

# Grand Gulf Energy Limited

ABN 22 073 653 175

# **Annual Financial Report**

for the financial year ended

30 June 2016

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# DIRECTORS

Mr Charles Morgan – Chairman Mr Mark Freeman - Managing Director Mr Stephen Keenihan – Non-Executive Director Mr Allan Boss – Executive Director

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Dear Shareholder,

In 2015/2016 Grand Gulf Energy continued to focus on its Louisiana Gulf Coast production while weathering the volatility of the oil price which started the year at what turned out to be a high of nearly \$60/barrel. It declined to some \$27/barrel in February 2016 before recovering to around \$50/barrel in June.

The Company's main producer, Hensarling #1, in the 39.6% owned Desiree Field on the Napoleonville Salt Dome continued to perform with gross production of over 250 bbls average per day and total production for the year was 109,822 barrels.

Grand Gulf's 55.5% owned Dugas & Leblanc #3 produced 25,681 bbls oil gross. Whilst the well is in decline it continues to be an excellent source of revenue.

Remediation at the Dugas & Leblanc #1 site is now at minimal levels with the JV required to continue testing salinity levels and remediation around the blowout location. The JV settled all remaining claims with litigants during the year and is in receipt of the settlement of the remaining insurance claim of A\$970,000. This has finalised insurance in respect of the Company's initial 40% WI and whilst there will continue to be remedial work required it is minimal and is limited to ongoing soil sampling and water well testing. The Company continues to be insured in respect of the additional 23% WI in D&L acquired from Birdwood.

The Company continued to assess other opportunities in the oil and gas area as well as look at other corporate opportunities. It had sought a split of the Company's oil main Louisiana oil production from the listed company but after a negative response from the ATO put this on hold.

Financially the Company continues to make an operating profit before write-downs, notwithstanding the significant reduction in the oil price, production revenue was over \$3.6 million. The Company also realised a \$648,684 gain on selling its put options at the bottom of the oil curve. Earnings before interest, tax and amortisation or impairments was \$539,360.

I would like to thank the CEO, Mark Freeman, co-directors, Alan Boss and Stephen Keenihan for their work.

Yours faithfully,

Chiles W. Morgan.

Charles W. Morgan Chairman

The Directors of Grand Gulf Energy Limited submit herewith the annual financial report of the Group consisting of Grand Gulf Energy Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during the year ended 30 June 2016 (referred to hereafter as the group).

#### DIRECTORS

The names and details of the directors of the Company in office during the financial year and until the date of this report, unless otherwise stated, are:

#### **Mr Charles Morgan**

Executive Chairman - Appointed 19 January 2006

Mr Morgan has been involved in the oil and gas industry since 1995. He has been involved in oil and gas assets in South East Asia, USA, Africa and Europe.

Former and current directorships in last 3 years – Current: ADG Global Supply Ltd (appointed in 2006), Transerv Energy Ltd (appointed 9 October 2016). Former: Tamaska Oil & Gas Limited (resigned 17 February 2014).

# **Mr Mark Freeman**

B.com, CA, F.Fin Managing Director – Appointed 27 October 2010 and Company Secretary - Appointed 22 April 2010

Mr Freeman is a Chartered Accountant and has more than 19 years' experience in corporate finance and the resources industry. He has experience in project acquisitions and management, strategic planning, business development, M&A, asset commercialisation, and project development. Prior experience with Mirabela Nickel Ltd, Exco Resources NL, Panoramic Resources Ltd and Matra Petroleum Plc.

Former and current directorships in last 3 years – Current: TSV Montney Ltd (appointed 18 February 2016) Former: Macro Energy Ltd (resigned 5 June 2014), Mustang Resources Ltd (resigned 10 June 2015), Tamaska Oil and Gas Ltd (resigned 1 February 2015).

#### Mr Stephen Keenihan

B.Sce (Hons Geology) Non-Executive Director Appointed 13 November 2006

Mr Keenihan is a geologist with more than 40 years' of experience in the upstream oil and gas industry and extensive international experience. Previous positions include exploration manager for Apache Australia and LASMO, regional managers Australia for Novus Petroleum and WMC Resources Petroleum Division. He has managed exploration, development, operations, commercial and marketing activities in the energy industry.

Former and current directorships in last 3 years – Current: Transerv Energy Ltd (appointed 23 March 2011).

# Mr Allan Boss

B. Com Doctor of Jurisprudence Executive Director Appointed 13 November 2006

Mr Boss is a Houston-based banker and lawyer with 30 years' experience providing legal services and representations to the oil and gas industry and was lead counsel to NiSource Inc, a Fortune 500 energy utility.

Former and current directorships in last 3 years – none.

#### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **Corporate Structure**

Grand Gulf Energy Limited is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Grand Gulf Energy Limited has prepared a consolidated financial report incorporating the entities that it controlled during the financial year.

#### Nature of Operations and Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Group during the financial year was the production, exploration and evaluation of oil and gas leases.

There has been no significant change in the nature of these activities during the year.

# **REVIEW AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

For the financial year ended 30 June 2016, the loss attributable to members of the Group is \$560,508 (Restated 2015: loss \$2,145,306).

The Company is focusing its activities on the following primary objectives:

- 1. The Company has been very encouraged by renewed interest in USA conventional oil and gas projects following the oil price recovery from \$28.50 per barrel in January 2016 to over \$50.00 per barrel in June. A number of US oil companies have expressed interest in farming into the Company's Napoleonville project.
- 2. In addition, the number of producing properties in the USA coming to the market with PDP and PDNP reserves has increased significantly and the Company is assessing these opportunities with a view to increasing its production and reserves.
- 3. Ongoing cost cutting has enabled the Company to continue to remain cash flow positive for the last 6 years.
- 4. The Company confirms that it will no longer be working towards a demerger of its oil assets. Following the adverse advice by the ATO, the Company assessed alternative methods of completing the demerger however the risks to the Company and shareholders were deemed not to be in their best interests.

Below is a detailed summary of the Company's exploration and development activities.

#### Review of operations of Grand Gulf Energy Limited consolidated group

#### **Production**

# Desiree Field

#### Desiree, Assumption Parish, Louisiana, Non Operator 39.65%WI

The Hensarling #1 well (Desiree Field) has produced over 385,000 barrels of oil with production rates of over 250 barrels per day being maintained. Production during the year was 109,822 barrels.

Remaining proved and probable reserves as at 30 June 2016 are estimated at 202,000 boe net to the Company after royalties.

Production from the CRIII will continue through a 25/64 inch choke until depletion takes place, or water production becomes excessive, and will then switch to the thinner Cris R II (31ft pay) formation. The JV has secured the Templet #1 as a disposal well for Hensarling #1 when it commences to produce water.

#### Desiree Litigation Finalised

The Company successfully won judgement against a former JV partner in the Desiree Project in April 2016. The ex-partner was suing the Company for a 5.30% WI in the project. The judgement has removed a significant burden and uncertainty over the Company's interest in Desiree and in addition the judge ruled that legal fees of \$100,000 were to be reimbursed to the Company.

#### Dugas & Leblanc Field Napoleonville- Dugas & Leblanc #3 Well, Assumption Parish, Louisiana, Non Operator 55.5% WI\*

The D&L#3 "M" sand was successfully perforated and placed on production on 18 October 2011. Production is presently ~70bod, from a 21/64 inch choke. Production during the year was 25,681 barrels of oil.

Remaining proved and probable reserves as at 30 June 2016 are estimated at 53,000 boe.

#### Abita, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, Non Operator 20%WI

The field is being operated by DW Wapitit Investments 1, LLC in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The well commenced producing on 18 March 2012.

The well was re-completed in the 17 sand in May 2015. Production during the year was 2,473 barrels and 341,628 mcf gas. In July 2016 the well started to decline significantly and the Operator has proposed a re-completion in the 15 sand once the 17 sand is no longer economic.

#### West Klondike Development

## Wilbert Sons LLC #1 well, West Klondike, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, Non Operator 11.7% WI

The well commenced producing from the lower Nod Blan on 4 September 2014 and after recompletion commenced production on 2 November 2015. Production during the year was 150 barrels and 21,221 mcf gas. The operator recently perforated the production casing to the Lorio interval and the well flowed for 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs with an average flow rate of ~ 30 barrels per day of oil. The operator is presently working on a proposal to commence production in the Lorio.

The Lorio Sand has produced over 4 million barrels of oil from the adjacent field ("Klondike") and represents the greatest value of this well with a high estimate of oil at 500,000 barrels (gross). It is also noted that when the Lorio was initially perforated during the testing phase the well flowed oil to surface with no assistance.

#### Net Reserves

# 2016 Reserves and Resources Summary

Reserves and Resources as at 30 June 2016

Net to	Grand	Gulf	Energy	Ltd
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			Proved	d(1P)	P	ROVED & P	ROBABLE(2P)
FILED (LICENCE)	NET REV		GAS MMCF	OIL EQUIVALENT <sup>(1)</sup> MBOE	LIQUIDS MBBL	GAS MMCF	OIL EQUIVALENT <sup>(1)</sup> MBOE
Reserves		moor		moor			
USA							
Dugas & Leblanc #3	43.20%	14	235	53	19	235	53
Desiree	30.96%	154	-	154	202	-	202
West Klondike	8.53%	-	-	0	8	5	9
Abita	15%	1	66	12	2	219	39
Total Reserves		168	301	219	232	459	303
Contingent Resources		Hig	gh Estimate	10	1	Mid to Low	Estimate 2C
Reserves							
USA							
Dugas & Leblanc #3	43.20%		648	108		216	36
Desiree	30.96%						
West Klondike	8.53%	40	1,214	242	13	405	81
Abita	15%						
Total Contingent Resources		40	1,862	350	13	621	117
Total Reserves and Resources		208	2,163	569	245	1,080	420

<sup>(1)</sup> Oil equivalent conversion factor: 6MSCF per BBL.

#### **Competent Persons Statement**

The information contained in these statements has been compiled by Kevin Kenning, Senior Petroleum Engineer, who is a consultant of the Company, is qualified in accordance with ASX listing rule 5.11 and has consented to the publication of this report. The reserve estimates in this report are solely based on Kevin Kennings professional opinion and are consistent with accepted industry standards for proved reserves. The proved reserve definition is based upon the criteria contained within the "SPE PRMS" (Society of Petroleum Engineers Petroleum Resources Management System).

#### Equity Issues

• No Shares were issued during the Financial Year.

As at 30 June 2016 the consolidated cash position was \$3,108,828 (2015: \$969,526).

#### EVENTS SINCE THE END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2016 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the consolidated entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

In the opinion of the Directors, other than those referred to in the review of operations, there were no matters that significantly affected the state of affairs of the Group during the financial year.

#### DIVIDENDS

The Directors recommend that no amount be paid by way of dividend. No dividend has been paid or declared since the start of the financial year (2015: nil).

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

The group holds various exploration licences to regulate its exploration activities in the USA. These include conditions and regulations with respect to the rehabilitation of areas disturbed during the course of its exploration activities. So far as Directors are aware, all exploration activities have been undertaken in compliance with all relevant environmental regulations in all jurisdictions in which the group operates.

#### NGER ACT

The Directors consider the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (the NGER Act) which introduces a single national reporting framework for the reporting and dissemination of information about the greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas projects, and energy use and production of corporations. At the current stage of development, the Directors have determined that the NGER Act will have no effect on the Company for the current nor subsequent financial year. The Directors will reassess this position as and when the need arises.

#### SHARE OPTIONS

As at the date of this report, there were a total of nil listed options (2015: nil listed options) and 27,000,000 unlisted options (2015: 27,000,000). Refer to note 24 of the financial statements for further details of the options outstanding.

Option holders do not have any right, by virtue of an option, to participate in any share issue of the Company or any related body corporate or in the interest issue of any other registered scheme. During the financial year, the Company did not issue any employee options. Details regarding the issue of share options under this plan are provided in the directors' report. There were no shares issued on the exercise of options during the year.

# INTERESTS IN THE SHARES AND OPTIONS OF THE COMPANY AND RELATED BODIES CORPORATE

#### Securities

As at the date of this report the interests of the Directors in the shares and options of Grand Gulf Energy Limited were as follows:

# **Ordinary Shares**

Holder	Balance at Beginning of Year	Other Purchases/Sales	Other changes during the year	Balance at the date of report
Mr C Morgan	158,100,476	-	-	158,100,476
Mr S Keenihan	3,917,229	-	-	3,917,229
Mr M Freeman	-	-	-	-
Mr A Boss	2,481,720	-	-	2,481,720
Total	164,499,425	-	-	164,499,425

#### Options

Holder	Balance at beginning of year	Granted as compensation	Expired	Balance as at date of report	Vested and exercisable
Mr C Morgan	-	-	-	-	-
Mr M Freeman	8,000,000	-	-	8,000,000	8,000,000
Mr S Keenihan	3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
Mr A Boss	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total	16,000,000	-	-	16,000,000	16,000,000

# **REMUNERATION REPORT (Audited)**

#### Details of key management personnel

Mr C Morgan - Chairman

Mr M Freeman - Managing Director

Mr S Keenihan – Non-Executive Director

Mr A Boss – Executive Director

This report outlines the remuneration arrangements in place for Directors and executives of Grand Gulf Energy Limited. The report has been set out under the following main headings:

- A. Principles Used to Determine the Nature and Amount of Remuneration
- B. Service Agreements
- C. Details of Remuneration
- D. Share Based Compensation
- E. KMP Interest in Securities
- F. Other transactions with key management personnel

The information provided in this remuneration report has been audited as required by section 308(3C) of the Corporations Act 2001.

# A. Principles Used to Determine the Nature and Amount of Remuneration

The Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for determining and reviewing compensation arrangements for the Directors and Executive Officers. The Board has determined due to the size and nature of the Company the functions of the remuneration committee will be performed by the Board. The Board will assess the appropriateness of the nature and amount of emoluments of such officers on a periodic basis by reference to relevant employment market conditions with the overall objective of ensuring maximum stakeholder benefit from the retention of a high quality Board and executive team. Such officers are paid their base remuneration in cash only.

To assist in achieving these objectives, the Board will link the nature and amount of executive Directors' and officers' emoluments to the Company's financial and operational performance.

Executive Officers are those directly accountable for the operational management and strategic direction of the Company and the Group. The following table shows key performance indicators for the group over the last five years:

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
(560,508)	(2,145,306))	(2,889,318)	(6,899,589)	(2,594,992)
(0.075)	(0.287)	(0.39)	(0.92)	(0.36)
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
(17%)	(25%)	100%	(73%)	(25%)
2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	(560,508) (0.075) - - (17%)	(560,508) (2,145,306)) (0.075) (0.287)   (17%) (25%)	(560,508)(2,145,306))(2,889,318)(0.075)(0.287)(0.39)(17%)(25%)100%	(560,508)(2,145,306))(2,889,318)(6,899,589)(0.075)(0.287)(0.39)(0.92)(17%)(25%)100%(73%)

The Corporate Governance Statement provides further information on the role of the Board.

#### Non-executive Directors

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 Board. The Chairman's fees are determined independently to the fees of 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.

#### Fixed remuneration

Fixed remuneration consists of a base remuneration package, which includes directors' fees (in the case of Directors), salaries, consulting fees and employer contributions to superannuation funds.

Fixed remuneration levels for Directors and executive officers are reviewed annually by the Board through a process that considers the employee's personal development, achievement of key performance objectives for the year, industry benchmarks wherever possible and CPI data. Key performance indicators (KPIs) are individually tailored by the Board for each director and executive officer each year, and reflect an assessment of how that employee can fulfil their particular responsibilities in a way that best contributes to Company performance and shareholder wealth in that year.

#### Performance-linked remuneration

All employees may receive bonuses and/or share options as part of a package to retain their services and/or based on achievement of specific goals related to performance against individual KPIs and to the performance of the Company as a whole as determined by the Directors, based on a range of factors. These factors include traditional financial considerations such as operating performance, cash consumption and deals concluded and also industry-specific factors relating to the advancement of the Company's exploration and development activities and relationships with third parties and internal employees.

During the year ended 30 June 2015 the following options were issued and not expired during the reporting period:

Name	Number of options granted
A Boss	5,000,000
S Keenihan	3,000,000
M Freeman	8,000,000

These options were not linked to any performance linked remuneration, but rather an overall remuneration packed aligning the KMP with the Company's growth strategy.

The plan rules contain a restriction on removing the 'at risk' aspect of the instruments granted to executives. Plan participants may not enter into any transaction designed to remove the 'at risk' aspect of an instrument before it vests.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

The Board determines the total amount of performance-linked remuneration payable as a percentage of the total annualised salaries for all employees employed as at the end of the financial year (with pro rata reductions to the annualised salary made for any employee not employed for the entire financial year). Once the Board has determined the total performance-linked remuneration payable across the Company, Committee members assess the performance of each individual staff member within their department, relative to that staff member's KPIs and decide how much performance-linked remuneration should be paid to that person.

The Company did not engage with remuneration consultants during the year.

#### Voting and comments made at the Company's 2015 Annual General Meeting

GGE received more than 99.9% of "yes" votes (excluding director's votes) on its remuneration report for the 2015 financial year. The Company did not receive any specific feedback at the AGM or throughout the year on its remuneration practices.

#### B. Service Agreements

Remuneration and other terms of employment for the Executive Director is formalised in a service agreement. The agreement provides for the provision of performance-related cash bonuses, other benefits including health insurance, car allowances, and participation when eligible, in the Grand Gulf Energy Limited Employee Option Plan.

Other major provisions of the agreements relating to remuneration are set out below. The contract may be terminated early by the Company with reason or by the executive, with three months' notice, or by the Company without reason, giving 3 months' notice, subject to termination payments as detailed below:

Name	Term of agreement	Base salary including superannuation	Termination benefit
Mr C Morgan	Commencing 1 July 2013	\$72,000	3 months base salary
Mr M Freeman	Commencing 1 March 2016	\$200,000 <sup>(i)</sup>	3 months base salary
Mr S Keenihan	Commencing 1 July 2013	\$48,000	3 months base salary
Mr A Boss	Commencing 1 November 2011	US\$120,000 (AU\$164,000)	3 months base salary

 During the period ended 30 June 2016 Mark Freeman's salary was reduced from \$260,000 to \$200,000. This change was made effective March 2016.

#### C. Details of Remuneration

Details of the remuneration of the Directors and the key management personnel of Grand Gulf Energy Limited consolidated group are set out in the following tables. The key management personnel of Grand Gulf Energy Limited consolidated group during the year ended 30 June 2016 includes the following Directors and executives:

- Mr C Morgan (Executive Chairman)
- Mr M Freeman (Managing Director)
- Mr A Boss (Executive Director)
- Mr S Keenihan (Non-Executive Director)

Remuneration packages contain the following key elements:

- a) Primary benefits salary / fees and bonuses;
- b) Post-employment benefits including superannuation;
- c) Equity share options granted under the Employee Share Option Plan as disclosed in Note 24 to the financial statements; and
- d) Other benefits.

The following tables disclose the detailed remuneration of the Directors of Grand Gulf Energy Limited and controlled entities within the Group:

#### 2016

	Short term benefits		Post- employment	Equ	Total	
	Salary and fees	Bonu s	Super-annuation	Options	Shares	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Directors						
Mr C Morgan	72,000	-	-	-	-	72,000
Mr S Keenihan	48,000	-	-	2,722	-	50,722
Mr A Boss	164,808	-	-	4,537	-	169,345
Mr M Freeman	240,000	-	-	7,260	-	247,260
Total	524,808	-	-	14,519	-	539,327

# 2015

	Short term benefits		Post- employment	Equity		Total
	Salary and fees	Bonu s	Super-annuation	Options	Shares	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Directors						
Mr C Morgan	72,000	-	-	-	-	72,000
Mr S Keenihan	52,600	-	-	3,884	-	56,484
Mr A Boss	144,300	-	-	6,473	-	150,773
Mr M Freeman	260,000	-	-	10,357	-	270,357
Total	528,900	-	-	20,714	-	549,614

# D. Share Based Compensation

The terms and conditions of each grant of options affecting remuneration in the current or a future reporting period as follows:

Name	Grant Date	Number	Vesting Conditions	Exercise Price	Expiry Date	Value per option at grant date
A Boss	20 Nov 14	5,000,000	(i)	\$0.014	30 Nov 18	\$0.0025
S Keenihan	20 Nov 14	3,000,000	(i)	\$0.014	30 Nov 18	\$0.0025
M Freeman	20 Nov 14	8,000,000	(i)	\$0.014	30 Nov 18	\$0.0025

(i) 20% of the options will vest immediately; 30% of the options will vest on the first anniversary and; 50% will vest on the second anniversary.

# Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration: relationship between remuneration and company performance.

In considering the Company's performance and its effect on shareholder wealth, the Board have regard to a broad range of factors, some of which are financial and others of which relate to the progress on the Company's projects, results and progress of exploration and development activities, joint venture agreements etc. The Board also gives consideration to the Company's result and cash consumption for the year. It does not utilise earnings per share as a performance measure or contemplate payment of any dividends in the short to medium term given that all efforts are currently being expended to build the business and establish self-sustaining revenue streams.

# E. KMP Interest in Securities

The number of options over ordinary shares in the Company held during the financial year by each Director of Grand Gulf Energy Limited and other key management personnel of the group, including their personally related parties, are set out below.

# Options

The number of options over ordinary shares held by Key Management Personnel during the financial year is as follows:

30 June 2016	Balance at start of the year	Granted during the year	Lapsed/ Expired/ Forfeited	Balance at the end of the year	Vested and Exercisable at end of year	Unvested at end of year
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Directors & KMP						
Mr M Freeman	8,000,000	-	-	8,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Mr A Boss	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Mr C Morgan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr S Keenihan	3,000,000	-	-	3,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total	16,000,000	-	-	16,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000

#### Shareholdings

The number of ordinary shares in Grand Gulf Energy Limited held by Key Management Personnel during the financial year is as follows:

30 June 2016	Balance at start of the year	Received during the year on exercise of options	Other changes during the year	Balance at end of the year
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Directors & KMP				
Mr C Morgan	158,100,476	-	-	158,100,476
Mr M Freeman	-	-	-	-
Mr A Boss	2,481,720	-	-	2,481,720
Mr S Keenihan*	3,917,229	-	-	3,917,229
Total	164,499,425	-	-	164,499,425

\*Mr S Keenihan holds 1 million shares directly and 2.9 million shares indirectly through his superannuation fund.

# F. Other transactions with key management personnel

No loans have been made during the financial period or at the date of this report to any key management personnel. A number of key management personnel, or their personally-related entities, hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities. A number of these entities transacted with the Company in the reporting period. The terms and conditions of those transactions were no more favourable than those available, or which might reasonably be expected to be available, on similar transactions to unrelated entities on an arm's length basis.

		2016	2015
Transaction	Note	\$	\$
Specified Directors & Executives			
Mr C Morgan Mr S Keenihan Mr A Boss	(i)	- - -	- - 37,828

(i) \$37,828 was paid to Mr. Boss during the year for legal secretarial services performed relating to ongoing litigation.

This the end of the audited remuneration report.

#### Shares issued on the exercise of options

There were no ordinary shares of Grand Gulf Energy Limited issued during the year ended 30 June 2016 on the exercise of options granted under the Grand Gulf Energy Limited Employee Option Plan. No amounts are unpaid on any of the shares.

#### Indemnification and Insurance of Directors and officers

During the financial period, the Company maintained an insurance policy which indemnifies the Directors and Officers of Grand Gulf Energy Limited in respect of any liability incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as Directors or Officers of the Company. The Directors made a personal contribution toward the premium to satisfy Section 199B of the Corporations Act 2001. The Company's insurers have prohibited disclosure of the amount of the premium payable and the level of indemnification under the insurance contract.

#### DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The following table sets out the number of Directors' meetings held during the financial year and the number of meetings attended by each Director (while they were a director or committee member).

	Board of Directors		
	Held	Attended	
Mr C Morgan	4	3	
Mr A Boss	4	4	
Mr S Keenihan	4	3	
Mr M Freeman	4	4	

The Company did not have committee meetings in the year.

# NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The Company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the Company and/or the group are important.

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (BDO WA) non-audit services provided during the year are set out below.

The board of Directors has considered the position and is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard that the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, as set out below, did not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the Corporation Act 2001 for the following reasons:

- All non-audit services have been reviewed by the audit committee to ensure they do not impact the impartially 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.

During the year no fees were paid or payable for non-audit services provided by the auditor of the parent entity, its related practices and non-related audit firm.

# AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is included on the following page.

Dated at Perth 28 September 2016, and signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Mr Mark Freeman Managing Director



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# DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY JARRAD PRUE TO THE DIRECTORS OF GRAND GULF ENERGY LIMITED

As lead auditor of Grand Gulf Energy Limited for the year ended 30 June 2016, 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 Grand Gulf Energy Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

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Jarrad Prue Director

BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd Perth, 28 September 2016

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

			Restated <sup>1</sup>
		2016	2015
	Notes	\$	\$
Revenue from continuing operations	2	3,631,297	6,683,166
Other income	3(a)	1,126,432	89,172
Cost of sales	3(b)	(1,712,067)	(2,814,932)
Interest income		21,759	110
Exploration and evaluation expenditure		(1,114,339)	(2,985,476)
Corporate office expenses		(77,588)	(79,849)
Employee benefits expense		(479,404)	(479,401)
Share based payment expense	24(c)	(24,502)	(34,960)
Amortisation of oil and gas properties	8	(517,576)	(882,116)
Impairment of oil and gas properties	8	(582,292)	(1,315,685)
Hedging Cost		(345,292)	(76,885)
Foreign exchange	3(b)	(52,588)	10,757
Professional and statutory fees		(181,024)	(157,597)
Depreciation	3(b)	(2,537)	(1,602)
Bad debt written off		(185,518)	-
Other expenses		(65,269)	(100,008)
Loss before income tax		(560,508)	(2,145,306)
Income tax (expense)/ benefit	4	-	-
Loss from continuing operations		(560,508)	(2,145,306)
Loss after income tax		(560,508)	(2,145,306)
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss			
Foreign currency translation		345,506	1,483,354
Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the year	_	(215,002)	(661,952)
Earnings/(loss) per share for the year Attributable to the member of Grand Gulf Energy Ltd			
Basic earnings/(loss) per Share (cents per share)	20	(0.075)	(0.287)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents per share)	20	(0.075)	(0.287)

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting policy

The above consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

			Restated <sup>1</sup>	Restated <sup>1</sup>
		2016	2015	1 July 2014
	Notes	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	15(a)	3,108,828	969,526	1,840,990
Trade and other receivables	6	578,315	1,892,146	1,507,702
Other assets	6	157,125	329,980	111,819
Total Current Assets		3,844,268	3,191,652	3,460,511
Non-Current Assets				
Property plant & equipment	7	10,685	9,465	9,081
Oil & gas properties	8	3,558,649	4,263,353	4,264,994
Total Non-Current Assets		3,569,334	4,272,818	4,274,075
Total Assets		7,413,602	7,464,470	7,734,586
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities				
Trade and other payables	9	517,377	201 220	174 072
Total Current Liabilities	Ū.		381,338	174,873
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Non-Current Liabilities				
Restoration provision	10	370,381	366,788	216,377
Total Non-Current Liabilities		370,381	366,788	216,377
Total Liabilities		887,758	748,126	391,250
Net Assets		6,525,844	6,716,344	7,343,336
EQUITY				
Contributed equity	11	42,045,942	42,045,942	42,045,942
Reserves	12	4,836,288	4,466,280	2,947,966
Accumulated losses	13	(40,356,386)	(39,795,878)	(37,650,572)
Total Equity		6,525,844	6,716,344	7,343,336

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting policy

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

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	Contributed Equity	Foreign currency translation reserve	Share Option Reserve	Option premium reserve	Accumulated losses	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015	42,045,942	2,065,773	1,723,707	676,800	(39,795,878)	6,716,344
Profit/(loss) attributable to members of the parent entity Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	(560,508)	(560,508)
adjustment	-	345,506	-	-	-	345,506
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year <b>Transactions with owners in</b>	-	345,506	-	-	(560,508)	(215,002)
their capacity of owners Shares issued, net of issue costs	-	_	-		-	_
Share based payment	-	-	24,502	-	-	24,502
Balance at 30 June 2016	42,045,942	2,411,279	1,748,209	676,800	(40,356,386)	6,525,844
Balance at 1 July 2014 <sup>1</sup>	42,045,942	582,419	1,688,747	676,800	(37,650,572)	7,343,336
Profit/(loss) attributable to members of the parent entity Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	(2,145,306)	(2,145,306)
adjustment	-	1,483,354	-	-	-	1,483,354
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year Transactions with owners in their capacity of owners	-	1,483,354	-	-	(2,145,306)	(661,952)
Shares issued, net of issue costs	_	_	_	_	_	-
Share based payment	-	-	34,960	-	-	34,960
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<sup>1</sup>Balance at 30 June 2015 restated as a result of change in accounting policy disclosed in Note 14 <sup>2</sup>Balance at 1 July 2014 restated as a result of change in accounting policy disclosed in Note 14

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

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

			Restated <sup>1</sup>
		2016	2015
	Notes	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		5,216,301	6,731,412
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,091,651)	(807,188)
Interest received		21,759	95
Insurance pre-payment (refundable)		1,086,150	-
Production costs		(1,712,067)	(2,933,822)
Payments for exploration and evaluation		(1,114,339)	(2,759,031)
Net cash inflows from operating activities	15(b)	2,406,153	231,466
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(3,758)	-
Payments for development of oil & gas properties		(210,506)	(699,659)
Acquisition of project assets	8(i)	-	(750,893)
Net cash (outflows) from investing activities		(214,264)	(1,450,552)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the		2,191,889	(1,219,086)
financial year		969,526	1,840,990
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash and cash equivalents in foreign currencies		(52,587)	347,622
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	15(a)	3,108,828	969,526

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting policy

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

# 1. Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

# **REPORTING ENTITY**

Grand Gulf Energy Ltd (the 'Parent Entity') is a company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2016 comprises the Parent Entity and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'Group').

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 28 September 2016.

# **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

# (a) Statement of compliance

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards ('AASBs') (including Australian Interpretations) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Corporations Act 2001. The financial statements of the Group also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board. Grand Gulf Energy Limited is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

# New accounting standards and interpretations

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for ended 30 June 2016 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Company. The Company's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

Reference and Title	Summary	Application date of standard	Impact on 30 June 2016 financial statements
AASB 9 - Financial Instruments	<ul> <li>AASB 9 (December 2014) is a new Principal standard which replaces AASB 139. This new Principal version supersedes AASB 9 issued in December 2009 (as amended) and AASB 9 (issued in December 2010) and includes a model for classification and measurement, a single, forward-looking expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-reformed approach to hedge accounting.</li> <li>AASB 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. However, the Standard is available for early application</li> </ul>	Annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2018	When this standard is first adopted from 1 July 2018, there will be no impact on transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements.
AASB 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers	An entity will recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This means that revenue will be recognised when control of goods or services is transferred, rather than on transfer of risks and rewards as is currently the case under IAS 18 Revenue.	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017	When this standard is first adopted from 1 July 2018, this standard will not significant impact transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AASB 16 (issued February 2016) Leases AASB 2015-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements to Australian Accounting Standards 2012- 2014 Cycle	AASB 16 eliminates the operating and finance lease classifications for lessees currently accounted for under AASB 117 Leases. It instead requires an entity to bring most leases onto its balance sheet in a similar way to how existing finance leases are treated under AASB 117. An entity will be required to recognise a lease liability and a right of use asset in its balance sheet for most leases. There are some optional exemptions for leases with a period of 12 months or less and for low value leases. Lessor accounting remains largely unchanged from AASB 117. The subjects of the principal amendments to the Standards are set out below: AASB 119 Employee Benefits Discount rate: regional market issue – clarifies that the high quality corporate bonds used to estimate the discount rate for post-employment benefit obligations should be denominated in the same currency as the liability. Further it clarifies that the depth of the market for high quality corporate bonds should be assessed at the currency level.	Annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2016	When this standard is first adopted from 1 July 2018, there will be minimal impact on transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements. There will be no impact on the financial statements when these amendments are first adopted because they apply prospectively to share- based payment transactions for which
AASB 2015-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 101	The Standard makes amendments to AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements arising from the IASB's Disclosure Initiative project. The amendments are designed to further encourage companies to apply professional judgement in determining what information to disclose in the financial statements. For example, the amendments make clear that materiality applies to the whole of financial statements and that the inclusion of immaterial information can inhibit the usefulness of financial disclosures. The amendments also clarify that companies should use professional judgement in determining where and in what order information is present in the financial disclosures.	Annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2016	

# Significant accounting judgements

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

#### Recoverability of Insurance receivable

The group has incurred costs in relation to the well blow out of the Dugas & Leblanc #1 well, an associated insurance claim receivable of \$29,364 (2015: \$1,017,781) has been recognised. Management consider this balance to be recoverable, however until the insurance company has fully assessed the claim, the amount recognised cannot be guaranteed.

#### Acquisition of Birdwood

Effective of 1 November 2014, the company completed the 100% acquisition of Birdwood Louisiana LLC ("Birdwood"). Birdwood's main assets are its non-operator interests in oil and gas assets in particular a

3.99% working interest in the Hendarling #1 well and 15% in the Dugas and LeBlanc #3 well. The company has determined that the acquisition has taken the form of an asset acquisition and not a business combination. In making this decision, the company determined that the nature of the oil and gas activities which is governed by the joint venture operating agreement did not constitute an integrated set of activities in that the company does not control the operational processes of the joint venture. The control of the processes lies with the operator and the right to remove the operator is a protective right rather than a substantive right. Based on the facts above, the acquisition of Birdwood does not constitute a business under the requirements of AASB3 Business combination and instead was accounted for as an asset acquisition (refer to note 8(i) below).

#### Critical accounting estimates

The carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities are often determined based on estimates and assumptions of future events. The key estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period are:

#### Share-based payment transactions

The cost of share-based payments to employees is measured by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined using the Black-Scholes model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted.

#### Rehabilitation obligations

The Group estimates its share of the future removal and remediation costs of oil and gas production facilities, wells and pipelines at the time of acquisition or installation of the assets. In most instances, removal of assets occurs many years into the future. This requires judgemental assumptions regarding removal date, future environmental legislation, the extent of remediation activities required, the engineering methodology for estimating cost, future removal technologies in determining the removal cost, and asset specific discount rates to determine the present value of these cash flows. For more detail regarding the policy in respect of provision for rehabilitation refer to note 1(h). As at 30 June 2016 rehabilitation obligations have a carrying value of \$370,381 (2015: \$366,788).

#### Impairment of oil and gas properties

In the absence of readily available market prices, the recoverable amounts of assets are determined using estimates of the present value of future cash flows using asset-specific discount rates. For oil & gas properties, these estimates are based on assumptions concerning reserves, future production profiles and costs. As at 30 June 2016, the carrying value of oil & gas properties is \$3,558,649 (2015: \$4,263,353).

#### **Reserves estimates**

Estimation of reported recoverable quantities of Proven and Probable reserves include judgemental assumptions regarding commodity prices, exchange rates, discount rates and production and transportation costs for future cash flows. It also requires interpretation of complex geological and geophysical models in order to make an assessment of the size, shape, depth and quality of reservoirs and their anticipated recoveries. These factors used to estimate reserves may change from period to period.

Reserve estimates are used to calculate depletion of producing assets and therefore a change in reserve estimates impacts the carrying value of assets and the recognition of deferred tax assets due to the changes in expected future cash flows.

#### Depletion and depreciation

In relation to the depletion, depreciation and amortisation of capitalised expenditure related to producing oil and gas properties, the Group uses a unit of production reserve depletion model to calculate depletion, depreciation and amortisation. This method of depletion, depreciation and amortisation necessitates the estimation of the oil and gas reserves over which the carrying value of the relevant assets will be expensed to the profit or loss. The calculation of oil and gas reserve is complex and requires management to make judgements about commodity prices, future production costs and geological structures. The nature of reserves estimation is such that reserves are not intended to be 100% accurate but rather provide a statistically probable outcome in relation to the economically recoverable reserve. As the actual reserve can only be accurately determined once production has ceased, depletion, depreciation and amortisation expensed during the production may not on a year to year basis accurately reflect the actual percentage of reserve depleted. However, over the entire life of the producing assets all capitalised costs will be expensed to the profit or loss.

### (b) Income Tax

The charge for current income tax expense is based on the profit for the year adjusted for any nonassessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or are substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is accounted for using the liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or liability is settled. Deferred tax is credited in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income except where it relates to items that may be credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is adjusted directly against equity.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future tax profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation and the anticipation that the Group will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

#### (c) Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the Group includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing 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 financial period in which they are incurred.

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised lease assets is depreciated on a straightline basis over their useful lives to the Group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The major categories of assets are depreciated as follows:

- Oil and gas properties are amortised over the useful lives of the asset on a unit of production basis once a reserve has been established.
- Motor Vehicles are depreciated based on diminishing value at 22.5%.
- Plant and equipment and drilling parts are depreciated based on diminishing value at 25% to 40%.
- Office equipment is depreciated based on diminishing value at 25% to 40%.
- Currently there are no buildings owned by the Group.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date. 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 profit or loss.

#### (d) Non-operator interests in oil & gas properties

#### Exploration and evaluation asset

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of retrospective application of a voluntary change in accounting policy relating to exploration and evaluation expenditure in accordance with standard *AASB* 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources.

Previously, the Group capitalised, accumulated exploration and evaluation expenditure and carried forward to the extent that they were expected to be recouped through the successful development of the area or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage which permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

The result of this accounting change means that the Group will expense exploration and evaluation expenditure as incurred in respect of each identifiable area of interest until a time where an asset is in development.

The Board have determined that the change in accounting policy will result in more relevant and no less reliable information as the policy is more transparent and less subjective. Recognition criteria of exploration and evaluation assets are inherently uncertain and expensing as incurred results in a more transparent Consolidation Statement of Financial Position and Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Furthermore, the change in policy aids in accountability of line management's expenditures and the newly adopted policy is consistent with industry practice.

#### Prepaid drilling and completion costs

Where the Company has a non-operator interest in an oil and gas property, or has outsourced certain development processes of an operated interest in an oil and gas property, it may periodically be required to make a cash contribution for its share of the operator's/contractors estimated drilling and/or completion costs, in advance of these operations taking place.

Where these contributions relate to a prepayment for exploratory or early stage drilling activity, prior to a decision on the commerciality of a well having been made, the costs are capitalised as prepaid drilling costs.

Where these contributions relate to a prepayment for well completion, these costs are capitalised as prepaid completion costs within current assets.

As the operator/contractor notifies the Company as to how funds have been expended, the costs are reclassified from prepaid costs to the appropriate expenditure or capitalised category.

# **Producing projects**

Producing projects are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment charges. Producing projects include construction, installation or completion of production and infrastructure facilities such as pipelines, development wells and the provisions for restoration.

#### Amortisation and depreciation of producing projects

The Group uses the "units of production" ("UOP") approach when amortising and depreciating fieldspecific assets. Using this method of amortisation and depreciation requires the Consolidated Entity to compare the actual volume of production to the reserves end then to apply this determined rate of depletion to the carrying value of depreciable asset.

Capitalised producing projects costs relating to commercially producing wells are depreciated/amortised using the UOP basis once commercial quantities are being produced within an area of interest. The reserves used in these calculations are the Proved plus Probable reserves and are reviewed at least annually.

## (e) Financial Instruments

#### Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

#### Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables, which generally have 30-90 day terms, are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for doubtful debts is raised when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect the debt.

#### 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 stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### Fair value

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 similar instruments and option pricing models.

#### Impairment

At each reporting date, the Group assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. Impairment of receivables is recognised in Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

#### (f) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the group reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the profit or loss. Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

# (g) Foreign Currency Transactions and Balances

## Transaction and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items are translated at the year-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost continue to be carried at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are reported at the exchange rate at the date when fair values were determined.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of monetary items are recognised in the profit or loss, except where deferred in equity as a qualifying cash flow or net investment hedge.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items are recognised directly in equity to the extent that the gain or loss is directly recognised in equity; otherwise the exchange difference is recognised in the in the profit or loss statement.

#### Group companies

The financial results and position of foreign operations whose functional currency is different from the group's presentation currency are translated as follows:

- assets and liabilities are translated at year-end exchange rates prevailing at that reporting date; and - income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the period.

Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations are transferred directly to the Group's foreign currency translation reserve in the statement of financial position. These differences are recognised in the profit or loss in the period in which the operation is disposed.

# (h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation as a result of a past event, the future sacrifice of economic benefits is probable and the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that recovery will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

An onerous contract is considered to exist where the Group has a contract under which the unavoidable cost of meeting the contractual obligations exceed the economic benefits estimated to be received. Present obligations arising under onerous contracts are recognised as a provision to the extent that the present obligation exceeds the economic benefits estimated to be received.

#### Provision for restoration and rehabilitation

Provision is made in the statement of financial position for restoration of operating locations. The estimated restoration and rehabilitation costs are initially recognised as part of the capitalised cost of the relevant project which gave rise to the future obligation. During the production phase of the project the capitalised restoration costs is amortised using the units of production method. Any actual costs incurred by the Group are allocated against the provision.

The provision for restoration and rehabilitation are based on the latest estimated future costs, determined on a discounted basis, which are re-assessed regularly and exclude any allowance for potential changes in technology or material changes in legislative requirements.

# (i) Inventories

Inventories consist of hydrocarbon stocks. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a weighted average basis and includes direct costs and an appropriate portion of fixed and variable production overheads where applicable.

# (j) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

# (k) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised at the fair value of consideration received or receivable to the extent that it is probable that economy benefits will flow to the Group ant the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is recognised when significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the customer, recovery of the consideration is probable, there is no continuing management involvement with the goods ant the amount of revenue can be measured reliably.

# (I) Oil and Gas Sales

Revenue from the sale of oil/condensate, gas and natural gas liquids produced is recognised when the Consolidated Entity has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the products from the following product streams:

Dry Gas – upon transfer to third party, typically upon entry to a third party sale pipeline;

- Natural Gas Liquids (NGL's) – upon transfer to a third party, typically upon entry to a third party sales pipeline; or

- Oil/Condensate – upon transfer of product to purchasers' transportation mode, either truck or pipeline.

# (i) Other revenue

Dividend revenue is recognised on a receivable basis. Interest revenue is recognised on a time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

# (ii) Service income

Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when an entity has legally enforceable right to receive payment for services rendered.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

# (m) 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. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

# (n) Trade and Other Creditors

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. They are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost.

# (o) Dividends

Provision is made for the amount of any dividend declared, determined, or publicly recommended by the Directors on or before the end of the financial year, but not distributed at reporting date.

# (p) Options

The fair value of options in the shares of the Company issued to Directors and other parties is recognised as an expense in the financial statements in relation to the granting of these options.

# (q) Employee Benefits

## (iii) Wages, salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages, salaries and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised 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.

### *(iv) Employee benefits payable later than one year*

Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

# (v) Superannuation

Contributions are made by the Group to superannuation funds as stipulated by statutory requirements and are charged as expenses when incurred.

#### (vi) Employee benefit on costs

Employee benefit on costs, including payroll tax, are recognised and included in employee benefits liabilities and costs when the employee benefits to which they relate are recognised as liabilities.

#### (vii) Options

The fair value of options granted is recognised as an employee benefit expense with a corresponding increase in equity. The fair value is measured at grant date.

The fair value at grant rate is independently determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the vesting and performance criteria, the impact of dilution, the non-tradeable nature of the option, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying shares.

# (r) Earnings Per Share

#### (i) Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is determined by dividing the net profit after income tax attributable to members of the Company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year.

# (ii) 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.

# (s) Fair Value Estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives, and trading and available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the reporting date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current ask price.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-thecounter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques. The Group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt instruments held. Other techniques, such as estimated discounted cash flows, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments. The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

## (t) Segment reporting

Operating segments are now reported in a manner that is consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of operating segments, has been identified as the Board of Directors.

AASB 8 requires a 'management approach' under which segment information is presented on the same basis as that used for internal reporting purposes. In addition, the segments are reported in a manner that is consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision makers.

The Board of Directors review internal management reports on a monthly basis that is consistent with the information provided in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, statement of financial position and statement of cash flows. As a result no reconciliation is required, because the information as presented is used by the Board to make strategic decisions.

#### (u) Parent entity financial information

The financial information for the parent entity, Grand Gulf Energy Ltd, disclosed in note 25 has been prepared on the same basis as the consolidated financial statements, except as set out below.

#### Investment in subsidiaries, associates and joint venture entities

Investments in subsidiaries, associated and joint venture entities are accounted for at cost in the financial statements of Grand Gulf Energy Ltd. Dividends received from associated are recognised in the parent entity's profit or loss, rather than being deducted from the carrying amount of these investments.

#### Tax consolidation legislation

Grand Gulf Energy Ltd and its wholly-owned Australian controlled entities have implemented the tax consolidation legislation.

The head entity, Grand Gulf Energy Ltd, and the controlled entities in the tax consolidated group account for their own current and deferred tax amounts. These tax amounts are measured as if each entity in the tax consolidated group continues to be a stand-alone taxpayer in its own right.

In addition to its own current and deferred tax amounts, Grand Gulf Energy Ltd also recognised the current tax liabilities (or assets) and the deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits assumed from controlled entities in the tax consolidation group.

The entities have also entered into a tax funding agreement under which the wholly-owned entities fully compensate Grand Gulf Energy Ltd for any current tax payable assumed and are compensated by Grand Gulf Energy Ltd for any current tax receivable and deferred tax assets relating to unused tax losses or unused tax credits that are transferred to Grand Gulf Energy Ltd under the tax consolidation legislation. The funding amounts are determined by reference to the amount recognised in the wholly-owned entities' financial statements.

The amounts receivable/payable under the tax funding agreement are due upon receipt of the funding advice from the head entity, which is issued as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year. The head entity may also require payment of interim funding amounts to assist with its obligation to pay tax instalments.

Assets or liabilities arising under tax funding agreements with the tax consolidation entities are recognised as current amounts receivable from or payable to other entities in the group.

Any difference between the amounts assumed and amounts receivable or payable under the tax funding agreement are recognised as a contribution to (or distribution from) wholly-owned tax consolidated entities.

#### Financial guarantees

Where the parent entity has provided financial guarantees in relation to loans and payables of subsidiaries for no compensation, the fair values of these guarantees are accounted for as contributions and recognised as part of the cost of the investment. No such guarantees have been provided at this time.

# (v) Contributed Equity

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from proceeds.

## (w) Asset Acquisition not Constituting a business

On 1 November 2014, the Company acquired Birdwood Louisiana for US\$575,000. As the acquisition is not deemed a business acquisition, the transaction has been accounted for as an asset acquisition.

When an asset acquisition does not constitute a business combination, the assets and liabilities are assigned a carrying amount based on their relative fair values in an asset purchase transaction and no deferred tax will arise in relation to the acquired assets and assumed liabilities as the initial recognition exemption for deferred tax under AASB 112 applies. No goodwill will arise on the acquisition and transaction costs of the acquisition will be included in the capitalised cost of the asset.

#### 2. Revenue

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Sale of oil and gas Total revenues from ordinary	3,631,297	6,683,166
activities	3,631,297	6,683,166

# 3. Profit/ (loss) from operations

# (a) Other Income

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Settlement of oil put options sales and purchased	826,663	-
Other income	299,769	89,172
Total other income	1,126,432	89,172

# (b) Expenses

Loss before income tax includes the following specific expenses:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cost of sales		
Operating Costs	944,014	1,325,770
Royalties	768,053	1,489,162
Total cost of sales	1,712,067	2,814,932
Depreciation		
Plant and equipment	2,537	1,602
Total depreciation	2,537	1,602
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Rental expense relating to operating leases		
Minimum lease payments	77,588	96,437
Total rental expense relating to operating leases	77,588	96,437
Foreign exchange gains and losses Net foreign exchange losses/(gains)	52,588	(10,757)

# 4. Income tax

#### (a) Income tax expense

	2016	5 2015 5 \$
Current tax	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-
Under (over) provided in prior years	-	-
	-	-

# (b) Reconciliation of income tax benefit to prima facie tax payable

	2016	Restated <sup>1</sup> 2015
	\$	\$
Profit/(loss)from ordinary activities before income tax expense	(560,508)	(2,145,306)
Prima facie tax benefit on gain from ordinary activities at 30% (2015: 30%) Adjustment for foreign jurisdiction tax rate	168,152	(643,592)
differential	460	10,199
	(167,692)	(633,393)
Add tax effect of non-temporary adjustments Tax effect of current year tax losses for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised/(Recoupment of prior period tax	36,722	38,518
losses)	(229,134)	410,400
Timing differences previously not recognised Income tax expense / (benefit)	360,104	184,475

# (c) Unrecognised temporary differences

	2016 \$	Restated <sup>1</sup> 2015 \$
Unused tax losses for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised - Overseas Unused tax losses for which no deferred tax	10,055,298	9,303,981
asset has been recognised - Australia	3,188,041	3,045,293

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting policy

The ability of the group to use tax losses in the future is subject to the group entities satisfying the relevant taxation laws applicable at the time of submitting the return.

# 5. Dividends paid or provided for on ordinary shares

No dividend has been declared or paid during the current financial year or the prior financial year. The Group does not have any franking credits available for current or future years as the Group is not in a tax paying position.

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# 6. Trade and other receivables

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<i>Current</i> Trade and other receivables (i) Insurance claim receivables	548,951 	874,365 <u>1,017,781</u> 1,892,146
<i>Other Assets</i> Prepayments (ii) Put options	14,335 <u>142,790</u> 157,125	47,906 282,074 329,980

- (i) Other receivables include trade debtors, sales revenue amounts outstanding for goods & services tax (GST). GST amounts are non-interest bearing and have repayment terms applicable under the relevant government authorities.
- (ii) Prepayments include cash calls remaining prepaid at balance date of \$9,865 made to the Abita project and \$4,470 to West Klondike.

Refer to note 23 for the Group's financial risk management policies.

The Group has no impairments to receivables or have receivables that are past due but not impaired.

Due to the short-term nature of the current receivables, their carrying amount is assumed to be the same as their fair value.

# 7. Computer equipment

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment		
At cost	20,616	11,529
Accumulated amortisation	(9,931)	(2,064)
	10,685	9,465

# 8. Oil and Gas Properties

	2016	Restated <sup>1</sup> 2015
	\$	\$
Producing oil & gas assets	7,799,099	7,921,511
Provision for impairment and amortisation	(4,240,450)	(3,658,158)
	3,558,649	4,263,353
Capitalised oil and gas properties		
Carrying amount at beginning of period	4,263,353	4,264,994
Expenditure during the year	253,663	581,780
Acquisitions (8(i))	-	748,832
Foreign exchange differences	141,501	865,548
Amortisation	(517,576)	(882,116) (1,315,685
Impairment of oil and gas properties	(582,292)	)
Carrying amount at end of year	3,558,649	4,263,353

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting policy

The Company recorded impairment of oil and gas properties of \$582,292 and \$1,315,685 for the years ended 30 June 2016 and 2015, respectively.

During 2016, the sustained deterioration in the long-term outlook for commodity prices was a trigger event requiring us to perform impairment testing of our assets that are sensitive to commodity prices. The impairment testing of out long-lived assets was based upon a single step process as prescribed in the accounting standards.

Impairment testing was performed on each of our oil and gas producing assets and involved a determination as to whether the property's net book value is expected to be recovered from the estimated discounted future cash flows. To compute estimated future cash flows, we used our independent reserve engineers' estimates of proved and probable reserves.

For those wells that failed the impairment test, the Company has valued its assets on a PV10 basis and has used forward pricing as at 30 June 2016 (Oil: \$US\$45/barrel, Gas: \$2.50mcf). 2P reserves have been used when calculating the net present value of the assets. Based on these results we recognised an impairment of \$582,292 in the current year.

# (i) Birdwood Acquisition

During November 2014 the Group acquired Birdwood Louisiana LLC with the fair value of assets and liabilities acquired (in Australian dollars) as follows:

	1-Nov- 2014
	\$
Purchase Consideration	
Cash	750,893
Net Assets Acquired	
Fause Point	78,354
Dugas & Leblanc #3	130,590
Hensarling #1	618,242
Less: Restoration Provision	(76,293)
Oil and Gas Properties	750,893

# 9. Trade and other payables

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<i>Current</i> Trade creditors	517,377	381,338
	517,377	381,338

Risk exposure: Information about the Group's exposure to foreign exchange risk is provided in note 23. Due to the short-term nature of the current payable, their carrying amount is assumed to be the same as their fair value.

# 10. Provisions

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Non-Current		
Asset retirement obligation	370,381	366,788
(a) Reconciliations		
Asset retirement obligation		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	366,788	216,377
Additional provisions recognised/recalculated	3,593	150,411
Carrying amount at end of year	370,381	366,788

# 11. Contributed equity

# (a) Issued and paid up share capital

	2016		2015	
	Number of Shares	\$	Number of Shares	\$
Balance at the beginning of the year Less: transaction costs	747,998,870	42,045,942	747,998,870	42,045,942
	747,998,870	42,045,942	747,998,870	42,045,942

# (b) Terms and conditions of contributed equity

#### Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares have the right to receive dividends as declared and, in the event of winding up the Company, to participate in the proceeds from the sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the number of and amounts paid up on shares held.

Ordinary shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the Company. Refer note 23 for details of the Group's capital management policy.

# (c) Share options

As at 30 June 2016 the Company has on issue 27,000,000 (30 June 2015: 27,000,000) options over unissued ordinary shares. Movement of options during the period are summarised below:

	Exer- cise price	Expiry date	Balance at beginning of year	Issued during the year	Exercised during the year	Cancelled during the year	Balance at end of year
			Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Unlisted options	\$0.014	30/11/18	27.000.000	-	-	-	27,000,000
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# 12. Reserves

	2016 \$	Restated <sup>1</sup> 2015 \$
Foreign currency translation (a) Share option reserve (b) Option premium reserve (c)	2,411,279 1,748,209 <u>676,800</u> 4,836,288	2,065,773 1,723,707 676,800 4,466,280

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting policy

# (a) Foreign currency translation reserve

The foreign currency translation reserve is used to record exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of self-sustaining foreign operations.

	2016 \$	Restated <sup>1</sup> 2015 \$
Balance at beginning of year Gain on translation of foreign controlled entities	2,065,773 345,506	582,419 1,483,354
Balance at end of year	2,411,279	2,065,773

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting

# (b) Share option reserve

The share option reserve is used to recognise the value of options issued to employees, Directors, consultants, and external finance companies.

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Balance at beginning of year	1,723,707	1,688,747
Share based payment expense	24,502	34,960
Balance at end of year	1,748,209	1,723,707

# (c) Option premium reserve

The option premium reserve is used to recognise the options issued under a rights issue at 1 cent per option.

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of year	676,800	676,800
Balance at end of year	676,800	676,800

# 13. Accumulated losses

	2016	Restated <sup>1</sup> 2015
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of year Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of the Company	(39,795,878)	(37,650,572) (2,145,306)
Balance at end of year	(40,356,386)	(39,795,878)

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting

# 14. Exploration and Evaluation

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of retrospective application of a voluntary change in accounting policy relating to exploration and evaluation expenditure in accordance with standard *AASB* 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources.

Previously, the Group capitalised, accumulated exploration and evaluation expenditure and carried forward to the extent that they were expected to be recouped through the successful development of the area or where activities in the area have not yet reached a stage which permits reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

The result of this accounting change means that the Group will expense exploration and evaluation expenditure as incurred in respect of each identifiable area of interest until a time where an asset is in development.

The Board have determined that the change in accounting policy will result in more relevant and no less reliable information as the policy is more transparent and less subjective. Recognition criteria of exploration and evaluation assets are inherently uncertain and expensing as incurred results in a more transparent Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Furthermore, the change in policy aids in accountability of line management's expenditures and the newly adopted policy is consistent with industry practice.

The voluntary change in the accounting policy has resulted in a change in presentation of the consolidated statement of cash flows with exploration and evaluation expenditure being reclassified from investing to operating activities.

The following table summarises the adjustments made to the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position on 30 June 2015.

	Exploration expenditure	Foreign Exchange Reserve	Accumulated Loss
	\$	\$	\$
Balances at 1 July 2014, as previously reported	10,141,894	303,429	(27,229,688)
Impact of the change on accounting policy	(10,141,894)	278,990	(10,420,884)
Restated balances at 1 July 2014	-	582,419	(37,650,572)
Balances at 30 June 2015, as previously reported Impact of the change on accounting policy at 1 Jul 2014 Impact of the change on accounting policy during 2015	13,551,465 (10,141,894) (3,409,571)	4,271,951 278,990 (2,485,168)	(27,775,994) (10,420,884) (1,599,000)
Restated balances at 30 June 2015	-	2,065,773	(39,795,878)

The effects on the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income were as follows:

	For the year ended 30 June 2015
	\$
Increase in loss for the year The table below summarises the impact on the earnings per share for the	(1,599,000) comparative period:
Loss per share	
Previously reported – basic earnings per share	(0.073)
Previously reported – diluted earnings per share	(0.073)
Restated – basic and diluted loss per share	(0.287)
	204.0 204.5

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of year Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of the Company	(39,795,878) (560,508)	(37,650,572) (2,145,306)
Balance at end of year	(40,356,386)	(39,795,878)

# 15. Notes to the statement of cash flows

### (a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	3,108,828	969,526

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk is discussed in note 23. The above figures are reconciled to cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows as follows:

# (b) Reconciliation of profit after related income tax to net cash outflows from operating activities

	2016	Restated <sup>1</sup> 2015
	\$	\$
Profit/(loss) for the year	(560,508)	(2,145,306)
Depreciation	2,537	1,602
Impairment and write-off of oil and gas assets	582,292	1,315,685
Amortisation	517,576	882,116
Share based payments	24,502	34,960
Debt write off	185,518	
Exchange rate differences on assets/liabilities held		
in foreign currencies	52,587	347,622
Changes in net assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / decrease in assets:		
Trade and other receivables	1,445,979	(466,891)
Increase / (decrease) in liabilities:		
Trade and other creditors	155,670	261,678
Net cash inflows from operating activities	2,406,153	231,466

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting policy

# 16. Expenditure commitments

### Lease commitments

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Operating leases (non-cancellable)		
Not later than one year	-	96,437
Later than one year and not later than five years	-	- 96,437

The above commitments relate to the sub-lease of premises held by the Group.

# 17. Non-cash investing and financing activities

Options issued to employees, consultants, Directors and financiers for no cash consideration are shown in Directors' Report and note 24.

### 18. Contingent liabilities

The Group had no current contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2016 other than as stated below.

### Napoleonville Well control

Grand Gulf advised on 11 August 2010 that the Operator, Mantle Oil & Gas LLC of the Dugas & Leblanc # 1 well reported that the well was flowing uncontrollably to the atmosphere. The well was brought under control on 24 August 2010.

Since 12 August 2010, the Company made a series of important announcements on the ASX in relation to efforts to control the blowout of the Dugas & Leblanc #1 Well ("#1 Well") at its Napoleonville Project in Louisiana, United States (U.S.), and the subsequent effects on the Company.

In June 2013 the Company settled all other commercial cases associated with landowners and neighbouring businesses operating in close proximity to the #1 Well event. In addition, a commercial settlement between the JV partners and the workover operator of the rig were reached. Both settlements were similar in value and have resulted in a negligible net impact to Grand Gulf but have removed a significant amount of exposure for the Company.

On 23 September 2015 the Company finalised the class action that was filed in the U.S. against the Operator of the #1 Well in State Court for damages by certain residents of the Napoleonville area in 2010. This brings to a close all litigation in respect of the blowout.

The Company has some minimal remediation remaining at the site where the blowout occurred. The vast majority of the affected lands have been handed back and is presently being farmed. The JV continues to be liable for ongoing salinity testing on the blowout location and remediation mostly around the blow out location. Whilst the insurance for the Company's initial 40% WI in the blowout will terminate following the reimbursement of the latest claims (including the recovery of the class action litigation noted above) the Company will continue to be insured for the recent acquisition of Birdwoods 15% WI exposure. The potential ongoing cost to the Company is expected to be no more than US\$250,000. Based on current and future cashflows expected, the Board does not consider this potential outflow to have a material adverse effect on the company.

### **Desiree Litigation Resolved**

The Company advised in July 2014 that a previous JV partner in the Desiree Project was suing the Company for a 5.3% WI (4.63% WI net to GGE) in the Desiree Project and leases. The partner formally withdrew from the project in December 2011 and, subsequent to the well having commenced drilling, demanded their interest be reinstated. GGE's right to its working interest is being vehemently defended.

The litigation, over the disputed 5.3% working interest in Desiree, was dealt with in private arbitration in January 2016 and the judgment found in favour of the Company. In addition, the judge ruled that legal fees of \$100,000 were to be reimbursed to the Company. This removes a significant burden and uncertainty over the Company's interest in Desiree.

Apart from the potential contingent liabilities noted above, there are no further contingent assets or liabilities existing at 30 June 2016.

The Board is mindful of its obligations to investors and will immediately update ASX as and when further information becomes available.

### 19. Events occurring after reporting date

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2016 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the consolidated entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the consolidated entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

### 20. Earnings per share

The Company has no options or other convertible securities, accordingly the based and diluted earnings per share are the same. The following reflects the gain and share data used in the calculation of basic and diluted gain per share:

### Basic/diluted earnings/(loss) per share

	2016	Restated <sup>1</sup> 2015
	\$	\$
Profit/(loss) used in calculating basic gain per share	(560,508)	(2,145,306)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share Basic/Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents per share)	747,998,870 (0.075)	747,998,87 0 (0.287)

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Note 14 for details regarding the restatement as a result of a change in accounting policy

# 21. Auditor's remuneration

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Audit or review of financial report AUS	49,000 49,000	50,000 50,000

The auditor of Grand Gulf Energy Limited is BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd.

# 22. Segment information

### **Operating segments**

The consolidated entity is organised into one operating segment, being oil & gas production and exploration operations. This operating segment is based on internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors, who are identified as the Chief Operating Decision Makers ('CODM'), in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. The principle products and services of this operating segment are the production and exploration operations in Louisiana, United States.

As noted above, the board only considers one segment to be a reportable segment for its reporting purposes. As such, the reportable information the CODM reviews is detailed throughout the financial statements.

# 23. Financial instruments

# FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group's policies with regard to financial risk management are clearly defined and consistently applied. They are a fundamental part of the Group's long term strategy covering areas such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, commodity price risk, credit risk and liquidity risk and capital management. The natural hedges provided by the relationship between commodity prices and the US currency reduces the necessity for using derivatives or other forms of hedging. The Group does not issue derivative financial instruments, nor does it believe that it has exposure to such trading or speculative holdings through its investments in wholly owned subsidiaries. Risk management is carried out by the Board as a whole, which provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as policies covering specific areas such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The group uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rate, foreign exchange and other price risks and aging analysis for credit risk.

# Market Risk

# (i) Foreign exchange risk

There is no foreign currency exposure on a group or company level. Such exposure arises from sales or purchases by an operating unit in currencies other than the unit's functional currency. The Group currently does not engage in any hedging or derivative transactions to manage foreign currency risk.

The only occasion in which there is an exposure on a group or company level to foreign exchange risk is when the Company is raising capital on ASX. As its domicile is Australia it must raise equity capital in Australian \$. As its primary currency is the US\$ due to its assets, operations and commodities being priced in US\$ the Company has taken the view that while it is raising US\$ to finance US\$ operations that it might from time to time hedge its currency for the time period over which it has received funds via an equity raising but has not issued the equity securities which have been subscribed for.

# (ii) Commodity price risk

Due to the nature of the Group's principal operations being oil & gas exploration and production the Group is exposed to the fluctuations in the price of oil & gas. Although the Group is economically exposed to commodity price risk of the abovementioned inputs, this is not a recognised market risk under the accounting standards as the risk is embedded within normal purchase and sales and are therefore not financial instruments.

# (iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk relates to the statement of financial position values of the consolidated cash at bank at June 2016 and June 2015. The majority of the Company funds are held in A\$ term deposit at an interest rate of 2.90%.

# (iv) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss. The Group is not significantly exposed to credit risk from its operating activities, however the Board constantly monitors customer receivables. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of each class of financial asset. The Group does not hold collateral as security. No material exposure is considered to exist by virtue of the possible non-performance of the counterparties to financial instruments and cash deposits. Credit rating of cash is A+; all funds are held by Frost Bank and NAB which have government guarantees on deposits.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the assets as summarised below, none of which are impaired or past due.

	CARRYING	G AMOUNT
	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	3,108,828	969,526
Trade and other receivables	548,951	874,365
Insurance claim	29,364	1,017,781

# (v) Capital Risk and Liquidity Risk Management

The Group's total capital is defined as shareholder's funds, plus net debt and amounted to \$3,844,268 at 30 June 2016 (Restated 2015: \$3,191,652). The Group's overriding objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the business as a going concern; to maximise returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure in order to reduce the cost of capital. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities and the availability of funding through an adequate credit facility. The Group manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows. Surplus funds are generally only invested in instruments that are tradeable in highly liquid markets.

### Financing Arrangements

The Group did not have access to the borrowing facilities during the year.

### Maturities of financial liabilities

The tables below analyse the Group's financial liabilities and relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

At 30 June 2016	Less than 6 months	6-12 months	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount liabilities
Non-derivatives							
Trade creditors	517,377	-	-	-	-	517,377	517,377
Total	517,377	-	-	-	-	517,377	517,377
At 30 June 2015	Less than 6 months	6-12 months	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount liabilities
Non-derivatives							
Trade creditors	381,338	-	-	-	-	381,338	381,338
Total	381,338	-	-	-	-	381,338	381,338

### 24. Share Based Payments

### (a) Employee Option Plan

The Grand Gulf Energy Limited Employee Option Plan was approved at the general meeting held on 26 June 2007. Options which are granted under the plan and under the discretion of the board to executives and consultants of the Company are for no consideration. Options granted under the plan carry no dividend or voting rights and have varied contractual lives. During 2015 the Company issued options to Executives and Consultants outside of this plan.

# Grand Gulf Energy Limited - 2016

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Balance at start of the year	Granted during the year	Cancelled during the year	Balance at end of the year	Exercisable at end of the year
			Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
20 Nov 14	30 Nov 18	\$0.014	27,000,000	-	-	27,000,000	13,500,000
Total			27,000,000	-	-	27,000,000	13,500,000
Weighted Average Exerci	ise price		1.4c				

Weighted Average Exercise price

The weighted average share price at the date of exercise of options exercised during the year ended 30 June 2016 was 1.4c (2015: 1.4c).

# Grand Gulf Energy Limited - 2015

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Balance at start of the year	Granted during the year	Cancelled during the year	Balance at end of the year	Exercisable at end of the year
			Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
20 Nov 14	30 Nov18	\$0.014	-	27,000,000	-	27,000,000	5,400,000
Total			-	27,000,000	-	27,000,000	5,400,000
Weighted Average Exerc	ise price		1.4c				

#### (b) Fair value of options granted

The Company has an established Employee Share Option Plan ("Plan") that allows executives and consultants to participate in Share Option allocations as determined by the Board from time to time. Details of the Employee Share Option Plan are disclosed in the Remuneration Report for the year ended 30 June 2016. During the half-year ended 31 December 2014, 27,000,000 incentive options were granted to directors and consultants and approved by shareholders at the AGM on 20 November 2014. The purpose of the grant is for the Company to retain their high calibre services and to provide cost effective remuneration to these directors and consultants for their ongoing commitment and contribution to the Company. On 20 November 2014 shareholders approved the issue of Share Options to nonexecutive Directors, executive Directors and the Company's consultants. The terms and conditions of the grants made during the year ended 30 June 2015 are as follows:

	Number	Vesting Conditions	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
Share Options (iii)				
Executive Directors (i)	13,000,000	(ii)	\$0.014	30-Nov-18
Non-Executive Directors (i)	3,000,000	(ii)	\$0.014	30-Nov-18
Consultants	11,000,000	(ii)	\$0.014	30-Nov-18

(i) 8,000,000 options were issued to Mark Freeman, 5,000,000 were issued to Allan Boss and 3,000,000 options were issued to Stephen Keenihan.

(ii) 20% of the options will vest immediately; 30% of the options will vest on the first anniversary and; 50% will vest on the second anniversary.

(iii) Option grant date was 20 November 2014 and issue date was 27 November 2014

Fair value of options granted is as follows:

	Directors (a)	Consultants (b)
Fair Value of Security at measurement date	\$0.0025	\$0.0025
Share Price at Grant Date	\$0.007	\$0.007
Exercise Price	\$0.014	\$0.014
Expected Volatility	50%	50%
Option Life	4 years	4 years
Expected Dividends	Nil	Nil
Risk Free interest rate	2.25%	2.25%

### (c) Expenses arising from share-based payment transactions

Total expenses arising from share based payment transactions recognised during the period as part of employee benefit expense were as follows:

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Options issued to consultants* Options issued to Directors**	9,983 14,519 24,502	14,246 20,714 34,960

\*This expense related to the fair value of the 11,000,000 options issued to consultants and finance providers. These options were valued at a total of \$27,533 and the balance will be expensed over the vesting period.

\*\* This expense related to the fair value of the 16,000,000 options issued to consultants and finance providers. These options were valued at a total of \$40,048 and the balance will be expensed over the vesting period.

# 25. Parent Entity Financial Information

### **Summary financial information**

The individual financial statements for the parent entity show the following aggregate amounts:

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Statement of Financial Position		
Current assets	3,015,339	196,741
Non-current assets	3,322,564	15,005,826
Total assets	6,337,903	15,202,567
Total liabilities	131,766	82,774
Net assets	6,206,137	15,119,793
Shareholders' equity		
Issued capital	42,045,942	42,045,942
Reserves	2,425,007	2,398,362
Accumulated losses	(38,264,812)	(29,324,511)
	6,206,137	15,119,793
Loss for the year	(8,940,391)	(799,916)

# 26. Related Party Transactions

### (i) Parent entity

The ultimate parent entity within the group is Grand Gulf Energy Limited (the legal parent).

### (ii) Subsidiaries

Interests in subsidiaries are set out below.

### (iii) Investments in controlled entities

The consolidated entity financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 1.

### Investments in controlled entities held by Grand Gulf Energy Limited

Country of		
incorporation	2016	2015
	%	%
USA	100	100
Australia	100	100
USA	100	100
	USA Australia USA USA USA USA	incorporation         2016           %         USA         100           Australia         100         USA           USA         100         USA

\* Previously named Golden Fleece Petroleum Inc

# Investments in controlled entities held by Alto Energy Limited

	Country of incorporation	2016	2015
		%	%
Grand Gulf Energy Inc	USA	100	100

### (iii) Key management personnel compensation

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	524,808	528,900
Share-based payments	<u> </u>	20,714 549,614

Detailed remuneration disclosures are provided in the Remuneration Report on pages 7-11.

### (iv) Other transactions with key management personnel

No loans have been made during the financial period or at the date of this report to any key management personnel. A number of key management personnel, or their personally-related entities, hold positions in other entities that result in them having control or significant influence over the financial or operating policies of those entities. A number of these entities transacted with the Company in the reporting period. The terms and conditions of those transactions were no more favourable than those available, or which might reasonably be expected to be available, on similar transactions to unrelated entities on an arm's length basis.

		2016	2015
Transaction	Note	\$	\$
Specified Directors & Executives			
Mr C Morgan Mr S Keenihan Mr A Boss	(i)	- -	- - 37,828

(i) \$37,828 was paid to Mr. Boss during the year for legal secretarial services performed relating to ongoing litigation.

# (v) Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

The Parent Company has no contingent liabilities or commitments other than as those disclosed in the notes.

### **Directors' Declaration**

- 1. The financial statements, comprising the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of cash flows and consolidated statement of changes in equity and accompanying notes, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
  - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. 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.
- 3. The Directors have been given the declarations by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by s295A.
- 4. Note 1(a) confirms that the financial standards also comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board

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:

Mr Mark Freeman Director

Perth, 28 September 2016



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Grand Gulf Energy Limited

# Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Grand Gulf Energy Limited, which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated 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(a), the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Stat*ements, 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 Grand Gulf Energy Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

# Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Grand Gulf Energy 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 2016 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(a).

# Report on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 7 to 11 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2016. 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 Grand Gulf Energy Limited for the year ended 30 June 2016 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

# BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd

Jarrad Prue Director

Perth, 28 September 2016

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

### Grand Gulf Energy's Board and Corporate Governance

### Introduction

Since the introduction of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations ("ASX Guidelines" or "the Recommendations"), Grand Gulf Energy Limited ("Company") has made it a priority to adopt systems of control and accountability as the basis for the administration of corporate governance. Some of these policies and procedures are summarised in this report. Commensurate with the spirit of the ASX Guidelines, the Company has followed each Recommendation where the Board has considered the Recommendation to be an appropriate benchmark for corporate governance practices, taking into account factors such as the size of the Company, the Board, resources available and activities of the Company. Where, after due consideration, the Company's corporate governance practices depart from the Recommendations, the Board has offered full disclosure of the nature of, and reason for, the adoption of its own practice.

The Company has adopted systems of control and accountability as the basis for the administration of corporate governance. The Board of the Company is committed to administering the policies and procedures with openness and integrity, pursuing the true spirit of corporate governance commensurate with the Company's needs.

Further information about the Company's corporate governance practices is set out on the Company's website at <u>www.grandgulfenergy.net</u>. In accordance with the recommendations of the ASX, information published on the Company's website includes:

- Board Charter;
- Code of Conduct;
- Communications Strategy Policy;
- Continuous Disclosure Policy;
- Securities Trading Policy;
- Risk Policy;
- Remuneration Policy; and
- Remuneration Committee Charter.

### **Explanation for Departures from Best Practice Recommendations**

During the Company's 2014 financial year the Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Principles and the corresponding Best Practice Recommendations as published by the ASX Corporate Governance Council ("Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations") and has adopted the revised Principles and Recommendations taking effect from reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008. Significant policies and details of any significant deviations from the principles are specified below.

#### Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 1 Lay Solid Foundations for Management and Oversight

### The Role of the Board and the Board Charter

#### The Board's Duties

As the Board acts on behalf of and is accountable to the shareholders, the Board seeks to identify the expectations of the shareholders, as well as other regulatory and ethical expectations and obligations and strives to meet those expectations. In addition, the Board is responsible for identifying areas of significant business risk and ensuring arrangements are in place to adequately manage those risks.

The role of the Board is to oversee and guide the management of Grand Gulf Energy with the aim of protecting and enhancing the interests of its shareholders and taking into account the interests of other stakeholders including employees and the wider community.

In complying with Recommendation 1.1 of the Corporate Governance Council, the Company has adopted a formal Board Charter which clearly establishes the relationship between the Board and management and describes their functions and responsibilities. A summary of the Board Charter has been posted on the corporate governance section of the Company's website.

The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Company, establishing goals for management and monitoring the achievement of those goals. The Executive Director is responsible to the Board for the day to day management of the Company.

### Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 2 <u>Structure the Board to Add Value</u>

### The Composition of Grand Gulf Energy's Board

The composition of the Board is determined in accordance with the following principles and guidelines:

- the Board should comprise at least 3 directors;
- the Board should comprise directors with an appropriate range of qualifications and expertise; and
- the Board shall meet regularly and follow meeting guidelines set down to ensure all directors are made aware of, and have available all necessary information, to participate in an informed discussion of all agenda items.

As at the date of this report, the Board comprises an executive chairperson, two executive directors and one non-executive director. Details of the Directors are set out in the Directors' Report.

#### Independence of Directors

The Board has reviewed the position and associations of each of the four Directors in office at the date of this report and considers that one of the directors is independent. In considering whether a director is independent, the Board has regard to the independence criteria in ASX Best Practice Recommendations Principle 2 and other facts, information and circumstances that the Board considers relevant. The Board assesses the independence of new directors upon appointment and reviews their independence, and the independence of other directors, as appropriate.

The Board considers that Mr Keenihan meets the criteria in Principle 2. He has no material business or contractual relationship with the Company, other than as a director and no conflicts of interest which could interfere with the exercise of independent judgement.

The Board considers that Mr Morgan does not meet the criteria in Principle 2 as he is deemed to be a substantial shareholder of the Company as outlined by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Mr Freeman and Mr Boss are employed in an executive capacity by the Company and so cannot be considered to be independent.

The Grand Gulf Energy Board did not have a majority of independent directors throughout the entire financial year, and therefore was not in compliance with Best Practice Recommendation 2.1 for the entire period. The Board considered that given the Company's stage of development and resources available that it was not in the best interests of maximising the efficiency of the Board and developing the Company's business to have a majority independent Board.

The directors will continue to monitor the composition of the Board to ensure its structure remains appropriate and consistent with effective management and good governance.

#### Independent Chairman

The Chairman is not considered to be an independent director and as such Recommendation 2.2 of the Corporate Governance Council has not been complied with. However, the Board believes that Mr Morgan is the most appropriate person for the position as Chairman because of his industry experience and proven track record as a public company director.

#### **Roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

The roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer are exercised by different individuals, and as such the Company complies with Recommendation 2.3 of the Corporate Governance Council.

### Nomination and Appointment of New Directors

The Board does not have a separate Nomination Committee as the selection and appointment process for Directors is carried out by the full Board in accordance with the Company's Constitution. The Company is not of a sufficient size to warrant a separate committee.

The Constitution of the Company requires one third of the directors, other than the Executive Director, to retire from office at each Annual General Meeting. Directors who have been appointed by the Board are required to retire from office at the next Annual General Meeting and are not taken into account in determining the number of directors to retire at that Annual General Meeting.

### Grand Gulf Energy's Board Meetings

The Board met 4 times between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016.

The Board meets formally at least 4 times each year, and from time to time meetings are convened outside the scheduled dates to consider issues of importance.

Directors' attendance at Board and Committee meetings is in the directors' report.

### **Performance Review**

The Board's policy with respect to performance evaluation is to review its performance and that of its Committees and executive management at least annually. The Chairman discusses with each director, on a one on one basis, their contribution to the Board.

The method of the assessment is to be set by the Board.

Due to the changes in Board structure and strategic direction of the business the Board has not undertaken a performance evaluation of itself or each director before the date of this annual report.

The Board will continue to review the need for a performance evaluation to be conducted.

#### **Board Members' Rights to Independent Advice**

The Board has procedures to allow directors, in the furtherance of their duties as directors or members of a Committee, to seek independent professional advice at the Company's expense, subject to the prior written approval of the Chairman.

### Education

All Directors are encouraged to attend professional education courses relevant to their roles.

#### Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 3 Promote Ethical and Responsible Decision Making

The Board actively promotes ethical and responsible decision making.

### **Code of Conduct**

The Board has adopted a Code of Conduct that applies to all employees, executives and Directors of the Company. This code covers a broad range of issues and refers to those practices necessary to maintain confidence in Grand Gulf Energy's integrity, including procedures in relation to:

- compliance with the law;
- financial records;
- contributions to political parties, candidates or campaigns;
- occupational health and safety;
- confidential information;
- conflict of interest;
- efficiency;
- equal opportunity;
- corporate bribery; and
- membership to industry and professional associations.

The Code directs individuals to report any contraventions of the Code to their superior or the Executive Director.

The Company is committed to the highest level of integrity and ethical standards in all business practices. Directors and employees must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with current community and corporate standards and in compliance with all legislation. In addition, the Board subscribes to the Statement of Ethical Standards as published by the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

All Directors and employees are expected to act with the utmost integrity and objectivity, striving at all times to enhance the reputation and performance of the Company.

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### **Diversity Policy**

The Board has adopted a Diversity Policy as per Recommendation 3.2. The Diversity Policy addresses equal opportunities in the hiring, training and career advancement of directors, officers and employees. The Diversity Policy outlines the processes by which the Board will set measurable objectives to achieve the aims of its Diversity Policy, with particular focus on gender diversity within the Company.

The Company is committed to ensuring a diverse mix of skills and talent exists amongst its directors, officers and employees and is utilised to enhance the Company's performance.

The Board is responsible for monitoring Company performance in meeting the Diversity Policy requirements, including the achievement of diversity objectives.

### **Gender Diversity**

The Company is focusing on the participation of women on its Board and within senior management. The Board is in the process of determining appropriate measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity.

Women Employees, Executives and Board Members

The Company and its consolidated entities have two (2) female employees/executives:

Its financial controller; and its office manager;

which represent approximately 33% of the total employees, executives and/or board members of the Company and its consolidated entities. There are currently no female members of the Board of the Company.

Based on the above information the Company believes it is fully compliant with Recommendations 3.

### Securities Trading by Grand Gulf Energy Directors and Employees

The Grand Gulf Energy Securities Trading Policy summarises the law relating to insider trading and sets out the policy of the Company on directors, officers, employees and consultants dealing in securities of Grand Gulf Energy.

A summary of the Securities Trading Policy has been posted to the corporate governance section of the Company's website. This policy is provided to all directors and employees and compliance with it is reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Company's risk management systems.

### Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 4 Safeguarding Integrity in Financial Reporting

### **Financial Reporting**

Consistent with ASX Principle 4.1, the Company's financial report preparation and approval process for the financial year ended 30 June 2016 involved both the Executive Director and the Company Secretary providing detailed representations to the Board covering:

- compliance with Grand Gulf Energy's accounting policies and relevant accounting standards;
- the accuracy of the financial statements and that they provide a true and fair view;
- integrity and objectivity of the financial statements; and
- effectiveness of the system of internal control.

#### Audit and Compliance Committee

The Board reviews the performance of the external auditors on an annual basis and meets with them during the year to review findings and assist with Board recommendations.

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The Board no longer has a separate Audit Committee with a composition as suggested in the best practice recommendations. The full Board carries out the function of an audit committee.

The Board believes that the Company is not of a sufficient size to warrant a separate committee and that the full board is able to meet objectives of the best practice recommendations and discharge its duties in this area.

The Board is directly responsible for the appointment, reappointment or replacement (subject, if applicable, to shareholder ratification), remuneration, monitoring of effectiveness, and independence of the external auditors, including resolution of disagreements between management and the auditor regarding financial reporting.

### Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 5 <u>Make Timely and balanced disclosure</u>

### **Continuous Disclosure**

Grand Gulf Energy has established policies and procedures in order to comply with its continuous and periodic disclosure requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and the ASX Listing Rules. The Grand Gulf Energy Board has adopted a formal Continuous Disclosure Policy, a summary of which is available from the corporate governance section of the Company's website.

The Company Secretary has primary responsibility for the disclosure of material information to ASIC and ASX and maintains a procedural methodology for disclosure, as well as for record keeping.

Grand Gulf Energy's Continuous Disclosure Policy requires all management to notify the Executive Director, or the Company Secretary in his absence, of any potentially material information as soon as practicable. The Policy also sets out what renders information material.

### Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 6 <u>Respect the Rights of Shareholders</u>

### Shareholder Communications

The Board's formal policy on communicating with shareholders, its Communications Strategy Policy, is available from the corporate governance section of the Company's website and supplements Grand Gulf Energy's Continuous Disclosure Policy.

The aim of the Communications Strategy Policy is to make known Grand Gulf Energy's methods for disclosure to shareholders and the general public. The Policy details the steps between disclosure to ASIC and ASX and communication to shareholders, with the Company's website playing an important role in Grand Gulf Energy's communications strategy.

The Board reviews this policy and compliance with it on an ongoing basis.

To add further value to Grand Gulf Energy's communications with shareholders, the external auditor will be requested to attend the Company's AGM and be available to answer shareholders' questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation of the auditor's report.

#### Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 7 <u>Recognise and manage risk</u>

#### **Risk Identification and Management**

The Grand Gulf Energy Board accepts that taking and managing risk is central to building shareholder value. The Board manages Grand Gulf Energy's level of risk by adhering to a formal Risk Policy statement. The Grand Gulf Energy Risk Policy statement is available from the corporate governance section of the Company's website.

The Board has primary responsibility for oversight of the financial risks of the Company with particular emphasis on Grand Gulf Energy's accounting, financial and internal controls. The Board will receive regular reports from the external auditor on critical policies and practices of the Company and in relation to alternative treatments of financial information.

The Company employs executives and retains consultants each with the requisite experience and qualifications to enable the Board to manage the risks to the Company. The Board reviews risks to the Company at regular Board meetings.

Key identified risks to the business are monitored on an ongoing basis as follows:

### Business risk management

The Company manages its activities within budgets and operational and strategic plans.

Internal controls

The Board has implemented internal control processes typical for the Company's size and stage of development. It requires the senior executives to ensure the proper functioning of internal controls and in addition it obtains advice from the external auditors as considered necessary.

Financial reporting

Directors approve an annual budget for the Company and regularly review performance against budget at Board Meetings.

Operations review

Members of the Board regularly visit the Company's exploration project areas, reviewing both geological practices, and environmental and safety aspects of operations.

• Environment and safety

The Company is committed to ensuring that sound environmental management and safety practices are maintained on its exploration activities.

The Company's risk management strategy is evolving and will be an ongoing process and it is recognised that the level and extent of the strategy will develop with the growth and change in the Company's activities.

### **Risk Reporting**

As the Board has responsibility for the monitoring of risk management it has not required a formal report regarding the material risks and whether those risks are managed effectively therefore not complying with Recommendation 7.2 of the Corporate Governance Council. The Board believes that the Company is currently effectively communicating its significant and material risks to the Board and its affairs are not of sufficient complexity to justify the implementation of a more formal system for identifying, assessing monitoring and managing risk in the Company.

The Company does not have an internal audit function.

### **Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer Written Statement**

The Board requires the Executive Director and the Company Secretary provide a written statement that the financial statements of company present a true and fair view, in all material aspects, of the financial position and operational results and have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporation Act. The Board also requires that the Executive Director and Company Secretary provide sufficient assurance that the declaration is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control, and that the system is working effectively.

The declarations have been received by the Board, in accordance with Recommendation 7.3 of the Corporate Governance Council.

#### Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 8 Remunerate Fairly and Responsibly

### Remuneration for directors and executives

A brief discussion on the Company's remuneration policies and retailed disclosure of the remuneration paid to directors and executives is set out on in the directors' report.

Remuneration paid to the Company's directors and executives is determined with reference to the market level of remuneration for other listed oil and gas companies both in Australia and the USA. This assessment is undertaken with reference to advice and comment provided by various search executive firms operating in the sector.

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Bonuses which may be paid to the Company's directors and executives will be determined and paid on the basis of the Company's performance reflected through increases in the market capitalisation of the Company and upon successful capital raisings.

Share options are awarded under the Employee Share Option Plan to the Company's directors and executives and are determined on the individuals' performance against milestones, the level of involvement in achieving the corporate milestones and goals and to an extent the relativity between executives.

### **Distinguish Between Executive and Non-Executive Remuneration**

Total remuneration for non-executive directors is determined by resolution of shareholders. The Board determines actual payments to directors and reviews their remuneration annually, based on independent external advice, relativities and the duties and accountabilities of the directors. The maximum available aggregate remuneration approved for non-executive directors is \$200,000.

Non-executive directors may provide specific consulting advice to the Company upon direction from the Board. Remuneration for this work is made at market rates.

Non-executive directors do not receive any other retirement benefits other than a superannuation guarantee contribution required by government regulation, which is currently 9% of their fees. Non-executive directors do participate in the Company's Employee Share Option Plan, given the Company's size and stage of development and the necessity to attract the highest calibre of professionals to the role, whilst maintaining the Company's cash reserves.

The equity based executive remuneration is made under the Company's Employee Share Option Plan ("Plan").

### Remuneration Committee

The Board determines all compensation arrangements for Directors. It is also responsible for setting performance criteria, performance monitors, share option schemes, incentive performance schemes, superannuation entitlements, retirement and termination entitlements and professional indemnity and liability insurance cover.

The Board has determined that a separate Remuneration Committee is not warranted due to the size and nature of the Company.

The Board ensures that all matters of remuneration are in accordance with Corporations Act requirements, by ensuring that none of the Directors participates in any deliberations regarding their own remuneration or related issues.

Additional information included in accordance with the Listing Rules of the Australian Stock Exchange Limited. The information is current as at.

# ASX INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

# 1. Statement of issued capital

a) Distribution of fully paid ordinary shares (as at 21 September 2016)

Size o	f Holdin	Ig	Number of Shareholders	Shares Held
1		1 000	04	C 000
1	-	1,000	61	6,022
1,001	-	5,000	15	47,466
5,001	-	10,000	14	114,150
10,001	-	100,000	248	15,044,768
100,001	and	Over	454	732,786,464
			792	747,998,870

- b) There are 302 shareholders holding unmarketable parcels represented by shares.
- c) There are no restrictions on voting rights attached to the ordinary shares. On a show of hands every member present in person shall have one vote and upon a poll, every member present or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held.

# 2. Substantial shareholders

The names of substantial shareholders who had notified the Company in accordance with section 671B of the *Corporations Act 2001* are:

Charles Morgan	21.1%
Craig Ian Burton	24.6%

### 3. Quotation

Listed securities in Grand Gulf Energy Limited are quoted on the Australian Stock Exchange.

# 4. Top Twenty Shareholders as at 21 September 2016

The twenty largest shareholders hold 63.986% of the total issued ordinary shares in the Company as at **21 September 2016**.

	Name	Number of Shares	% of Issued Shares
1.	SEASPIN PTY LTD <aphrodite a="" c=""></aphrodite>	158,100,476	21.136
2.	ALBA CAPITAL PTY LTD	90,041,561	12.038
3.	SKYE EQUITY PTY LTD	52,800,000	7.059
4.	SACHA INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	27,098,974	3.623
5.	ALBA CAPITAL PTY LTD	19,619,108	2.623
6.	ABN AMRO CLEARING SYDNEY NOMINEES PTY LTD	40,000,040	0.454
	<custodian a="" c=""></custodian>	16,090,648	2.151
7.	AVIEMORE CPITAL PTY LTD	15,117,114	2.021
8.	ARMDIG PTY LTD	11,250,000	1.504
9	MR ADRIAN HARTONO	10,913,372	1.459
10.	CRAIG BURTON <ci a="" burton="" c="" family=""></ci>	8,482,220	1.134
11.	AUZY PTY LTD <auzy a="" c="" trade=""></auzy>	8,000,000	1.070
12.	MR RAYMOND JEPP	7,925,000	1.059
13.	MR STUART CHARLES GRACE & MR TRENT	7 800 000	1 0 4 2
	CHRISTIAN GARDNER < MEGA SQUARE A/C>	7,800,000	1.043
14.	MR ALEX TAN	7,600,000	1.016
15.	MR DOUGAL JAMES FERGUSON	7,000,000	0.936
16.	PROSPERO CAPITAL PTY LTD	6,999,637	0.936
17.	CRIMSON HOLDINGS PTY LTD <crimson holdings<="" td=""><td>6 400 000</td><td>0 956</td></crimson>	6 400 000	0 956
	A/C>	6,400,000	0.856
18.	LIFWARD PTY LIMITED	6,047,594	0.809
19.	MR KRISHNA RAVICHANDRAN & MR SRINIVASAN	6 000 000	0 900
	RAVICHANDRAN <lark a="" c="" fund="" super=""></lark>	6,000,000	0.802
20.	DR HUA YI LI & MRS MEI LUN LIN	5,332,000	0.713
	-	478,617,704	63.986