

Interim Condensed Financial Results

For The Half Year Ended 30 September 2022

The Board is pleased to report on the performance of Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited (“BNC” or the “Company”) for the half-year ended 30 September 2022.

SALIENT FEATURES

- Three (3) Lost Time Injuries (“LTIs”) recorded in the period.
- 1,918 tonnes of Nickel in concentrate produced, 25% lower than for the same period last year due to lower ore tonnage and ore grade processed.
- 2,146 tonnes of Nickel in concentrate sold, 16% lower than for the same period last year.
- C1 unit cash cost of US\$14,078 per tonne, compared to US\$9,045 per tonne for the same period last year due to the lower production and increase in operating costs

RESULTS SUMMARY

	Unit of measure	6 months to 30/09/2022	6 months to 30/09/2021	% Variance
Nickel in concentrate produced	tonnes	1,918	2,553	(25)
Nickel in concentrate sold	tonnes	2,146	2,549	(16)
Average LME nickel price per tonne	US\$	25,542	18,234	40
Revenue	US\$	32,498,898	35,260,965	(8)
(Loss)/profit before taxation	US\$	(5,475,853)	6,198,214	(188)
(Loss)/profit after taxation	US\$	(5,372,928)	5,846,974	(192)
Capital expenditure	US\$	3,478,592	4,711,316	(26)
C1 cash cost per tonne *	US\$	14,078	9,045	56

***Definitions:**
C1 cash cost: Cash operating, overhead and selling costs net of by-product revenue.
C2 production cost: C1 cost plus Depreciation and Environmental Rehabilitation provision.
C3 All-In-Sustaining cost: C2 cost plus royalties, borrowing costs, net exchange gains/losses, care & maintenance, and retrenchment costs.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

The Economic activity in Zimbabwe slowed in the period, constrained by price and exchange rate volatility, poor investment, and limited structural change which continued to impede the country’s economic growth. The transfer of new technology and investments in modernizing the economy were nevertheless constrained by the low level of foreign direct investment. The cost of manufacturing increased due to high inflation and fluctuating currency rates which, in turn, decreased incentives for investment. Inflation averaged 213% during the period and is projected to remain in triple digits for the rest of the current financial Year (“FY2023”).

The operating environment for the remainder of FY2023 is, therefore, expected to remain challenging.

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (“SHEQ”)

Safety
Safety performance in the first quarter of FY2023 was satisfactory with no LTIs recorded during that period. Safety performance receded in the second quarter with three (3) LTIs and thus, a total of three (3) LTIs recorded for the six (6) months ended 30 September 2022. The Board remains focused on ensuring that the workplace is safe and positive employee behavior is reinforced to eliminate injuries at work.

Operations
Nickel in concentrate production for the half-year to 30 September 2022 was 1,918 tonnes, which was 25% lower than the 2,553 tonnes produced in the same period last year. The decline was mainly due to the head grade of 1.03%, which was 18% lower than for the 6 months to September 2021. Recovery at 81% was 3.5% lower than in the previous year, in sympathy with the lower head grade.

Ore milled was 230,248 tonnes, which was 5% lower than the 241,325 tonnes milled in the same period last year, due to lower mined volumes. The Company’s production performance has been negatively impacted by a decline in the footprint of the high grade massives resource which necessitated a rapid transition in the mining model from a low-volume, high-grade strategy to a low-grade, high-volume strategy. Unfortunately, the transition is behind schedule due to a delay in the delivery of new underground mining mobile equipment which is a prerequisite to the realization of the new mining strategy. The delay in the delivery of equipment was due to disruptions in the global supply chains, as a result of the protracted effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing geo-political tensions related to the Russo-Ukraine conflict.

In line with its new mining strategy, the business continued with its capital expenditure/re-investment program, with specific emphasis on replacing the dilapidated and obsolete underground mining mobile equipment. The Company is expecting delivery of most of the acquired mining mobile equipment before the end of the calendar year 2022. The new equipment will enable the transition into the new mining strategy, leading to an anticipated upswing in ore volumes and a return to profitability in the second half of FY2023.

Nickel sales volume was 2,146 tonnes, which was lower than last year’s sales of 2,549 tonnes. The average LME Nickel price of US\$25,542 per tonne was 40% higher than the previous year’s price of US\$18,233 per tonne, reflecting the global increase in Nickel prices.

The C1 cash cost of US\$14,078 per tonne was 56% higher than the previous period’s US\$9,045 per tonne, while the C3 All-In Sustaining cost of US\$16,913 per tonne was 63% higher than last year’s unit cost of US\$10,364 per tonne. The increase was attributable to low production arising from the lower tonnage of ore milled and head grade resulting from poor equipment availabilities and the unexpected reduction of higher-grade ore sources. Costs were also affected by the adverse impact on local operating costs arising out of the disparity between the auction rates and unofficial foreign exchange rates that suppliers use in their pricing models, coupled with the high cost of maintaining the old and obsolete mining equipment.

In terms of the Exchange Control regulations, 40% of the Company’s export revenue is compulsorily surrendered to the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe for ZWL converted at the auction rate. For the six (6) months to September 2022, the ZWL auction rate devalued by 390% while the ZWL exchange rate on the unofficial parallel market, devalued by approximately 215%. The depreciation of the ZWL exchange rate over the period resulted in a net exchange rate loss of US\$1.5 million for the six (6) months.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The Company continued with its on-going program to replace old and obsolete underground mining mobile equipment. Total capital expenditure for the period amounted to US\$3.5 million.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Income Statement
Revenue decreased by 8% from US\$35.3 million for the same period last year to US\$32.5 million, on account of low nickel sales volume during the period.

Cost of sales increased by 29% to US\$31.5 million, compared to US\$24.3 million for the same period last year. The increase in cost of sales was mainly as a result of the following factors:

- Increase in depreciation charges on capitalisation of assets.
- Increase in local operating costs which tend to be influenced more by the alternative market exchange rate, and
- high cost of maintaining the old and obsolete mining equipment.



- Average London Metal Exchange (“LME”) Nickel price of US\$25,542 per tonne, 40% higher than for same period last year.
- Revenue of US\$32.5 million, 8% lower than for the same period last year in line with the low production.
- Loss before tax of US\$5.5 million, down 188% on profit before tax of US\$6.2 million for the same period last year.
- Loss after tax of US\$5.4 million, 192% lower than for the same period last year.
- Equipment replacement continued with US\$3.5 million capital expenditure.

FINANCIAL RESULTS (cont’d)

Income Statement (cont’d)
Gross profit of US\$1.05 million was 90% lower than last year’s figure of US\$109 million, in line with the decrease in Nickel sales volume.

Administrative costs for the period of US\$3.5 million were 5% higher than the US\$3.3 million for the prior period mainly due to the following:

- Increase in loan arrangement fees as more loans were obtained.
- Increase in security costs
- Increase in Intermediated Money Transfer Tax (“IMTT”) rates

Net exchange loss for the period amounted to US\$1.5 million and was 2,133% higher than the US\$67,467 loss for the same period last year due to the unstable auction exchange rate during the half-year period under review.

Loss from operating activities of US\$49 million was achieved, compared to a profit of US\$6.6 million in the first half of last year, a decrease of 174%.

Total comprehensive loss for the period was US\$5.4 million, compared to total comprehensive loss of US\$5.8 million for the same period last year, reflecting the negative impact of decreased nickel sales volume.

Cash Flow Statement
Net cash flow generated from operating activities amounted to a negative US\$0.9 million, compared to a cash positive position of US\$2.4 million for the same period last year. However, capital expenditure of US\$3.5 million and net cash inflows from financing activities of US\$6.9 million contributed to a net increase in cash and cash equivalents. Thus, the cash and cash equivalents balance at 30 September 2022, was a positive of US\$0.8 million.

THE MARKET

The average LME cash settlement price for the half-year under review was \$25,542 per tonne which was 40% higher than for the same period last year (\$18,234 per tonne).

OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

The focus during the remainder of the year will be on recovering the Nickel in concentrate production deficit and managing costs. The equipment recapitalization program will have a positive impact on the ore volumes the Company can produce and the rate of development underground, thus addressing the grade challenges, and ultimately the cashflows generated from operations.

The price of Nickel, which was initially forecast to be US\$21,000 per tonne for FY2023, has of late been on an upward trajectory, reaching the US\$29,000 per tonne mark. Should this higher price continue to obtain into the near future, the Company will be able to significantly recover from some of the financial losses incurred to date.

On the other hand, there is a likelihood that Nickel prices may be pressured downward by negative macro dynamics such as the global monetary policy tightening, a Chinese economic downturn, the increased likelihood of a global economic recession and, heightened geopolitical tensions.

On the fundamental side, the global nickel supply-demand balance in the second half of FY2023 is expected to be a 37 kilo-tonnes surplus as Indonesia supply growth outpaces demand. Demand is expected to be lower because of the high energy prices that have seen smelters curtail production both in Asia and Europe.

The average LME Nickel price is forecast at US\$21,700 per tonne in the second half of FY2023 and to be above US\$23,000 per tonne in the calendar year 2023.

DIRECTORATE CHANGES

Mr. Patrick Maseva-Shayawabaya resigned from the Board on 31 August 2022 to take up a new appointment as the Managing Director of Freda Rebecca Gold Mine Limited (“FRGM”) with effect from 1 September 2022. Both BNC and FRGM are amongst the leading members of the Kuvimba Mining House Group. He had joined the Board on 1 April 2021 as the Finance Director. During his tenure at BNC, he managed to transform the Company’s financial and administrative systems to a higher level of effectiveness and discipline. He successfully oversaw the implementation of programs aimed at maintaining and enhancing a corrupt-free operating environment, characterised by transparency, honesty and ethical business conduct by both employees and other stakeholders.

In addition, he was also in charge of the process that saw the Company migrating its listing from the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange to the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange on 17 December 2021. We thank Mr. Maseva-Shayawabaya for the comprehensive service that he provided to the Company during his tenure as Finance Director. We wish Mr. Maseva-Shayawabaya success in his new assignment. To ensure continuity in the running of BNC’s financial affairs, Mr. Simon Masvipe, the long-serving Finance Manager of the Company, was appointed as the Acting Finance Director until further notice. We wish Mr. Masvipe well in this acting role.

Mr. Obey Chimuka resigned from the Board with effect from 13 December 2022. He stated in his resignation notice that he had resigned “due to changes in my personal circumstances”. He had joined the Board on 1 November 2019 as a Non-Executive Director and served on the Safety, Health, Environment, Quality and Corporate Social Responsibility (“SHEQ & CSR”) Committee as its Chairman, and on the Nominations, Human Resources and Remuneration (“NHR & REMCO”) Committee as a Committee member. We thank Mr. Chimuka for his contribution to the affairs of the Company. We wish Mr. Chimuka success in his future endeavours.

APPRECIATION

The Board pays tribute to Management and all employees of the Company for their dedication and hard work during this period.

On behalf of the Board
Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited

M.A. MASUNDA
CHAIRMAN
15 December 2022



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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Notes	REVIEWED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 US\$	REVIEWED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 US\$
Revenue	4	32 498 898	35 260 965
Cost of sales		(31 451 280)	(24 316 345)
Gross Profit		1 047 618	10 944 620
Other income		95 033	141 091
Selling and distribution expenses		(1 020 127)	(1 111 196)
Administrative expenses		(3 500 338)	(3 326 402)
Net exchange loss		(1 506 460)	(67 467)
Exchange gains		3 306 686	3 268 101
Exchange losses		(4 813 146)	(3 335 568)
(Loss)/profit from operating activities		(4 884 274)	6 580 646
Net finance costs		(591 579)	(382 432)
Finance income based on effective interest rate		25 622	37
Finance costs		(617 201)	(382 469)
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(5 475 853)	6 198 214
Taxation	6	102 925	(351 240)
(Loss)/profit for the period		(5 372 928)	5 846 974
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period		(5 372 928)	5 846 974
Basic earnings per ordinary share (cents)		(0.44)	0.46
Diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents)		(0.41)	0.46
Headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)		(0.41)	0.46

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Notes	REVIEWED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 US\$	AUDITED 31 MARCH 2021 US\$
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		86 806 532	86 073 427
Loans		659 585	125 100
		87 466 117	86 198 527
Current assets			
Inventories		10 963 432	14 671 960
Trade and other receivables	8	21 116 769	19 240 767
Cash and short-term deposits		816 273	226 750
		32 896 474	34 139 477
Total assets		120 362 591	120 338 004
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	9	13 309	13 289
Share premium		32 345 781	32 345 476
Capital Contribution		2 631 877	2 631 877
Retained earnings		19 755 393	25 128 321
		54 746 360	60 118 963
Non-current liabilities			
Environmental rehabilitation provision		14 024 380	13 901 936
Deferred taxation		19 347 508	19 450 434
Lease liability		38 362	50 486
Interest bearing borrowing		5 662 589	1 073 568
		39 072 839	34 476 424
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	21 306 548	21 276 687
Provisions		2 898	12 654
Lease liability		23 744	22 486
Short term borrowings		3 894 550	3 115 138
Income tax payable		1 315 652	1 315 652
		26 543 392	25 742 617
Total equity and liabilities		120 362 591	120 338 004

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Share capital US\$	Share premium US\$	Capital contribution US\$	Retained earnings US\$	Total US\$
Balances as at 1 April 2022	13 289	32 345 476	2 631 877	25 128 321	60 118 963
Issue of shares	20	305	-	-	325
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(5 372 928)	(5 372 928)
Balances as at 30 September 2022	13 309	32 345 781	2 631 877	19 755 393	54 746 360

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Share capital US\$	Share premium US\$	Capital contribution US\$	Share-based payment reserve US\$	Retained earnings US\$	Total US\$
Balances as at 1 April 2021	13 119	32 339 248	2 631 877	2 478 023	14 488 079	51 950 346
Issue of shares	70	14 771	-	-	-	14 841
Share-based payment expense	-	-	-	76 521	-	76 521
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	5 846 974	5 846 974
Balances as at 30 September 2021	13 189	32 354 019	2 631 877	2 554 544	20 335 053	57 888 682

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	NOTES	REVIEWED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 US\$	REVIEWED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 US\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(5 475 853)	6 198 214
Adjusted for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		2 745 487	2 576 959
Net unrealised exchange loss/(gain)		1 667 114	(213 828)
Share-based payments expense		-	76 521
Expected credit losses		(38 817)	2 354
Net finance costs		591 579	382 432
Operating cash flows before working capital changes		(510 490)	9 022 652
Decrease/(increase) in inventories		3 708 528	(1 577 167)
Increase in trade and other receivables		(4 491 681)	(6 444 550)
Increase in trade and other payables		373 851	1 362 641
Net cash flows from operations		(919 792)	2 363 576
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		25 622	37
Interest paid		(490 912)	(331 743)
Net cash flows on investments and servicing of finance		(465 290)	(331 706)
Net cash flows from operating activities		(1 385 082)	2 031 870
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3 478 592)	(4 711 316)
Staff loans issued		(655 056)	-
Net cash flows from investing activities		(4 133 648)	(4 711 316)
Net cash flows before financing activities		(5 518 730)	(2 679 446)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Issue of shares		325	14 841
Interest bearing loans repaid	11	(3 711 957)	(1 091 725)
Interest bearing borrowings received	11	10 620 396	1 500 000
Principal paid on lease liability	11	(14 712)	(9 615)
Net cash flows from financing activities		6 894 052	413 501
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1 375 322	(2 265 945)
Net foreign exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents		754 208	(133 707)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		(1 313 257)	1 937 098
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		816 273	(462 554)
Cash and cash equivalents represented by:			
Bank and cash balances		816 273	1 000 945
Bank overdraft		-	(1 463 499)
		816 273	(462 554)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT GROUP ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1 INCORPORATION AND ACTIVITIES

Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited (the “Group”) is a limited liability company incorporated in Zimbabwe and is listed on the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX). The ultimate majority shareholder of Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited is Kuvimba Mining House (Private) Limited. The Group's registered address is Trojan Nickel Mine, Number 1 Trojan Mine Road, P.O. Box 35, Bindura, Zimbabwe.

The principal activities of the Group are the mining of nickel and the extraction of related by-products.

2 PRESENTATION

These financial statements are presented in United States dollars (US\$), which is the Group's functional currency, rounded to the nearest dollar unless otherwise stated.

2.1 Statement of compliance

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 December 2022.

2.2 Basis of preparation

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange listing rules. The Group has prepared the financial statements on the basis that it will continue to operate as a going concern. The Directors consider that there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt over this assumption. They have formed a judgement that there is a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and not less than 12 months from the end of the reporting period.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all disclosures that would otherwise be required in a complete set of financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the 2022 annual report.

2.3 New standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Group

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021, except for the adoption of new standards effective as of 1 April 2021. The Group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Several amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2021, but do not have an impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group.



FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Directors: M A Masunda (Chairman), T Lusiyano (Managing Director), S Masvipe (Acting Finance Director), M J Bronn, O Chimuka, S Chinyemba, C C Jinya (Dr.), C D Malaba (Mrs), C G Meerholz, R Nhamo (Mrs), I Rukweza.

REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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To the members of Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited as at 30 September 2022 and the related consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and a summary of significant group accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the interim condensed consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34, Interim Financial Reporting and the Group's accounting policies, this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of interim condensed consolidated financial statements that are free of material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim condensed consolidated financial statements based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, “*Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*.” A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

Non-compliance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 21 - The Effect of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates

A modified conclusion and a modified opinion were issued on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2021 and on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, respectively. This was due to the use of foreign currency exchange rates that were not considered to be appropriate spot rates for translation of foreign currency denominated transactions and balances, as required by IAS 21, ‘*The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates*’.

As the non-compliance with IAS 21 is from prior financial years and there have been no restatements to the prior year financial statements in accordance with IAS 8, the retained earnings as at 30 September 2022 may contain misstatements. As a result, our review conclusion on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements is modified because of the residual effects of the non-compliance with IAS 21.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Conclusion* section above, nothing has come to our attention which causes us to believe that the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not present, in all material respects, the financial position of Bindura Nickel Corporation Limited as at 30 September 2022, its financial performance and its cash flows for the six months ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

The engagement partner on the review engagement resulting in this independent review conclusion is Trevor Mungwazi.

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Partner

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