

**Balance sheet**

<i>Bougainville Copper Limited at 31 December 2013</i>		<b>2013</b>	2012
	Notes	<b>K'000</b>	K'000
<b>Funds employed:</b>			
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>			
Share capital	10	<b>401,063</b>	401,063
Asset revaluation reserve	8	<b>31,276</b>	31,276
Fair value reserve	11	<b>40,207</b>	19,853
Accumulated losses		<b>(110,753)</b>	(117,531)
		<b>361,793</b>	334,661
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Provisions	6(b)	<b>13,913</b>	22,073
Other payables	6(b)	<b>4,517</b>	4,517
Income tax	4(b)	<b>6,759</b>	6,759
		<b>25,189</b>	33,349
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade payables	6(a)	<b>3,720</b>	4,301
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>390,702</b>	372,311
<b>These funds are represented by:</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Available for sale financial assets	3	<b>105,396</b>	99,895
Other receivables	9(b)	<b>3,909</b>	3,909
Mine assets	7	<b>197,894</b>	197,894
		<b>307,199</b>	301,698
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		<b>13,553</b>	1,387
Other receivables	9(a)	<b>69,950</b>	69,226
		<b>83,503</b>	70,613
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>390,702</b>	372,311

Details of contingent liabilities and assets are shown in note 13. All amounts are expressed in Papua New Guinea kina. Rounding to the nearest thousand kina has been adopted. The notes on pages 19 to 30 form part of these accounts and are to be read in conjunction with them.

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### Investments:

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

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#### (ii) Held to maturity financial assets

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If, in a subsequent period, the amount of impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtors credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### (ii) Assets classified as available for sale

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Earnings (K million)																																										
Net sales revenue and other income*****	9.4	6.2	8.2	12.1	16.7	9.0	8.3	7.9	7.4	16.1	11.7	13.0	19.6	18.3	12.4	6.1	10.7	5.5	2.1	1.7	2.2	3.3	80.2	231.6	493.4	415.4	342.7	317.6	310.9	392.9	283.2	296.4	338.7	343.1	225.1	205.3	208.9	193.1	292.6	252.4	95.9	
Operating and other expenses****	3.1	11.4	10.5	8.9	8.0	9.2	4.9	4.4	5.0	4.7	4.1	4.6	3.8	4.8	5.2	4.8	5.0	4.9	3.1	4.1	5.1	316.6	36.8	181.7	244.8	227.5	223.7	221.5	234.8	228.1	207.2	210.8	174.8	144.1	125.0	126.8	117.5	107.2	92.5	81.8	53.3	
Depreciation*****	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51.5	47.3	43.9	49.4	47.3	47.6	46.5	47.0	44.2	43.3	43.8	40.7	40.4	36.2	31.1	29.6	28.5	24.8	14.5	
Earnings/(loss) before taxation and exchange gains	6.3	(5.2)	(2.3)	3.2	5.8	(0.2)	3.4	3.5	2.4	11.4	7.6	8.4	15.8	13.5	7.2	1.4	5.7	0.6	(1.4)	(2.4)	(2.9)	(313.3)	(8.1)	2.6	204.7	138.5	71.7	48.5	29.6	117.8	31.8	42.3	120.1	158.3	59.7	42.3	60.3	56.3	171.6	145.8	28.1	
Exchange gains/(losses)	0.5	(0.2)	(1.4)	(0.4)	2.9	(4.6)	0.2	0.2	(0.4)	3.1	0.3	-	-	0.4	0.5	-	-	6.6	9.1	(0.3)	1.5	0.1	(0.5)	2.5	(2.9)	2.6	2.3	(1.4)	(2.8)	(16.3)	(3.3)	1.1	2.6	3.5	10.3	(0.1)	1.3	2.3	9.5	12.9	(0.4)	
Earnings/(loss) before taxation	6.8	(5.4)	(3.7)	2.8	8.7	(4.8)	3.6	3.7	2.0	14.5	7.9	8.4	15.8	13.9	7.7	1.4	5.7	7.2	7.1	(2.7)	(1.4)	(313.2)	(8.6)	5.1	201.8	141.1	74.0	47.1	26.8	101.5	28.5	43.4	122.7	161.8	70.0	42.2	61.6	58.6	181.1	158.7	27.7	
Income tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	25.7	70.0	50.6	28.7	19.0	15.2	46.9	17.3	20.6	39.6	57.5	22.0	13.7	20.3	12.4	49.1	0.3	-	
Additional profits tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Earnings/(losses) retained	6.8	(5.4)	(3.7)	2.8	8.7	(4.8)	3.6	3.7	2.0	14.5	(0.1)	8.4	15.8	13.9	7.7	1.4	5.7	7.2	7.1	(2.7)	(1.4)	(313.2)	(14.6)	(20.6)	0.3	(1.7)	1.2	-	(4.4)	2.5	1.2	2.7	(8.7)	(23.0)	7.9	7.1						

\*\*\*\*1989, 1990 and 1991 include extraordinary items of K26.1 million, K28.7 million and K309.2 million respectively  
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Impairment testing on receivables and other assets is described below.

### Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and bank deposits and treasury bills with original maturities of three months or less.

### Other receivables:

Other receivables are recognised initially at fair value, less provision for impairment. They are presented as current assets unless collection is not expected for more than twelve months after the reporting date.

Collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. An allowance account (provision for impairment of receivables) is used when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probably that the debtor will enter into bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the receivables are impaired. The amount of the impairment allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Cash flows relating to short-term receivables are not discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expense. When a receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectable in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

### Impairment of other assets:

Other assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the assets carrying

amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

### Revenue recognition:

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

## 1.(c) Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

### (i) Carrying value of mine assets

Mine production was suspended on 15 May 1989 because of attacks on employees. Following repeated instances of damage to mine facilities and the power line and further attacks on employees, it became necessary to evacuate all remaining company personnel from Bougainville early in 1990. There continues to be uncertainty surrounding the future of the Panguna mine. Since the withdrawal of company personnel from Bougainville was completed on 24 March 1990, there has been no care and maintenance of the company's assets. Considerable deterioration of the assets has likely occurred in the intervening period, because of this lack of care and maintenance, their exposure to the elements, vandalism, pilferage and militant action. However, as access to the mine site has not been possible, the extent of the necessary write-downs is not capable of reliable measurement or estimation.

With the passage of time, it became clear that a major write-down of assets from their pre-closure levels would be required. To allow for this future write-down, the directors made an impairment loss in 1991 for deterioration, damage and pilferage of K350 million, with this sum being classified as an extraordinary item.

The exact quantum of this provision should not be viewed as a precise calculation reflecting an accurate estimate of the present value of losses or likely costs of repair. Rather, the reduction in carrying value should be seen as a broad estimate of the total service potential

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**Statement of cash flows**

<i>Bougainville Copper Limited year ended 31 December 2013</i>	<b>2013 K'000</b>	<b>2012 K'000</b>
<b><i>Cash flows from operating activities</i></b>		
Payments to suppliers	<b>(11,970)</b>	(18,270)
Interest received	<b>183</b>	122
Dividends received	<b>3,959</b>	4,674
Net operating cash flows	<b>(7,828)</b>	(13,474)
<b><i>Cash flows from investing activities</i></b>		
Proceeds from available for sale financial assets	<b>19,500</b>	8,594
Net investing cash flows	<b>19,500</b>	8,594
<b><i>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</i></b>		
Net cash flow	<b>11,672</b>	(4,880)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<b>1,387</b>	6,494
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<b>494</b>	(227)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<b>13,553</b>	1,387

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For, and on behalf of, the board.



**Peter R Taylor**

Chairman & managing director  
25 February 2014



**Robert S Burns**

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Panguna mine, and the extent of deterioration, damage and pilferage of the company's assets on Bougainville. While the directors have made the impairment provision in good faith based on the limited information available to them, the actual extent of the necessary write-downs can only be established when access to the mine site by appropriate company representatives is again possible or when a reliable market price for the Panguna mine assets can be determined.

In our opinion, providing for the probable impairment loss from deterioration, damage or pilferage is the appropriate accounting treatment for the actual impairment which will have occurred in the period to 31 December 2013. However as the actual extent of such impairment cannot presently be established, the recoverable amount of the company's assets on Bougainville is not capable of reliable measurement or estimation. Accordingly the impairment provision may eventually prove to be above or below the sum which is necessary to reflect this impairment. In the absence of all the necessary information and explanations we require, and for the reasons set out above, we are unable to form an opinion as to whether or not the impairment provision against the carrying amount of mine assets of K350 million is adequate or not and therefore whether the carrying value of the mine assets is properly stated. The mine assets are not being depreciated which is a departure from International Financial Reporting Standards.

The financial statements reflect a provision of K13.9 million for compensation for which the company may be liable. The company may have other compensation, mine rehabilitation and stabilisation obligations. For the same reasons as set out above in relation to mine assets, the company's actual liability for these costs is subject to significant uncertainty, and we are unable to form an opinion as to whether the provision is fairly stated.

The values attributed to the mine assets and the liabilities for compensation, rehabilitation and stabilisation are significant or potentially significant to the financial statements and are of fundamental importance to the presentation of the financial statements. In view of the significance of these matters we are unable to form an opinion as to whether or not the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 31 December 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.