

Notice of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Bougainville Copper Limited will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11th April, 1979 in the Panguna Cinema, North Solomons Province, PNG.

A separate Notice of Meeting is enclosed. All shareholders are cordially invited to attend.

Directors

Sir Frank Espie, O.B.E.
(Chairman)
N. R. Agonia
J. L. Auna
Sir Roderick Carnegie
B. E. Fairfax-Ross, C.B.E.
P. W. Quodling
J. T. Ralph
D. C. Vernon

Alternate Directors

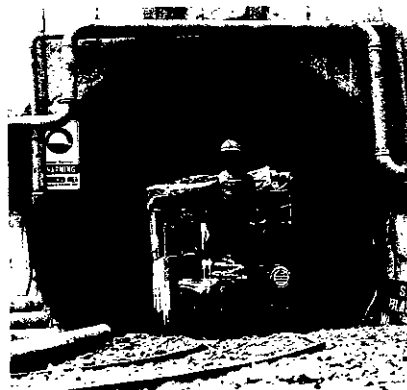
R. H. Harding
J. Kekedo
M. Togolo

Officers

P. W. Quodling
(General Manager)
J. R. Trezise
(Assistant General Manager)
G. Billard
(Executive Manager — Commercial)
L. A. Davis
(Executive Manager — Concentrator)
W. J. N. Davis
(Executive Manager — Technical Services)
R. L. Kay
(Executive Manager — Mine)
M. Rangai
(Secretary)

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Statistical Summary 1972-1978

Mined		1978	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972*
Ore and Waste removed	(millions of tonnes)	79.05	70.79	58.54	56.40	56.00	56.65	46.75
Ore Milled	(millions of tonnes)	38.12	34.11	31.21	31.08	30.14	29.14	21.89
Ore Grade								
Copper	(per cent)	0.60	0.61	0.64	0.64	0.70	0.73	0.76
Gold	(grams/tonne)	0.82	0.90	0.87	0.80	1.02	1.03	0.77
Silver	(grams/tonne)	1.80	1.86	1.96	1.87	2.12	1.99	2.06

Produced								
Concentrate	(dry tonnes)	658 587	615 605	596 838	595 498	640 818	650 172	438 115
Contained Copper	(tonnes)	198 603	182 291	176 519	172 477	184 083	182 890	123 961
Concentrate Grade								
Copper	(per cent)	30.16	29.61	29.58	28.94	28.73	28.13	28.29
Gold	(grams/tonne)	35.5	36.3	33.9	30.5	32.0	31.6	27.25
Silver	(grams/tonne)	79.8	77.1	76.1	71.0	72.0	69.0	69.3

Shipped								
Total Concentrate	(dry tonnes)	640 911	614 819	605 793	586 947	665 702	625 227	434 387
Shipped to:								
W. Germany		206 806	198 321	223 170	243 534	221 365	200 333	186 827
Japan		326 720	337 090	256 406	250 658	343 204	342 878	209 032
Spain		62 082	47 019	58 169	72 184	57 368	35 778	27 565
Other		45 303	32 389	68 048	20 562	43 765	46 238	10 963

Received								
Net Sales revenue	(K 000)	223 282	200 578	205 349	184 754	279 825	249 048	95 695
Contribution by:								
Copper		120 704	114 699	142 021	117 505	194 159	203 422	75 226
Gold		97 144	81 282	59 253	63 706	81 417	43 623	19 328
Silver		5 434	4 597	4 075	3 543	4 249	2 003	1 141

Other Statistics

Average Metal Prices								
Copper —								
L.M.E. cash sellers								
price for electrolytic								
wire bars	(expressed in US\$/lb)	61.9	59.3	63.6	55.9	93.3	80.9	48.6
Gold —								
Mean of London								
Gold Market	(US\$/oz.)	193.5	147.8	124.8	160.9	158.7	97.3	58.2
Silver —								
Spot price, London								
Silver Market	(expressed in US\$/oz.)	5.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.7	2.5	1.7
Work force at 31st December (P.N.G.)								
Overseas	(number)	855	853	858	942	980	929	971
National	(number)	3 243	3 063	2 989	3 094	3 242	2 915	2 594
Number of Shareholders at 31st December		40 935	43 820	50 082	54 129	55 558	45 353	46 726*
Shareholders' Funds at 31st December	(K'000)	317 565	309 656	302 515	287 884	268 423	227 377	146 679
Net Earnings	(K'000)	48 015	28 531	41 368	46 199	114 579	158 411	27 679
Dividends in Respect of Year	(K'000)	40 106	21 390	26 738	26 738	73 528	80 212	11 000
Return on Shareholders' Funds	(per cent)							
—before extraordinary item		15.1	9.2	13.7	14.9	42.7	69.7	18.4
—after extraordinary item		15.1	9.2	13.7	16.0	42.7	69.7	18.4

Notes:

* Full year figures; but commercial production commenced 1st April, 1972.

* * 1972 figure is for Bougainville Mining Limited