Diluted loss per share	(1.30) (1.30)	(5.62) (5.62)

Options are considered potential ordinary shares for the purposes of diluted loss per share. However at 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2012, based on the circumstances of the consolidated entity, the options are not considered dilutive and therefore have not been used in the calculation of diluted loss per share.

#### Note 27. Share-based payments

On 20 June 2012, the consolidated entity announced an increase to its JORC resource at the East Wandoan project. The increase triggered the condition precedent to the issue of the series two shares pursuant to the Company's Executive Share and Option deed. The shares and options were issued on 31 January 2013. Amounts recognised in the financial statements are disclosed in note 18.

On 10 December 2012, the consolidated entity announced an increase to its JORC resource at the Moorlands project. The increase triggered the condition precedent to the issue of the series one shares pursuant to the Company's Executive Share and Option deed. The shares and options were issued on 31 January 2013. Amounts recognised in the financial statements are disclosed in note 18.

## Note 28. Operating segments

The consolidated entity has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors in assessing performance and determining the allocation of performance. The consolidated entity is managed primarily based on geographic basis, that is, the location of the respective areas of interest (tenements) in Australia. Operating segments are determined on the basis of the financial information reported to the Board which is at the consolidated entity level. The consolidated entity does not have any products or services from which it derives revenue.

Accordingly, management currently identifies the consolidated entity as having only one reportable segment, being the exploration for coal in Queensland. There have been no changes in the operating segment during the year. Accordingly, all significant operating decisions are based upon analysis of the consolidated entity as one segment. The financial results from this segment are equivalent to the financial statements of the consolidated entity as a whole.

# Cuesta Coal Limited Directors' declaration

The directors of the company declare that:

- 1. The financial statements, comprising the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity, accompanying notes, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
  - a. comply with the Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - b. give a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. The company has included in the notes to the financial statements an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards.
- 3. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- 4. The directors have been given the declarations be the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer required by section 295A.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the directors by:

Brian Johnson Chairman

30 September 2013 Sydney

Matthew Crawford Managing Director

30 September 2013 Sydney



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Cuesta Coal Limited

# Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Cuesta Coal Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

## Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

# Independence

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

BDO East Coast Partnership ABN 83 236 985 726 is a member of a national association of independent entities which are all members of BDO (Australia) Ltd ABN 77 050 110 275, an Australian company limited by guarantee. BDO East Coast Partnership and BDO (Australia) Ltd are members of BDO International Ltd, a UK company limited by guarantee, and form part of the international BDO network of independent member firms. Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation (other than for the acts or omissions of financial services licensees) in each State or Territory other than Tasmania.



## Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Cuesta Coal Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act* 2001, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations* 2001; and
- (b) the financial report also complies with *International Financial Reporting Standards* as disclosed in Note 1.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report, which indicates that the ability of the consolidated entity to continue as a going concern is dependent upon the future successful raising of necessary funding through equity. This condition, along with other matters as set out in Note 1, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the consolidated entity's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, the consolidated entity may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

# Report on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 14 to 23 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2013. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Cuesta Coal Limited for the year ended 30 June 2013 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

**BDO East Coast Partnership** 

**Grant Saxon** 

**Partner** 

Sydney, 30 September 2013

# Cuesta Coal Limited Shareholder information 30 June 2013

The shareholder information set out below was applicable as at 25 September 2013.

# Distribution of equitable securities

Analysis of number of equitable security holders by size of holding:

	Number of holders of ordinary shares
1 to 1,000	8
1,001 to 5,000	15
5,001 to 10,000	106
10,001 to 100,000	196
100,001 and over	126
	<u>451</u>
Holding less than a marketable parcel	46

# **Equity security holders**

Twenty largest quoted equity security holders

The names of the twenty largest security holders of quoted equity securities are listed below:

	Ordinary sha	ares
	•	% of total
		shares
	Number held	issued
Longluck Investment (Australia) Pty Ltd	136,666,667	47.74
Albion Ballymore Pty Ltd	35,798,346	12.50
Argonaut Resources NL	16,734,667	5.85
New Mangrove Resources Pty Limited	8,127,406	2.84
Waytop Investments Limited	6,764,644	2.36
ACN Mining Pty Limited	5,400,000	1.89
Anycall Pty Ltd <richer a="" c="" fund="" superannuation=""></richer>	4,313,232	1.51
Inhowse Pty Ltd	4,086,364	1.43
New Mangrove Minerals Pty Ltd	3,925,000	1.37
Mr Brice Mutton <brice a="" c="" fund="" mutton="" super=""></brice>	3,734,488	1.30
Silver Ledge Pty Ltd <the ledge="" silver=""></the>	2,555,614	0.89
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	2,065,128	0.72
Flannery Foundation Pty Ltd <the a="" c="" flannery="" foundation=""></the>	2,000,000	0.70
Auresco Pty Ltd <the a="" avanis="" c=""></the>	1,912,242	0.67
Mr Timothy Sean McManus + Elizabeth Mary-Louise McManus < The		
McManus Investment A/C>	1,910,000	0.67
Mr Raed Itaoui + Mrs Rachel Lee Itaoui	1,743,134	0.61
Angolet Pty Ltd	1,600,000	0.56
Bung Nominees Pty Ltd <yewwww a="" c="" family=""></yewwww>	1,398,561	0.49
Mr Andrew Leigh Gorringe	1,277,808	0.45
GBR Napoli Pty Ltd <gbr a="" c="" fund="" superannuation=""></gbr>	1,200,000	0.42
_	243,213,301	84.97

# Cuesta Coal Limited Shareholder information 30 June 2013

Unquoted equity securities

Criquotod oquity socialities	Number on issue	Number of holders
Options over ordinary shares issued (ex. Price \$0.25, expire 29 October 2015) Options over ordinary shares issued	600,000	3
(ex. Price \$0.20, expire 31 December 2015) Options over ordinary shares issued	7,185,718	39
(ex. Price \$0.25, expire 31 December 2015	19,747,616	25
Convertible notes- secured	5,000,000	2
Escrowed Securities		
Fully paid ordinary shares (escrowed until 04.05.2014) Unlisted options (ex price \$0.20, expire 31.12.2015)	63,331,639	11
(escrowed until 04.05.2014) Unlisted options (ex price \$0.25, expire 31.12.2015)	850,000	3
(escrowed until 04.05.2014)	40,015,621	6
Director performance rights (escrowed until 04.05.2014)	14,000,000	4

Substantial holders in the company are set out below:

	Ordinary shares	
		% of total shares
	Number held	issued
Longluck Investment (Australia) Pty Ltd	136,666,667	47.74
Mathew Phillip Crawford	25,872,517	9.04
Keith James McKnight	25,231,680	8.81
Argonaut Resources NL	16,734,667	5.85

# **Voting rights**

The voting rights attached to ordinary shares are set out below:

## Ordinary shares

Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of Shares, at a meeting of members each member has one vote on a show of hands and one vote per Share on a poll. The person who holds a share which is not fully paid shall be entitled to a fraction of a vote equal to that proportion of a vote that the amount paid on the relevant share bears to the total issue price of the share. Voting may be in person or by proxy, attorney or body corporate representative.

There are no other classes of equity securities with attaching voting rights.

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# **Tenements**

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EPC 1977 West Emerald Bowen Basi	n- QLD 19-Apr-2011	100.00%
EPC 2323 West Emerald Bowen Basi	n- QLD 27-Jun-2011	100.00%
EPC 1825 West Emerald Bowen Basi	n- QLD 21-May-2013	100.00%
EPC 1826 West Emerald Bowen Basi	n- QLD 31-Jul-2012	100.00%
EPC 1868 West Emerald Bowen Basi	n- QLD 26-Jun-2013	100.00%
EPC 2093 West Emerald Bowen Basi	n- QLD 23-Jul-2013	100.00%
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EPC 2128 Montrose Styx / Bowen B	sasin- QLD 5-Feb-2012	100.00%
EPC 1979 East Acland Clarence-Moretor	Basin- QLD 12-Oct-2010	90.00%
EPC 2356 East Acland Clarence-Moretor	n Basin- QLD 30-Jan-2013	100.00%
EPC 2613 East Acland Clarence-Moretor	Basin- QLD 17-Sep-2013	100.00%
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