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**31 March 2020**

## Summary

- OMR 20m (AUD ~84m) project finance approved
- Project Operations Manager appointed
- ARL drilling activity continues on site
- Muscat Airport closure and other Covid-19 related changes impact schedule
- Alara Operations LLC established in Oman

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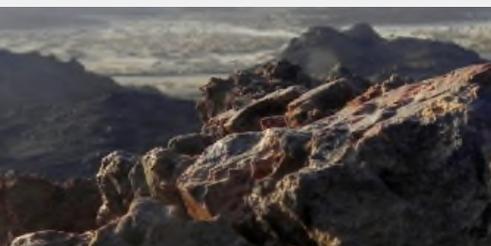
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# Oman Activity Report

## Project Developments

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The Al Hadeetha Copper Gold Project consists of one mining license (Al Wash-hi – Majaza) and three exploration licenses (Al Wash-hi – Majaza, Mullaq and Al Ajal).

Preparatory work for plant construction continued during the quarter. Key activities included:

### *Project Engineering and Procurement:*

Alara JV company Al Hadeetha Resources LLC (**AHRL**) halted work with CGM as project EPC contractor due to the impacts of COVID -19, including airport closure, domestic travel restrictions, shipping and other related concerns.

AHRL is considering its options and has executed a Change Order with Project Management Consultant Progesys. The Change Order includes a two-month extension to the PMC schedule.

### *Mining Contractor*

Following the entry of a preliminary commercial agreement in the previous quarter, Al Hadeetha Resources LLC (**AHRL**) and Alara Resources LLC (**ARL**) agreed terms for a ten-year mining contract by way of a letter of intent (**LOI**).

### *Project Site Metallurgical Drilling*

A second ARL drilling team commenced operations at the project site to obtain metallurgical samples for processing plant design work. Drilling progress has continued throughout the period with ~1372m of HQ/NQ samples collected and 98% core recovery.

### *Project Finance:*

AHRL agreed to proceed with project finance offers from local Omani banks:

- OMR 10m (~AUD 42m) finance facility<sup>1</sup> with Alizz Islamic Bank, and
- OMR 10m (~AUD 42m) finance facility<sup>2</sup> with Bank Nizwa, were approved during the period, under a “club deal” between those banks.

### *Oman Copper Consolidation*

The Company is continuing to pursue opportunities to extend its project portfolio in Oman.

### *AHRL Management Appointment*

AHRL appointed Mr Avigyan Bera (formerly with McNally Bharat Engineering) as Project Operations Manager. The role includes management of the EPC contractor (in connection with the Project Management Consultant) and project budgeting and scheduling. Mr Bera is a mechanical engineer with over 12 years project experience including project planning, execution, commissioning and process engineering.

## Alara Resources LLC (ARL)

ARL's first mining contract is with Al Hadeetha Resources LLC, as detailed above. Tender proposals have been prepared and submitted to other prospective clients.

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1 Refer to Alara's 3 February 2020 ASX Announcement titled: "Al Hadeetha Signs 10m Rial Finance Offer".

2 Refer to Alara's 10 March 2020 ASX Announcement titled: "Al Hadeetha Resources Executes Second bank Finance Offer"

A response to ARL's first tender submission to a major Omani industrial mineral company has been postponed with many Omani businesses being temporarily closed or with reduced staff due to Covid-19 restrictions.

## Alara Operations LLC (AOL)

Alara has established a new entity in Oman named Alara Operations LLC. AOL will be registered as a wholly owned subsidiary of Alara following changes to Oman's corporate law earlier this year. These changes have opened the door to incorporating 100% foreign-owned Omani entities.

## Expenditure Summaries

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### Mining production and development

During the quarter, the consolidated entity incurred expenditure of \$263,590 on mining production and development activities.

### Mining exploration

During the quarter, the consolidated entity incurred expenditure of \$nil on mining exploration activities.

## Related-Party Payments

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### Director's remuneration

During the Quarter, the consolidated entity made payments totalling \$31,000 to related parties, as disclosed in item 6.1 in the Company's Appendix 5B. These payments were for Directors' remuneration. No other payment was made to any related party or the associate of a related party. In addition, \$237,000 was paid to Alara Resources LLC (**ARL**). ARL is not a related party, or an associate of a related party, of the Alara Resources Limited consolidated group. This payment is noted on the basis that ARL makes payments to Alara Resources Limited Directors.

## Next Quarter

Expected developments in the next Quarter include:

- Looking to see Covid-19 restrictions lifted and options analysis completed.
- Progress with laboratory test work.
- LOI with ARL converted into a mining contract.

## Tenement Status

### Oman Copper-Gold Projects

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Alara has joint venture interests in five copper-gold deposits located within five Exploration Licences in Oman extending over 1,200km<sup>2</sup>.

The Al Wash-hi – Majaza/Mullaq<sup>3</sup> prospects are located ~160km south-southwest of Muscat (the capital of Oman) and the Al Ajal Prospect is located about 65 km southwest of the capital. The Daris Copper-Gold Project<sup>4</sup> is located ~150km west of Muscat. Both projects are located very close to high-quality bitumen roads.

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3 Refer to Alara's 8 December 2011 ASX Announcement: Project Acquisition - Al Ajal-Washihi-Mullaq Copper-Gold Project in Oman.

4 Refer to Alara's 30 August 2010 ASX Announcement: Project Acquisition - Daris Copper Project in Oman.

## Al Hadeetha Copper-Gold Project

The current status of all licences/applications for this project is presented in the table below.

Licence Name	Licence Owner	Alara JV Interest	Exploration Area	Date of Grant	Status	Mining Area	Date of Application	Status
Wash-hi-Majaza ML 10003075.	Al Hadeetha Resources LLC	51%	39km <sup>2</sup>	Jan 2008	Active	3km <sup>2</sup>	2013	Active
Mullaq	Al Hadeetha Resources LLC	51%	41km <sup>2</sup>	Oct 2009	Active*	1km <sup>2</sup>	Jan 2013	Pending
Al Ajal	Al Hadeetha Resources LLC	51%	25km <sup>2</sup>	Jan 2008	Active*	1.5km <sup>2</sup>	Jan 2013	Pending

\*Pursuant to Ministerial decree (38/2013) which declares that the exploration licence ends when its duration ends, unless the licensee has submitted an application for a mining licence, in which case the duration for the exploration licence extends until the date that a determination is made on the mining application.

## Daris and Awtad Copper-Gold Projects

The current status of all licences/applications for this project is presented in the table below.

Licence Name	Licence Owner	Alara JV Interest	Exploration Area	Date of Grant	Status	Mining Area	Date of Application	Status
Block 7	Al Tamman Trading and Est. LLC	50% (earn in to 70%)	587km <sup>2</sup>	Nov 2009	Active*	Daris 3A5 & East	Resubmitted 2018	Pending
Block 8	Awtad Resources LLC	10% (earn in to 70%)	597km <sup>2</sup>	Nov 2009	Renewal pending	NA	NA	NA

\*Pursuant to Ministerial decree (38/2013) which declares that the exploration licence ends when its duration ends, unless the licensee has submitted an application for a mining licence, in which case the duration for the exploration licence extends until the date that a determination is made on the mining application.

## Saudi Arabia - Khnaiguiyah Zinc-Copper Project

The Khnaiguiyah Zinc-Copper Project<sup>5</sup> is located approximately 170km south-west of the Saudi Arabian capital city of Riyadh. The mining licence (held by a former JV partner) was cancelled in December 2015. Alara, as sole funder of the Definitive Feasibility Study, is poised to restart the project once the licence is re-issued and is working with relevant parties in both the private and public sectors to prepare for this. The Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources bandar Bin Ibrahim Al-Khorayef recently announced the allocation of 54 mining reserve sites, including five zinc sites with one in Al Khnaiguiyah.

## Additional Tenement Information

### Mining tenement disposals and acquisitions

The consolidated entity did not acquire or dispose of any interest in any mineral tenement during the quarter.

### Farm-in and farm-out agreements

The consolidated entity did not enter or terminate any farm-in or farm-out agreement during the quarter.

The consolidated entity holds its percentage interests in the mineral tenements disclosed under the heading *Daris and Awtad Copper-Gold Projects* under farm-in agreements with the respective Licence Owners disclosed there.

<sup>5</sup> Refer to Alara's 18 April 2013 ASX Announcement: Maiden JORC Ore Reserves – Khnaiguiyah Zinc-Copper Project.

# Securities Information

as at 2 April 2020

## Issued Securities

	Quoted on ASX	Unlisted	Total
Fully paid ordinary shares	629,017,589	-	629,017,589
<b>Total</b>	<b>629,017,589</b>		<b>629,017,589</b>

## Distribution of Fully Paid Shares

Spread of Holdings	Number of Holders	Number of Units	% of Total Issued Capital
1 - 1,000	874	294,861	0.05%
1,001 - 5,000	269	626,569	0.10%
5,001 - 10,000	126	1,051,773	0.17%
10,001 - 100,000	325	12,339,793	1.96%
100,001 - and over	254	614,704,593	97.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>629,017,589</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Top 20 Shareholders

Rank	Shareholder	Shares Held	% Issued Capital
1.	Mr Vikas Malu	57,142,050	9.08
2.	Ms Meng	41,824,437	6.65
3.	Mr Vikas Jain	37,745,930	6.00
4.	Mr Justin Richard	35,319,526	5.62
5.	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	33,683,991	5.36
6.	Al Hadeetha Investment Services LLC	31,500,000	5.01
7.	Metal Corners Holdings Co	31,012,217	4.93
8.	Mr Piyush Jain	24,199,437	3.85
9.	Whitechurch Developments Pty Ltd <Whitechurch S/F A/C>	20,575,550	3.27
10.	Mr Tyrone James Giese	17,456,189	2.78
11.	BNP Paribas Noms Pty Ltd <UOB KH P/L AC UOB KH DRP>	16,524,428	2.63
12.	Mr Jay Hughes + Mrs Linda Hughes <Inkese Super A/C>	16,350,000	2.60
13.	Mr Mohammed Saleh Alalshaikh	11,347,387	1.80
14.	Mr Anthony Cullen + Mrs Sue Cullen <AC&SJ Cullen Super Fund A/C>	9,649,544	1.50
15.	Mr Peter Kelvin Rodwell	9,422,858	1.49
16.	Ferguson Superannuation Pty Ltd	8,727,692	1.39
17.	Mr Warren William Brown + Mrs Marilyn Helena Brown	8,664,286	1.38
18.	Mr Brian Joseph Flannery + Mrs Peggy Ann Flannery	8,555,785	1.36
19.	Mr Pradeep Kumar Goyal	8,540,643	1.36
20.	Mr Vikas Malu	7,000,000	1.11
<b>Total</b>		<b>434,041,950</b>	<b>68.97%</b>

## Disclaimer

This report contains ‘forward-looking statements’ and ‘forward-looking information’, including statements and forecasts which include without limitation, expectations regarding future performance, costs, production levels or rates, mineral resources, and studies. Often, but not always, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of words such as ‘plans’, ‘expects’, ‘is expected’, ‘is expecting’, ‘budget’, ‘scheduled’, ‘estimates’, ‘forecasts’, ‘intends’, ‘anticipates’, ‘believes’ or variations (including negative variations) of such words and phrases, or state that certain actions, events or results ‘may’, ‘could’, ‘would’, ‘might’, or ‘will’ be taken, occur or be achieved. Such information is based on assumptions and judgements of management regarding future events and results.

The purpose of forward-looking information is to provide readers with information about management’s expectations and plans. Readers are cautioned that forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Alara and/or its subsidiaries to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. Such factors include, among others, changes in market conditions, future prices of gold and copper, the actual results of current production, development and/or exploration activities, changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined, variations in grade or recovery rates, plant and/or equipment failure and the possibility of cost overruns.

Forward-looking information and statements are based on the reasonable assumptions, estimates, analysis and opinions of management made in light of its experience and its perception of trends, current conditions and expected developments, as well as other factors that management believes to be relevant and reasonable in the circumstances at the date such statements are made, but which may prove to be incorrect. Alara believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements and information are reasonable. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used. Alara does not undertake to update any forward-looking information or statements, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

## About Alara Resources

Alara Resources Limited (ASX: AUQ) is an Australian minerals exploration company with a portfolio of projects in the Middle East. Alara has completed Bankable Feasibility Studies for the Al Hadeetha Copper Project in Oman and the Khnaiguiyah Zinc-Copper Project in Saudi Arabia and an Advanced Scoping Study on the Daris Copper-Gold Project in Oman. In June 2018, Al Hadeetha Resources became the first international joint venture company to be awarded a copper mining licence in the Sultanate of Oman. The Company is now establishing itself a mine developer and producer of base and precious metals. For more information, please visit: [www.alararesources.com](http://www.alararesources.com).



‘Alara’ is generally regarded as the founder of the Napatan royal dynasty by his Nubian successors. During his lengthy reign, King Alara was responsible for unifying the upper kingdom, with precious metals becoming an important part of the kingdom’s flourishing economy.

Image: Cartouche of Alara

## Appendix 5B

### Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

**Name of entity**

ALARA RESOURCES LIMITED

**ABN**

27 122 892 719

**Quarter ended ("current quarter")**

31 March 2020

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date ( 9 months) \$A'000
<b>1. Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
1.1 Receipts from customers		
1.2 Payments for		
(a) exploration & evaluation (if expensed)	-	-
(b) development	(263)	(878)
(c) production	-	-
(d) staff costs	(8)	(187)
(e) administration and corporate costs	(343)	(881)
1.3 Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4 Interest received	135	160
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6 Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7 Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8 Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>1.9 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(479)</b>	<b>(1,786)</b>

<b>2. Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
2.1 Payments to acquire:		
(a) entities	-	-
(b) tenements	-	-
(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
(d) exploration & evaluation (if capitalised)	-	-
(e) investments	-	-
(f) other non-current assets	-	-

## Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date ( 9 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	(2)
	(d) investments	4,786	5,168
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	114	330
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>5,496</b>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	-
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	(843)	(843)
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(843)</b>	<b>(843)</b>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period</b>		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6,864	7,562
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(479)	(1,786)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	4,900	5,496
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(843)	(843)

## Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

<b>Consolidated statement of cash flows</b>		<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Year to date ( 9 months) \$A'000</b>
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	940	953
<b>4.6</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>11,382</b>	<b>11,382</b>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents</b> at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>	<b>Previous quarter \$A'000</b>
5.1	Bank balances	10,978	6,461
5.2	Call deposits	404	403
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)</b>	<b>11,382</b>	<b>6,864</b>

**6. Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates**

- 6.1 Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1\*
- 6.2 Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2

<b>Current quarter \$A'000</b>
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Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments. (\*In addition, \$237,000.00 was paid to Alara Resources LLC (ARL). ARL is not a related party, or an associate of a related party, of the Alara Resources Limited consolidated group. This payment is noted on the basis that ARL makes payments to Alara Resources Limited Directors.)

The amount in 6.1 is comprised of Directors' salaries, fees and entitlements of A\$31,000.

## Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

<b>7. Financing facilities</b>		<b>Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000</b>	<b>Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000</b>
<i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.</i>			
<i>Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.</i>			
7.1	Loan facilities – Al Hadeetha Investments LLC	3,043	759
7.2	Loan facilities – Alizz Islamic Bank	42,158	-
7.3	Loan facilities – Bank Nizwa	42,158	-
7.4	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.5	<b>Total financing facilities</b>	<b>87,359</b>	<b>759</b>
7.5	<b>Unused financing facilities available at quarter end</b>		<b>86,600</b>
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
7.1.	Pursuant to the Shareholders' Agreement with Al Hadeetha Investments LLC ( <b>AHI</b> ), Al Hadeetha Resources LLC ( <b>AHR</b> ) (a controlled entity of Alara Resources Limited) executed a loan agreement of up to USD 2 million with AHI on 16 April 2017. Under the loan agreement, interest accrues at a rate of LIBOR plus 2%. The loan is repayable (alongside the loan of approximately AUD 17.9 million from Alara Resources Limited and its controlled entities) from profits of AHR prior to any dividends being issued to the shareholders of AHR, or in the event that AHI ceases to be a shareholder of AHR. AHI and/or Alara Resources Limited may elect to convert all or part of the loan into equity in AHR.		
7.2.	As per ASX Announcement dated 3 February 2020, Alara has accepted a finance offer from Alizz Islamic Bank ( <b>Alizz</b> ) for finance of OMR 10 Million (~A\$42 Million). The profit rate for Alizz is in the range of 5.92 – 6.92% per annum, reviewable annually. Also, OMR 100,000 (A\$400,000) has been paid as facility fees to the bank for the finance offer. The finance amount is repayable in 28 quarterly instalments with a three-year grace period applying to principal payments (total 10-year term). It will be secured over AHR's mining license and related assets, along with guarantees from AHR shareholders and other securities from local shareholders.		
7.3.	As per ASX Announcement of 10 March 2020, Alara accepted a finance offer from Bank Nizwa ( <b>Nizwa</b> ) for finance of OMR 10 Million (~A\$42 Million). The profit rate for Nizwa is a minimum of 6.75% per annum, reviewable annually. Also, OMR 100,000 (A\$400,000) has been paid as facility fees to the bank for the finance offer. The finance amount is repayable in 28 quarterly instalments with a three-year grace period applying to principal payments (total 10-year term). It will be secured over AHR's mining license and related assets, along with guarantees from AHR shareholders.		
<b>8.</b>	<b>Estimated cash available for future operating activities</b>		<b>\$A'000</b>
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (Item 1.9)		(479)
8.2	Capitalised exploration & evaluation (Item 2.1(d))		-
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (Item 8.1 + Item 8.2)		(479)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (Item 4.6)		11,382
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (Item 7.5)		86,600
8.6	Total available funding (Item 8.4 + Item 8.5)		97,982
8.7	<b>Estimated quarters of funding available (Item 8.6 divided by Item 8.3)</b>		<b>204.55</b>
Note: The entry in Item 8.7 is the result of applying the formula required by the Listing Rules. It does not reflect the fact that the purpose of the facilities are for the construction of copper-gold mining and processing infrastructure and, under the facility terms, would be required to be fully drawn down and expended within two years of first drawdown.			

**Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report**

8.8 If Item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:

1. Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?

Answer: Not applicable

2. Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer: Not applicable

3. Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer: Not applicable

**Compliance statement**

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Authorised by:   
 (Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)  
 Stephen Gethin, Company Secretary

**Notes**

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.