



HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

31 December 2008

Corporate Information

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SHARE CAPITAL

At 31 December 2008, 95,611,392 fully paid ordinary shares, 450,000 partly paid shares to 1 cent (24 cents payable) and 5,960,000 employee share options.

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Directors' Report

Your Directors submit their report on the Consolidated Entity (the Group) consisting of PlatSearch NL (PTS or the Company) and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the half-year ended 31 December 2008.

DIRECTORS

The names of the Company's Directors in office during the half-year and until the date of this report are as below. Directors were in office for this entire period unless otherwise stated.

Patrick Elliott (Non-Executive Chairman, appointed 22 December 2008)

Robert J Waring (Executive Director)

Bob Richardson (Managing Director to 31 December 2008, Non-Executive Director from 1 January 2009)

Kwan Chee Seng (Non-Executive Director, appointed 17 February 2009), Kantilal Champaklal became an Alternate Director for Mr Kwan from 9 March 2009

Ray Soper (Non-Executive Chairman, resigned effective 31 December 2008)

REVIEW AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The net result of operations after applicable income tax expense for the half-year was a Group loss of \$5,864,741 (2007 – profit \$355,840), which includes the write-off of exploration expenditure in the current half-year of \$58,089 (2007 - \$48,196) and the write down of the previously recognised unrealised gains from derivative financial instruments of \$6,236,190. These derivative financial instruments are options in Western Plains Resources Ltd, Eastern Iron Limited, Chesser Resources Limited and Newport Mining Limited. The value of these options at 30 June 2008 was \$6,668,208 and this has fallen to \$432,018 at 31 December 2008.

The principal continuing activity of the PlatSearch Group is the exploration for economic deposits of **zinc, lead, silver, gold, nickel, iron ore, uranium, tin and mineral sands**. These activities are largely funded by joint ventures with other resource companies (see table below). In addition PlatSearch continues an active programme of project generation to identify and acquire prospective areas that can be efficiently advanced by PlatSearch to the drill target stage and then farmed out. Activities for the period up to the date of this report included:

- Assay results for the most recent five-hole drilling programme by Teck Cominco in the **Mundi Plains** tenement, near Broken Hill, NSW were received. The results show numerous high-grade zinc-lead-silver values over narrow intervals in MVT style mineralisation at the Dome Five prospect. The best interval recorded in the current work was 0.8m at 4.9% Pb, 19.2% Zn and 83 g/t Ag in hole DF6.
- Assay results were also received from a two-hole programme completed by Teck Cominco in the **Junction Dam** project, adjacent to Mundi Plains. No significant assays were returned and recently Teck elected to cease sole funding the JV.
- In the **Thomson Fold Belt**, Minotaur completed a nine-hole drilling programme over eight prospects with potential for base and precious metal deposits. All holes were targeted on magnetic anomalies in rock sequences interpreted to be similar to those found within the Cobar Basin. Three holes (at F16, F3 and F17 prospects) intersected iron sulphides potentially indicative for the existence of massive sulphide mineralisation. In addition, the drilling also intersected encouraging elevated geochemistry including high silver (up to 70.5 g/t) and tungsten (389ppm) over narrow intervals within the basement rocks. Further drilling is planned.
- PlatSearch signed a further JV with Minotaur over the Laurel and Glendara projects in the **Thomson Fold Belt**. This now brings to a total of seven JVs with Minotaur over nine exploration licences within this prospective region.

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- Assay results were received from four diamond holes drilled by Newcrest at the **Benagerie** project. These holes were targeting discrete magnetic anomalies considered to be prospective for Olympic Dam-style copper-gold-uranium mineralisation, however, no significant assays were returned.

- At **Hollis Tank**, assay results were received for the two RC percussion holes completed by joint venturer Minotaur. At the Great Goulburn prospect, drillhole 08RCHT02 intersected an 18 metre thick zone of quartz-magnetite-pyrite rock from 51 metres. Significant results include 8 metres (52 – 60 metres) at 0.16% Co, 0.091% Cu, and 0.38 g/t Au or 16 metres (52 – 68 metres) at 0.12% Co, 0.075% Cu, and 0.3 g/t Au. These results are comparable to assays from previous drilling by Australian Anglo-American. Minotaur has withdrawn from the joint venture.

- Agreements were initiated between PlatSearch and **Silver City Mining** for Silver City to acquire extensive tenement packages in the Broken Hill region. Settlement took place in February 2009. Silver City raised pre-IPO funding of \$1.34 million and commenced exploration work on the Mulyungarie and Euriowie projects. Negotiations by Silver City were also advanced with CBH to acquire its ownership rights and interests in a number of projects in the Broken Hill region including the **ZincSearch** JV.

JOINT VENTURE	REGION	FUNDED BY
Klongobangee	Thomson Belt, NSW	Minotaur
Mt Pleasant	"	Minotaur
Kanga	"	Minotaur
Monolon	"	Minotaur
Pirillie	"	Minotaur
Tringadee	"	Minotaur
Lauraglen	"	Minotaur
Mundi Plains	"	Teck Cominco
Eastern Iron Project	Cobar Region, NSW	Eastern Iron
Benagerie	Curnamona Craton, SA	Newcrest
Callabonna	"	Red Metal
Quinyambie	"	Red Metal
Junction Dam	"	Teck Cominco
Kalabity	"	Crossland Uranium
Coondambo	Gawler Craton, SA	Marathon
Pathfinder	"	Newport Mining
Lilleyvale	Mt Isa Block, QLD	WCP Resources
Horse Creek	"	Red Metal
Hillston	Broken Hill	Perilya

- Results from the auger drilling programme by Crossland Uranium Mines at the **Kalabity** project identified a substantial area of elevated uranium values up to 235ppm U at the Tabita prospect. Further drilling is planned to commence in early 2009 to determine the depth and lateral extent of this mineralisation.
- Newport Mining commenced discussions with aboriginal groups to gain access rights to the **Pathfinder** project in the western Gawler Craton. Newport plans to undertake exploration for Sudbury-style nickel sulphide deposits and iron-oxide associated copper-gold deposits.
- Red Metal completed drilling targeting a strong gravity and magnetic anomaly at the **Horse Creek** project, Queensland. The hole intersected a banded biotite-quartz-magnetite metasediment with up to 5% pyrite. Sericite and magnetite alteration was evident. No assaying was undertaken.
- Field inspection of proposed drilling sites at **Callabonna and Quinyambie, SA** by the Native Title holders was delayed by wet weather. Consequently, a planned drilling programme to test targets for roll-front type uranium deposits by Red Metal has been delayed until early 2009.
- Ground magnetic and gravity surveys on four prospects in the **Wynbring** tenement in South Australia confirmed the presence of iron-rich units, likely to be banded iron formation, at each prospect. These four prospects lie within 2.5 and 7.0 kilometres from the main Trans Australia railway that connects to Whyalla (and ultimately Port Bonython) to the east and Esperance in the west. The potential for heavy mineral (HM) sands in the tenement has been highlighted by an announcement during the quarter by

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Iluka Resources (17 November 2008) of a significant HM sands discovery close the southern border of PlatSearch's tenement.

- A drilling programme at Hawks Nest completed by **Western Plains Resources** between August and October 2008 has increased the resource estimate for the haematite BIF zones at Hawks Nest (see WPG website). Western Plains is actively working on strategies to allow it to commence exports of its iron ore earlier than is currently possible from the proposed new facilities at Port Bonython.

PlatSearch holds 6.375 million WPG ordinary shares, 1.375 million options exercisable at \$0.25 and 3.475 million options exercisable at \$0.35. At 9 March 2009 WPG shares were trading at \$0.15.

- **Eastern Iron Limited** completed further substantial drilling on 10 prospect areas with 4,271 metres completed in 335 scout holes. Numerous intersections of iron rich gravel have been defined within extensive palaeochannels. Initial metallurgical tests indicate that the gravels grading 15-20% iron in the ground can be upgraded to a concentrate of around 50% iron by a single pass through a low cost magnetic separator. Further metallurgical work is now in progress to fine tune potential process routes and to generate likely concentrate specifications for initial marketing work.

PlatSearch holds 16,000,000 ordinary Eastern Iron shares (ASX Code: EFE) and 5,000,000 Eastern Iron options (exercise price 35 cents and expiry date of 19 December 2012). PlatSearch's wholly owned subsidiary Bluestone 23 Limited holds 5,000,000 EFE shares. Together this represents a total of approximately 45% of Eastern Iron. At 9 March 2009 EFE shares were trading at \$0.07. In addition to its shareholding in Eastern Iron, PlatSearch holds a 20% joint venture interest in the 15 tenements that Eastern Iron is exploring for iron ore, free-carried until the completion of a favourable feasibility study and then PlatSearch will contribute or may convert to a 2% NSR royalty interest.

Changes to the **PlatSearch Board and Management** were announced to the ASX on 18 December 2008. Bob Richardson retired as Managing Director and Ray Soper resigned as Chairman and Director. Pat Elliott has been appointed Chairman and Greg Jones as Chief Executive. Bob Richardson will continue as a Non-Executive Director and consultant.

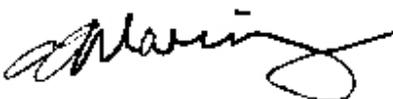
SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No event has occurred subsequent to 31 December 2008 requiring disclosure in, or amendment to, these financial statements, other than the finalisation of a sales agreement with Silver City Mining Limited (SCI). In February 2009 the Group sold interests in nine exploration licences in the Broken Hill district of NSW with a carrying value of \$85,242 at 31 December 2008 to SCI. The consideration to PlatSearch for the sale of the interest in the tenements was the issue of 4,500,000 ordinary SCI shares and 3,000,000 SCI options. In addition the Group received 9,715,500 performance shares which will only have value and convert to ordinary shares in the event that SCI lists on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) by 30 June 2010 and the share price exceeds \$0.50 for a continuous period of 30 days within two years of listing on the ASX.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 17.

Signed at Sydney this 13th day of March 2009 in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



R J WARING
Director

Income Statement

For the half-year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	Consolidated	
		31 Dec 08 \$	31 Dec 07 \$
REVENUE	4	259,992	913,792
Salaries and employee benefits expense net of salaries and on costs recharged to exploration projects		(108,237)	(6,723)
Superannuation		(47,619)	(40,346)
Depreciation expense		(5,115)	(2,857)
ASX and ASIC fees		(25,728)	(18,686)
Directors' fees		(5,775)	(5,500)
Exploration expenditure written-off		(58,089)	(48,196)
Contract administration services		(108,000)	(103,799)
Operating lease rental expense		(21,247)	(19,280)
Auditors' remuneration		(43,864)	(23,529)
Share registry costs		(4,983)	(6,099)
Share-based compensation		-	(36,975)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(47,849)	(62,196)
Loss on options	10	(6,236,190)	-
Share of net losses of associate accounted for using the equity method	9	(61,485)	-
PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		(6,514,189)	539,606
Income tax benefit/(expense)	5	649,448	(183,766)
PROFIT (LOSS) AFTER INCOME TAX EXPENSE		(5,864,741)	355,840
NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF PLATSEARCH NL		(5,864,741)	355,840
Earnings per share			
■ Basic profit (loss) per share (cents per share)	16	(6.66)	0.42
■ Diluted profit (loss) per share (cents per share)	16	(6.66)	0.40

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2008

		Consolidated	
	Note	31 Dec 08	30 Jun 08
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,415,199	743,767
Receivables	7	56,630	44,723
Total Current Assets		1,471,829	788,490
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and equipment		15,603	8,702
Investments	8	1,343,250	7,952,750
Investment in associates	9	2,179,531	2,259,444
Derivative financial instruments	10	432,018	6,668,208
Tenement security deposits		137,500	115,500
Deferred exploration and evaluation expenditure	11	632,647	582,516
Total Non-Current Assets		4,740,549	17,587,120
TOTAL ASSETS		6,212,378	18,375,610
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		90,226	73,091
Provisions		13,896	6,146
Total Current Liabilities		104,122	79,237
Non-Current Liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	5	-	2,646,398
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	2,646,398
TOTAL LIABILITIES		104,122	2,725,635
NET ASSETS		6,108,256	15,649,975
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	14	10,711,609	9,710,609
Reserves	15	1,290,439	5,968,417
Retained earnings (accumulated losses)		(5,893,792)	(29,051)
TOTAL EQUITY		6,108,256	15,649,975

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the half-year ended 31 December 2008

Consolidated	Attributable to the shareholders of PlatSearch NL				
	Note	Issued Equity \$	Accumulated Losses \$	Reserves \$	Total Equity \$
AT 1 JULY 2007		9,345,609	(2,265,380)	6,359,323	13,439,552
Change in fair value of investments available for sale (net of tax)	8	-	-	(281,552)	(281,552)
Profit for the period		-	355,840	-	355,840
Total income and expenses for the period		-	355,840	(281,552)	74,288
Issue of share capital		8,400	-	-	8,400
Share issue costs recognised directly in equity		(8,400)	-	-	(8,400)
Share options	11	-	-	36,975	36,975
AT 31 DECEMBER 2007		9,345,609	(1,909,540)	6,114,746	13,550,815
Change in fair value of investments available for sale (net of tax)		-	-	(177,673)	(177,673)
Profit for the period		-	1,880,489	-	1,880,489
Total income and expenses for the period		-	1,880,489	(177,673)	1,702,816
Issue of share capital		358,400	-	-	358,400
Share-based payments		-	-	37,944	37,944
Transfer from share-based payment reserve		6,600	-	(6,600)	-
AT 30 JUNE 2008		9,710,609	(29,051)	5,968,417	15,649,975
AT 1 JULY 2008		9,710,609	(29,051)	5,968,417	15,649,975
Change in fair value of investments available for sale (net of tax)	8	-	-	(4,659,550)	(4,659,550)
Share of associate's equity not included in the income statement	9	-	-	(18,428)	(18,428)
(Loss) for the period		-	(5,864,741)	-	(5,864,741)
Total income and expenses for the period		-	(5,864,741)	(4,677,978)	(10,542,719)
Issue of share capital	14	1,001,000	-	-	1,001,000
AT 31 DECEMBER 2008		10,711,609	(5,893,792)	1,290,439	(6,108,256)

Statement of Cash Flows

For the half-year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	Consolidated	
		31 Dec 08	31 Dec 07
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Payment to suppliers and employees		(410,467)	(341,205)
Consultancy fees		212,859	15,650
Interest received		19,094	32,549
Rental income		28,039	5,000
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		<u>(150,475)</u>	<u>(288,006)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of plant and equipment		(12,016)	(373)
Expenditure on mining interests (exploration)		(98,077)	(231,816)
Tenement security deposits paid		(22,000)	(90,000)
Purchase of shares – investments		(47,000)	(30,000)
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u>(179,093)</u>	<u>(352,189)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from issue of shares		1,001,000	8,400
NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		<u>1,001,000</u>	<u>8,400</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		671,432	(631,795)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		743,767	1,194,382
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	6	<u>1,415,199</u>	<u>562,587</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial report of PlatSearch NL (PlatSearch or the Company) for the half-year ended 31 December 2008 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 12 March 2009. PlatSearch is a company incorporated in Australia as a No Liability company.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in Note 3.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

The half-year financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Company as the full financial report.

The half-year financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual Financial Report of PlatSearch as at 30 June 2008.

It is also recommended that the half-year financial report be considered together with any public announcements made by PlatSearch during the half-year ended 31 December 2008 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

(a) Basis of Preparation

The half-year consolidated financial report is a general-purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The half-year financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis except for disclosures relating to Available for Sale Investments, which have been measured at fair value.

For the purpose of preparing the half-year financial report, the half-year has been treated as a discrete report period.

(b) Significant Accounting Policies

The half-year consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008.

Certain Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations have been recently issued or amended but are not yet effective. These standards have not yet been adopted by PlatSearch NL in the 31 December 2008 half-year financial report. The Directors are in the process of finalising their assessment of the impact of these standards and interpretations to the extent relevant to the Company.

(c) Basis of Consolidation

The half-year consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of PlatSearch NL and its subsidiary (the Group). The financial statements of the subsidiary are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies. All inter-company balances and transactions, including unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions, have been eliminated in full. The subsidiary is consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group. The Group includes PlatSearch NL and its wholly owned subsidiary (refer Note 12).

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group operates predominantly in the one business segment and in one geographical area, namely Australian mineral exploration and evaluation and investment in mineral exploration and development companies.

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4. REVENUE

	Consolidated	
	31 Dec 08	31 Dec 07
	\$	\$
Gain on options	-	862,593
Interest received – other persons/corporations	19,094	32,549
Rental income	28,039	3,000
Consulting fees	212,859	15,650
	259,992	913,792

5. INCOME TAX

Prima facie income tax expense (benefit) on operating profit (loss) at 30%	(1,954,257)	161,881
<i>Deferred income tax</i>		
Tax losses not recognised	1,281,639	-
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary timing differences	23,170	21,885
Income tax expense (benefit)	(649,448)	183,766

No provision for income tax is required in respect of the Group for the period ended 31 December 2008.

The Group has a deferred income tax liability of \$1,286,439 (June 2008 - \$5,079,328) largely associated with revaluation of investments classified as available for sale and derivative financial instruments. This liability has been brought to account and offset by a deferred tax asset attributed to available tax losses.

Recognition has been given to a deferred income tax asset of \$1,286,439 (June 2008 - \$2,432,930), which arose from the available tax losses. An additional deferred income tax asset of \$1,281,639 has not been brought to account.

No franking credits are available for subsequent years.

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Consolidated	
	31 Dec 08	30 Jun 08
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	207,767	243,767
Short-term deposits	1,207,432	500,000
	1,415,199	743,767

7. RECEIVABLES - CURRENT

Trade receivables	49,158	27,957
Other receivables	7,472	16,766
	56,630	44,723

8. INVESTMENTS

Investments – available for sale – WPG (a)	1,211,250	7,713,750
Investments – available for sale – CHZ (b)	30,000	145,000
Investments – available for sale – NMN (c)	52,000	91,000
Investments – available for sale – SCI (d)	50,000	3,000
	1,343,250	7,952,750

- (a) The PlatSearch interest in Western Plains Resources Ltd (WPG) is 8.0% at 31 December 2008. The market value on ASX of PlatSearch's 6,375,000 shares in Western Plains Resources Ltd at 31 December 2008 was \$1,211,250 (\$0.19 per share) and on 9 March 2009 it was \$956,250 (\$0.15 per share).

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- (b) In March 2007 the Company purchased 500,000 shares in Chesser Resources Limited (CHZ) for \$30,000. The market value on ASX of PlatSearch's shares in CHZ at 31 December 2008 was \$30,000 (\$0.06 per share) and on 9 March 2009 was \$50,000 (\$0.10 per share).
- (c) In December 2007 the Group purchased 500,000 shares and options in Newport Mining Limited (NMN) for \$30,000 and purchased an additional 20,000 shares for \$4,000 in January 2008. The market value on ASX of the Group's shares in NMN at 31 December 2008 was \$52,000 (\$0.10 per share) and on 9 March 2009 was \$41,600 (\$0.08 per share).
- (d) In May 2008 the Group purchased 30,000 shares in Silver City Mining (SCI) for \$3,000 and in September 2008 purchased an addition 470,000 shares in SCI for \$47,000. This represents approximately 3.7% of the issued capital of SCI at 31 December 2008. The shares were recorded at a total cost of \$50,000 at the half-year end as these shares were not listed on ASX and therefore the fair value could not be reliably estimated.

9. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES

	Consolidated	
	31 Dec 08	30 Jun 08
	\$	\$
Investment accounted for using the equity method	2,179,531	2,259,444

In July 2007 Eastern Iron Limited (EFE) was incorporated with PlatSearch as its sole shareholder. In the period July 2007 to January 2008 the Group acquired 21,000,000 shares and 5,000,000 options in EFE for \$535,090 (made up of a cash investment of \$200,090 and consideration for the sale of 15 tenements of \$335,000). This equity purchase was part of a capital raising programme by EFE which culminated in EFE issuing a prospectus, issuing 25,000,000 new shares and trading on ASX in May 2008. At completion of the EFE share offer in May 2008, at 30 June 2008 and at 31 December 2008, the PlatSearch Group had a 45.65% interest in EFE, diluted from the previous 100% ownership at 31 December 2007. During November 2008 EFE issued a Prospectus for a pro rata bonus issue of options exercisable at \$0.12 before expiry on 19 December 2010. The options were issued in December 2008 on the basis of one option for every two shares held and accordingly the Group received 10,500,000 options for no additional consideration.

The Group's interest in EFE has been brought to account as an investment in an equity accounted associate in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 128 Investments in Associates as the Directors consider that significant influence exists.

Interest in Associate Name	Balance date	Ownership interest held
		31 Dec 08
Eastern Iron Limited – ordinary shares	30 June	45.65%
(i) Principal activity EFE is an Australian minerals explorer		
(ii) Share of associate's losses		
Share of associate's:		
- net loss before income tax – 1 July to 31 December 2008		(61,485)
- income tax expense attributable to net profit		-
Share of net profits after income tax		<u>(61,485)</u>

The Group's share in any retained profits or reserves of the associated company are not available to PlatSearch until such time as those profits and reserves are distributed by the associated company.

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Interest in Associate		31 Dec 08
Name		
(iii)	Carrying amount of investment in associate	
	Balance at the beginning of the financial period	2,259,444
	- share of associate's net losses for the financial period	(61,485)
	- share of associate's equity	(18,428)
	Carrying amount of investment in associate at the end of the financial period	<u>2,179,531</u>
(iv)	Share of associate's assets and liabilities:	
	Current assets	1,693,553
	Non-current assets	516,324
	Current liabilities	(30,346)
	Net assets	<u>2,179,531</u>
(v)	Accumulated losses of the Company attributable to the associate:	
	Balance at the beginning of the financial period	(11,148)
	Share of associate's net losses	(61,485)
	Balance at the end of the financial period	<u>(72,633)</u>
(vi)	The market value on ASX of the PlatSearch Group's 21,000,000 shares in EFE at 31 December 2008 was \$1,260,000 (\$0.05 per share) and on 9 March 2009 it was \$1,470,000 (\$0.07 per share).	

10. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	Consolidated	
	31 Dec 08	30 Jun 08
	\$	\$
Share options – WPG (a)	209,818	4,555,708
Share options – CHZ (b)	33,800	343,200
Share options – EFE (c)	123,000	1,689,000
Share options – EFE (d)	21,000	-
Share options – NMN (e)	44,400	80,300
	432,018	6,668,208

- (a) PlatSearch holds 3,475,000 options in WPG with an exercise price of 35 cents (expiry date 28 September 2009) and 1,375,000 options in WPG with an exercise price of 25 cents (expiry date 28 September 2009). A valuation of these options has been obtained using the Binomial valuation methodology model and the following assumptions: expected volatility of 112.05%, risk-free interest rate of 3.21%, dividend yield nil and an option life of 0.75 years. This results in a fair value of \$209,818 at 31 December 2008.
- (b) As part of the Wynbring joint venture agreement with CHZ, PlatSearch holds 2,000,000 options with an exercise price of 35 cents and an expiry date of 29 May 2011. A valuation of these options has been obtained using the Binomial valuation methodology model and the following assumptions: expected volatility of 111.91%, risk-free interest rate of 3.21%, dividend yield nil and an option life of 2.4 years. This results in a fair value of \$33,800 at 31 December 2008.
- (c) PlatSearch holds 5,000,000 options in EFE with an exercise price of \$0.35 (expiry date 19 December 2012). A valuation of these options has been obtained using the Binomial valuation methodology model and the following assumptions: expected volatility of 101.58%, risk-free interest rate of 3.51%, dividend yield nil and an option life of 4.0 years. This results in a fair value of \$123,000 at 31 December 2008.

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- (d) The PlatSearch Group holds 10,500,000 listed options in EFE with an exercise price of \$0.12 (expiry date 19 December 2010). The market value on the ASX of the Group's 12 cent options in EFE at 31 December 2008 was \$21,000 (based on a market value of \$0.002) and on 9 March 2009 was \$21,000 (\$0.002).
- (e) As part of the Pathfinder joint venture agreement with NMN, PlatSearch subsidiary Bluestone 23 holds 1,000,000 options with an exercise price of \$0.35 and an expiry date of 31 December 2011. A valuation of these options has been obtained using the Binomial valuation methodology model and the following assumptions: expected volatility of 109.70%, risk-free interest rate of 3.21%, dividend yield nil and an option life of 3.0 years. This results in a fair value of \$44,400 at 31 December 2008.

11. DEFERRED EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURE

	Consolidated	
	31 Dec 08	30 Jun 08
	\$	\$
Costs brought forward	582,516	664,637
Costs incurred during the period	108,220	244,218
Tenements sold during the period	-	(205,000)
Expenditure written off during the period	(58,089)	(121,339)
Costs carried forward	<u>632,647</u>	<u>582,516</u>

12. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY

At 31 December 2008 the Company had one subsidiary, Bluestone 23 Limited (Bluestone), which was incorporated on 31 August 2007.

In August 2007 the Company acquired 50,000 shares in Bluestone for \$5,000. At 31 December 2008 PlatSearch's investment represented a 100% interest in Bluestone.

At 31 December 2008 the Company's interest in Bluestone was consolidated in accordance with Note 2(c).

13. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Since the last annual reporting date, there has been no change of any contingent liabilities or contingent assets.

14. ISSUED CAPITAL

Share capital

95,611,392 ordinary shares fully paid (June 2008 – 87,911,392)	10,707,109	9,706,109
450,000 ordinary shares paid to \$0.01 with \$0.24 unpaid (June 2008 – 450,000)	4,500	4,500
	<u>10,711,609</u>	<u>9,710,609</u>

On 22 December 2008 the Company issued 7,700,000 shares at an issue price of \$0.13, which raised \$1,001,000.

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15. RESERVES

	Consolidated	
	31 Dec 08	30 Jun 08
	\$	\$
Share-based compensation reserve	373,468	373,468
Investment revaluation reserve	935,399	5,594,949
Other	(18,428)	-
	1,290,439	5,968,417

The share-based compensation reserve represents the cumulative expense associated with the options issued to employees and Directors.

The investment revaluation reserve arises in connection with the accounting for the investments as per Note 8.

The other reserve represents the Group's share of the associate's equity not included in the income statement.

16. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic loss per share (cents per share) 6.66 cents (2007 – 0.42 cents profit).

Diluted loss per share (cents per share) 6.66 cents (2007 – 0.40 cents profit).

Weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue used in the calculation of basic and diluted profit (loss) per share is 88,055,967 (2007 – 85,011,246).

	Consolidated	
	31 Dec 08	31 Dec 07
	\$	\$
Profit (loss) used in calculating basic and diluted profit (loss) per share	(5,864,741)	355,840

Conversion, call, subscription or issue after 31 December 2008: Since the end of the financial half-year there have been no other conversions to, call of, or subscriptions for ordinary shares or issues of potential ordinary shares since the reporting date and before the completion of these financial statements.

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No event has occurred subsequent to 31 December 2008 requiring disclosure in, or amendment to, these financial statements, other than the finalisation of a sales agreement with Silver City Mining Limited (SCI). In February 2009 the Group sold interests in nine exploration licences in the Broken Hill district of NSW with a carrying value of \$85,242 at 31 December 2008 to SCI. The consideration to PlatSearch for the sale of the interest in the tenements was the issue of 4,500,000 ordinary SCI shares and 3,000,000 SCI options. In addition the Group received 9,715,500 performance shares which will only have value and convert to ordinary shares in the event that SCI lists on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) by 30 June 2010 and the share price exceeds \$0.50 for a continuous period of 30 days within two years of listing on the ASX.

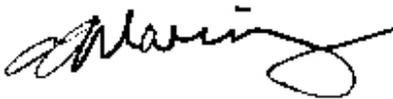
Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of PlatSearch NL, I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- a) the financial statements and notes of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - i) give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and the performance for the half-year ended on that date of the consolidated entity; and
 - ii) comply with the Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board

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R J Waring
Director

Sydney, 13 March 2009



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To the members of PlatSearch NL

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of PlatSearch NL, which comprises the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, and the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statement for the half-year ended on that date, other selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year end or from time to time during the half-year.

Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 Review of Interim and Other Financial Reports Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001. As the auditor of PlatSearch NL and the entities it controlled during the half-year, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, 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 Australian Auditing Standards 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.

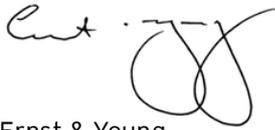
Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration.

Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of PlatSearch NL is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2008 and of its performance for the six months ended on that date; and
- ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.



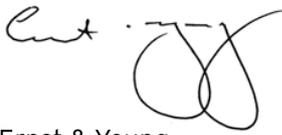
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Gary Daniels
Partner
Sydney
13 March 2009

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Platsearch NL

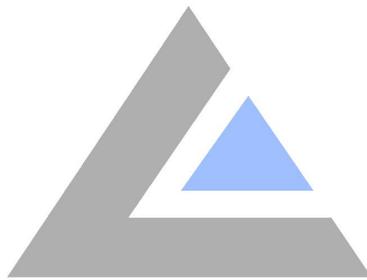
In relation to our review of the financial report of Platsearch NL for the half-year ended 31 December 2008, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.

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Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gary Daniels'.

Gary Daniels
Partner
13 March 2009



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