

# KATORO GOLD PLC

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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## **CORPORATE DIRECTORY**

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#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to present Katoro Gold's Annual Financial Statements for the financial year ending on 31 December 2022. This past year has been dedicated to consolidating our efforts at Katoro as we pursue the development of strategic projects in the precious minerals' exploration arena. Simultaneously, we have remained agile, adjusting our strategies to meet the evolving demands of the industry and associated markets.

## **Exploration and Development**

Throughout 2022, we continued to advance our exploration and development activities in Tanzania given prevailing funding constraints. On the Haneti Project, we successfully completed our diamond drill program into host rock and analysed geophysical fresh rock data from drill samples gathered at depth as announced in a Company RNS dated 31 May 2022. This allowed us to refine our approach by enhancement of the geological modelling and focus on specific target areas for future endeavours. As the Haneti Project holds substantial promise in terms of its size and scope and with the completion of the first Haneti program, we can now look to resume discussions with potential project partners to delve into the findings in greater depth, although noting that due to this funding uncertainty as at 31 December 2022, management has applied a provision for impairment against the carrying value of the intangible asset to the value of £209,500.

Furthermore, we have forged a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) in collaboration with Lake Victoria Gold (LVG) to advance the Imweru Gold Project. (see announcement of 7 March 2022). Under the Agreement, Lake Victoria Gold Limited became the 80% shareholder of Kibo Gold Limited, Cypriot subsidiary of Katoro Gold plc, on the date of the Agreement with Katoro Gold plc owning the remaining 20%. Prior to the implementation of the above "Joint Venture Agreement", Katoro Gold plc held 200 ordinary shares in the equity of Kibo Gold Limited, constituting 100% of the issued share capital in the company. LVG is actively progressing the adjacent Imwelo Gold Project, which is in an advanced stage of development. The strategic integration of these two projects is expected to enhance their overall fundability, accelerating their joint progress and maximizing the potential for successful exploitation of the combined gold mining venture in the future.

During the latter part of the year, Katoro Gold conducted a thorough evaluation of several new projects with the aim of diversifying its portfolio geographically. Our objective was twofold: to mitigate country-specific risks and enhance our existing portfolio. We sought to achieve this by investigating the strategic acquisition of opportunities that offer significant value and align with our overarching goal of establishing ourselves as a prominent African-focused company specializing in strategic exploration and development of precious minerals. This remains a focus for the Company.

## **Corporate and Post Year-End Developments**

The Company successfully secured supplementary funding during the first quarter of 2023 to drive our strategic objectives and fulfil general working capital requirements.

Following the termination of the Nominated Advisor (NOMAD) agreement with RFC Ambrian Ltd, as stated in the 22 December 2022 RNS, the Company proceeded to appoint Beaumont Cornish Limited as its new NOMAD. This appointment was made in accordance with Rule 1 of the AIM Rules for Companies, as announced in a Company RNS on 10 January 2023.

On 3 April 2023, the Company announced the successfully conclusion of a next fundraise through which an amount of £150,000 (gross) was raised at 0.1 pence per share, through a placing by SI Capital. The placing comprised of £130,000 raised by SI Capital and the directors subscribed for a further £20,000. Proceeds from said placing will be utilized for ongoing working capital and to conclude the project assessment process and consolidation referred to earlier in this report.

#### **Future Outlook**

Looking ahead, I have great confidence in the future prospects of Katoro Gold, as do the Board of Directors. We believe that our current efforts to consolidate and enhance the Katoro exploration portfolio along with additional opportunities we continue to access, could unlock significant value for shareholders.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our shareholders, employees, and stakeholders for their continued support and dedication to Katoro Gold through what can only be described as a very difficult and challenging year, during which progress was not always up to expectation. We are however well-positioned for 2023 and confident that it will be a year in which there will be significant progress and value creation.

This report was approved on 8 June 2023 by:

Louis Coetzee **Executive Chairman** 

The Board of Directors present their strategic report together with the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 of Katoro Gold PLC (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group").

## Principal activities

The principal activity of the Group is gold and nickel focussed exploration activities in Tanzania and South Africa.

#### Review of business in the year

The Group is in its early stage of development and details of the operational activities of the Group are included in the Chairman's report.

#### Financial activities

Description		31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	Note	£	£
Administrative expenses		(664,682)	(689,396)
Share based payment transactions		-	(195,241)
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains		(407)	15,471
Impairments	6 & 16	(224,966)	-
Loss on disposal of subsidiary	8	(75,922)	
Share in loss in associate	16	(4,408)	
Exploration expenditure		(285,374)	(284,463)
Other income		-	1,029
Finance income		5,260	10,121
Taxation		(61)	-
Loss for the period		(1,250,560)	(1,142,479)

The marginal increase in the loss year-on-year, as disclosed in the table above and in the statement of comprehensive income, is mainly owing to the following causes:

- Decrease in administrative expenses due to decrease in operational activities during the current period;
- The decrease in administrative expenses should however be read together with the increase in "Share of loss in associate" since the Kibo Gold expenditure was accounted for as a subsidiary in 2021, but from March 2022 Kibo Gold is accounted for as an associate.
- No share-based payment transactions took place in the current financial year.
- There was an impairment of the Haneti assets, mainly because the next phase of the Haneti drill programme is not formalised, and the related funding has not been raised.

No shares were issued during the year ending December 2022. Therefore, the marginal decrease in loss per share is due to the reasons stated above in the analysis of the year-on-year loss for the period.

#### **Key performance indicators**

Management does not consider there to be any key financial KPI's at this stage, other than the loss per share for the period, which is included in the statement of comprehensive income. As and when operational activities increase management will reconsider the key financial KPI's and update the necessary disclosures accordingly. Non-financial KPI's comprise the measure of advancement with respect to the various key exploration projects over the medium to long term.

## **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

The realisation of exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the discovery and successful development of economic mineral reserves and is subject to a number of significant potential risks summarised as follows, and described further below:

- · financial instrument & foreign exchange risk;
- strategic risk;
- funding risk;
- commercial risk;
- operational risk;
- · speculative nature of mineral exploration and development;
- political stability; and
- foreign investment risks including increases in taxes, royalties and renegotiation of contracts.

#### Financial instrument and foreign exchange risk

The Company and Group are exposed to risks arising from financial instruments held and foreign exchange transactions entered into throughout the period. These are discussed in Note 19 to the Annual Financial Statements.

#### Strategic risk

Significant and increasing competition exists for mineral acquisition opportunities throughout the world. As a result of this competition, the Group may be unable to acquire rights to exploit additional attractive mining properties on terms it considers acceptable. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Group will acquire any interest in additional operations that would yield reserves or result in commercial mining operations. The Company expects to undertake sufficient due diligence where warranted to help ensure opportunities are subjected to proper evaluation.

#### Funding risk

In the past the Group has raised funds via equity contributions from new and existing shareholders, thereby ensuring the Group remains a going concern until such time that revenues are earned through the sale or development and mining of a mineral deposit. There can be no assurance that such funds will continue to be available on reasonable terms, or at all in future. The Directors regularly review cash flow requirements to ensure the Group can meet financial obligations as and when they fall due.

For further related disclosure refer to the going concern evaluation in the Directors' report. It includes the evaluation of the going concern assumption due to the funding risk. The section discloses the information that has been taken into account, how the risks were evaluated and mitigated.

#### Commercial risk

The mining industry is competitive and there is no assurance that, even if commercial quantities of minerals are discovered, a profitable market will exist for the sale of such minerals. There can be no assurance that the quality of the minerals will be such that the Group properties can be mined at a profit. Factors beyond the control of the Group may affect the marketability of any minerals discovered. Mineral prices are subject to volatile price changes from a variety of factors including international economic and political trends, expectations of inflation, global and regional demand, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates and global or regional consumption patterns, speculative activities and increased production due to improved mining and production methods. Ultimately, the Group expects that prior to a development decision, a project would be the subject of a feasibility analysis to ensure there exists an appropriate level of confidence in its economic viability.

## Operational risk

Mining operations are subject to hazards normally encountered in exploration, development and production. These include unexpected geological formations, rock falls, flooding, dam wall failure and other incidents or conditions which could result in damage to plant or equipment or the environment and which could impact any future production throughout. Although it is intended to take adequate precautions to minimise risk, there is a possibility of a material adverse impact on the Group's operations and its financial results. The Company will develop and maintain policies appropriate to the stage of development of its various projects.

## Staffing and Key Personnel Risks

Recruiting and retaining qualified personnel is critical to the Group's success. The number of persons skilled in the acquisition, exploration and development of mining properties is limited and competition for such persons is intense. While the Company has good relations with its employees, these relations may be impacted by changes in the scheme of labour relations which may be introduced by the relevant governmental authorities. Adverse changes in such legislation may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition. Staff are encouraged to discuss with management matters of interest to the employees and subjects affecting day-to-day operations of the Group.

### Speculative Nature of Mineral Exploration and Development

In addition to the above there can be no assurance that the current exploration programmes will result in profitable mining operations.

The recoverability of the carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on the successful discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the achievement of profitable operations, and the ability of the Group to raise additional financing, if necessary, or alternatively upon the Company's ability to dispose of its interests on an advantageous basis. Changes in market conditions could require material write downs of the carrying value of the Group's assets.

Development of the Group's mineral exploration properties is, amongst others, contingent upon obtaining satisfactory exploration results and securing additional adequate funding. Mineral exploration and development involves substantial expenses and a high degree of risk, which even a combination of experience, knowledge and careful evaluation may not be able to adequately mitigate. The degree of risk reduces substantially when a Group's properties move from the exploration phase to the development phase.

The discovery of mineral deposits is dependent upon a number of factors including the technical skill of the exploration personnel involved. The commercial viability of a mineral deposit, once discovered, is also dependent upon a number of factors, including the size, grade and proximity to infrastructure, metal prices and government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals, and environmental protection. In addition, several years can elapse from the initial phase of drilling until commercial operations are commenced.

#### Political Stability

The Company is conducting its activities in Tanzania and South Africa. The Directors believe that the Governments of Tanzania and South Africa support the development of natural resources by foreign investors and the Directors actively monitor the situation on an ongoing basis. However, there is no assurance that future political and economic conditions in Tanzania and South Africa will not result in the respective governments adopting different policies regarding foreign development and ownership of mineral resources. Any changes in policy affecting ownership of assets, taxation, rates of exchange, environmental protection, labour relations, repatriation of income and return of capital, may affect the Company's ability to develop the projects.

#### Uninsurable Risks

The Group may become subject to liability for accidents, pollution and other hazards against which it cannot insure or against which it may elect not to insure because of prohibitive premium costs or for other reasons, such as amounts which exceed policy limits.

Foreign investment risks including increases in taxes, royalties and renegotiation of contracts

The Group is subject to risk arising from the ever-changing economic environment in which its subsidiaries operate, mainly driven by the changing regulatory environment governing corporate taxation, transfer pricing and other investment related operational activities. The Group continues to re-assess its investment decisions in order to limit exposure to the ever-changing regulatory environment in which it operates.

## **Section 172 Report**

Section 172(1)(a) to (f) of the Companies Act 2006 requires each director to act in the way he or she considers would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole, with regard to the following matters:

## a. The likely consequences of any decision in the long-term

Katoro is a mining exploration and development Company. By their natures mining exploration and development projects are complex, capital intensive, last many years and involve a varied group of stakeholders. As such it is extremely important that the board considers all decisions made by the Company in the context of their long-term impact on the Company. Consequences of such decisions include (but are not limited to) the impact on all stakeholders (with particular care towards local communities), impact on environmental issues in and around project areas and the financial impact on the Company and its ability to function effectively. Katoro Gold is meticulous in its planning, as is required for permitting processes in the mining exploration and development sector. As such, the Company prepares detailed planning documents before initiating any major work programme. Such planning documents assess a variety of factors from community and environmental issues to technical geological and project funding matters. Where appropriate the Company provides copies of these reports on its website (<a href="https://www.katorogold.com">www.katorogold.com</a>) or releases excerpts via the London Stock Exchange's Regulatory News Service.

#### b. The interests of the company's employees

The health and safety of Katoro Gold's employees is of paramount concern to the board. It is imperative that Katoro Gold provides a safe and secure working environment for all staff. The Company conducts regular Health & Safety reviews and ensures that any operational plans are subject to rigorous scrutiny in their creation and constant monitoring during their implementation.

The Company is a responsible employer in respect to the approach it takes towards employee and contractor pay, benefits and other terms of engagement as it develops. These are constantly reviewed.

While the Board is all male at the date of this report, it is committed to fair and equal gender opportunity and fostering diversity, subject to ensuring appointees are appropriately qualified and experienced for their roles. The Group acknowledges that as it expands its operations, it will be to its benefit to align the composition of its Boards and profile of its management and staff to reflect balance in the ethnicity and gender of its personnel.

## Analyses of gender of Group personnel during reporting period:

	Male	Female	Other
Board	5	0	0
Management	1	4	0
Employees	No direct employees	No direct employees	No direct employees

#### c. The need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others

Mining exploration and development projects involve a diverse and varied group of stakeholders. These include (but is not limited to) the Company's employees, government officials, local communities, financial backers, shareholders and other suppliers. The Company adopts a transparent and open stance in its dealings with all stakeholders to help build trust. Mining exploration and development projects can only succeed with the full support of all involved.

The board has oversight of the procurement and contract management processes in place and receives regular updates on any matters of significance, as well as approving the awarding of large contracts. The board ensures the Company fully adheres to the Bribery Act 2010 2010 by means of Anti-Corruption & Bribery and Whistle-Blowing policies that is implemented.

#### d. The impact of the company's operations on the community and environment

Mining exploration and development projects can have a significant impact on local communities and the environment. The board constantly reviews the impact of its operations on local communities and the environments. Where required, the Company completes detailed surveying work (such as Environmental Impact Assessments) and, where necessary, applies for relevant permits. Such processes require diligence and concentrated effort.

The board ensures it maintains positive relations with local communities, by engaging in local programmes and providing secure employment opportunities.

## e. The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

As a listed company, Katoro Gold's reputation for the high standards of its business conduct is paramount. The board makes every effort to ensure it maintains these.

The Company is subject to the disclosure requirements of the AIM Rules for Companies and Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure Transparency Rules. These comprehensive set of rules enforce a strict discipline upon the Company in terms of the manner, timeliness, subjectivity and content of its public disclosures.

Katoro Gold is also required to complete an annual audit. This is a rigorous analysis of the Company's operations and review of the Company's policies. The results of this are published each year in the Company's Annual Report.

Katoro Gold also publishes on its website an "AIM 26 Disclosure" (<a href="https://katorogold.com/investors/aim-rule-26">https://katorogold.com/investors/aim-rule-26</a>), which details much of the manner in which the Company is run.

Katoro Gold is committed to corporate governance and adheres to the QCA Corporate Governance Code. The Company's corporate governance statement can be found here <a href="https://katorogold.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/QCA-Statement.pdf">https://katorogold.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/QCA-Statement.pdf</a>.

## f. The need to act fairly as between members of the company

As a listed Company, Katoro Gold is committed to treating its shareholders fairly and delivering shareholder value.

Katoro Gold is registered in England and Wales and is subject to the Companies Act 2006. The Company is also subject to the UK City Code on Takeovers and Mergers. The Company's articles of association, which help define some of the actions between the Company and its shareholders, can be found here <a href="https://katorogold.com/investors/corporate-documents">https://katorogold.com/investors/corporate-documents</a>

This report was approved by the Board on 8 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Louis Coetzee

**Executive Chairman** 

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

Our Company is dedicated to upholding a high standard of corporate governance. As Chairman, it remains my responsibility, working with my fellow Board members, to ensure that good standards of corporate governance are encompassed throughout the Company. As a Board, we set clear expectations regarding our culture, values and behaviours. We firmly believe that by encouraging the right way of thinking and behaving across all our people, our corporate governance culture is reinforced, enabling us to conduct business sustainably, responsibly and deliver value for our shareholders.

It is the Board's role to ensure that the Group is managed for the long-term benefit of all shareholders, with effective and efficient decision-making. Corporate governance is an important part of that role, reducing risk and adding value to our business.

The Company has adopted the Quoted Companies Alliance Corporate Governance Code (the "QCA Code"). This statement sets out how the Company complies with, and where relevant departures from, the 10 principles of the QCA Code.

#### 1. Establish a strategy and business model which promote long-term value for shareholders

Katoro Gold's primary focus is on advancing and developing its Tanzanian and South African projects. The Company is also in the process of reviewing other exploration and mining projects in the region, with a view to building a diversified mining portfolio. The objective is two- fold: to mitigate country specific risk and enhance the existing portfolio. On the Haneti project we successfully completed the diamond drilling program. This enables us to focus on specific target areas in future endeavours. The majority of Katoro's resources will be used to fund the continued development of the Company's projects.

The Board sets the Company's strategy and monitors its implementation through management and financial performance reviews. It also works to ensure that adequate resources are available to implement strategy in a timely manner. The Company has set out a strategy and business model to promote long-term value for shareholders and will update all shareholders on this in the annual reports for each year.

The Board identifies and evaluates key challenges and appropriately manage these challenges. Among other, challenges include to raise sufficient funding for projects identified in the region; competitiveness in the market; the quality of mineral resources that are identified during exploration; and the economic viability of projects. The Board meet on a regular basis to discuss the strategic direction of the Company and any significant deviation or change will be highlighted promptly should this occur.

The Strategic Report of the Company can be found on pages 4 to 8.

#### 2. Seek to understand and meet shareholder needs and expectations

The Company is committed to listening to, and communicating openly with, its shareholders to ensure that its strategy, business model and performance are clearly understood. The Company regards the annual general meeting as a good opportunity to communicate directly with shareholders via an open question and answer session. The Board lead by the Executive Chairman is also responsible for understanding and meeting shareholder needs and expectations. Due to the size of the Company, there is no dedicated investor relations department, and the Executive Chairman is responsible for reviewing all communications received from investors and will determine the most appropriate response.

In addition, the Company's progress on achieving its key targets is regularly communicated to investors via presentations and through its announcements to the market which can be at <a href="https://www.katorogold.com">www.katorogold.com</a>.

The Company also utilises professional advisers such as the Company's NOMAD, Broker, Auditor, Investor and Media Relations Adviser, professional accounting consultants and the Company Secretary who provide advice and recommendations on shareholder communication.

Contact details are provided on the Company's website and within public documents should shareholders wish to communicate with the company.

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# 3. Take into account wider stakeholder and social responsibilities and their implications for long-term success

The Board believes its main stakeholders in addition to its investors are its employees, suppliers, consultants, members of local communities where the Company undertakes development activities. The Board is committed to understanding the requirements and needs of its stakeholders, meetings are regularly held by management to discuss engagement and feedback and the Board lead by the Executive Chairman is also responsible for fostering and improving open communication and contact with relevant stakeholders of the Group. The business model identifies key resources and relationships on which the business relies by way of the Board's relevant experience, strategic direction, and regular assessment. The Board lead by the Executive Chairman obtains feedback from stakeholders via various channels, most notably stakeholder engagements and its AGM, and any required relevant actions are then formulated and implemented accordingly.

# 4. Embed effective risk management, considering both opportunities and threats, throughout the organisation

The Board regularly reviews the risks facing the business and the internal controls which are in place to address risks. In order to support its duties and responsibilities the Board implements control procedures that assess and manage risk and ensure robust financial and operational management within the Company. The principal risks that the Company is exposed to can be classified under the general headings of exploration risk, commodity risk, price risk, currency risk and political risk, strategic risk, operational risk, funding and foreign investment risk. A more detail analysis of the principal risks can be found on pages 4 to 6 within the Company's annual report.

The audit committee is tasked with identifying, analysing and reporting on risk during the financial period, nevertheless it is also part of the everyday function of the Directors and is managed at Board level too.

Accepting that no systems of control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss, the Directors believe that the established systems for internal control within the Company are appropriate to the business.

### 5. Maintain the board as a well-functioning, balanced team led by the Chairman

The Board acknowledge their responsibility for, and recognise the importance of implementing and maintaining, high standards of corporate governance. The Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining the system of internal controls. The Company subscribes to the values of good corporate governance at all levels and is committed to conduct business with discipline, integrity and social responsibility.

The Board currently comprises of an Executive Chairman and four Non-executive Directors. Short biographies of the Directors appointed to the Board can be found within the Directors' Report on pages 12 to 13. The Directors' Report also includes details of the Committees and the number of meetings held during the year with the attendance record of each Director. The role of each of the Board's committees can also be found on pages 17 to 18.

The QCA Code recommends that the Chair and Chief Executive should not be the same person. Currently Louis Coetzee acts as Chairman and Chief Executive. The Directors believe that given the size of the Company and its stage of development, it is appropriate for the Company to currently have an Executive Chairman, though they will continue to monitor this on an ongoing basis as the Company grows and develops. For the same reason, the Board have not appointed a Senior Independent Director.

Directors are expected to devote such time as is necessary for the proper performance of their duties. Overall, it is anticipated that directors will spend a minimum of two (2) days a month on work for the Company. The nature of the role makes it impossible to be specific about the maximum time commitment. The Board is of the view that the Chairman and each of the Directors who held office during 2022 committed sufficient time to fulfilling their duties as members of the Board.

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#### 6. Ensure that between them the directors have the necessary up-to-date experience, skills and capabilities

The Board has a diverse range of skills, experience and personal qualities that help deliver the strategy of the Company. The Company will ensure that, between them, the Directors have the necessary up-to-date experience, skills and capabilities to deliver the Company's strategy and targets. The directors are members of a regulated professional bodies (e.g., lawyers, chartered accountants, geologists) and must comply with their respective body's continued professional development requirements. Each Director's biographical details, along with a description of their role and experience, can be found within the Directors' Report on pages 12 to 13.

## 7. Evaluate board performance based on clear and relevant objectives, seeking continuous improvement

Given the Company's current size, the Board has not considered it necessary to undertake an assessment of the Board performance and effectiveness.

#### 8. Promote a corporate culture that is based on ethical values and behaviours

The Company operates a corporate culture that is based on ethical values and behaviours. It does maintain a quality system appropriate to the standards required for a Company of its size. The Board communicates regularly with staff through meetings and messages. The culture is consistent with the company's objectives, strategy and business model per the strategic report by way of regular assessment and strategic direction by the Board.

The Company also has a Corporate Social Responsibility Policy, details of which can be found on page 18 of the Directors' Report.

# 9. Maintain governance structures and processes that are fit for purpose and support good decision-making by the board

The Board sets the direction for the Company through a formal schedule of matters reserved for its decision. The Executive Chairman implements the strategy for the Company and regularly reports to the Board or progress as well as continually engaging with the Company's shareholders and stakeholders. The Board has a schedule of matters reserved for its review and approval, such items include, Group strategy, approval of major capital expenditure projects, approval of the annual and interim results, annual budgets, dividend policy and Board structure. It monitors the exposure to key business risks and reviews the strategic direction of all trading subsidiaries, their annual budgets, their performance in relation to those budgets and their capital expenditure. The Board delegates day-to-day responsibility for managing the business to the Executive Chairman and the senior management team.

The Board and Committees along with the matters reserved for each are explained within the Directors' Report on pages 17 to 18. Further information can also be found on the Company's website <a href="www.Katorogold.com">www.Katorogold.com</a>.

# 10. Communicate how the company is governed and is performing by maintaining a dialogue with shareholders and other relevant stakeholders

Under AIM rule 26 the Company already publishes historical annual reports, notices of meetings and other publications which can be found on the Company's website <a href="www.Katorogold.com">www.Katorogold.com</a>. The Board has not published Audit Committee or Remuneration Committee reports in the Company's latest annual report and accounts. The Board feels that this is appropriate given the size and stage of development of the Company.

In regard to a general meeting of the Company once the meeting has concluded the results of the meeting are released through a regulatory news service and a copy of the announcement is posted on the Company's website. If it became relevant an explanation of actions where a significant proportion of votes (e.g., 20% of independent votes) is cast against a resolution would be provided.

This report was approved by the Board on 8 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Louis Coetzee

**Executive Chairman** 

The Board of Directors present their Annual Report together with the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 of Katoro Gold plc ("the Company") with registered number 09306219 and its subsidiaries (collectively "the Group").

The Board comprises of an Executive Director and four Non-Executive Directors. As the Company evolves, the Board composition is reviewed and expanded on if necessary to ensure appropriate expertise are in place at all times to support its business activities. The Directors' skillset is kept up to date as disclosed in the Corporate Governance report on page 11.

The Board is responsible for formulating, reviewing and approving the Company's strategy, budgets, major items of capital expenditure and acquisitions. An agenda and all supporting documentation are circulated to all Directors before each Board Meeting. Open and timely access to all information is provided to all Directors to enable them to bring independent judgement on issues affecting the Company and facilitate them in discharging their duties.

Throughout the financial year, and up to the date of this report post year end, the Board of Directors comprised the following members, who served as Directors of the Company:

- Louis Coetzee Chairman (Executive Director)
- Louis Scheepers (Non-Executive Director)
- Myles Campion (Non-Executive Director)
- Paul Dudley (Non-Executive Director)
- Lukas Marthinus Maree (Tinus Maree) (Non-Executive Director)

#### Louis Coetzee, BA, MBA, Age 58 - Chairman (Executive)

Louis has over 26 years' experience in business development, promotion and financing in both the public and private sectors. In recent years, he has concentrated on the exploration and mining area where he has founded, promoted and developed several junior mineral exploration companies based mainly on Tanzanian assets. Previous roles include Vice-President of Canadian listed Great Basin Gold (TSX: CBG) whilst other current roles include CEO of Kibo Mining plc (AIM and AltX listed). Louis has tertiary qualifications in law and languages, project management, supply chain management and an MBA from Bond University (Australia) specialising in entrepreneurship and business planning and strategy.

#### Louis Scheepers, Age 65 - (Non-Executive)

Louis is an experienced project manager with more than 20 years' experience of practical project development and execution in the mining and extractive industry. He has gained valuable experience in mineral exploration, feasibility studies and greenfield mining projects, spending much time in South, Central and East Africa, as well as the Middle East. Other positions he has held include CEO of Mzuri Exploration Services Ltd as well as the executive responsible for project development at TSX, NYSE and JSE listed Great Basin Gold Ltd after completing a stint as mining consultant.

#### Myles Campion, BSc, MSc, Age 54 - (Non-Executive)

Myles has a comprehensive background in all technical and financial facets of the resources sector, specialising internationally in resource evaluation and project assessment. This follows a 10-year career as an exploration and mine site geologist in Australia covering base metals and gold. He holds a BSc (Hons) in Geology from University of Wales College, Cardiff and an MSc (MinEx) from the Royal School of Mines in London, and also holds a Graduate Diploma of Business (Finance).

His financial experience ranges from Australian and UK equities research through to project and debt financing in London, covering the entire spectrum of mining companies with an extensive knowledge of the global resources market covering the three main bourses, the Toronto Stock Exchange, AIM and the ASX. This knowledge was applied effectively as a Fund Manager at Oceanic Asset Management, where he managed the Australian Natural Resources Fund, an Open-Ended Investment Company (OEIC) traded in London, steering the fund to an outperforming 50 per cent. return over five years.

#### Paul Dudley, BSc, FCA, Age 51 - (Non-Executive)

Paul is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Accountants of England and Wales and is a Member of the UK's Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment. He co-founded HD Capital Partners Ltd in 2010, a corporate advisory business. Whilst at stockbroking firm WH Ireland, Paul acted as the corporate finance adviser on numerous flotations, fundraisings and provided advice on takeovers and other transactions in the private and public arena.

Earlier in his career, Paul was seconded to the listing department of the London Stock Exchange, and he also worked at Sigma Capital plc, a venture capital investment firm, where he advised on investment into emerging growth companies. He began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

#### Lukas Marthinus (Tinus) Maree, BLC, LLB, Age 61 - (Non-Executive)

Tinus is a lawyer by profession. He has served on the boards of a number of public companies including Kibo Mining plc., Goldsource Mines Limited, Africo Resources Limited and Diamond works Limited that have made significant successful investments in exploration projects in Africa and North America, and has more recently served as the CEO of private investment companies Rusaf Gold Limited and Mzuri Capital Group Limited, both of which have successfully developed and sold mineral projects in Russia and Tanzania in the last seven years. He was also a founder principal of River Group, Designated Advisors to the listing of Kibo on the JSE and was responsible for its Canadian office until his retirement from the Group in 2013 to pursue personal interests.

#### **Review of Business Developments**

As set out in the Chairman's Report and review of activities, Katoro Gold's primary focus is on advancing and developing its Tanzanian and South African projects. Accordingly, the majority of Katoro's resources will be used to fund the continued development of the Company's existing projects.

#### Results

The result for the year amounted to a total comprehensive loss of £1,153,334 for the year ended 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: loss of £1,144,641).

#### Joint Venture Agreement with Lake Victoria Gold Limited

Following the default in settlement of the outstanding purchase consideration receivable from Lake Victoria Gold Limited related to the sale of the Imweru Gold Project, the Group entered into a Joint Venture Agreement ('Agreement') with Lake Victoria Gold ('LVG') for the development of the Company's Imweru Gold Project ('Project'). Under the Agreement, LVG will earn up to 80% in the Project, with the balance of 20% being held by Katoro as a carried interest effectively losing control of Kibo Gold Limited and its fully owned subsidiaries Savannah Mining Limited and Reef Miners Limited.

The administrative process to finalise registration of the sale transaction, and therefore trigger ongoing milestone payments due to Katoro, was subsequently indefinitely delayed due to unforeseen statutory barriers related to the transfer of ownership at project level. This created a situation where no definitive schedule date could be established for transfer of ownership and issue of the relevant milestone convertible loan notes. In light of this unsustainable situation the Company and LVG agreed to cancel the sale transaction and to enter into a Joint Venture instead. Refer to the Chairman's Report for further details.

### **Post Statement of Financial Position Events**

At the general meeting held on 15 March 2023 a resolution was passed whereby the share capital was subdivided. Before the subdivision the Company had 460,412,593 ordinary shares of £0.01 each after the subdivision the Company had 460,412,593 New Ordinary Shares of £0.001 each. The Board believes that the proposed subdivision of share capital will provide the Company with more flexibility regarding its future funding options and improve trading liquidity in a very challenging market.

In April 2023 the Company has raised £150,000 (gross) at 0.1 pence per share, through a placing by SI Capital of £130,000 and Directors' subscription of £20,000, both of which will be used to fund the Company's ongoing working capital requirements (the 'Fundraise').

The Company has also issued £59 085 of new ordinary shares at 0.1 pence per share in settlement of accrued director fees outstanding. Each Financing Share has an attaching warrant to subscribe for a further new Ordinary Share at an exercise price of 0.2 pence per warrant, with a life to expiry of 3 years from the Financing Shares admission.

#### **Directors' Interests**

Directors may own shares in the company as regulated by AIM and the MAR rules, which has a standard share dealing code. The Directors complied to the requirements during the year under review.

The interests of the Directors (held directly and indirectly), who held office at the date of approval of the financial statements, in the share capital of the Company are detailed below.

## Ordinary Shares (held directly and indirectly)

Directors	8 June 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Louis Coetzee	22,666,667	666,667	666,667
Louis Scheepers	12,666,667	666,667	666,667
Myles Campion	14,416,667	2,416,667	2,416,667
Paul Dudley	12,918,433	1,833,333	1,833,333
Tinus Maree	22,666,667	666,667	666,667

## Warrants (held directly and indirectly)

Directors	8 June 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Louis Coetzee	22,333,334	333,334	333,334
Louis Scheepers	12,333,333	333,333	333,333
Myles Campion	12,333,333	333,333	333,333
Paul Dudley	11,418,433	333,333	333,333
Tinus Maree	22,333,333	333,333	333,333

Louis Coetzee is also a director of Kibo Energy Plc, a significant shareholder.

## **Share Options**

Directors	8 June 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2021	Options as % of current issued share capital
Louis Coetzee	8,082,330	8,082,330	8,082,330	1.75%
Louis Scheepers	4,594,478	4,549,478	4,549,478	1%
Myles Campion	4,991,165	4,991,165	4,991,165	1%
Paul Dudley	4,991,165	4,991,165	4,991,165	1%
Tinus Maree	4,991,165	4,991,165	4,991,165	1%

For further detail surrounding the ordinary shares and share options please refer to Note 12 of the annual financial statements.

## **Director's Remuneration**

Directors	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Louis Coetzee	£36,000	£36,000
Louis Scheepers	£36,000	£36,000
Myles Campion	£36,000	£40,233
Paul Dudley	£39,843	£40,233
Tinus Maree	£36,000	£36,000

There were no other elements of Director's remuneration incurred in the period, other than the those stated above, namely share options, warrants and cash payments.

There have been no other contracts or arrangements of significance during the period in which Directors of the Company, or their related parties, were interested.

## **Directors' Meetings**

The Company held the following Board and Committee meetings during the reporting period and the number of meetings attended by each of the Directors of the Company during the year to 31 December 2022 were:

Name	Plc Board	Audit and Risk Committee	Disclosure and AIM Rules Compliance Committee	Nomination Committee	Remuneration Committee
Louis Coetzee	12/12	-	1/1	-	-
Louis Scheepers	11/12	-	-	-	-
Myles Campion	11/12	2/2	-	1/1	1/1
Paul Dudley	11/12	2/2	1/1	1/1	1/1
Tinus Maree	11/12	2/2	-	1/1	1/1

## **Overview of Remuneration Policy**

The Company's policy for the remuneration of the Company's Directors is that it should be structured to attract and retain executives of a high calibre with the skills and experience necessary to successfully grow the Company. The objective of the policy is to help deliver long-term value for shareholders by enabling the efficient and effective delivery of the Company's strategy as outlined in the Strategic Report.

When determining levels of remuneration, the Company will review the remuneration practices adopted by peer companies both in the market generally and in the same business sector as the Company.

The Company believes that a significant portion of the remuneration package of senior executives should be linked to performance while maintaining an appropriate balance between fixed and variable pay, short-term and long-term variable pay, and rewards in cash and shares. The Company, by considering recommendations from the Remuneration, Nominations & Governance Committee, will regularly review the Company's remuneration policies to ensure that these policies do not encourage and reward inappropriate risk-taking that may not be in the best interests of shareholders. It will also ensure that its remuneration policy aligns with the Company's corporate and financial governance policies as well as all regulatory and listing regulations. As the Company's Board grows, it will establish a separate standalone Remuneration Committee to exclusively deal with remuneration policy matters.

The Company will strive to align its remuneration policy to the principles below, which are taken from the 2018 UK Corporate Governance Code:

*Clarity* – remuneration arrangements should be transparent and promote effective engagement with shareholders and the workforce.

Simplicity – remuneration structures will avoid complexity and their rationale and operation should be familiar to all stakeholders and be easy to understand.

*Risk* – remuneration arrangements should ensure reputational and other risks from excessive rewards and behavioural risks that can arise from target-based incentive plans are identified and mitigated.

*Predictability* – the range of possible values of rewards to individual directors and any other limits or discretions should be identified and explained at the time of approving the policy.

*Proportionality* – the link between individual awards, the delivery of strategy and the long-term performance of the Company should be clear. Outcomes should not reward poor performance.

 $\label{light} \emph{Alignment to culture} \ - \ \text{incentive schemes should drive behaviours consistent with Company purpose, and in consistency with the Group's purpose, values and strategy.}$ 

The Company is currently developing a detailed remuneration policy on the above principles, and this will provide a framework and baseline for future remuneration reports.

#### **Significant Shareholdings**

The Company has been informed that, in addition to the interests of the Directors, at 31 December 2022 and at the date of this report, the following shareholders own 3% or more beneficial interest, either direct or indirect, of the issued share capital of the Company, which is considered significant for disclosure purposes in the annual financial statements:

Percentage of Issued Share Capital			
Shareholder	[•]2023	31 December	31 December
		2022	2021
Kibo Energy plc	14,36%	20.88%	20.88%
Richard Edwards	3,73%	N/A	N/A
Adrian Crucefix	3,66%	N/A	N/A
Sanderson Capital Partners	- N/A	4.34%	4.35%
Ltd	•		

#### **Subsidiary Undertakings**

Details of the Company's subsidiary undertakings are set out in Note 15 to the annual financial statements.

#### **Political and Charitable Donations**

During the period, the Group made no charitable or political contributions (2021: £ nil).

## **Going Concern**

In the past the Group has raised funds via equity contributions from new and existing shareholders, thereby ensuring the Group remains a going concern until such time that revenues are earned through the sale or development and mining of a mineral deposit. There can be no assurance that such funds will continue to be available on reasonable terms, or at all in future.

The Directors regularly review cash flow requirements to ensure the Group can meet financial obligations as and when they fall due. In performing the going concern assessment, the Board considered various factors, including the availability of cash and cash equivalents, data relating to working capital requirements for the foreseeable future, available information about the future, possible outcomes of planned events, and the responses to such events and conditions that would be available to the Board.

The Group currently generates no revenue and had a net liability position of £230,908 as at 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: net assets of £922,426). As at year end, the Group had liquid assets in the form of cash and cash equivalents of £49,596 and no other financial asset balances receivable (2021: £827,956 and £nil).

Considering the net current liability position of £230,908, the Directors have reviewed the cash flow forecasts, based on the existing budget, and evaluated to prior year actuals. The forecast includes estimates and assumptions regarding future costs and the timing of these. The financial forecast does not include non-committed expenditure.

There is a material uncertainty related to the above events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and, therefore, that it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

The Directors continue to consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Refer to the note to the financial statements on page 33 on Going Concern where plans to deal with the shortfall and the possible sources of funding are described.

## **Environmental responsibility**

The Company recognises that its activities require it to have regard to the potential impact that it, its subsidiaries and partners may have on the environment. Where exploration and development works are carried out, care is taken to limit the amount of disturbance and where any remediation works are required, they are carried out as and when required.

SECR reporting is not required since the energy consumption was less than 40 000 kWh during the year under review.

#### **Dividends**

There have been no dividends declared or paid during the current financial period (2021: £Nil).

#### **Corporate Governance Policy**

The Board is aware of the importance to conform to its statutory responsibilities and industry good practice in relation to corporate governance of the Group and as a result has adopted the Quoted Companies Alliance Corporate Governance Code (the "QCA Code"). The Company's statement of compliance against the QCA code is set out on pages 9 to 11.

#### Role of Directors

All Board members ensure that appropriate governance procedures are adhered to and there is a clear division of responsibilities at Board level to ensure a balance of power and authority so that no one individual has unfettered powers of decision making.

The Executive Chairman implements the strategy for the Company and regularly reports to the Board or progress as well as continually engaging with the Company's shareholders and stakeholders. Further roles of the Executive Chairman are disclosed in the Corporate Governance report on page 10.

Board and Audit Committee meetings have been taking place periodically and the executive Director manages the daily Company operations with Board meetings taking place on a regular basis throughout the financial period. During the current reporting period, the Board met twelve times and provided pertinent information to the Executive Committee of the Company. An agenda and supporting documentation are circulated in advance of each meeting.

All the Directors bring independent judgement to bear on issues affecting the Group and all have full and timely access to information necessary to enable them to discharge their duties. The Directors have a wide and varying array of experiences in the industry.

The Board is responsible for effective control over the affairs of the Company, including strategic and policy decision-making financial control, risk management, communication with stakeholders, internal controls and the asset management process. The Board has reserved decision-making on a variety of matters, including determining strategy for the Group, reviewing and monitoring executive management performance and monitoring risks and controls.

The Audit and Risk Committee were tasked with, amongst other things, identifying, analysing and reporting on risk during the financial period.

Directors are entitled, in consultation with the Chairman, to seek independent professional advice about the affairs of the Company, at the Company's expense.

#### **Audit and Risk Committee**

The Audit and Risk Committee consists of Paul Dudley as Chairman, Myles Campion and Tinus Maree.

The Audit and Risk Committee has set out its roles and responsibilities within its charter and ensured that it is aligned to good financial governance principles.

These include:

- the establishment of an Audit and Risk Committee to guide the audit approach, as well as its modus operandi and the rules that govern the audit relationship;
- assess the processes relating to and the results emanating from the Group's risk and control environment;
- monitoring the integrity of the Group's integrated reporting and all factors and risks that may impact on reporting;
- annually reviewing the expertise, appropriateness and experience of the finance function;
- annually nominating the external auditors for appointment by the shareholders;
- reviewing developments in governance and best practice;
- foster and improve open communication and contact with relevant stakeholders of the Group; and
- assessing the external auditor's independence and determining their remuneration.

The Audit and Risk Committee further sets the principles for recommending the external auditors for non-audit services use.

The Audit and Risk Committee met twice during the current year to approve the Interim and Annual Report and recommend approval to the Board.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The members of the Remuneration Committee are Myles Campion as Chairman, Paul Dudley and Tinus Maree.

The purpose of the Remuneration Committee is to discharge the responsibilities of the Board relating to all compensation, including equity compensation of the Company's Executives. The Remuneration Committee establishes and administers the Company's executive remuneration with the broad objective of aligning executive remuneration with Company performance and shareholder interests, setting remuneration standards aimed at attracting, retaining and motivating the executive team, linking individual pay with operational and Company performance in relation to strategic objectives; and evaluating compensation of executives including approval of salary, equity and incentive-based awards.

The committee is empowered by the Board to set short, medium and long-term remuneration for the Executive Directors. More generally, the committee is responsible for the assessment and approval of a Board remuneration strategy for the Group.

#### **Nomination Committee**

The members of the Nomination Committee are Myles Campion as Chairman, Paul Dudley and Tinus Maree.

The Nomination Committee is responsible for considering and making recommendations to the Board in respect of appointments to the Board. It is also responsible for keeping the structure, size and composition of the Board under regular review, and for making recommendations to the Board with regard to any changes necessary, as well as succession planning, taking into account the skills and expertise that will be needed on the Board in the future.

## **Disclosure and AIM Rules Compliance Committee**

The members of the AIM Rules Compliance Committee are Paul Dudley as Chairman and Louis Coetzee.

The role of the disclosure and AIM Rules compliance committee is to oversee the Company's compliance with the AIM Rules and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules which require the Company to disclose, in the prescribed manner, as soon as possible, any inside information directly concerning the Company, unless an exemption from disclosure is available. The Disclosure Committee is also, amongst other things, responsible for maintaining and monitoring the adequacy of procedures, systems and controls for the identification, treatment and disclosure of inside information and for complying with other disclosure obligations falling on the Company under the AIM Rules, the Market Abuse Regulation and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

### **Internal Audit**

The Company does not have an internal audit function. Currently the operations of the Group do not warrant an internal audit function, however the Board is assessing the need to establish an internal audit department considering future prospects as the Group's operations increase. During the period the Board has taken responsibility to ensure effective governance, risk management and that the internal control environment is maintained.

#### Health, Safety and Environmental Policy

The Group is committed to high standards of Health, Safety and Environmental performance across our business. Our goal is to protect people, minimize harm to the environment, integrate biodiversity considerations and reduce disruption to our neighbouring communities. We seek to achieve continuous improvement in our Health, Safety and Environmental performance.

## **Corporate Social Responsibility Policy**

The Group's policy is to conduct all our business operations to best industry standards and to behave in a socially responsible manner. Our goal is to behave ethically and with integrity and to respect cultural, national and religious diversity.

#### **Governance of IT**

The Board is responsible for IT governance as an integral part of the Group's governance as a whole. The IT function is not expected to significantly change in the foreseeable future. The Board has the required policies and procedures in place to ensure governance of IT is adhered to.

## **Integrated and Sustainability Reporting**

Integrated Reporting is defined as a "holistic and integrated representation of the Group's performance in terms of both its finances and its sustainability". The Group currently does not have a separate integrated report. The Board and its sub-committees are in the process of assessing the principles and practices of integrated reporting and sustainability reporting to ensure that adequate information about the operations of the Group, the sustainability issues pertinent to its business, the financial results and the results of its operations and cash flows are disclosed in a single report.

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, Crowe U.K. LLP, were re-appointed as the Company's auditors at the last Annual General Meeting and have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with section s475 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Notice of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company together with resolutions relating to the Company's ordinary and special business will be given to the members separately.

#### Provision of information to the auditor

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- That Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Board on 8 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Louis Coetzee **Chairman** 

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the Group and Company financial statements in accordance with the UK adopted International Accounting standards.

Under Company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and profit or loss of the Group and parent Company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the Group and Company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK adopted International Accounting Standards; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group and parent Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

They are further responsible for ensuring that the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors and other information included in the Annual Report and Financial Statements is prepared in accordance with applicable law in the United Kingdom.

The maintenance and integrity of the Katoro Gold plc website is the responsibility of the Directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve the consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred in the accounts since they were initially presented on the website.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the accounts and the other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with UK adopted International Accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Group;
- the Directors' report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face.

By Order of the Board

Louis Coetzee **Chairman** 

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Katoro Gold Plc

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Katoro Gold plc (the "Parent Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise:

- Consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- Consolidated and parent company statements of financial position as at 31 December 2022;
- Consolidated and parent company statements of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- Consolidated and parent company statements of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and UK-adopted International Accounting Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the Parent Company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of the Group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK-adopted International Accounting Standards;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group and the parent company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to listed entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to the section headed Going Concern on page 33 of the financial statements, which details the factors the directors have considered when assessing the going concern position. As detailed therein, the uncertainty surrounding the availability of funds to settle liabilities, finance day to day operations and commercial development of the Group and Company's projects through to cash generation indicates the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the Group and Parent Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- Discussions with management with regards to future funding requirements.
- Reviewing the directors' going concern assessment including the cash flow forecast that covers at least 12 months from the date we expect to sign the audit report.
- Assessing the cash flow requirements of the Group based on budgets and forecasts.
- Understanding what forecast expenditure is committed and what could be considered discretionary.
- Considering the liquidity of existing assets of the statement of financial position.
- Considering the options available to management for further fundraising, or additional sources of finance.
- Considering potential downside scenarios and the resultant impact on available funds.
- Making enquiries of management as to its knowledge of events or conditions beyond the period of their
  assessment that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, and
  evaluating the reliability of the data underpinning the forecast cash flows including numerical accuracy of
  calculations.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Overview of our audit approach

#### Materiality

In planning and performing our audit we applied the concept of materiality. An item is considered material if it could reasonably be expected to change the economic decisions of a user of the financial statements. We used the concept of materiality to both focus our testing and to evaluate the impact of misstatements identified.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined overall materiality for the Group financial statements as a whole to be £55,000 (2021: £57,000), based on approximately 5% of the Group loss. Materiality for the Parent Company financial statements as a whole was set at £35,000 (2021: £25,000), based on approximately 5% of normalised result for the year.

We use a different level of materiality ('performance materiality') to determine the extent of our testing for the audit of the financial statements. Performance materiality is set based on the audit materiality as adjusted for the judgements made as to the entity risk and our evaluation of the specific risk of each audit area having regard to the internal control environment. This is set at £38,500 (2021: £34,200) for the group and £24,500 (2021: £15,000) for the parent.

Where considered appropriate performance materiality may be reduced to a lower level, such as, for related party transactions and directors' remuneration.

We agreed with the Audit and Risk Committee to report to it all identified errors in excess of £2,750 (2021: £1,250). Errors below that threshold would also be reported to it if, in our opinion as auditor, disclosure was required on qualitative grounds.

## Overview of the scope of our audit

The Group operates in four jurisdictions: the UK, Cyprus, Tanzania, and South Africa. The full scope audit of Katoro Gold Plc was conducted from the UK. The majority of transactions in the year are in relation to administration and professional fees, exploration and development expenditure. The evidence for these was provided to us by management.

The audit approach and the key audit matters identified in the current year remained largely consistent with the prior year audit, due to the consistent nature of business operations. We have however identified the disposal of the controlling stake in a subsidiary as an additional key audit matter, as it is a significant transaction outside of the normal course of business in the year ended 31 December 2022.

We engaged member firms of the Crowe international network in Tanzania and Cyprus to undertake the audit work on significant and material overseas components respectively, under our direction. Following discussions held at the planning stage, we issued instructions to the network firms that detailed the significant risks to be addressed through the audit procedures and indicated the information we required to be reported. Finally, we reviewed their working papers and discussed key findings.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

The key audit matters identified in the current year were:

- Going concern (see material uncertainty related to going concern section above)
- Disposal of the controlling stake in Kibo Gold Limited

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

In addition to the matter described in the material uncertainty related to going concern section, we have determined the matter described below to be the key audit matter to be communicated in our report.

#### Key audit matter

#### How our scope addressed the key audit matter

Disposal of the controlling stake in Kibo Gold Limited

In March 2022, as part of the Joint Venture (JV) Agreement with Lake Victoria Gold Limited (LVG), 800 new shares, equal to 80% of the share capital of Kibo Gold Limited, were issued to LVG.

As a result, Katoro's shareholding reduced from 100% to 20%. There is a risk that the step disposal is accounted for incorrectly, the gain/loss on disposal is calculated inaccurately, or the resulting investment in associate is not valued appropriately.

The group's accounting policy with regard to loss of control is set out on page 36 of the financial statements.

The calculation of the loss on disposal is presented in Note 8.

We obtained an understanding of the design and implementation of controls relevant to significant accounting transactions.

We obtained and reviewed the Sale Purchase Agreement (SPA) and the LVG JV agreement supporting the change in ownership.

We obtained and reviewed management's calculation of loss on disposal, agreeing to supporting documentation.

We ensured that the assets and liabilities of the Kibo Gold subgroup were derecognised, including other comprehensive income items and the part of the foreign currency translation reserve attributable to it.

We assessed whether the classification and valuation of the investment in associate on initial recognition is appropriate.

We ensured that the financial statements disclosures are fairly presented, complete and accurate.

Based on our work performed, we are satisfied with the accounting and disclosures in relation to the transaction.

Our audit procedures in relation to these matters were designed in the context of our audit opinion as a whole. They were not designed to enable us to express an opinion on these matters individually and we express no such opinion.

## Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the strategic and the directors' reports for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and the Parent Company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report; or.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Parent Company, or returns adequate for our audit
  have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the Parent Company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 20, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group and Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Group and the procedures in place for ensuring compliance. The most significant laws and regulations identified were the Companies Act 2006 and AIM Rules for Companies. Our work included reviewing board and committee minutes, relevant correspondence and direct enquiries of management and those charged with governance concerning whether they had knowledge of actual, suspected, or alleged fraud.
- We considered the nature of the industry in which Katoro operates, control environment and the design and implementation of the key controls and policies, including directors' remuneration.
- As part of our audit planning process we assessed the different areas of the financial statements, including disclosures, for the risk of material misstatement. We assessed that the risk was greater in areas that involve significant management estimate or judgement. We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit. This included communication from the group to all component audit teams of relevant fraud risks identified at the group level and requests to these audit teams to report to the group audit team any instances of fraud that could give rise to a material misstatement at group level.
- The procedures performed to address the key area of management estimate and judgement, being the accounting for the loss of control of a subsidiary, are outlined in the Key Audit Matters section above.
- To address the pervasive risk of management override of control, we considered the fraud risk related to any unusual transactions or unexpected relationships, including assessing the risk of undisclosed related party transactions. Our procedures to address this risk included testing a risk-based selection of journal transactions, both at the year end and throughout the year.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve sophisticated and carefully organized schemes designed to conceal it, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or intentional misrepresentations being made to us.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Stephen Bullock (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

**Crowe U.K. LLP** 

Statutory Auditor

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8 June 2023

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		31 December 2022	31 December 2021
		Audited	Audited
	Note	£	£
Administrative expenses		(664,682)	(689,396)
Share based payment transactions		(001,002)	(195,241)
Foreign exchange (losses) / gains		(407)	15,471
Impairments	6 & 16	(224,966)	13,171
Share of loss in associate	16	(4,408)	
Loss on disposal of subsidiary	8	(75,922)	
Exploration expenditure	O	(285,374)	(284,463)
Operating loss		(1,255,759)	(1,153,629)
Other income		-	1,029
Finance income		5,260	10,121
Loss on ordinary activities before tax		(1,250,499)	(1,142,479)
Taxation	4	(61)	-
Loss for the period		(1,250,560)	(1,142,479)
Other comprehensive loss: Items that may be classified subsequently to profit or loss: Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations Other comprehensive loss for the period net of tax		97,226 <b>97,22</b> 6	(2,162) (2,162)
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(1,153,334)	(1,144,641)
Loss for the period		(1,250,560)	(1,142,479)
Attributable to the owners of the parent		(1,054,079)	(1,062,598)
Attributable to non-controlling interest		(196,481)	(79,881)
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(1,153,334)	(1,144,641)
Attributable to the owners of the parent		(994,101)	(1,080,669)
Attributable to non-controlling interest		(159,233)	(63,972)
Loss Per Share			
Basic loss per share (pence)	5	(0.23)	(0.27)
Diluted loss per share (pence)	5	(0.23)	(0.27)

All activities derive from continuing operations.

The accompanying notes on pages 41 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	Audited	Audited
Note	£	£
Assets		
Non-Current Assets		
Exploration and evaluation assets 6		209,500
Total Non-Current Assets		209,500
Current Assets		
Other receivables 9	16,340	48,702
Cash and cash equivalents 10	49,596	827,956
Total Current Assets	65,936	876,658
Total Assets	65,936	1,086,158
Equity and Liabilities Equity		
Called up share capital 11	4,604,125	4,604,125
Share premium account 11 & 13		2,962,582
Merger Reserve 13	1,271,715	1,271,715
Capital Contribution 13	10,528	
Warrant and share based payment reserve 12	828,223	946,153
Translation Reserve 13	(296,937)	(356,915)
Retained deficit	(9,318,504)	(8,382,355)
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	61,732	1,055,833
Non-controlling interest	(292,640)	(133,407)
Total Equity	(230,908)	922,426
Liabilities Current Liabilities		`
Trade and other payables 14	106,615	88,452
Other financial liabilities 17	190,229	75,280
Total Current Liabilities	296,844	163,732
Total Equity and Liabilities	65,936	1,086,158

The accompanying notes on pages 41 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 8 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

On behalf of the Board

Louis Coetzee

# **COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	-	31 December	31 December
	-	2022 Audited	2021 Audited
	-	£	£
	-		
Non-Current Assets			
Investments in group undertakings	15	-	209,500
Total Non-Current Assets	-	-	209,500
Current Assets			
Other receivables	9	16,340	48,702
Cash and cash equivalents	10	43,494	740,262
Total Current Assets	-	59,834	788,964
Total Assets	- -	59,834	998,464
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Called up share capital	11	4,604,125	4,604,125
Share premium	11 & 13	2,962,582	2,962,582
Warrant and share based payment reserve	12	828,223	946,153
Retained deficit	_	(8,412,748)	(7,578,145)
Total Equity	-	(17,818)	934,715
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	77,652	63,749
Total liabilities	=	77,652	63,749
Total Equity and Liabilities	<u>-</u>	59,834	998,464

Equity includes a loss for the period of the parent Company of £952,533 (2021: £2,306,663).

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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 8 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

On behalf of the Board

Louis Coetzee

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital	Share premium	Merger reserve	Capital contribution	Warrant and share based payment reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Retained deficit	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Balance as at 1 January 2022	4,604,125	2,962,582	1,271,715	10,528	946,153	(356,915)	(8,382,355)	(133,407)	922,426
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,054,079)	(196,481)	(1,250,560)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	59,978	-	37,248	97,226
Expiry of share warrants and options	-	-	-	-	(117,930)	-	117,930	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2022	4,604,125	2,962,582	1,271,715	10,528	828,223	(296,937)	(9,318,504)	(292,640)	(230,908)
Balance as at 1 January 2021	3,286,982	2,472,725	1,271,715	10,528	750,912	(338,844)	(7,262,707)	(69,435)	121,876
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,062,598)	(79,881)	(1,142,479)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	(18,071)	-	15,909	(2,162)
Issue of share capital	1,317,143	489,857	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,807,000
Costs relating to share issue	-	-	-	-	-	-	(57,050)	-	(57,050)
Issue of share warrants and options	-	-	-	-	195,241	-	-	-	195,241
Balance as at 31 December 2021	4,604,125	2,962,582	1,271,715	10,528	946,153	(356,915)	(8,382,355)	(133,407)	922,426
Note	11	11 & 13	13	13	12	13			

The accompanying notes on pages 41 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# **COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	Share capital	Share premium	Warrant and share based payment reserve	Retained deficit	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022	4,604,125	2,962,582	946,153	(7,578,145)	934,715
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(952,533)	(952,533)
Issue of share warrants and options	-	-	(117,930)	117,930	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	4,604,125	2,962,582	828,223	(8,412,748)	(17,818)
Balance at 1 January 2021	3,286,982	2,472,725	750,912	(5,214,432)	1,296,187
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(2,306,663)	(2,306,663)
Proceeds of issue of share capital	1,317,143	489,857	-	-	1,807,000
Costs relating	<u>-</u>	-	-	(57,050)	(57,050)
Issue of share warrants and options	-	-	195,241	-	195,241
Balance at 31 December 2021	4,604,125	2,962,582	946,153	(7,578,145)	934,715
Note		11 & 13	12		

The accompanying notes on pages 41 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

		31 December 2022 Audited	31 December 2021 Audited
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Loss for the period before taxation		(1,250,499)	(1,142,479)
Adjustments for:			
Foreign exchange loss / (gain)		407	(23,253)
Share based payment transactions		-	195,241
Share of loss in associate		4,408	-
Impairments of intangible assets		209,500	-
Impairment of associates		15,466	-
Loss on disposal of subsidiary		75,922	
Impairments of other financial assets		-	142,106
Other non-cash items		961	-
Decrease/(Increase) in other receivables		32,362	(2,297)
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables		18,163	(85,198)
Net cash flows from operating activities	-	(893,310)	(915,880)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Advances to other financial assets		-	(125,866)
Net cash proceeds from investing activities			(125,866)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Issue of shares (net of share issue cost)		-	1,732,950
Proceeds from other financial liabilities		114,950	38,975
Net cash proceeds from financing activities		114,950	1,771,925
Net (decrease) / increase in cash		(778,360)	730,179
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the financial period		827,956	97,777
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	10	49,596	827,956
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The accompanying notes on pages 41 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statement.

During the financial year the group recognised an investment in an associate Kibo Gold Limited at its retained equity value upon dilution of its interest from 100% to the remaining 20% pursuant an agreement with Lake Victoria Gold following the cancellation of the Reef Miner Limited disposal in a previous reporting period. The investment was impaired to £Nil on the same day to reflect the value of the Kibo Gold investment previously held. The retained interest and impairment value was £180,301. Refer note 8 and 16.

The shares in LVG originally received as part payment for the Reef Miner disposal were cancelled at its fair value previously held of £Nil. Refer note 7.

## **COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	-	31 December 2022 Audited	31 December 2021 Audited
$\overline{N}$	otes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Loss for the period before taxation		(952,533)	(2,306,663)
Adjusted for:			
Impairment of investments		1,205,929	1,718,243
Share based payment transactions		-	195,241
Profit on dilution of Kibo Gold subgroup equity		(656,283)	-
Cash flows from operating activities before changes in working capital requirements:	·	(402,887)	(393,179)
Decrease / (Increase) in other receivables		32,362	(7,994)
Increase / (Decrease) in trade and other payables		13,903	(66,123)
Net cash flows from operating activities	-	(356,622)	(467,296)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Increase in investments in subsidiaries		(323,806)	(592,909)
Net cash flows from investing activities	-	(323,806)	(592,909)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Issue of shares (net of share issue cost)		-	1,732,950
Net cash proceeds from financing activities	-	-	1,732,950
Net (decrease)/increase in cash	-	(680,428)	672,745
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the financial period		740,262	67,517
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	=	59,834	740,262

The accompanying notes on pages 41 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

During the financial year the company disposed on its investment in subsidiary Kibo Gold Limited and its subsidiaries to a 20% interest from 100% previously owned pursuant an agreement with Lake Victoria Gold following the cancellation of the Reef Miner Limited disposal in a previous reporting period. The investment was impaired to £Nil on the same day to reflect the value of the Kibo Gold investment previously held. The retained interest and impairment value was £180,301. Refer note 8 and 16.

The shares in LVG originally received as part payment for the Reef Miner disposal were cancelled at its fair value previously held of  $\pounds$ Nil. Refer note 7.

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### General Information

Katoro Gold PLC ("Katoro" or the "Company") is a Company incorporated and domiciled in England & Wales as a public limited Company. The Group financial statements consolidate those of the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group"). The Company's registered office is located at 60 Gracechurch Street, London EC3V 0HR.

The principal activities of the Group are related to the evaluation and exploration studies within a licenced portfolio area with a view to generating commercially viable mineral resources.

The individual financial statements of the Company ("Company financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 which permits a Company that publishes its Company and Group financial statements together, to take advantage of the exemption in Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, from presenting to its members its Company Income Statement and related notes that form part of the approved Company financial statements.

## **Going Concern**

In the past the Group has raised funds via equity contributions from new and existing shareholders, thereby ensuring the Group remains a going concern until such time that revenues are earned through the sale or development and mining of a mineral deposit. There can be no assurance that such funds will continue to be available on reasonable terms, or at all in future.

The Directors regularly review cash flow requirements to ensure the Group can meet financial obligations as and when they fall due. The Directors have evaluated the Group's liquidity risk and liquidity requirements to confirm whether the Group has adequate cash resources and working capital to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. The directors assessed available information about the future, possible outcomes of planned events, and the responses to such events and conditions that would be available to the Board.

There is a material uncertainty related to the events or conditions described below that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and, therefore, that it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

The Group currently generates no revenue and had a net liability position of £230,908 as at 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: net assets of £922,426). As at year end, the Group had liquid assets in the form of cash and cash equivalents of £49,596 and no other financial asset balances receivable (2021: £827,956 and £nil).

Considering the net current liability position of £230,908, the Directors have reviewed the cash flow forecasts, based on the existing budget, and evaluated to prior year actuals. The forecast includes estimates and assumptions regarding future costs and the timing of these. The financial forecast does not include non-committed cash inflows or expenditure.

The cash flow forecast indicates a cash shortfall arising in quarter 2 of 2023. The Group has limited funds available post financial year end following from the continued exploration activities undertaken throughout the Group. Refer to note 20 which discloses capital raising that took place after year-end to raise funding to reduce the cash shortfalls. Based on the current forecast, the Group still does not have sufficient cash to meet its liabilities and finance day to day operations.

In response to the above, the Directors continue to review the Group's options to secure additional funding for its general working capital requirements. A deferral of Directors' salaries has been agreed upon in the short term. The Group and Company will also require additional finance in order to progress work on its current assets and bring them to commercial development and cash generation. Such development is dependent on successful exploration activity and technical reports, and then on securing further funding. Additional capital raising will be required to finance potential acquisition targets and corporate development needs.

The evaluation of the going concern considers that Katoro has a strong proven track record of being able to source funding on an ongoing basis, even in difficult market conditions, and it expects to be able to continue doing so. Katoro is in the process of finalising a significant transaction with regards to a new acquisition and have an advanced terms sheet that is being finalised for execution which will improve the situation over the longer term.

## **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Various other sources of funding are being considered, most notably:

- Capital placing
- Credit loan notes
- Exercise of outstanding warrants
- A letter of support can be obtained from Kibo Energy Plc, a shareholder

Katoro also enjoys strong support, with specific reference to funding, from its corporate broker, SI Capital Ltd, which also has a proven track record of being able to facilitate ongoing funding.

The Directors continue to monitor and manage the Company's cash and overheads carefully in the best interests of its shareholders.

Whilst the Directors continue to consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, the above constitutes a material uncertainty that the shareholders should be aware of.

## **Statement of Preparation**

The Group and Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and UK adopted International Accounting Standards.

#### **Statement of Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

## **Basis of Preparation**

The Group and Company financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the Group entities and are consistent with those of the comparative period. The Group and Company financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as explained in the note above related to the going concern.

The individual financial information of each Group entity is measured and presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (its functional currency). The consolidated financial information of the Group is presented in Pounds Sterling, which is the presentation currency for the Group. The functional currency of each of the Group entities is the local currency of each individual entity.

## **Use of Estimates and Judgements**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with UK adopted International Accounting Standards require management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

In particular, there are significant areas of estimation, uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements in the following areas:

- Exploration and evaluation expenditure;
- Impairment assessment of non-financial assets;
- Credit loss allowance for other financial assets Lake Victoria Gold.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure – significant judgement concerning the choice of accounting policy. In line with the Group's accounting policy, all the exploration and evaluation expenditure has been charged to profit or loss, as in the judgement of the Directors the commercial viability of the mineral deposits had not been established. Moreover, until such time that commercial viability of the Blyvoor Joint Venture is reached, and the recoverability of the other financial asset receivable, as disclosed below, is more certain all amounts contributed to the joint operation will be expensed to exploration and evaluation expenditure.

If a policy of capitalisation of exploration expenditure had been adopted, an amount of £75,874 would have been capitalised in the current year (2021: £284,463).

#### Impairment assessment of non-financial assets

In applying IAS 36, impairment assessments are performed whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset or CGU may not be recoverable. Estimates are made in determining the recoverable amount of assets which includes the estimation of cash flows and discount rates used as well as determination of the fair value in an open market transaction, where available. In estimating the cash flows, management bases cash flow projections on reasonable and supportable assumptions that represent management's best estimate of the range of economic conditions that will exist over the remaining useful life of the assets. The discount rates used reflect the current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the assets for which the future cash flow estimates have not been adjusted. Where market values are available for similar assets in a similar condition, managements assess the reasonability of these valuations in order to utilise these valuations as a comparable open market value to determine whether an indication of impairment exists.

#### Credit loss allowance for other financial assets – Lake Victoria Gold

The credit loss allowance for the Lake Victoria Gold Receivable as disclosed in Note 8 was determined to be equal to a lifetime expected credit loss allowance following from the continued default of the counterparty. The continued default from the counterparty resulted in the credit risk increasing significantly during the period to lifetime expected credit losses for the financial asset receivable.

#### Credit loss allowance for other financial assets – Blyvoor Joint Venture

The Blyvoor joint operation agreement has been structured in such a way that all amounts contributed to the joint operations by Katoro is receivable from the Blyvoor joint operation once the project reaches commercial viability and starts generating positive cashflow to pay firstly the third-party creditors and thereafter Katoro capital contributed to the joint operations. The credit loss allowance for the Blyvoor Joint Venture Receivable as disclosed in Note 10 was determined to be equal to a lifetime expected credit loss allowance following from the uncertainty related to commercial viability of the underlying project as at reporting period end. The uncertainty around the successful achievement of commercial viability of the project as at this point in time results in the increased credit risk to lifetime expected credit losses for the financial asset receivable.

#### Joint arrangements – Blyvoor Joint Venture

Arrangements under which Katoro has contractually agreed to share control with another party or parties are joint ventures where the parties have rights to the net assets of the arrangement, or joint operations where the parties have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement.

### **Exploration & Evaluation Assets**

Exploration and evaluation activity involves the search for mineral resources, the determination of technical feasibility and the assessment of commercial viability of an identified resource.

Exploration and evaluation activity includes:

- researching and analysing historical exploration data.
- gathering exploration data through topographical, geochemical, and geophysical studies.
- exploratory drilling, trenching and sampling.
- determining and examining the volume and grade of the resource.
- surveying transportation and infrastructure requirements; and
- conducting market and finance studies.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure is charged to the income statement as incurred except in the following circumstances, in which case the expenditure may be capitalised:

In respect of minerals activities:

- the exploration and evaluation activity are within an area of interest which was previously acquired as an asset acquisition or in a business combination and measured at fair value on acquisition; or
- the existence of a commercially viable mineral deposit has been established.

At each reporting period end the capitalisation criteria had not been met due to the existence of a commercially viable mineral deposit not being established and therefore no exploration and evaluation assets have been recognised.

Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure considered to be tangible is recorded as a component of property, plant and equipment at cost less impairment charges. Otherwise, it is recorded as an intangible.

Intangible assets all relate to exploration and evaluation expenditure which are carried at cost with an indefinite useful life and therefore are reviewed for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. Where a potential impairment is indicated, assessment is performed for each area of interest in conjunction with the group of operating assets (representing a cash generating unit) to which the exploration is attributed. Exploration areas at which reserves have been discovered but require major capital expenditure before production can begin, are continually evaluated to ensure that commercial quantities of reserves exist or to ensure that additional exploration work is under way or planned.

#### Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Katoro Gold PLC and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2022, over which the Company has control.

Control is achieved when the Company:

- has the power over the investee;
- · is exposed, or has rights, to variable return from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Company reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstance indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

In assessing control, potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are taken into account. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Intragroup balances and any unrealised gains or losses or income or expenses arising from intragroup transactions are eliminated in preparing the Group financial statements, except to the extent they provide evidence of impairment.

Changes in the Group's interest in subsidiaries that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions.

Upon the loss of control, the Company derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, any non-controlling interests and the other components of equity related to the subsidiary. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. If the Company retains any interest in the previous subsidiary, such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost.

Any gain from the acquisition of a subsidiary or gain/loss from the disposal of subsidiary will be recognised through profit and loss in the current financial period.

#### Investments in associates

Associates are all entities over which the group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

Under the equity method, the investment is initially recognised at cost where the equity interest in the associate is acquired, however where control is lost over a subsidiary the remaining equity interest is recognised at fair value on

date which control is lost and the fair value is deemed to be the cost of the investment in associate going forward and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognise the investor's share of the profit or loss of the investee after the date of acquisition.

If the ownership interest in an associate is reduced but significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

The group's share of post-acquisition profit or loss is recognised in the statement of profit or loss, and its share of post-acquisition movements in other comprehensive income is recognised in other comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of the investment. When the group's share of losses in an associate equal or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

The group determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If this is the case, the group calculates the amount of the impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value and recognises the amount adjacent to share of profit/(loss) of associates in the statement of comprehensive income

#### **Income Tax**

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognised in the Income Statement.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised using the balance sheet method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of goodwill, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they probably will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which temporary difference can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

### **Employee benefits**

Short-term benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided.

A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonuses or profit-sharing plans if the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

### **Foreign Currencies**

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Pound Sterling, which is the Group's presentation currency. This is also the functional currency of the Company and is considered by the Board also to be appropriate for the purposes of preparing the Group financial statements.

#### Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Group companies

The results and financial position of all the Group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- Monetary and non-monetary assets and liabilities for each Statement of Financial Position presented are presented at the closing rate at the date of that Statement of Financial Position;
- Income and expenses for each income statement are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transaction); and
- All resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income as a separate component
  of equity. On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of monetary items receivable
  from foreign subsidiaries for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future
  are taken to shareholders equity.
- When a foreign operation is sold, such exchange differences are recognised in the statement of other comprehensive income as an exchange difference reclassified to profit or loss on disposal.

#### **Financial Instruments**

### Recognition

Financial instruments comprise other financial assets, trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, trade and other payables and other financial liabilities.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the Group's statement of financial position when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

### Classification

The Group classifies financial assets on initial recognition as measured at amortised cost as the Group's business model and objective is to hold the financial asset in order to collect the contractual cash flow and the contractual terms allows for cash flows on specified dates for the payment of the principal amounts outstanding.

Financial liabilities are classified at amortised cost.

### Financial assets Classification

Other financial assets Financial assets at amortised cost Trade and other receivables Financial assets at amortised cost Cash and Cash Equivalents Financial assets at amortised cost

#### Financial liabilities Classification

Trade and other payables Financial liabilities at amortised cost Other financial liabilities Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial assets are classified as current if expected to be realised or settled within 12 months from the reporting date; if not, they are classified as non-current. Financial liabilities are classified as non-current if the Group has an unconditional right to defer payment for more than 12 months from the reporting date.

### Measurement on initial recognition

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at fair value, including transaction costs.

### Subsequent measurement

Financial assets held at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Foreign exchange gains and losses and impairments are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on de-recognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### De-recognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligations specified in the contracts are discharged, cancelled or expire.

On de-recognition of a financial asset/liability, any difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of Financial Assets not carried at Fair value – IFRS 9

Under IFRS 9 the Group calculates its allowance for credit losses as expected credit losses (ECLs) for financial assets measured at amortised cost. ECLs are a probability weighted estimate of credit losses.

To calculate ECLs on the Groups other receivables and loans to Group companies by customer type and ageing. This results in calculating lifetime expected credit losses for other receivables and loans to Group companies.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount, and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate.

Significant financial assets are tested for impairment on an individual basis. The remaining financial assets are assessed collectively in Groups that share similar credit risk characteristics.

An impairment loss is reversed if the reversal can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the reversal is recognised in the profit or loss.

#### Warrant reserves

For such grants of share options or warrants qualifying as equity-settled share-based payments, the fair value as at the date of grant is calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options or warrants were granted.

The amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options or warrants that are likely to vest, except where forfeiture is only due to market-based conditions not achieving the threshold for vesting.

### Share capital

Share capital is determined using the nominal value of the shares that have been issued. The share premium account includes any premium on the initial issuing of share capital.

### **Issue Expenses and Share Premium Account**

Issue expenses directly attributable to the issuance of new ordinary shares are written off against the premium arising on the issue of share capital where ordinary shares are issued at a premium. Where the ordinary shares are issued at their nominal value, the issue expenses directly attributable to the issuance of new ordinary shares is set off against the accumulated loss reserve.

#### **Segment reporting**

The Group determines and presents operating segments based on the information that is internally provided to the Chief Executive Officer, who is the chief operating decision maker. A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing related products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and returns

that are different from those of the other segments. The Group's primary format for segment reporting is based on business segments. The business segments are determined based on the reporting business units.

#### Joint arrangements

Joint arrangements are arrangements in which the Group shares joint control with one or more parties. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement and exists only when decisions about the activities that significantly affect the arrangement's returns require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control. Judgement is required in determining this classification through an evaluation of the facts and circumstances arising from each individual arrangement. Joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures based on the rights and obligations of the parties to the arrangement. In joint operations, the parties have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement, whereas in joint ventures, the parties have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. Joint arrangements that are not structured through a separate vehicle are always joint operations. Joint arrangements that are structured through a separate vehicle may be either joint operations or joint ventures depending on the substance of the arrangement.

In these cases, consideration is given to the legal form of the separate vehicle, the terms of the contractual arrangement and, when relevant, other facts and circumstances. The Group accounts for joint operations by recognising the assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenses for which it has rights or obligations, including its share of such items held or incurred jointly.

### NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

## Standards issued but not yet effective:

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following standards and interpretations relevant to the Group and which have not been applied in these financial statements, were in issue but were not yet effective.

Standard	Effective date, annual period beginning on or after
Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction - Amendments to IAS 12	1 January 2023
The amendment adds an additional requirement for transactions which will not give rise to the recognition of a deferred tax asset or liability on initial recognition. Previously, deferred tax would not be recognised on the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting profit or loss. The additional requirement provides that the transaction, at the time of the transaction must not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.	
Disclosure of accounting policies: Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2.  IAS 1 was amended to require that only material accounting policy information shall be disclosed in the financial statements. The amendment will not result in changes to measurement or recognition of financial statement items, but management will undergo a review of accounting policies to ensure that only material accounting policy information is disclosed.	1 January 2023
Definition of accounting estimates: Amendments to IAS 8	1 January 2023
The definition of accounting estimates was amended so that accounting estimates are now defined as "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty."	
IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	1 January 2023
Definition of Accounting Estimates: The amendments clarify how companies should distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates, by replacing the definition of a change in accounting estimates with a new definition of accounting estimates. Under the new definition, accounting estimates are "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". The requirements for recognising the effect of change in accounting prospectively remain unchanged.	

The Directors anticipate that the adoption of these Standards and Interpretations in future periods will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Group but may result in reduced disclosure requirements.

The Group expects to adopt all relevant standards and interpretations as and when they become effective.

## Standards and interpretations which are effective in the current period (Changes in accounting policies)

None of the standards which became effective during the period, which are applicable to the Group, have had a material impact.

### NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Segment analysis

IFRS 8 requires an entity to report financial and descriptive information about its reportable segments, which are operating segments or aggregations of operating segments that meet specific criteria. Operating segments are components of an entity about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker. The Chief Executive Officer is the chief operating decision maker of the Group.

Management currently identifies two divisions as operating segments – Mining (Sub-holding Company and operating entities) and Corporate (Ultimate Holding Company). These operating segments are monitored, and strategic decisions are made based upon them together with other non-financial data collated from exploration activities. Principal activities for these operating segments are as follows:

2022 Group	Mining and Exploration (£)	Corporate (£)	31 December 2022 (£)
A durini atreative as at	Group	Group	Group
Administrative cost	(261,794)	(627,854)	(889,648)
Exploration expenditure	(285,374)	-	(285,374)
Foreign exchange loss Finance income	(407)	-	(407)
	5,260	(75,922)	5,260
Loss on disposal of subsidiary Share in loss in associates	(4.400)	(73,722)	(75,922) (4,408)
Loss before tax	(4,408) ( <b>546,723</b> )	(702 776)	(1,250,499)
LOSS DETOTE MA	(340,723)	(703,776)	(1,250,499)
2021 Group	Mining and Exploration (£)	Corporate (£)	31 December 2021 (£)
	Group	Group	Group
Administrative cost	(272,733)	(611,904)	(884,637)
Exploration expenditure	(284,463)	-	(284,463)
Foreign exchange loss	15,471	-	15,471
Other income	1,029	-	1,029
Finance income	10,121	-	10,121
Loss before tax	(530,575)	(611,904)	(1,142,479)
2022 Group	Mining and Exploration (£) Group	Corporate (£) Group	31 December 2022 (£) Group
Assets	droup	droup	droup
Segment assets	6,103	59,833	65,936
<b>Liabilities</b> Segment liabilities	219,192	77,652	296,844
2021 Group	Mining and Exploration (£)	Corporate (£)	31 December 2021 (£)
Accelo	Group	Group	Group
Assets Segment assets	297,194	788,964	1,086,158
Liabilities			
Segment liabilities	99,983	63,749	163,732

## **Geographical segments**

The Group operates in four principal geographical areas – United Kingdom, Cyprus, South Africa and Tanzania.

2022	Tanzania (£)	Cyprus (£)	United Kingdom (£)	South Africa (£)	Total 31 December (£)
2022					
Major Operational indicators					
Carrying value of segmented assets	4,732	1,941	57,784	1,479	65,936
Loss before tax	(300,438)	(212,725)	(729,695)	(7,641)	(1,250,499)

2021	Tanzania (£)	Cyprus (£)	United Kingdom (£)	South Africa (£)	Total 31 December (£)
Major Operational indicators Carrying value of segmented assets Loss before tax	234,899	528	788,964	61,767	1,086,158
	(136,879)	(125,757)	(726,061)	(153,782)	(1,142,479)

## 2. Directors' remuneration information

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2022 (£)	2021 (£)	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Salaries paid	170,402	164,834	26,402	51,623
Social security costs	13,441	23,632	13,441	23,632

The average monthly number of employees (including executive Directors) during the period was as follows:

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Directors	5	5	5	5_
	5	5	5	5

Total remuneration of key management personnel (Directors) is £183,843 (2021: £188 466).

	Group 31 December	Group 31 December	Company 31 December	Company 31 December
	2022 (£)	2021 (£)	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Short-term benefits	183,843	188,466	39,843	72,255
Share options issued	-	195,241	-	195,241
	183,843	383,707	39,843	267,496

### 3. Auditors' remuneration

	31 December 2022 (£)	(£)
Audit fees for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	37,500	27,000
Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates for:		
Audit fees for audit of Company's subsidiaries required by legislation	15,455	20,054
Audit fees to the Company's auditors	52,955	47,054
Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates for other services:		
Tax compliance services	4,080	<u>-</u>
Total auditors' remuneration	57,035	47,054

### 4. Taxation

#### **Current tax**

UK corporation tax based on the results for the period at 19% (2021 19%)  Foreign corporate tax paid	31 December 2022 (£) 	31 December 2021 (£)
<del>-</del>	61	<del>-</del> _
	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(1,250,499)	(1,142,479)
<u>-</u>		
UK Corporation tax at 19% (2021: 19%) and blended tax at 18.4% (2021: 20%)	(229,867)	(228,847)
Effects of:		
Expenses which are not deductible	189,735	35,243
Current tax recognised for previous periods	61	-
Deferred tax not recognised	40,132	193,604
Income tax expense recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive	61	-
Income		

No provision has been made for the 2022 deferred taxation as no taxable income has been received to date, and the probability of future taxable income is indicative of current market conditions which remain uncertain.

At the reporting date, the Directors estimate that the Group has unused tax losses of £2,067,645 (2021: £1,712,706) and unused capital assessed losses of £3,321 (2021: £1,461) available for potential offset against future profits.

Losses may be carried forward indefinitely in accordance with the applicable taxation regulations ruling within each of the above jurisdictions.

The above tax rate reconciliation is prepared utilising a blended rate as permitted in accordance with IAS 12.

## 5. Loss per share

### Basic loss per share

The basic loss and weighted average number of ordinary shares used for calculation purposes comprise the following:

Basic loss per share  Loss for the period attributable to equity holders of the parent	<b>31 December 2022 (£)</b> (1,054,079)	<b>31 December 2021 (£)</b> (1,062,598)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic loss per share	460,412,593	388,524,723
Basic loss per ordinary share (pence)	(0.23)	(0.27)

The Company had warrants in issue as at 31 December 2022 and 2021 though the inclusion of such warrants in the weighted average number of shares as possible dilutive instruments in issue during 2022 and 2021 would be anti-dilutive and therefore they have not been included for the purpose of calculating the loss per share.

A transaction took place after year-end, effective 11 April 2023 whereby 19,000,000 ordinary shares were issued, which results in an increase in the number of issued shares to 658,412,593. In addition, 209,085,100 warrants were issued on the same date.

The Company performed a share capital subdivision subsequent to year end, whereby each existing ordinary share was split into one ordinary share of £0.001 and one deferred share of £0.009. The issued ordinary shares did not change as a result of this transaction and there was no effect on the weighted average number of ordinary shares. Refer note 20.

## Loss of parent

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Profit or Loss of the parent Company has not been separately disclosed in these financial statements. The parent Company's loss for the financial period was £952,534 (2021: £2,306,663).

Furthermore, in terms of the Section 414(1) of the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Profit or Loss of the parent Company has been approved by the Directors.

#### 6. Exploration and evaluation assets

Exploration and evaluation assets consist solely of separately identifiable prospecting assets held by Kibo Nickel and its subsidiaries.

The following reconciliation serves to summarise the composition of intangible prospecting assets as at period end:

### Reconciliation of exploration and evaluation assets

<b>F</b>	Haneti (£)
Carrying value as at 1 January 2021	209,500
Acquisition of prospecting licences	-
Impairment of licences	
Carrying value as at 1 January 2022	209,500
Acquisition of prospecting licences	-
Impairment of licences	(209,500)
Carrying value as at 31 December 2022	

Exploration and evaluation assets are not amortised, due to the indefinite useful life, which is attached to the underlying prospecting rights, until such time that active mining operations commence, which will result in the exploration and evaluation asset being amortised over the useful life of the relevant mining licences.

Exploration and evaluation assets with an indefinite useful life are assessed for impairment when facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of an exploration and evaluation asset may exceed its recoverable amount. When facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount, the Group measures, presents and discloses any resulting impairment loss in accordance with IAS 36.

One or more of the following facts and circumstances indicate that the Group must test exploration and evaluation assets for impairment (the list is not exhaustive):

- (a) the period for which the entity has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future and is not expected to be renewed.
- (b) substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned.
- (c)exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the entity has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area.
- (d) sufficient data exist to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale

Management have considered indicators of impairment in relation to the exploration and evaluation assets and have identified potential indicators as at period end. The following factors were considered by management:

- The period for which the entity has the right to explore in the specific area;
- Substantive expenditure required on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area which is neither budgeted nor planned;
- Whether the exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the
  discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the entity has decided to discontinue
  such activities in the specific area; and
- Sufficient data exists to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

Haneti comprises tenements (prospecting licences, offers and applications) prospective for nickel, platinum-Group-elements and gold. It covers an area of approximately 5,000 sq. km in central Tanzania and forms a near contiguous project block. The project area straddles the Dodoma, Kondoa and Manyoni districts all within the Dodoma (Administrative) Region. The main prospective belt of rocks within the project, the Haneti-Itiso Ultramafic Complex (HIUC), is centred on the small town of Haneti, located 88 kilometres north of Tanzania's capital city Dodoma . The HIUC sporadically crops out over a strike length of 80 kilometres with most outcrop exposure occurring 15 kilometres east of Haneti village where artisanal mining of the semi-precious mineral chrysoprase (nickel-stained chalcedonic quartz) is being carried out at a few localities.

Historical geophysical and geochemical sampling programmes completed prior to the 2022 drilling campaign were successful in identifying at least three high-priority drilling targets at Haneti. As no fresh rock samples had ever been obtained from the Project, the decision was made to drill these targets. The main programme goal was to extract fresh rocks to obtain a better understanding of the subsurface geology as well as to intersect Ni-Cu sulphide mineralisation. The 2022 diamond core drilling programme was completed successfully with a total of 900m drilled. This included three drill holes which were targeting previously outlined mafic-ultramafic Ni- Cu-PGE sulphide targets at the Mihanza and Mwaka Hill prospects (on PL no. 11797/2022). The three holes completed are outlined and summarised below:

- Mwaka Hill Prospect: Hole MWDD01 was drilled to 245.8m down hole depth at an inclination of -63° and MWDD02 to 224.0m at a -64° inclination. The two holes intersected significant thicknesses of altered ultramafic rocks (serpentinite) and mafic rocks (gabbro). Hole MWDD01 gave the highest Ni intersection of 2.00 m @ 0.45% Ni from 81.5m downhole. In MWDD02 two wider intersections were encountered with 4.0m @ 0.38% Ni from 151.4m and 4.0m @ 0.35% Ni from 159.4m. All elevated Ni results were found exclusively within serpentinite.
- Mihanza Hill Prospect: Hole MHDD01 at the was drilled to 430.2m at a -64° inclination. The hole intersected similar rock types as at the Mwaka Hill prospect but contained no significant Ni intersections but did contain anomalous PGE, Au and Cu results including: 2.0m of 0.08g/t platinum (Pt) + palladium (Pd) from 241.3m; 2.0m of 0.21g/t Au from 392.4m; and 2.0m @ 0.11 % Cu from 236.2m.

The drilling field work phase was followed by laboratory analyses, performed at SGS's laboratory located in Mwanza, Tanzania with samples also then transferred to SGS South Africa to mitigate certain operational difficulties at SGS Tanzania. This re-routing of samples and the additional work required in respect of the lithium prospectivity added some additional time to the return of completed findings to the operational team.

As at the time publishing this report, the Company had successfully completed the diamond drilling programme. The results were analysed and will allow for a refined approach during the next phase of the project, with focus on specified areas. This plan has not yet been developed in sufficient detail, and accordingly further funding has not yet been obtained. Due to this uncertainty as at 31 December 2022, management has applied a provision for impairment against the carrying value of the intangible asset to the value of £209,500.

Refer to the accounting policy relating to the use of estimates and judgements for exploration and evaluation assets for further detail relating to the determination of the key estimates and judgements.

## 7. Investments

Classified as at fair value through profit or loss

	Group (£)		Company (£)	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Lake Victoria Gold Limited (LVG) Fair value adjustments	-	37,661 (37,661)	-	37,661 (37,661)
•	-	-	-	-
Movements in other investments comprise of:				
Opening balance as at 1 January 2022	-	-	-	-
Shares in LVG received for Reef Miner Limited sale	-	37,661	-	-
Fair value adjustment Disposal of shares in LVG upon cancellation of Reef	-	(37,661)	-	-
Miner Limited sale at fair value	£Nil	-	-	-
Closing balance as at 31 December 2022	-	-		-

The investment represents 700,000 ordinary shares in Lake Victoria Gold Limited, incorporated in Australia. The shares were issued on 15 October 2019 to Katoro Gold PLC in recognition of the Company granting the extension to receipt of the first tranche of monies due under the term sheet. The investment in Lake Victoria Gold has been fully impaired due to the early-stage exploration nature of the underlying investee entity.

During the year the investment in Lake Victoria Gold Limited was cancelled as a result of the cancellation of the Reef Miners Limited disposal. Refer to note 8.

### 8. Other financial assets

Group (£)		Company (£)	
2022	2021	2022	2021
656,283	657,061	656,283	-
1,287,686	1,223,495	-	-
1,943,969	1,880,556	656,283	-
(656,283)	(657,061)	(656,283)	-
(1,287,686)	(1,223,495)	-	-
(1,943,969)	(1,880,556)		
	-	-	-
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	Group (£)		Company (£)	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Movements in other financial assets comprise of:				
Opening balance as at 1 January 2022	1,880,556	1,801,158		
Additions	7,560	118,831		
Cancellation of Reef Miner Disposal	(656,283)			
Disposal of Kibo Gold	656,283		656,283	
Foreign currency translation	55,853	(39,433)		
Closing balance as at 31 December 2022	1,943,969	1,880,556	656,283	
Movements in impairments of other financial assets receivable consist of:				
Opening balance as at 1 January 2022	(1,880,556)	(1,801,158)		
Impairments	(7,560)	(118,831)		
Cancellation of Reef Miner disposal	656,283			
Disposal of Kibo Gold	(656,283)		(656,283)	
Foreign currency translation	(55,853)	39,433		
Closing balance as at 31 December 2022	(1,943,969)	(1,880,556)	(656,283)	
	-	-	_	

#### Lake Victoria Gold Receivable

Following various administrative difficulties in transferring ownership of Reef Miners Limited from Kibo Gold Limited to Lake Victoria Gold Limited, both parties concluded on 07 March 2022 to cancel the previous Sale of Share Agreement by mutual consent.

As per the cancellation agreement, the Reef Transaction was cancelled by mutual agreement between the parties, with neither party having any claim against another party following specifically from the cancellation agreement.

On the same day Katoro Gold plc and Lake Victoria Gold Limited entered into a "Joint Venture Agreement". Under the terms and conditions of the "Joint Venture Agreement", Lake Victoria Gold Limited became the 80% shareholder of Kibo Gold Limited, Cypriot subsidiary of Katoro Gold plc, on the date of the Agreement with Katoro Gold plc owning the remaining 20%.

Prior to the implementation of the above "Joint Venture Agreement", Katoro Gold plc held 200 ordinary shares in the equity of Kibo Gold Limited, constituting 100% of the issued share capital in the company.

On the effective date, Lake Victoria Gold Limited subscribed for 800 new shares in Kibo Gold Limited, equal to 80% of the total issued share capital of the company on conclusion of the "Joint Venture Agreement", for the subscription amount of  $\{88,000\}$ .

Katoro Gold plc indemnifies Lake Victoria Gold Limited against any claims resulting from the cancellation of the Sale of Share Agreement. The position of ownership of Reef Mining Limited was completely returned to Katoro Gold plc, and no contingent amounts are due and payable by Lake Victoria Gold Limited in this regard.

As per the "Joint Venture Agreement", the Conditions Precedent for the conclusion of the Share Issue have been met on the 7th of March 2022 and that the "effective date" of transfer of ownership of 80% of the shareholding is on the 7th of March 2022, as the issued shares to Lake Victoria Gold Limited rank Pari-Passu with the issued shares.

The "Joint Venture Agreement" furthermore details the following requirements:

- Lake Victoria Gold Limited will contribute capital to Kibo Gold plc in the form of a shareholder's loan amounting to €792,000;
- Lake Victoria Gold Limited will be obliged to declare a preference dividend to Katoro Gold Plc in the amount of €792,000 which is payable in any number of instalments by the earlier of 31 December 2023 and the date it ceases to be a shareholder in the company; and
- In the event that the preference dividend has not been declared and paid by Kibo Gold Limited to Katoro Gold plc by 31 December 2023, the outstanding balance owing will be paid by Lake Victoria Gold Limited to Katoro Gold plc directly.

The investment in Kibo Gold plc was as of 7 March 2022 recognised as an associate to reflect the terms of the "Joint Venture Agreement".

The receivable in Lake Victoria Gold has been fully impaired at 31 December 2022 due to the credit risk of LVG, which is as a result of previous payments not being received as they became due.

The resulting loss on disposal was recognised during the period ended 31 December 2022:

Reconciliation of loss on disposal of Kibo Gold limited and its subsidiaries:		Group (£)
Assets disposed		(144)
Liabilities disposed	_	13,980
Net liability disposed		13,836
Foreign currency translation reserve reclassified through profit or loss		(89,758)
Retained investment in equity - associate (20%)	16	182,301
Net liabilities after disposal	_	106,379
Proceeds from disposal of Kibo Gold Group	_	656,283
Profit on disposal of Kibo Gold Group		762,662
Impairment of Receivable from LVG	8	(656,283)
Impairment of retained equity interest	_	(182,301)
Net loss on disposal for group at 31 December 2022		(75,922)

### **Blyvoor Joint Operations**

On 30 January 2020, the Group entered into a Joint Venture Agreement with Blyvoor Gold Mines (Pty) Ltd, whereby Katoro Gold plc and Blyvoor Gold Mines (Pty) Ltd would become 50/50 participants in an unincorporated Joint Venture.

In accordance with the requirements of the Joint Venture Agreement, the Katoro Group was to provide a ZAR15.0 million loan (approximately £790,000) to the JV ('the Katoro Loan Facility'), which will fund ongoing development work on the Project.

As at year end, the Group has advanced funding in the amount of £1,287,686 (2021: £1,223,495) of which 100% relate to expenditure allocated to the Joint Venture operations, carried by the Katoro Gold plc Group. The funding advanced during the year amounted to £7,560 and the remainder of the balance of £56,631 relates to change in translation rate during the year.

The Katoro Loan Facility would have formed part of the development capital project financing that Katoro was required to procure in accordance with its obligations contained in the Acquisition Agreement, provided that:

- the balance of the Katoro Loan Facility then outstanding shall be subordinated to third party creditors participating in the development capital project financing.
- the Katoro Loan Facility will bear interest at the 12-month London Inter Bank Offered Rate, or its successor; and
- the Katoro Loan Facility will be repayable within 12 months after:
  - the last third-party creditor participating in the project financing shall have been paid; or
  - any earlier date on which the Parties may agree.

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As at reporting period end, the counterparty to the Acquisition Agreement had failed to deliver all the required documentation to satisfy the last condition precedent, therefore the Group is considering its position and options in this matter.

9. Other receivables				
	Group (	(£)	Compan	y (£)
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Consists of:				
Prepaid expenditure	16,340	48,702	16,340	48,702
	16,340	48,702	16,340	48,702
10. Cash and cash equivalents				
-	Group (	(£)	Compan	y (£)
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Cash consists of:				
Cash at bank and in hand	49,596	827,956	43,494	740,262
	49,596	827,956	43,494	740,262

Cash and cash equivalents have not been ceded or placed as encumbrance toward any liabilities as at year end.

### 11. Share capital - Group and Company

The called-up and fully paid share capital of the Company is as follows:

		2022	2021
Allotted, issued and fully paid shares			
460,412,593 (2021: 460,412,593) Ordinary shares of £0.01	each	£4,604,125	£4,604,125
		£4,604,125	£4,604,125
	Number of Shares	Ordinary Share Capital (£)	Share Premium (£)
Balance at 31 December 2020	328,698,308	3,286,982	2,472,725
Shares issued during the period	131,714,285	1,317,143	489,857
Balance at 31 December 2021	460,412,593	4,604,125	2,962,582
Balance at 31 December 2022	460,412,593	4,604,125	2,962,582

All ordinary shares issued have the right to vote, right to receive dividends, a copy of the annual report, and the right to transfer ownership of their shares. There have been no shares issued during the year.

### Reconciliation of liabilities settled through the issue of shares:

Convertible loan note ("CLN")	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Opening balance				_
Issued during the period	-	17,000	-	17,000
Settled through the issue of shares	-	(17,000)	-	(17,000)
Closing balance	-	-	-	

Shares issued for settlement of expenditure are measured at the fair value of the services received. Fair value equates the market value of these services. No gain or loss was recognised on extinguishing the financial liabilities by issuing equity instruments.

## 12. Warrant and share based payment reserve

#### **Warrants**

The Company has the following warrants over its Ordinary Shares in issue as at year end. The fair value of the warrants in issue were determined using the Black Scholes option pricing model.

The inputs to the Black-Scholes model were as follows:

Description of key input	Key Assumptions Financing shares	Key Assumptions Financing shares	Key Assumptions Financing shares
Date issued	25 June 2020	15 January 2021	8 November 2021
Shares issued Warrants granted	73,333,333 36,666,666	48,000,000 48,000,000	81,500,000 81,500,000
Stock price	1.7p	2.15p	0.98p
Exercise price	3p	3p	1.5p
Risk free rate	0.1%	0.1%	1.325%
Volatility	148.29%	149.64%	129.8%
Time to maturity	3 years	3 years	3 years

Expected volatility was determined using the historic average volatility in the company's share price over the past 2 to 3 years. No new warrants were issued during the financial year.

The following reconciliation serves to summarise the composition of the warrant reserve as at period end:

	Group (£)		
	2022	2021	
Opening balance of warrant reserve	494,597	494,597	
Expiry of warrants	(117,930)	-	
Closing balance of warrant reserve	376,667	494,597	

Reconciliation of warrants expired during the year:	2022	
	Number of Warrants	£
Beaufort warrants issued during April '17	1,208,333	41,808
African Battery Metals Plc warrants issued during May '19	10,000,000	33,122
Financing shares warrants issued during March '20	17,200,000	43,000
	28,408,333	117,930

## Reconciliation of the quantity of warrants in issue:

	Gro	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	
Opening balance	194,574,999	70,274,999	194,574,999	70,274,999	
Warrants exercised		(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)	
Warrants expired	(28,408,333)	(4,200,000)	(28,408,333)	(4,200,000)	
Warrants issued		129,500,000		129,500,000	
	166,166,666	194,574,999	166,166,666	194,574,999	

## **Share Options**

The company issued the following share options:

- a share option plan whereby the Board and Management of the Company were issued 14,944,783 Ordinary shares, being 10% of the Company's issued share capital on 8 February 2019, at 1.3 pence per share. The options have an expiry date of the seventh anniversary date of the date of grant, with 50% vesting on issue and the remaining 50% vesting in one year; and
- a share option plan whereby the Board and Management of the Company were granted options ("Options") over a total of 17,300,000 new ordinary shares of £0.01each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary Shares") The Options are exercisable at 2.6 pence per Ordinary Share, constituting a c. 10% premium to the Company's recent closing share price on 28 August 2020. The Options have an expiry date of the seventh anniversary from the date of grant of 28 August 2020, with 50% vesting on issue and the remaining 50% vesting one year after the anniversary of the grant.

The fair value of the share options issued have been determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

The inputs to the Black-Scholes model were as follows:

Description of key input	<b>Key Assumptions</b>	<b>Key Assumptions</b>
Date issued	February 2019	August 2020
Options granted	14,944,783	17,300,000
Stock price	1.3p	2.4p
Exercise price	1.3p	2.6p
Risk free rate	0.4%	0.3%
Volatility	82%	142.84%
Time to maturity	7 years	7 years

Expected volatility was determined using the historic average volatility in the Company's share price over the past 2 to 3 years.

The weighted average fair value for the share options in issue is 2.26p.

The following reconciliation serves to summarise the composition of the share-based payment reserve as at period end:

Opening balance of share-based payment reserve	
Issue of share options	

Group (£)			
2022	2021		
451,556	256,315		
-	195,241		
451,556	451,556		

## Reconciliation of the quantity of share options in issue:

	Grou	Group		any
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Opening balance	32,244,781	32,244,781	32,244,781	32,244,781
Share options issued	<del></del>	-	-	-
	32,244,781	32,244,781	32,244,781	32,244,781

#### 13. Reserves

### Share premium

The share premium account includes any premium on the initial issuing of share capital. Any transaction costs associated with the issue of shares are deducted from the share premium account.

#### Translation reserve

The translation reserve relates to the foreign exchange effect of the retranslation of the Group's overseas subsidiaries on consolidation into the Group Financial Information.

#### Capital contribution reserve

During the year ended 31 December 2014, Kibo Gold converted a balance of £7,226 owed to Kibo Energy PLC into equity as there were no repayment terms. During the year ended 31 December 2015 an additional amount of £3,302 was converted to equity.

### Merger reserve

In 2017 the introduction of the new holding Company has been accounted for as a capital reorganisation using merger accounting principles. The use of merger accounting principles has resulted in a balance on Group capital and reserves that have been classified as a merger reserve and included in the Group's shareholders' funds.

## 14. Trade and other payables

	Group 2022 (£)	Group 2021 (£)	Company 2022 (£)	Company 2021(£)
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade payables	8,989	26,417	8,989	25,790
Accruals	97,626	62,035	68,663	37,959
	106,615	88,452	77,652	63,749

The carrying value of current trade and other payables equals their fair value due mainly to the short-term nature of these payables.

### 15. Investment in subsidiaries

Company	Subsidiary undertakings (£)
Investments at Cost	(2)
At 1 January 2021	1,334,834
Advances to subsidiaries	592,909
Provision for impairment	(1,718,243)
At 31 December 2021	209,500
Additions Impairment At 31 December 2022	340,146 (549,646)
Breakdown of investments at 31 December 2022	
Katoro Cyprus Limited	1,513,549
Kibo Nickel	658,797
Accumulated Impairments	(2,172,346)
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#### Breakdown of investments at 31 December 2021

Company	Subsidiary undertakings (£)
Katoro Cyprus Limited	1,424,114
Kibo Nickel	447,931
Kibo Gold Limited	2,518,934
Accumulated Impairments	(4,181,479)
	209,500

The above investment in subsidiaries comprises the carrying value of the investments in Katoro (Cyprus) Limited and Kibo Nickel Ltd, as well as the capital contributions, net of impairment. Kibo Gold Limited was disposed during the current year.

At 31 December 2022 the Company had the following undertakings:

Description	Subsidiary , associate or Joint Venture	Registered address	Activity	Incorporated in	Class of shares	Interest held (2022)	Interest held (2021)
Directly held	investments:						
Kibo Gold Limited	Associate, (formerly subsidiary)	Kolonakiou,57 Ag. Athanasios 4103, Limassol Cyprus	Holding Company	Cyprus	Ordinary shares	20%	100%
Kibo Nickel Limited	Subsidiary	Kolonakiou,57 Ag. Athanasios 4103, Limassol Cyprus	Holding Company	Cyprus	Ordinary shares	65%	65%
Katoro (Cyprus) Limited	Subsidiary	Kolonakiou,57 Ag. Athanasios 4103, Limassol Cyprus	Holding Company	Cyprus	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
Indirectly hel	d investments:						
Savannah Mining Limited	Associate (formerly subsidiary)	Amani Place 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Wing A Ohio Street Dar es Salaam Tanzania	Mineral Exploration	Tanzania	Ordinary shares	20%	100%
Reef Miners Limited	Associate (formerly subsidiary)	Amani Place 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Wing A Ohio Street Dar es Salaam Tanzania	Mineral Exploration	Tanzania	Ordinary shares	20%	0%
Eagle Exploration Limited	Subsidiary	Amani Place 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Wing A Ohio Street Dar es Salaam Tanzania	Mineral Exploration	Tanzania	Ordinary shares	65%	65%
Katoro South Africa Proprietary Limited	Subsidiary	412 Pebble Beach Building Somerset Links Office Park Somerset West Western Cape 7130	Mineral Exploration	South Africa	Ordinary shares	100%	100%

#### Kibo Gold Limited

As a result of loss of control of the company due to a share dilution transaction with Lake Victoria Gold, this project is now recognised as an associate. Refer note 16.

#### Kibo Nickel Limited

Based on the results of the samples that have been tested at the Haneti project, it was revealed that additional work was required to focus on finding more of these sulphides.

Sampling and development of the evaluation and exploration asset has proved unsuccessful to date and the carrying value in the statement of financial position has been written off.

A cumulative impairment of £658,797 (2021: £238,431) has been provided against this investment, resulting in a carrying value of £Nil (2021: £209,500).

## Katoro (Cyprus) Limited

Following from the early-stage development nature of the Blyvoor Joint Venture, the Group has taken the decision to impair its investments and financial assets related to the underlying investment. During the current period, the Company impaired its investments in Katoro (Cyprus) Limited in the amount of £1,513,549 (2021: £1,424,114), which holds the investment in the Blyvoor Joint Venture, resulting in a carrying value of £Nil (2021: £Nil).

In the opinion of the Directors' the carrying value of the investments is appropriate.

#### 16. Investments in associates

Investment in associates consists of equity investments where the Group has an equity interest between 20% and 50% and does not exercise control over the investee.

The following reconciliation serves to summarise the composition of investments in associates as at year end.

		Kibo Gold Limited (£)
Investments at Cost		
At 1 January 2021		-
Disposal of interest in subsidiary		-
At 31 December 2021		-
Remaining equity interest following loss of control over investee		180,301
Additional contributions to the investee		19,919
Share of losses for the year		(4,408)
Share in other comprehensive loss for the year		(45)
Impairment loss recognised as part of remaining equity interest	8	(180,301)
Impairment loss attributable to associate		(15,466)
At 31 December 2022		-

During the financial year the Group entered into an agreement with Lake Victoria Gold Limited whereby LVG purchased Kibo Gold Limited for a total consideration of £729,203 of which £656,283 is due by LVG to Katoro Gold Plc. This was pursuant the restructuring of an agreement with LVG relating to the previous reported disposal of Reef Miners Limited.

The original disposal agreement of Reef Miners was cancelled and LVG purchased an 80% equity interest in Reef Miners' parent Kibo Gold by way of a share issue of Kibo Gold. The share issue resulted in a dilution of interest for Katoro Gold Plc in Kibo Gold and the subsequent loss of control.

On the date that control in Kibo Gold was lost, Katoro Gold raised a residual interest in Kibo Gold to the value of £180,301 which was impaired on the same day to reflect the position of the investment in Kibo Gold previously held. The residual value was calculated as Katoro Gold's proportionate share of the £729,203 (€792,000) transaction price payable by LVG for its 80% shareholding of the Kibo Gold Group. Refer note 8.

### 17. Other financial liabilities

	Group 2022 (£)	Group 2021 (£)	Company 2022 (£)	Company 2021(£)
Amounts due to:				
Power Metal Resources Plc	190,229	75,280	-	-
	190,229	75,280	-	-

The amounts due to Power Metal Resources Plc relate to shareholder's current account due by Kibo Nickel Ltd and is interest free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

## 18. Related parties

### Relationships

Name	Relationship
Kibo Energy PLC	Significant shareholder
Kibo Gold Limited	Associate
Lake Victoria Gold Limited	Majority shareholder of Kibo Gold Limited
Tiaan Coetzee	Family member of the Executive Chairman

### **Board of Directors/Key Management**

Name	Position
Louis Coetzee	Chairman (Executive)
Louis Scheepers	Non-executive director
Myles Campion	Non-executive director
Paul Dudley	Non-executive director
Lukas Maree	Non-executive director

## Other entities over which Directors/Key management or their close family have control or significant influence:

Name

Lukas Maree Dekka Capital Partners Myles Campion Virico (IOM) Limited

### **Balances and transactions**

	Amount (£)	Amount (£)
Balances	2022	2021
Financial asset receivable – Lake Victoria Gold	-	-
Consulting fees accrued - Louis Coetzee	(2,939)	-
Consulting fees accrued - Louis Scheepers	(2,939)	-
Consulting fees accrued – Dekka Capital Partners	(2,939)	-
Consulting fees accrued – Virico (IOM) Limited	(2,939)	-
Director's fees accrued - Paul Dudley	(3,436)	-
Recharge costs accrued – Kibo Energy PLC	(16,025)	
Transactions		
Consulting fees paid – Tiaan Coetzee	(2,852)	-
Recharge costs paid - Kibo Energy Plc	(49,453)	-
Impairment of other receivable – Kibo Energy PLC	-	23,024
Consideration receivable for disposal of investment in Kibo Gold Limited – Lake Victoria Gold	656,283	-
Impairment of receivable for Kibo Gold Limited disposal - Lake Victoria Gold	(656,283)	-

Related parties of the Group comprise subsidiaries, significant shareholders, majority shareholders of associates and the Directors.

Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation.

The transactions during the period between the Company and its subsidiaries included the settlement of expenditure to/from subsidiaries, working capital funding, and settlement of the Company's liabilities through the issue of equity in subsidiaries. The capital contributions to/from Group companies do not have fixed repayment terms and are unsecured.

The amounts due to Directors for services rendered as directors are non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment. During April 2023 these amounts were settled by way of shares and warrants issued to the Directors in lieu of cash settlement. Refer Note 20.

### 19. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management

The Group and Company's principal financial instruments comprise cash. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide finance for the Group and Company's operations. The Group has various other financial assets and liabilities such as other receivables and trade payables, which arise directly from its operations.

It is and has been throughout the 2022 and 2021 financial period, the Group and Company's policy not to undertake trading in derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Group and Company's financial instruments are foreign currency risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and capital risk. Management reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks which are summarised below.

	2022	2 (£)	2021 (£)		
	Financial assets at amortised	Financial liabilities at amortised	Financial assets at amortised	Financial liabilities at amortised	
Financial instruments of the Group are:	cost	cost	cost	cost	
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	49,596	-	827,956	-	
Financial liabilities		106.615		00.453	
Trade and other payables Other financial liabilities	-	106,615 190,229	-	88,452 75,280	
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	2022	(£)	2021	(£)	
Financial instruments of the Company are:	Financial assets at amortised cost	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Financial Liabilities at amortised cost	
<b>Financial assets</b> Cash and cash equivalents	43,494	-	740,262	-	

### Foreign currency risk

The Group undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies and exposures to exchange rate fluctuations therefore arise. Exchange rate exposures are managed by continuously reviewing exchange rate movements in the relevant foreign currencies to ensure funding is advanced as and when the potential negative impact from currency fluctuations is minimal. The exposure to exchange rate fluctuations is limited as the Company's subsidiaries operate mainly with Pound Sterling, Euro, US Dollar and Tanzanian Shillings.

At the period ended 31 December 2022, the Group had no outstanding forward exchange contracts.

There was no material exposure to foreign currencies at 31 December 2022.

#### Exchange rates used for conversion of foreign subsidiaries undertakings were:

	2022	2021
USD to GBP (Spot)	0.82660	0.74121
USD to GBP (Average)	0.85280	0.72710
EURO to GBP (Spot)	0.88660	0.83939
EURO to GBP (Average)	0.81150	0.85990
ZAR to GBP (Spot)	0.04860	0.04659
ZAR to GBP (Average)	0.04960	0.04920

#### Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counter party will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Group. As the Group does not, as yet, have any sales to third parties, this risk is limited.

However, during the prior year there was significant increase in the credit risk stemming from the Lake Victoria Gold Receivable due to the continued default on various payments which resulted in the financial asset being classified as a Stage 3 lifetime credit impaired receivable at year end.

Furthermore, all funds contributed to the Blyvoor Joint Operation is contractually receivable upon confirmation of the commercial viability of the project, which at year end has not yet been established, thus the receivable has been fully impaired as it is considered to be Stage 3 lifetime credit impaired.

The Group and Company's financial assets comprise receivables and cash and cash equivalents. The credit risk on cash and cash equivalents is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies. The Fitch rating for Barclays Bank UK as at Sep 2022 for Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) is A+. The Group and Company's exposure to credit risk arise from default of its counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents in its consolidated statement of financial position.

The Group does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any Group of counterparties having similar characteristics other than banks. The Group defines counterparties as having similar characteristics if they are connected or related entities.

Financial assets exposed to credit risk at period end were as follows:

Financial instruments	Group (£)		Company (£)	
<u> </u>	2022	2021	2022	2021
Cash	49,596	827,956	43,494	740,262

### Liquidity risk management

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors, which has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Group and Company's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements.

The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining current assets through cash or similar liquid instruments and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. Cash forecasts are regularly produced to identify the liquidity requirements of the Group. As at 31 December 2022 the cash reserves at hand where not sufficient to settle short term liabilities. Refer note to the Group's assessment of Going Concern for further information.

The Group and Company's financial liabilities as at 31 December 2022 were all payable on demand, other than the trade payables to other Group undertakings.

	Less than 1 year	Greater than 1 year
Group (£) At 31 December 2022 Trade and other payables Other financial liabilities	106,615 190,229	-
At 31 December 2021 Trade and other payables Other financial liabilities	88,452 75,280	
Company (£) At 31 December 2022 Trade and other payables	63,749	-
At 31 December 2021 Trade and other payables	77,652	-

#### Interest rate risk

The Group and Company's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group and Company's holdings of cash and short-term deposits.

It is the Group and Company's policy as part of its management of the budgetary process to place surplus funds on short term deposit in order to maximise interest earned.

### **Group Sensitivity Analysis:**

Currently no significant impact exists due to possible interest rate changes as the Company has no interest-bearing instruments.

#### Capital risk management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust its capital structure, the Group may adjust or issue new shares or raise debt. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the period ended 31 December 2022. The capital structure of the Group consists of equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained losses as disclosed in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

#### Fair values

The carrying amount of the Group and Company's financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at amortised cost in the financial statements approximate their fair value.

### **Hedging**

At 31 December 2022, the Group had no outstanding contracts designated as hedges.

#### 20. Post Statement of Financial Position Events

#### Subdivision of share capital

At the general meeting held on 15 March 2023 a resolution was passed whereby the share capital was subdivided.

The subdivision resulted in each of the existing Ordinary Shares of £0.01 being subdivided into one Deferred Share of £0.009 each and one Ordinary Share of £0.001 each; therefore, the Shareholders retained the same number of shares held prior to the general meeting, with the only change being the par value of the ordinary shares changing.

Before the subdivision the Company had 460,412,593 ordinary shares of £0.01 each and after the subdivision the Company had 460,412,593 New Ordinary Shares of £0.001 each. The Board proposed the subdivision of share capital as it believed that it would provide the Company with more flexibility regarding its future funding options and improved trading liquidity in a very challenging market.

### Capital raising

In April 2023 the Company has raised £150,000 (gross) at 0.1 pence per share, through a placing by SI Capital of £130,000 and Directors' subscription of £20,000, both of which will be used to fund the Company's ongoing working capital requirements (the 'Fundraise').

### Settlement of liabilities through shares issued

The Company at the same time issued £59 085 of new ordinary shares at 0.1 pence per share in settlement of accrued director fees outstanding. Each Financing Share has an attaching warrant to subscribe for a further new Ordinary Share at an exercise price of 0.2 pence per warrant, with a life to expiry of 3 years from the Financing Shares admission.

## 21. Commitments and Contingencies

The Group does not have identifiable material contingencies or commitments as at the reporting date.