

# **IDENTIFICATION OF RISK**

The Board is responsible for the oversight of the Group's risk management and control framework. Responsibility for control and risk management is delegated to the appropriate level of management within the Company with the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer having ultimate responsibility to the Board for the risk management and control framework. The primary objectives of the risk management system at the Company are to ensure:

- all major sources of potential opportunity for and harm to the Company (both existing and potential) are identified, analysed and treated appropriately;
- business decisions throughout the Company appropriately balance the risk and reward trade off;
- regulatory compliance and integrity in reporting is achieved; and
- senior management, the Board and investors understand the risk profile of the Company.

In line with these objectives the risk management system covers:

- Operations risk;
- Financial reporting; and
- Compliance / regulations
- system/IT process risk

Arrangements put in place by the Board to monitor risk management include:

- regular (not less than quarterly) reporting to the Board in respect of operations and the financial position of the Company;
- circulate minutes of and relevant Committees to the Board and the Chairman of each respective committee to the Board; and
- tabling of a risk management report prepared by the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director at each full board meeting

# INTEGRITY OF FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer (or equivalent) report in writing to the Board that:

- the financial statements of the Company and its controlled entities (where appropriate) for each half and full year present a true and fair view, in all material aspects, of the Company's financial condition and operational results and are in accordance with accounting standards;
- the above statement is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal compliance and control which implements the policies adopted by the Board; and
- the Company's risk management and internal compliance and control framework is operating efficiently and effectively in all material respects.



# **ROLE OF AUDITOR**

The Company's practice is to invite the auditor to attend the annual general meeting and be available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director is accountable to the Board, for ensuring that the risk management system is implemented and maintained in accord with the Risk Management Policy. Assignment of responsibilities in relation to risk management is the prerogative of the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director.

### SENIOR EXECUTIVES

Senior Executives are accountable for strategic risk management within areas under their control including the dissemination of the risk management process to operational managers. Collectively the Senior Executive is responsible for:

- The formal identification of strategic risks that impact upon Peak Rare Earths' business;
- Allocation of priorities;
- The development of strategic risk management plans;
- The Senior Executive review progress against agreed risk management plans.

#### **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

In conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director, the Chief Financial Officer or equivalent ('CFO') is accountable for the implementation of the Risk Policy and for maintaining a programme of risk reassessment. The CFO also provides advice to the relevant Senior Executives on risk management matters relevant to their responsibilities.

The CFO is to assist senior management and the Board in the effective discharge of their responsibilities with regard to Peak Rare Earths' internal control environment by ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of Company processes and identifying opportunities to improve operating performances.

At appropriate intervals, the CFO shall determine the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's system of internal accounting and operating controls and determine if the business unit/function are managing risks, in accordance with management instruction, policies and procedures, in a manner consistent with Company objectives.

#### REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed by the Board each year.





The Board will review assessments of the effectiveness of risk management and internal compliance and control at least annually.

The Company must disclose at least annually whether the Board (or a committee of the Board) has completed a review of the Company's risk management framework to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound.

The Company will disclose if it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and/or social sustainability risks (as those terms are defined in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations) and, if it does, how it manages, or intends to manage, those risks.