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Bezant Resources Plc
("Bezant" or the "Company")

Interim Results for the Six Months Ended 30 June 2023

Bezant (AIM: BZT), the copper-gold exploration and development company, announces its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

Chairman's Statement

Dear Shareholder,

The focus of the first half of 2023 continues to be Southern Africa.

Financial highlights:

£463K loss after tax (2022: £348K)

Approximately £365K cash at bank at the period end (31 December 2022: £57K).

Operational and corporate events in six months to 30 June 2023:

In Namibia at our Hope & Gorob project we await the issue of a mining licence and in the meantime have been working on technical and other studies targeting a 8,000, tonnes contained copper p.a. open pit copper / gold mining operation in 2024, obtaining non-equity financing for the mining operation and the finalization of an updated mineral resource estimate.

In Botswana at our Kanye project we have focused on metallurgical work to test that manganese can be extracted from the deposit to produce leach solutions with high manganese concentrate via standard leaching processing technologies.

Eureka Project Argentina: We maintain our Eureka Project in good standing and during the period we had an updated Environmental Impact Assessment approved which provides for environmental monitoring and a drill program encompassing 9 drill holes of 200-300 metres each. The Company will engage an environmental consultant to conduct the environmental monitoring in 2H 2023 and we are seeking a joint venture partner for the exploration of the Eureka Project. In 2021 and into 2022 this was hampered by COVID restrictions in Argentina, but we have in the period received expressions of interest in the project and our focus remains to joint venture or monetise this unique red bed copper occurrence.

Investment in Mankayan Project in Philippines: On 27 March 2023 the Company announced the completion of its share swap sale of its investment in IDM Mankayan Pty Ltd for shares in IDM International Ltd. Our investment in IDM International Ltd (see note 7.1) is held at fair value of £2.2m. At the time of writing we hold a 24.2% investment in IDM International Limited. We are looking for this investment to be monetised either by direct trade sale or flotation on an individual or combined project basis. IDM International Limited and Crescent Mining Development Corporation the licence holder are actively progressing the project, whilst pursuing the various avenues to secure and advance what is a very large project in a copper hungry world.

Funding: On 15 June 2023, the Company announced, that it had agreed with Sanderson Capital Partners Limited ("**Sanderson**") a long-term shareholder in the Company to extend the repayment date for the £700,000 drawn down under the unsecured convertible loan funding facility entered into with Sanderson on 22 November 2021 until 23 December 2024 which is now convertible by Sanderson at the fixed price of 0.08 pence per share.

Issue of Equity: During the period we announced, on the dates indicated below, the following issues of new ordinary shares ("**Shares**") to raise funds and settle accrued fees to conserve the Company's working capital:

- a) On 9 January 2023 the issue of 7,926,024 new Shares to settle £6,000 of consultancy fees;

- b) On 12 April 2023 a fundraising of £750,000 from existing shareholders and investors for 1,875,000,000 Shares which included £40,000 from directors, the issue of 218,700,942 Shares to Directors and a PDMR at a premium to the share price and the fundraising price to settle £174,961 of accrued fees for the period March 2022 to March 2023 and the issue of 246,808,068 Shares to settle £101,250 of consultancy fees at the fundraising price to conserve the Company's working capital:
- c) On 5 May 2023 the issue of 104,875,000 Shares to settle professional fees of £41,950; and
- d) On 15 June 2023, the issue of 87,500,000 Shares to settle fees of £70,000 due in relation to the extension of the Sanderson unsecured convertible loan funding facility equivalent to 6.67% per year at a premium to the share price and the issue of 437,500,000 warrants over Shares exercisable at 0.12 pence per Share exercisable for two years.

Operational and corporate post period end events:

On 24 July 2023 and 6 September 2023 we announced the results of the metallurgical test work at the Kanye project which in essence verify that manganese can be extracted from the deposit to produce leach solutions with high manganese concentrate via standard leaching processing technologies with extremely high recoveries.

A revised mineral resource statement in relation to the Hope & Gorob project is being finalised by Addison Mining Services which will incorporate recent metallurgical test work and the Company expects to announce this in October 2023.

Outlook: During the period the copper price has continued to be volatile, but the consensus remains that there is an impending shortage of copper supplies. We believe we have an above average copper project portfolio, and we continue to have several discussions regarding finance and resource collaboration for their advancement. At the time of writing, we are still in discussions and negotiations regarding portfolio advancement.

I would like to thank my fellow directors and management for their untiring efforts to maintain and advance our projects to a point where our portfolio is well understood by the trade and therefore financeable going forward.

Colin Bird
Executive Chairman

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Group Statement of Profit and Loss
For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2023 £'000	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2022 £'000
<u>CONTINUING OPERATIONS</u>			
Group revenue		-	-
Cost of sales		-	-
Gross profit		-	-
Operating expenses		(463)	(319)
Share based payments	4	-	(29)
Group operating loss		(463)	(348)
Interest income		-	-
Loss before taxation		(463)	(348)
Taxation		-	-
Loss for the period		(463)	(348)
Loss per share (pence)			
Basic and diluted from continuing operations	4	(0.01)	(0.01)

Group Statement of Other Comprehensive Income
For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2023 £'000	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2022 £'000
Other comprehensive income:		
Loss for the period	(463)	(348)
<i>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>		
Foreign currency reserve movement	(179)	9
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(642)	(339)

Group Statement of Changes in Equity
For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium £'000	Other Reserves ¹ £'000	Retained Losses £'000	Non- Controlling interest	Total Equity £'000
Unaudited – six months ended 30 June 2023						
Balance at 1 January 2023	2,079	39,507	3,672	(35,551)	-	9,707
Current period loss	-	-	-	(463)	-	(463)
Foreign currency reserve	-	-	(179)	-	-	(179)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	(179)	(463)	-	(642)
Proceeds from shares issued	37	713	-	-	-	750
Share issue costs	-	(81)	21	-	-	(60)
Shares issued – in lieu of fees	14	422	-	-	-	436
Equity component of borrowings	-	-	272	-	-	272
Balance at 30 June 2023	2,130	40,561	3,786	(36,014)	-	10,463

	Share Capital £'000	Share Premium £'000	Other Reserves ¹ £'000	Retained Losses £'000	Non- Controlling interest	Total Equity £'000
Unaudited – six months ended 30 June 2022						
Balance at 1 January 2022	2,076	39,303	3,781	(36,952)	(12)	8,196
Current period loss	-	-	-	(348)	-	(348)
Foreign currency reserve	-	-	9	-	-	9
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(348)	-	(339)
Proceeds from shares issued	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shares issued – in lieu of fees	2	147	-	-	-	149
Warrants exercised	-	18	-	44	-	62
Share options granted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2022	2,078	39,468	3,790	(37,256)	(12)	8,068

¹ Other reserves is made up of the share-based payment and foreign exchange reserve.

Group Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2023

		Unaudited	Audited
		30	31
		June	December
		2023	2022
	Notes	£'000	£'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	6	2	2
Investments	7	2,260	2,260
Exploration and evaluation assets	8	8,435	8,398
Total non-current assets		10,697	10,660
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables		56	76
Cash and cash equivalents		365	57
Total current assets		421	133
TOTAL ASSETS		11,118	10,793
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		220	463
Borrowings	9	435	623
Total current liabilities		655	1,086
NET ASSETS		10,463	9,707
EQUITY			
Share capital	10	2,130	2,079
Share premium	10	40,561	39,507
Share-based payment reserve		1,201	1,181
Foreign exchange reserve		328	506
Merger reserve		1,831	1,831
Other reserves		426	154
Retained losses		(36,014)	(35,551)
TOTAL EQUITY		10,463	9,707

Group Statement of Cash Flows
For the six months ended 30 June 2023

		Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2023 £'000	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2022 £'000
	Notes		
Net cash outflow from operating activities	11	<u>(246)</u>	<u>(238)</u>
Cash flows from/(used) in investing activities			
Deferred exploration expenditure		<u>(149)</u>	<u>(474)</u>
		<u>(149)</u>	<u>(474)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares		703	19
Borrowings		-	250
		<u>703</u>	<u>269</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash		<u>308</u>	<u>(443)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		57	728
Foreign exchange movement		-	4
		<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		<u>365</u>	<u>289</u>

Notes to the interim financial information
For the six months ended 30 June 2023

1. Basis of preparation

The unaudited interim financial information set out above, which incorporates the financial information of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings (the “**Group**”), has been prepared using the historical cost convention and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRS**”), including IFRS 6 ‘Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources’, as adopted by the European Union (“**EU**”) and with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

These interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2023 are unaudited and do not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies and the auditors’ report on those financial statements was unqualified and contained a material uncertainty pertaining to going concern.

Going concern basis of accounting

The Group made a loss from all operations for the six months ended 30 June 2023 after tax of £0.5 million (2022: £0.4 million), had negative cash flows from operations and is currently not generating revenues. Cash and cash equivalents were £365,000 as at 30 June 2023.

On 12 April 2023 the Company announced a £750,000 fundraising from directors, existing shareholders and investors to advance the Hope Copper-Gold Project in Namibia whilst the Company awaits the award of a mining licence ahead of facilitating copper gold mining operations, for the metallurgical test work on the Kanye manganese project in Botswana and for the Company’s other projects as well as working capital. The Company also issued shares to Directors and PDMR at a premium to the share price to settle £174,961 of accrued fees (“Conversion Shares”) and the settling of £101,250 of consultancy fees by the issue of shares to consultants (“Consultant Shares”) to conserve the Company’s working capital.

On 15 June 2023, the Company announced, that it had agreed with Sanderson Capital Partners Limited (“**Sanderson**”) a long-term shareholder in the Company to extend the repayment date for the £700,000 drawn down under the unsecured convertible loan funding facility entered into with Sanderson on 22 November 2021 until 23 December 2024 which is now convertible by Sanderson at the fixed price of 0.08 pence per share.

An operating loss is expected in the year subsequent to the date of these accounts and as a result the Company will need to raise funding to provide additional working capital to finance its ongoing activities. Management has successfully raised money in the past, but there is no guarantee that adequate funds will be available when needed in the future.

Based on the Board’s assessment that the Company will be able to raise additional funds, as and when required, to meet its working capital and capital expenditure requirements, the Board have concluded that they have a reasonable expectation that the Group can continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For these reasons the Group continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

There is a material uncertainty related to the conditions above that may cast significant doubt on the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern and therefore the Group may be unable to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

The financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or liabilities that might be necessary should the entity not continue as a going concern.

2 Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

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 year are:

Share-based payment transactions:

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with directors, consultants and employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by using a Black and Scholes model which takes into account expected share volatility, strike price, term of the option and the dividend policy.

Impairment of investments, options and deferred exploration expenditure:

The Group determines whether investments (including those acquired during the period), options and deferred exploration expenditure are impaired when indicators, based on facts and circumstances, suggest that the carrying amount may exceed its recoverable amount. Such indicators include the point at which a determination is made as to whether or not commercial mining reserves exist in the subsidiary or associate in which the investment is held or whether exploration expenditure capitalised is recoverable by way of future exploitation or sale, obviously pending completion of the exploration activities associated with any specific project in each segment.

Fair value of assets and liabilities acquired on acquisition of subsidiaries

The Group determines the fair value of assets and liabilities acquired on acquisition of subsidiaries by reference to the carrying value at the date of acquisition and by reference to exploration activities undertaken and/or information that the Directors become aware of post acquisition (note 8).

Investments at fair value through profit and loss ('Equity investments')

Equity investments are initially measured at cost, including transaction costs. At each reporting date, the fair value is assessed and any resultant gains and losses are included directly in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss under IFRS 9.

Valuation of Equity Instruments Convertible Loan (Borrowings)

Convertible instruments can be complex, containing a number of features which can have a significant impact on the accounting under IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and IAS 32 Presentation of Financial Instruments. The Company determined that the £700,000 convertible note whose terms was modified during the period (note 9) was substantially different as the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms including any fees paid net of any fees received discounted using the original effective interest rate was more than 10% different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. Therefore, the original £700,000 convertible note ("**Original 2022 Convertible Loan**") was treated as being repaid on 14 June 2023 and a new £700,000 convertible note loan taken out on 14 June 2023 under the new the modified terms ("**Modified 2023 Convertible Loan**"). The Company determined that the Modified 2023 Convertible Loan was an equity instrument as the conversion feature results in the conversion of a fixed amount of stated principal into a fixed number of shares, it satisfies the 'fixed for fixed' criterion and, therefore, it is classified as an equity instrument which requires the valuation of the liability component and the equity conversion component. The fair value of the liability component, included in current borrowings, at inception was calculated using a market interest rate for an equivalent instrument without conversion option. The discount rate applied was 25%.

3. Segment reporting

For the purposes of segmental information, the operations of the Group are focused in geographical segments, namely the UK, Argentina, Namibia, and Botswana, and comprise one class of business: the exploration, evaluation and development of mineral resources. The UK is used for the administration of the Group and includes equity investments in non-group companies.

The Group's loss before tax arose from its operations in the UK, Argentina Namibia and Botswana.

For the six months ended 30 June 2023 - unaudited

	UK £'000	Argentina £'000	Namibia	Botswana	Total £'000
Consolidated loss before tax	(418)	(45)	-	-	(463)
Included in the consolidated loss before tax are the following income/(expense) items:					
Foreign currency gain	-	-	-	-	-

Total Assets	2,663	4,867	2,536	1,052	11,118
Total Liabilities	(601)	(54)	-	-	(655)

For the six months ended 30 June 2022 - unaudited

	UK £'000	Argentina £'000	Namibia	Botswana	Total £'000
Consolidated loss before tax	(288)	(59)	(1)	-	(348)
Included in the consolidated loss before tax are the following income/(expense) items:					
Foreign currency gain	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	361	5,338	2,418	885	9,002
Total Liabilities	(892)	(42)	-	-	(934)

4. Share based payments

	6 months ended 30 June 2023 £'000	6 months ended 30 June 2022 £'000
Share option expense - Directors	-	18
Share option expense - Management	-	11
	-	29

5. Loss per share

The basic and diluted loss per share have been calculated using the loss attributable to equity holders of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2023 of £463,000 (2022: £348,000). The basic loss per share was calculated using a weighted average number of shares in issue of 6,139,789,530 (2022: 5,025,497,800).

The weighted average number of shares in issue and to be issued if calculating the diluted loss per share would amount to 7,200,975,826 (2022: 6,355,967,563).

The diluted loss per share and the basic loss per share are recorded as the same amount, as conversion of share options decreases the basic loss per share, thus being anti-dilutive.

6. Plant and equipment

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 £'000	Audited 31 December 2022 £'000
6.1 Cost		
Balance at beginning of period	67	67
Exchange differences	-	-
At end of period	67	67
6.2 Depreciation		
Balance at beginning of period	65	65
Charge for the period	-	-
At end of period	65	65
Net book value at end of period	2	2

7. Investments

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 £'000	Audited 31 December 2022 £'000
Investments under fair value through profit and loss (note 7.1)	2,182	2,182
Debt instruments under fair value through profit and loss (note 7.2)	78	78
	<u>2,260</u>	<u>2,260</u>

7.1 Investments

On 13 September 2021 the Company, entered into a conditional agreement with IDM Mankayan Pty Ltd ("**IDM Mankayan**"), a company incorporated in Australia, to take the Mankayan Project in the Philippines forward (the "**IDM Mankayan Agreement**"). The IDM Mankayan Agreement completed on 20 October 2021 and the Company paid A\$90,000 (GBP49K) to IDM Mankayan and owns 44 IDM Mankayan shares (the "**IDM Mankayan Investment**") of the 160 shares issued by IDM Mankayan but has no management control over or right to appoint directors of IDM Mankayan which is why the IDM Mankayan Investment is held as an equity investment under IFRS 9. The Mankayan project's MPSA was originally issued for a standard 25 year period, which expired on 11 November 2021, and as announced by the Company on 18 March 2022 has been renewed for a second 25 year term with effect from 12 November 2021.

On 26 October 2022 the Company entered into a conditional share purchase agreement with IDM International Ltd ("**IDM International**") the parent company of IDM Mankayan to sell the IDM Mankayan Investment for 19,381,054 fully paid ordinary shares of IDM International (the "**IDM International SPA**"). The IDM International SPA was conditional on approval of the IDM International SPA by the shareholders of IDM International and completed during the period on 27 March 2023.

7.2

On 26 October 2022 the Company entered into a convertible loan note agreement with IDM International to invest A\$137,500 (GBP 78K) in IDM International to acquire 137,500 notes (the "**IDM International Convertible Loan Note Investment**"). The Company has the right to convert the whole but not part of the face value of each Note into IDM International Shares at A\$0.20 at any time (and as many times) prior to the Maturity Date which is 11 November 2026. As at 30 June 2023, the fair value of the debt instrument was £78k and no unrealised gain/loss was recognised.

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 £'000	Audited 31 December 2022 £'000
Investments under fair value through profit and loss		
Unquoted investments 1 January 2023	2,182	49
Increase in fair value during year ¹	-	2,133
	<u>2,182</u>	<u>2,182</u>

¹ 19,381,054 shares valued at AUD\$0.20 (£0.112) being the share subscription price at which at which third parties subscribed for shares in IDM International on 4 April 2023.

Investments are initially valued at cost. At each reporting date these investments are measured at fair value with any gains or losses recognised through the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. In 2023, the Group and Company had unrealised gains of £2,133,000.

This along with other valuations are estimates based on the Directors' assessment of the performance of the underlying investment and reliable information such as recent fundraising. There is however inherent uncertainty when valuing private companies such as these in the natural resources sector.

8. Exploration and evaluation assets

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 £'000	Audited 31 December 2022 £'000
Balance at beginning of period	8,398	7,692
Acquisitions during period		
Exploration expenditure	37	934
Write back of liability in relation to joint venture expenditure (note 8.1)	-	(228)
Carried forward at end of period	8,435	8,398

8.1 Exploration Assets Argentina

The amount of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure relates to 12 licences comprising the Eureka Project and are located in north-west Jujuy near to the Argentine border with Bolivia and are formally known as Mina Eureka, Mina Eureka II, Mina Gino I, Mina Gino II, Mina Mason I, Mina Mason II, Mina Julio I, Mina Julio II, Mina Paul I, Mina Paul II, Mina Sur Eureka and Mina Cabereria Sur, covering, in aggregate, an area in excess of approximately 5,500 hectares and accessible via a series of gravel roads. All licences remain valid.

A new Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was presented in 2021 and approved in February 2023 in respect of Mina Eureka, Mina Gino I, Mina Gino II, Mina Mason I, Mina Mason II, Mina Julio I, Mina Julio II, Mina Paul I, Mina Paul II, being the 9 northern most licences which are the intended focus of a future exploration programme. The new EIA approval covers environmental monitoring and a drill program encompassing 9 drill holes of 200-300 metres each. The Company will engage an environmental consultant to conduct the environmental monitoring in 2H 2023 and is seeking a joint venture partner to work with in relation to an exploration drilling programme.

Notwithstanding the absence of new exploration activities on-site during the period the directors, given their intention post COVID-19 in Argentina to focus on finding a joint venture partner for the project have assessed the value of the intangible asset having considered any indicators of impairment, and in their opinion, based on a review of the expiry dates of licences, future expected availability of funds to develop the Eureka Project and the intention to continue exploration and evaluation, no impairment is necessary. The capitalised cost at 30 June 2023 was £4,847,000.

8.2 Namibia

On 14 August 2020 the Company completed the acquisition of 100% of Virgo Resources Ltd and its interests in the Hope Copper-Gold Project in Namibia which comprise i) 70% of Hope and Gorob Mining Pty Ltd incorporated in Namibia which owns EPL5796, and ii) 80% of Hope Namibia Mineral Exploration Pty Ltd Incorporated in Namibia which owns EPL6605 and iEPL7170. The balance of the project is held by local Namibian partners.

JORC Resource: The Hope project area on EPL5796 contains a combined gross mineral resource within three closely-spaced deposits (namely Hope, Gorob-Vendome and Anomaly) of 10.18Mt at 1.89% Cu and 0.3 g/t Au at 0.7% Cu cut-off reported in accordance with the JORC code (2012), with 192kt of contained Cu and 3,190kg of contained Au. Approximately 30% of the Mineral Resource tonnage is classified in the Indicated Mineral Resource category with the balance in the Inferred Mineral Resource category and was based on 339 drill holes for a total of 63,855 metres.

The Hope deposit itself has an Indicated Mineral Resource of 3.09Mt @ 2.53% Cu and 0.84g/t Au at a 0.7% Cu cut-off. Historic drill intersections include 23.31m @ 1.59% Cu & 0.23g/t Au from 464.09m, including 9.68m @ 3.18% Cu & 0.42g/t Au from 477.17m (hole HDD82) and 10.12m @ 5.72% Cu & 0.56g/t Au from 525.57m (hole HDD91).

During 2022 on 7 February 2022, 15 March 2022, 14 June 2022 and 9 August 2022 the Company announced positive results in relation to exploration activities undertaken post acquisition which

support the Company's confidence in the Hope Copper-Gold Project. The 9 August 2022 announcement highlighted that; the Company has submitted a mining licence application for the Hope-Gorob copper-gold project area on EPL5796 to the Namibian authorities; the Mining Licence application is based on an updated Scoping Study completed in May 2022 by external consultants incorporating historic mineral resource estimates which did not yet include additional near-surface copper-gold resources generated by the Company's shallow drill programme completed in early 2022; the Scoping Study indicated that the potential for the development of a surface and underground copper mine exists at the Hope and Gorob deposits and recommended completion of the additional work required for optimisation of mine development plans including the work necessary to obtain granting of environmental permits and also recommended that further exploration work continues to fully define resource potential at these deposits; the shallow drilling completed in 2022 has continued to extend the strike and up-dip extension of mineralisation at both the Hope and Vendome prospects. The 2022 drillholes have added more than 1.5km to the mineralised strike length, with the potential to add significantly to the previously estimated mineral resource; and continuous copper and gold mineralisation has been intersected in drill intercepts over substantial downhole widths of up to 29.74m.

Reported downhole assay peak intercepts from the shallow drill programme on EPL5796 include:

- 4.6% Cu, 2.80g/t Au over 3.81m from 39.32m depth in hole VED001
- 2.4% Cu, 0.36g/t Au over 14.28m from 25.2m depth in hole HPD003
- 1.90% Cu, 0.36g/t Au over 9.30m from 33.80m depth in hole HPD005
- 1.49% Cu, 0.23g/t Au over 16.97m from 15.50m depth in hole HPD004

It was also noted that gold values typically return grades of approximately 0.3g/t Au providing a significant potential by-product value addition; and the drill programme was successful in confirming the presence of shallow mineralisation at three prospects to date. Results are sufficiently encouraging to warrant further drilling along strike to evaluate an estimated additional linear 10km or more of projected mineralisation never previously tested.

A renewal application has been made for EPL6605 to be renewed to 25 September 2024 which the Company anticipates will be granted once the Ministry of Mines and Energy review has been completed.

Post acquisition there have been no indications that any impairment provisions are required in relation to the carrying value of the Hope Copper-Gold Project. The capitalised cost at 30 June 2023 was £2,536,000.

8.3 Botswana

On 12 February 2021 the Company further to its announcement on 22 December 2020 announced the completion of the acquisition of 100% of Metrock Resources Ltd ("**Metrock**") and its manganese mineral exploration licences in Southern Botswana comprising the Kanye Manganese Project (the "**Kanye Manganese Project**"). The Kanye Manganese Project i) comprises a 1,668 sq. km land package with 125 km of potential on trend manganese mineralisation across the licences ii) has historical trenching results have yielded in the case on one prospect of between 53% and 74% manganese oxide ("MnO"), and iii) project area is near the ground of a TSX listed public company that has a preliminary economic assessment showing high rates of return based on a MnO grade of 27.3.

The Kanye Manganese Project comprises collection of five prospecting licenses, namely PLs 129/2019, 421/2018, 423/2018, 424/2018, and PL 425/2018 (the "**Project Licences**"), located in south-central Botswana south of the town of Jwaneng and west of the town of Kanye and 150 km by road from the capital Gaborone. The licenses cover a total area of 1,668 sq. km and provide the holder with the right to prospect for Metals. Four licenses are held by Cypress Sources Pty Ltd, a 100% owned subsidiary of Coastal Resources Pty Ltd which in turn is 100% owned by Metrock Resources Limited. The fifth licence PL 129/2019 is held by Coastal Minerals Pty Ltd which is 100% owned by Coastal Resources Pty Ltd.

Reconnaissance mapping, prospecting and sampling work on the Kanye property since acquisition in February 2021 (through October 2022) has been focussed on PL 129/2019 has highlighted the following; in relation to PL 129/2019 up to four historic manganese occurrences were successfully located and sampled in the field within an 8km-belt; 40 grab samples were obtained which assayed from traces up

to high-grade results of 67.18% MnO occurring at the Moshaneng borrow pit and 68.01% MnO at the Mheelo prospect; geological mapping indicates that the target horizon hosting high-grade manganese may extend continuously for at least 4km between the Loltware and Moshaneng prospects on the Bezant ground; laboratory assays from trench sampling by Bezant at the Loltware manganese prospect (announced on 22 March 2022) returned in-situ chip/grab sample peak results of 41.4% MnO, 49.23% MnO and 40.83% MnO from one metre wide zones of siliceous manganese mineralisation within a continuously mineralised zone of 40m @ 11.53% MnO; At the Moshaneng Borrow Pit, excavation of shallow clays by a local contractor for road fill has exposed further manganese-rich pods over a width of approximately 12-15m and a strike length of about 300m within a continuous 2km long soil anomaly.

Maiden drill testing for both the Moshaneng and Loltware targets commenced in October 2022 and comprised 11 mainly shallow, angled RC holes totaling 682m at Moshaneng prospect as well as one short diamond drill hole at Loltware prospect the results of which were announced on 9 February 2023 and highlighted; Moshaneng drilling intersected a zone of flat-lying detrital, supergene manganese-iron mineralisation which appears to infill an irregular karst surface over a minimum strike length of 400m; potential for at least another 100m of strike extension to the southeast of holes MS-RC-07 and MS-RC-012 would extend the total strike length to a minimum of 500m; less than 25% of the more than 2km potential extent of the target defined by soil geochemistry has been drill tested; grades compare favourably with reported grades on neighbouring more advanced manganese projects and therefore the Kanye project warrants detailed evaluation and drilling with a view to establishing the mineral resource potential; drilling at Loltware encountered encouraging manganese enhancement in core, warranting further investigation.

The Moshaneng drill results included the following assay intervals:

- 6m @ 28.64% MnO from 6m depth in hole MS-RC-12
 - Including 4m @ 35.38% MnO from 8m depth
- 3m @ 21.85% MnO from 4m depth in hole MS-RC-06
- 3m @ 21.20% MnO from 2m depth in hole MS-RC-07

Post the period end on 24 July 2023 and 6 September 2023 the Company announced the results of metallurgical test work at the Kanye project which in essence verify that manganese can be extracted from the deposit to produce leach solutions with high manganese concentrate via standard leaching processing technologies with extremely high recoveries.

Post-acquisition there have been no indications that any impairment provisions are required in relation to the carrying value of the Kanye Manganese Project.

The capitalised cost at 30 June 2023 was £1,052,000.

9. Borrowings

Borrowings Original 2022 Convertible Loan - Note (i)

	Consolidated	
	Unaudited	Audited
	30 June 2023	31 December
	£'000	2022
		£'000
Balance at beginning of year	623	-
Convertible loan receipts	-	700
Equity allocation	-	(154)
Finance charge accrued	77	77
Refinanced by Modified 2023 Convertible Loan	(700)	
	-	623

Borrowings Modified 2023 Convertible Loan - Note (ii)

	Consolidated
	Unaudited
	Audited

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	£'000	£'000
Balance at beginning of year	-	-
Original 2022 Convertible loan refinanced	700	-
Equity allocation	(272)	-
Finance charge accrued	7	-
	435	-

Note (i) As announced on 30 June 2022 the Company further to its announcement of 23 November 2021 confirmed that it had issued two drawdown notices of £350,000 each (“**Tranche 1**” and “**Tranche 2**”) for a total amount of £700,000 (the “**Original 2022 Convertible Loan**”) under its £1,000,000 interest free unsecured convertible loan funding facility with Sanderson Capital Partners Ltd (the “**Lender**”), a long-term shareholder in the Company (the “**Facility**”). The amount drawdown was interest free and repayable in 12 months or can be converted at any time at the Lender’s option into Bezant shares at fixed prices for Tranche 1 of £350,000, at 0.19 pence per share and for Tranche 2 of £350,000 at 0.225 pence per share. As the conversion feature results in the conversion of a fixed amount of stated principal into a fixed number of shares, it satisfies the ‘fixed for fixed’ criterion and, therefore, it is classified as an equity instrument. The value of the liability component of £546,000 and the equity conversion component of £154,000 were determined at the date of the drawdowns. The fair value of the liability component, included in current borrowings, at inception was calculated using a market interest rate for an equivalent instrument without conversion option. The discount rate applied was 25%.

Under the terms of the Facility the Lender is due;

a) a drawdown fee of £14,000 being 2% of the amount drawdown which was settled by the issue of 12,522,361 new ordinary shares of £0.00002 each (“**Shares**”) credited as fully paid at 0.1118 pence per share being the five-day VWAP on 28 June 2022 (the “**Drawdown Fee Shares**”); and
b) £350,000 of three year warrants over Shares (the “**Warrants**”). The exercise price for the Warrants are as follows:

- £175,000 at 0.25 pence per share for the drawdown of Tranche 1; and
- £175,000 at 0.30 pence per share for the drawdown of Tranche 2.

Note (ii) On 15 June 2023 the Company announced that it had agreed with the Lender to extend the repayment date for the £700,000 under the Original 2022 Convertible Loan so the £700,000 drawdown is now repayable by 23 December 2024 and convertible by the Lender at the fixed price of 0.08 pence per share (the “**New Conversion Price**”) and to the loan extension fees detailed below (the “**Modified 2023 Convertible Loan**”). No further amounts can be drawn down under the Facility.

As the conversion feature of the Modified 2023 Convertible Loan results in the conversion of a fixed amount of stated principal into a fixed number of shares, it satisfies the ‘fixed for fixed’ criterion and, therefore, it is classified as an equity instrument. The value of the liability component of £427,674 and the equity conversion component of £272,326 were determined at the date of the Modified Terms. The fair value of the liability component, included in current borrowings, at the date of the Modified 2023 Convertible Loan was calculated using a market interest rate for an equivalent instrument without conversion option. The discount rate applied was 25%.

Under IFRS 9, the terms of a modified financial liability at amortised cost are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms including any fees paid net of any fees received discounted using the original effective interest rate is at least 10% different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. Therefore the Original 2022 Convertible Loan is treated as repaid on 14 June 2023 and the Modified 2023 Convertible Loan as a new loan taken out on 14 June 2023.

The Company as a loan extension fee in relation to the Modified 2023 Convertible Loan i) paid the Lender a £70,000 facility extension and documentation fee equivalent to 6.67% per year which was settled by the issue of 87,500,000 new ordinary shares of 0.002p each (“**Shares**”) at the New

Conversion Price (“**Facility Extension Fee Shares**”); and ii) issued the Lender 437,500,000 warrants over Shares exercisable at 0.12 pence per Share (the “**Warrant Exercise Price**”) exercisable for two years from 14 June 2023 (the “**Facility Extension Fees**”). The Company has an option to convert all or part of the £700,000 drawdown if the Company’s share price exceeds 0.14 pence for 10 or more business days.

The New Conversion Price was at a 113% premium to the closing price of 0.0375 pence per share on 14 June 2023 and a 100% premium to the placing price in relation to the Company’s £750,000 fundraising announced on 12 April 2023. The Warrant Exercise Price is at a 220% premium to the closing price on 14 June 2023.

10. Share capital

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 £'000	Audited 31 December 2022 £'000
Number		
Authorised		
6,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 0.002p each ⁽¹⁾	120	100
5,000,000,000 deferred shares of 0.198p each ⁽²⁾	9,900	9,900
	10,000	10,000
Allotted ordinary shares, called up and fully paid		
As at beginning of the year	101	98
Share subscription	37	-
Shares issued in lieu of directors and management fees	4	1
Shares issued on exercise of warrants	-	1
Shares issued to settle third party fees	10	1
Total ordinary shares at end of year	152	101
Allotted deferred shares, called up and fully paid ⁽²⁾		
As at beginning of the period	1,978	1,978
Total deferred shares at end of period	1,978	1,978
Ordinary and deferred as at end of period	2,130	2,079
	Number of shares 30 June 2023	Number of shares 31 December 2022
<i>Ordinary share capital is summarised below:</i>		
As at beginning of the period	5,081,399,113	4,913,028,538
Share subscription	1,875,000,000	-
Shares issued in lieu of directors and management fees	218,700,942	100,000,000
Shares issued on exercise of warrants	-	41,562,500
Shares issued to settle third party fees	462,872,981	26,808,075
As at end of period	7,637,973,036	5,081,399,113
<i>Deferred share capital is summarised below:</i>		
As at beginning of the year ⁽¹⁾	998,773,038	998,773,038
As at end of period	998,773,038	998,773,038

⁽¹⁾ This is the number of ordinary shares which the directors were authorised to issue at the AGM on 23 August 2022. This authority was increased to 7,500,000,000 shares at the AGM on 28 July 2023.

⁽²⁾ The Deferred Shares have very limited rights and are effectively valueless as they have no voting rights and have no rights as to dividends and only very limited rights on a return of capital. The Deferred Shares are not admitted to trading or listed on any stock exchange and are not freely transferable.

	Unaudited	Audited
	30	31
	June	December
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
<i>The share premium was as follows:</i>		
As at beginning of year	39,507	39,303
Share subscription	713	-
Shares issued to settle third party fees	251	34
Shares issued in lieu of directors and management fees	171	128
Share issue costs	(81)	-
Warrants exercised	-	42
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<i>As at end of year</i>	40,561	39,507
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Each fully paid ordinary share carries the right to one vote at a meeting of the Company. Holders of ordinary shares also have the right to receive dividends and to participate in the proceeds from sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the total shares issued in the event of the Company winding up.

11. Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash outflow from operating activities

	Unaudited	Unaudited
	Six	Six
	months	months
	ended 30	ended 30
	June	June
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Operating loss from all operations	(463)	(348)
Share option expense	-	29
Shares issued – Directors fees	43	
Share issued - Consultants	19	
Shares issued – Legal/finance fees	70	-
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	20	(52)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	65	133
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Net cash outflow from operating activities	(246)	(238)
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12. Subsequent events

No significant events have occurred subsequent to the reporting date that would have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

13. Availability of Interim Report

A copy of these interim results will be available from the Company's registered office during normal business hours on any weekday at Floor 6, Quadrant House, 4 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW and can also be downloaded from the Company's website at www.bezantresources.com. Bezant Resources Plc is registered in England and Wales with company number 02918391.