

**DESERT METALS LIMITED**  
**ACN 617 947 172**

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**PROSPECTUS**

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For the offer of up to 15,000 New Options in the capital of the Company at an issue price of \$0.0001 per Option to raise up to \$1.50 (before expenses) (**Offer**).

**This Prospectus has been prepared primarily for the purpose of section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act to remove any trading restrictions on the sale of New Options issued by the Company prior to the Closing Date.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This document is important and should be read in its entirety. If after reading this Prospectus you have any questions about the New Options being offered under this Prospectus or any other matter, then you should consult your stockbroker, accountant or other professional adviser.

The New Options offered under this Prospectus should be considered speculative.

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## 1. CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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\* These entities have not been involved in the preparation of this Prospectus and have not consented to being named in this Prospectus. Their names are included for information purposes only.

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## 2. TIMETABLE AND IMPORTANT NOTES

### 2.1 Timetable

Action	Date
Lodgement of Prospectus with the ASIC and ASX	29 January 2024
Opening Date	29 January 2024
Closing Date	5:00pm WST on 29 January 2024
Expected date of Official Quotation of the New Options	30 January 2024

\* The Directors reserve the right to bring forward or extend the Closing Date at any time after the Opening Date without notice.

\*\* Quotation of the New Options is subject to the Company being able to satisfy ASX of the quotation requirements set out in Chapter 2 of the ASX Listing Rules.

### 2.2 Important Notes

This Prospectus is dated 29 January 2024 and was lodged with the ASIC on that date. The ASIC and its officers take no responsibility for the contents of this Prospectus or the merits of the investment to which this Prospectus relates.

No New Options may be issued on the basis of this Prospectus later than 13 months after the date of this Prospectus.

The Offer is only available to those who are personally invited to accept the Offer. Applications for New Options offered pursuant to this Prospectus can only be submitted on an original Application Form which accompanies this Prospectus.

This Prospectus is a transaction specific prospectus for an offer of options to acquire continuously quoted securities (as defined in the Corporations Act) and has been prepared in accordance with section 713 of the Corporations Act. It does not contain the same level of disclosure as an initial public offering prospectus. In making representations in this Prospectus regard has been had to the fact that the Company is a disclosing entity for the purposes of the Corporations Act and certain matters may reasonably be expected to be known to investors and professional advisers whom potential investors may consult.

### 2.3 Website

A copy of this Prospectus can be downloaded from the website of the Company at [www.desertmetals.com.au](http://www.desertmetals.com.au). If you are accessing the electronic version of this Prospectus for the purpose of making an investment in the Company, you must be an Australian resident and must only access this Prospectus from within Australia.

The Corporations Act prohibits any person passing onto another person an Application Form unless it is attached to a hard copy of this Prospectus or it accompanies the complete and unaltered version of this Prospectus. Any person may obtain a hard copy of this Prospectus free of charge by contacting the Company.

The Company reserves the right not to accept an Application Form from a person if it has reason to believe that when that person was given access to the electronic Application Form, it was not provided together with the electronic Prospectus and

any relevant supplementary or replacement prospectus or any of those documents were incomplete or altered.

## **2.4 Risk Factors**

Potential investors should be aware that subscribing for New Options in the Company involves a number of risks. The key risk factors of which investors should be aware are set out in Section 6 of this Prospectus. These risks together with other general risks applicable to all investments in listed securities not specifically referred to, may affect the value of the New Options in the future. Accordingly, an investment in the Company should be considered highly speculative. Investors should consider consulting their professional advisers before deciding whether to apply for New Options pursuant to this Prospectus.

## **2.5 Overseas Investors**

The distribution of this Prospectus in jurisdictions outside Australia may be restricted by law and therefore persons into whose possession this document comes should seek advice on and observe any such restrictions. Any failure to comply with these restrictions constitutes a violation of those laws. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer of New Options in any jurisdiction where, or to any person to whom, it would be unlawful to issue in this Prospectus.

## **2.6 Target Market Determination**

In accordance with the design and distribution obligations under the Corporations Act, the Company has determined the target market for the offer of New Options issued under this Prospectus. The Company will only distribute this Prospectus to those investors who fall within the target market determination (TMD) as set out on the Company's website ([www.desertmetals.com.au](http://www.desertmetals.com.au)).

By making an application under the Offer, you warrant that you have understood the TMD and that you fall within the target market set out in the TMD.

## **2.7 Forward-looking statements**

This Prospectus contains forward-looking statements which are identified by words such as 'may', 'could', 'believes', 'estimates', 'targets', 'expects', or 'intends' and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties.

These statements are based on an assessment of present economic and operating conditions, and on a number of assumptions regarding future events and actions that, as at the date of this Prospectus, are expected to take place.

Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, many of which are beyond the control of our Company, the Directors and our management.

We cannot and do not give any assurance that the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus will actually occur and investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

We have no intention to update or revise forward-looking statements, or to publish prospective financial information in the future, regardless of whether new information, future events or any other factors affect the information contained in this prospectus, except where required by law.

These forward looking statements are subject to various risk factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or anticipated in these statements. These risk factors are set out in Section 6 of this Prospectus.

## **2.8 Disclaimer**

No person is authorised to give any information or to make any representation in connection with the Offer described in this Prospectus which is not contained in this Prospectus. Any information not so contained may not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Company or any other person in connection with the Offer. You should rely only on information in this Prospectus.

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### **3. DETAILS OF THE OFFER**

#### **3.1 Offer**

Under this Prospectus, the Company invites investors identified by the Directors to apply for up to 15,000 New Options at an issue price of \$0.0001 per Option to raise up to \$1.50 (before expenses).

The Offer will only be extended to specific parties on invitation from the Directors. Application Forms will only be provided by the Company to these parties.

The full terms and conditions of the New Options to be offered under this Prospectus are set out in Section 5.1. Subject to the Company being able to satisfy ASX of the requirements for quotation as per Chapter 2 of the Listing Rules, the New Options will form a new class of quoted securities of the Company.

#### **3.2 Objective**

The Company is seeking to raise only a nominal amount of \$1.50 under this Prospectus and, accordingly, the purpose of this Prospectus is not to raise capital.

The primary purpose of this Prospectus is to remove any trading restrictions that may have attached to New Options issued by the Company without disclosure under Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act prior to the Closing Date (including prior to lodgement of this Prospectus) so that, following quotation of the New Options, any on-sale of New Options issued before the Closing Date does not breach section 707(3) of the Corporations Act.

Relevantly, section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act provides that a sale offer does not need disclosure to investors if:

- (a) the relevant securities are in a class of securities that are quoted securities of the body;
- (b) either:
  - (i) a prospectus is lodged with the ASIC on or after the day on which the relevant securities were issued but before the day on which the sale offer is made; or
  - (ii) a prospectus is lodged with ASIC before the day on which the relevant securities are issued and offers of securities that have been made under the prospectus are still open for acceptance on the day on which the relevant securities were issued; and
- (c) the prospectus is for an offer of securities issued by the body that are in the same class of securities as the relevant securities.

The New Options are not currently in a class of quoted securities. However, the Company will apply for quotation of the New Options (including Options on issue in the same class of the New Options) within 7 days following the date of this Prospectus and the issue of New Options under the Offer is conditional upon ASX granting Official Quotation to Options the New Options and Options on issue in the same class as the New Options.

### 3.3 Application for New Options

Applications for New Options must be made by investors at the direction of the Company and must be made using the Application Form accompanying this Prospectus.

Payment for the New Options must be made in full at the issue price of \$0.0001 per New Option.

Completed Application Forms and accompanying cheques must be mailed or delivered to the Company as follows:

Delivery by hand	Delivery by post
Level 3, 59 Parry Street PERTH WA 6000	PO Box 1253 DUNSBOROUGH WA 6909

Cheques should be made payable to **“Desert Metals Limited – New Option Offer Account”** and crossed **“Not Negotiable”**. Completed Application Forms and cheques must reach the address set out above by no later than the Closing Date.

### 3.4 Minimum subscription

There is no minimum subscription.

### 3.5 Issue of New Options

As set out in Section 3.2, the primary purpose of the Offer is to remove any trading restrictions that may have attached to New Options issued by the Company without disclosure under Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act prior to the Closing Date of the Offer (including prior to the date of this Prospectus).

If the Directors decide to issue New Options under the Offer, the issue of New Options under the Offer will take place as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Application moneys will be held in a separate subscription account until the New Options are issued. This account will be established and kept by the Company in trust for each Applicant. Any interest earned on the application moneys will be for the benefit of the Company and will be retained by the Company irrespective of whether any New Options are issued and each Applicant waives the right to claim any interest.

The Directors will determine the recipients of all the New Options. The Directors reserve the right to reject any application or to allocate any Applicant fewer New Options than the number applied for.

Where the number of New Options issued is less than the number applied for, the surplus moneys will be returned by cheque as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Where no issue of New Options is made, the amount tendered on application will be returned in full by cheque as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Interest will not be paid on moneys refunded.

The Company's decision on the number of New Options to be allocated to an applicant will be final.

Holding statements for New Options issued under this Prospectus will be mailed to the investors under the Offer.



### **3.6 ASX listing**

Application for Official Quotation of the New Options offered pursuant to this Prospectus will be made within 7 days of the date of this Prospectus. If ASX does not grant Official Quotation of the New Options offered pursuant to this Prospectus before the expiration of 3 months after the date of issue of the Prospectus, (or such period as varied by the ASIC), the Company will not issue any New Options.

The fact that ASX may grant Official Quotation to the New Options is not to be taken in any way as an indication of the merits of the Company or the New Options now offered for subscription.

### **3.7 Restrictions on the distribution of the Prospectus**

The distribution of this Prospectus outside the Commonwealth of Australia may be restricted by law.

This Offer does not, and is not intended to, constitute an offer in any place or jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, it would not be lawful to make such an offer or to issue this Prospectus.

Residents of countries outside Australia should consult their professional advisers as to whether any government or other consents are required, or whether any formalities need to be observed should they wish to make an application to take up New Options on the basis of this Prospectus. The return of a duly completed Application Form will be taken to constitute a representation and warranty that there has been no breach of such laws and that all approvals and consents have been obtained.

### **3.8 Enquiries**

Any questions concerning the Offer should be directed to Paul Heatley, Company Secretary, on + 61 417 772 569.

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## 4. PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE OFFER

### 4.1 Purpose of the Offer

The primary purpose of this Prospectus is to remove any trading restrictions that may have attached to New Options issued by the Company prior to the Closing Date (including prior to the date of this Prospectus). All of the funds raised from the Offer will be applied towards the expenses of the Offer. Refer to Section 7.8 of this Prospectus for further details relating to the estimated expenses of the Offer.

### 4.2 Effect of the Offer on capital structure

The effect of the Offer on the Company's capital structure is set out below.

Shares <sup>1</sup>	Number
Shares currently on issue	265,425,693
Shares offered under this Prospectus	Nil
<b>Total Shares on issue on completion of the Offer</b>	<b>265,425,693</b>

**Notes:**

1. The rights and liabilities attaching to Shares are summarised in Section 5.2 of this Prospectus.

Options	Number
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.06 each on or before 31 December 2025 <sup>1</sup>	57,692,308
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.06 each on or before 31 December 2026	7,500,000
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.0625 each on or before 22 January 2027	5,000,000
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.405 each on or before 8 March 2026	1,000,000
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.35 each on or before 31 August 2025	225,000
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.15 each on or before 16 November 2026	1,250,000
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.50 each on or before 2 June 2025	4,090,908
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.60 each on or before 30 November 2024	800,000
New Options offered under this Prospectus <sup>2</sup>	15,000
<b>Total Options on issue on completion of the Offer<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>77,573,216</b>

**Notes:**

1. The Company is seeking quotation of these Options.
2. The rights and liabilities attaching to the New Options are summarised in Section 5.1 of this Prospectus.
3. This assumes the Offer is fully subscribed, all New Options offered are issued and no Options are exercised.

### 4.3 Financial effect of the Offer

After expenses of the Offer of approximately \$14,000, there will be no proceeds from the Offer. The expenses of the Offer (exceeding \$1.50) will be met from the Company's existing cash reserves.

As such, the Offer will have an effect on the Company's financial position, being receipt of funds of \$1.50 less costs of preparing the Prospectus of approximately \$14,000.

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## 5. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES ATTACHING TO NEW OPTIONS

### 5.1 New Options

The following is a summary of the terms and conditions of the New Options being offered pursuant to this Prospectus:

(a) **Entitlement**

Each Option entitles the holder to subscribe for one Share upon exercise of the Option.

(b) **Exercise Price**

Subject to paragraph (i), the amount payable upon exercise of each Option will be \$0.06 (**Exercise Price**)

(c) **Expiry Date**

Each Option will expire at 5:00 pm (WST) on 31 December 2025 (**Expiry Date**). An Option not exercised before the Expiry Date will automatically lapse on the Expiry Date.

(d) **Exercise Period**

The Options are exercisable at any time on or prior to the Expiry Date (**Exercise Period**).

(e) **Notice of Exercise**

The Options may be exercised during the Exercise Period by notice in writing to the Company in the manner specified on the Option certificate (**Notice of Exercise**) and payment of the Exercise Price for each Option being exercised in Australian currency by electronic funds transfer or other means of payment acceptable to the Company.

(f) **Exercise Date**

A Notice of Exercise is only effective on and from the later of the date of receipt of the Notice of Exercise and the date of receipt of the payment of the Exercise Price for each Option being exercised in cleared funds (**Exercise Date**).

(g) **Timing of issue of Shares on exercise**

Within five Business Days after the Exercise Date, the Company will:

- (i) issue the number of Shares required under these terms and conditions in respect of the number of Options specified in the Notice of Exercise and for which cleared funds have been received by the Company;
- (ii) if required, give ASX a notice that complies with section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act, or, if the Company is unable to issue such a notice, lodge with ASIC a prospectus prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act and do all such things necessary to satisfy section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act to

ensure that an offer for sale of the Shares does not require disclosure to investors; and

- (iii) if admitted to the official list of ASX at the time, apply for official quotation on ASX of Shares issued pursuant to the exercise of the Options.

If a notice delivered under (g)(ii) for any reason is not effective to ensure that an offer for sale of the Shares does not require disclosure to investors, the Company must, no later than 20 Business Days after becoming aware of such notice being ineffective, lodge with ASIC a prospectus prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act and do all such things necessary to satisfy section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act to ensure that an offer for sale of the Shares does not require disclosure to investors.

(h) **Shares issued on exercise**

Shares issued on exercise of the Options rank equally with the then issued shares of the Company.

(i) **Reconstruction of capital**

If at any time the issued capital of the Company is reconstructed, all rights of an Optionholder are to be changed in a manner consistent with the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules at the time of the reconstruction.

(j) **Participation in new issues**

There are no participation rights or entitlements inherent in the Options and holders will not be entitled to participate in new issues of capital offered to Shares holders during the currency of the Options without exercising the Options.

(k) **Change in exercise price**

An Option does not confer the right to a change in Exercise Price or a change in the number of underlying securities over which the Option can be exercised.

(l) **Transferability**

The Options are transferable subject to any restriction or escrow arrangements imposed by ASX or under applicable Australian securities laws.

## 5.2 Shares

The following is a summary of the more significant rights and liabilities attaching to Shares that may be issued pursuant to this Prospectus and subject to exercise of the Options. This summary is not exhaustive and does not constitute a definitive statement of the rights and liabilities of Shareholders. To obtain such a statement, persons should seek independent legal advice.

Full details of the rights and liabilities attaching to Shares are set out in the Constitution, a copy of which is available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours.

(a) **General meeting and notices**

Each member is entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, general meetings of the Company and to receive all notices, accounts and other documents required to be sent to members under the Constitution, the Corporations Act or the Listing Rules.

(b) **Voting rights**

Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, at a general meeting of the Company every holder of fully paid ordinary shares present in person or by an attorney representative or proxy has one vote on a show of hands and one vote per share on a poll.

Where there are 2 or more joint holders of a share and more than one of them is present at a meeting and tenders a vote in respect of the share, the Company will count only the vote cast by the member whose name appears first in the Company's register of members.

(c) **Issues of further Shares**

The Directors may, on behalf of the Company, issue, grant options over unissued shares to any person on the terms, with the rights, and at the times that the Directors decide. However, the Directors must act in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Constitution, Listing Rules, the Corporations Act and any rights for the time being attached to the shares in any special class of those shares.

(d) **Variation of Rights**

Unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of a class of shares and subject to the Corporations Act, the rights attached to the shares in any class may be varied or cancelled only with the written consent of the holders of at least three-quarters of the issued shares of the affected class, or by special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the issued shares of the affected class.

(e) **Transfer of Shares**

Subject to the Constitution, the Corporations Act and Listing Rules, Shares are freely transferable.

The Shares may be transferred by a proper transfer effected in accordance with the ASX Settlement Operating Rules, by any other method of transferring or dealing with Shares introduced by ASX and as otherwise permitted by the Corporations Act or by a written instrument of transfer in any usual form or in any other form approved by either the Directors or ASX that is permitted by the Corporations Act.

The Directors may decline to register a transfer of Shares (other than a proper transfer in accordance with the ASX Settlement Operating Rules) where permitted to do so under the Listing Rules. If the Directors decline to register a transfer, the Company must, within 5 Business Days after the transfer is delivered to the Company, give the party lodging the transfer written notice of the refusal and the reason for the refusal. The Directors must decline to register a transfer of Shares when required by law, by the Listing Rules or by the ASX Settlement Operating Rules.

(f) **Dividends**

The Directors may from time to time determine dividends to be distributed to members according to their rights and interests. The Directors may fix the time for distribution and the methods of distribution. Subject to the terms of issue of shares, the Company may pay a dividend on one class of shares to the exclusion of another class.

Each share carries the right to participate in the dividend in the same proportion that the amount for the time being paid on the share (not credited) bears to the total amounts paid and payable (excluding amounts credited) in respect of such shares.

(g) **Dividend reinvestment and Share plans**

Subject to the requirements in the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules, the Directors may implement and maintain dividend reinvestment plans (under which any member may elect that dividends payable by the Company be reinvested by way of subscription for fully paid shares in the Company).

(h) **Capitalisation of profits**

Subject to the Listing Rules and any rights or restrictions attaching to any class of shares, the Company may capitalise profits. Members are entitled to participate in a capital distribution in the same proportions in which they are entitled to participate in dividends.

(i) **Winding-up**

Subject to the rights of holders of shares with special rights in a winding-up and the Corporations Act, if the Company is wound up all monies and property that are to be distributed among Shareholders on a winding-up, shall be distributed in proportion to the Shares held by them respectively, irrespective of the amount paid-up or credited as paid-up on the Shares.

(j) **Shareholder liability**

As the Shares issued will be fully paid shares, they will not be subject to any calls for money by the Directors and will therefore not become liable for forfeiture.

(k) **Alteration of constitution**

In accordance with the Corporations Act, the Constitution can only be amended by a special resolution passed by at least three quarters of Shareholders present and voting at the general meeting. In addition, at least 28 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution must be given.

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## **6. RISK FACTORS**

### **6.1 Introduction**

The New Options offered under this Prospectus are considered highly speculative. An investment in the Company is not risk free and the Directors strongly recommend potential investors to consider the risk factors described below, together with information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus and to consult their professional advisers before deciding whether to apply for New Options pursuant to this Prospectus.

There are specific risks which relate directly to the Company's business. In addition, there are other general risks, many of which are largely beyond the control of the Company and the Directors. The risks identified in this Section, or other risk factors, may have a material impact on the financial performance of the Company and the market price of the New Options.

The following is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the risk factors to which the Company is exposed.

### **6.2 Company specific**

#### **(a) Exploration**

The Company's tenements are at an early stage of exploration, and potential investors should understand that mineral exploration and development are high-risk undertakings.

There can be no assurance that exploration of the Company's tenements, or any other tenements that may be acquired in the future, will result in the discovery of an economic ore deposit. Even if an apparently viable deposit is identified, there is no guarantee that it can be economically exploited.

The exploration costs of the Company are based on certain assumptions with respect to the method and timing of exploration. By their nature, these estimates and assumptions are subject to significant uncertainties and, accordingly, the actual costs may materially differ from these estimates and assumptions. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the cost estimates and the underlying assumptions will be realised in practice, which may materially and adversely affect the Company's viability.

Whilst the Directors will make every effort to reduce this risk, the fact remains that the discovery and development of a commercially viable resource is the exception rather than the rule.

#### **(b) Operations**

The operations of the Company may be affected by various factors, including failure to locate or identify mineral deposits, failure to achieve predicted grades in exploration and mining, operational and technical difficulties encountered in mining, difficulties in commissioning and operating plant and equipment, mechanical failure or plant breakdown, unanticipated metallurgical problems which may affect extraction costs, adverse weather conditions, industrial and environmental accidents, industrial disputes and unexpected shortages or increases in the costs of consumables, spare parts, plant and equipment.



No assurances can be given that the Company will achieve commercial viability through the successful exploration and/or mining of its tenement interests. Until the Company is able to realise value from its projects, it is likely to incur ongoing operating losses.

(c) **Sovereign risk**

While the Company's corporate headquarters are located in Perth, Western Australia, the Company's recently acquired mineral exploration projects are located outside Australia in Cote d'Ivoire, in addition to its mineral exploration projects located in Western Australia. There are risks associated with operating in jurisdictions outside Australia, including, but not limited to, economic, social or political instability or change, disease outbreak, hyperinflation, currency instability and changes of law affecting foreign ownership, government participation, taxation, working conditions, royalty arrangements, mining, rates of exchange, export duties, mine safety, labour relations, exploration licensing, environmental protection, as well as government control over mineral properties or government regulations that require the employment of local residents or contractors.

In addition, changes to exploration, mining or investment policies or a shift in political attitude in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates may have a material adverse effect on the Company, including the Company's ability to raise additional equity and debt funding. The Company may also be required by local authorities to invest in social projects for the benefit of the local community.

Any of these factors may, in the future, adversely affect the financial performance of the Company and the market price of the Company's securities. No assurance can be given regarding future stability in any country in which the Company operates.

(d) **Commodity Price Volatility and Exchange Rate Risk**

The Company's ability to proceed with the development of its mineral projects and benefit from any future mining operations will depend on market factors, some of which may be beyond its control. It is anticipated that any revenues derived from mining will be primarily from the sale of gold. Consequently, any future earnings are likely to be closely related to the price of gold and the terms of any off-take agreements the Company enters.

The world market for minerals is subject to many variables and may fluctuate markedly. These variables include world demand for gold that may be mined commercially in the future from the Company's project areas, forward selling by producers and production cost levels in major mineral-producing regions. Minerals prices are also affected by macroeconomic factors such as general global economic conditions and expectations regarding inflation and interest rates. These factors may have an adverse effect on the Company's exploration, development and production activities, as well as on its ability to fund those activities. Metals are principally sold through the world in US dollars. The Company's cost base will be payable in various currencies including Australian dollars and US dollars. As a result, any significant and/or sustained fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Australian dollar and the US dollar could have a materially adverse effect on the Company's operations, financial position (including revenue and profitability) and performance. The

Company may undertake measures, where deemed necessary by the Board, to mitigate such risks.

(e) **Native Title and Aboriginal Heritage**

In relation to tenements which the Company has an interest in or will in the future acquire such an interest, there may be areas over which legitimate common law native title rights of Aboriginal Australians exist. If native title rights do exist, the ability of the Company to gain access to tenements (through obtaining consent of any relevant land owner), or to progress from the exploration phase to the development and mining phases of operations may be adversely affected.

In addition, there may be areas or objects of Aboriginal heritage located on the Company's tenements, or any other tenements that may be acquired by the Company in the future. The Company must ensure that it does not breach the applicable legislation relating to Aboriginal heritage. To ensure that it does not contravene such legislation, it would be prudent for the Company (and it would accord with industry practice and Aboriginal expectations) to conduct heritage surveys to determine if any Aboriginal heritage sites or objects exist within the area of the Company's tenements prior to commencing any activities. Any interference with these sites or objects must be in strict conformity with the provisions of the relevant legislation.

If Aboriginal heritage sites or objects do exist the Company may need to enter into agreements with the traditional owners of the sites. The ability of the Company to implement its work programme may be adversely affected in both time and cost.

The Directors will closely monitor the potential effect of native title claims involving tenements in which the Company has or may have an interest.

### 6.3 **General**

(a) **Resource estimations**

Resources estimates are expressions of judgement based on knowledge, experience and resource modelling. As such, resource estimates are inherently imprecise and rely to some extent on interpretations made. Additionally, resource estimates may change over time as new information becomes available. Should the Company encounter mineralisation or geological formations different from those predicted by past drilling, sampling and interpretations, resource estimates may need to be altered in a way that could adversely affect the Company's operations.

(b) **Environmental**

The proposed activities of the Company are subject to the laws and regulations of Australia (and other locations where the Company may have operations) concerning the environment. As with most exploration projects, the Company's activities are expected to have an impact on the environment, particularly during advanced exploration and future mining activities. The Company's projects are or may be subject to various laws and regulations regarding environmental matters and the discharge of hazardous wastes and materials. Development of any of the Company's projects will be dependent on the Company satisfying

environmental guidelines and, where required, being approved by government authorities. The Company intends to conduct its activities in an environmentally responsible manner and in accordance with all applicable laws, but may still be subject to accidents or other unforeseen events which may compromise its environmental performance and which may have adverse financial implications.

(c) **Economic**

General economic conditions, movements in interest and inflation rates and currency exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the Company's exploration, development and production activities, as well as on its ability to fund those activities.

(d) **Market conditions**

Share market conditions may affect the value of the Company's quoted securities regardless of the Company's operating performance. Share market conditions are affected by many factors such as:

- (i) general economic outlook;
- (ii) introduction of tax reform or other new legislation;
- (iii) interest rates and inflation rates;
- (iv) changes in investor sentiment toward particular market sectors;
- (v) the demand for, and supply of, capital; and
- (vi) terrorism or other hostilities.

The market price of securities can fall as well as rise and may be subject to varied and unpredictable influences on the market for equities in general and resource exploration stocks in particular. Neither the Company nor the Directors warrant the future performance of the Company or any return on an investment in the Company.

(e) **Competition risk**

The industry in which the Company will be involved is subject to domestic and global competition. Although the Company will undertake all reasonable due diligence in its business decisions and operations, the Company will have no influence or control over the activities or actions of its competitors, which activities or actions may, positively or negatively, affect the operating and financial performance of the Company's projects and business.

(f) **Additional requirements for capital**

The Company's capital requirements depend on numerous factors. Depending on the Company's ability to generate income from its operations, the Company may require further financing in addition to amounts raised under the Offer. Any additional equity financing will dilute shareholdings, and debt financing, if available, may involve restrictions on financing and operating activities. If the Company is unable to obtain additional financing as needed, it may be required to reduce the scope of its operations and scale back its exploration

programmes as the case may be. There is however no guarantee that the Company will be able to secure any additional funding or be able to secure funding on terms favourable to the Company.

(g) **Reliance on key personnel**

The responsibility of overseeing the day-to-day operations and the strategic management of the Company depends substantially on its senior management and its key personnel. There can be no assurance given that there will be no detrimental impact on the Company if one or more of these employees cease their employment.

#### **6.4 Speculative investment**

The above list of risk factors ought not to be taken as exhaustive of the risks faced by the Company or by investors in the Company. The above factors, and others not specifically referred to above, may in the future materially affect the financial performance of the Company and the value of the New Options offered under this Prospectus

Therefore, the New Options to be issued pursuant to this Prospectus carry no guarantee with respect to the payment of dividends, returns of capital or the market value of those New Options.

Potential investors should consider that the investment in the Company is speculative and should consult their professional advisers before deciding whether to apply for New Options pursuant to this Prospectus.

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## **7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **7.1 Litigation**

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Company is not involved in any legal proceedings and the Directors are not aware of any legal proceedings pending or threatened against the Company.

### **7.2 Continuous disclosure obligations**

The Company is a “disclosing entity” (as defined in section 111AC of the Corporations Act) for the purposes of section 713 of the Corporations Act and, as such, is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Specifically, like all listed companies, the Company is required to continuously disclose any information it has to the market which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or the value of the Company’s securities.

This Prospectus is a “transaction specific prospectus”. In general terms a “transaction specific prospectus” is only required to contain information in relation to the effect of the issue of securities on the Company and the rights attaching to the securities. It is not necessary to include general information in relation to all of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses or prospects of the issuing company.

This Prospectus is intended to be read in conjunction with the publicly available information in relation to the Company which has been notified to ASX and does not include all of the information that would be included in a prospectus for an initial public offering of securities in an entity that is not already listed on a stock exchange. Investors should therefore have regard to the other publicly available information in relation to the Company before making a decision whether or not to invest.

Having taken such precautions and having made such enquires as are reasonable, the Company believes that it has complied with the general and specific requirements of ASX as applicable from time to time throughout the 3 months before the issue of this Prospectus which required the Company to notify ASX of information about specified events or matters as they arise for the purpose of ASX making that information available to the stock market conducted by ASX.

Information that is already in the public domain has not been reported in this Prospectus other than that which is considered necessary to make this Prospectus complete.

The Company, as a disclosing entity under the Corporations Act states that:

- (a) it is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations;
- (b) copies of documents lodged with the ASIC in relation to the Company (not being documents referred to in section 1274(2)(a) of the Corporations Act) may be obtained from, or inspected at, the offices of the ASIC; and
- (c) it will provide a copy of each of the following documents, free of charge, to any person on request between the date of issue of this Prospectus and the Closing Date:
  - (i) the annual financial report most recently lodged by the Company with the ASIC;

- (ii) any half-year financial report lodged by the Company with the ASIC after the lodgement of the annual financial report referred to in (i) and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC; and
- (iii) any continuous disclosure documents given by the Company to ASX in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules as referred to in section 674(1) of the Corporations Act after the lodgement of the annual financial report referred to in (i) and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

Copies of all documents lodged with the ASIC in relation to the Company can be inspected at the registered office of the Company or an ASIC office during normal office hours.

Details of documents lodged with ASX since the date of lodgement of the Company's latest annual financial report and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC are set out in the table below:

Date	Description of Announcement
23 January 2024	Initial Director's Interest Notice
22 January 2024	Ceasing to be a substantial holder
22 January 2024	Ceasing to be a substantial holder
22 January 2024	Notification regarding unquoted securities – DM1
22 January 2024	Final Director's Interest Notice
22 January 2024	Final Director's Interest Notice
22 January 2024	Notice Under Section 708A
22 January 2024	Notification regarding unquoted securities – DM1
22 January 2024	Application for quotation of securities – DM1
22 January 2024	Application for quotation of securities – DM1
22 January 2024	DM1 Closes CDI Resources Ltd Acquisition
17 January 2024	Results of Meeting
18 December 2023	Notice of General Meeting/Proxy Form
18 December 2023	Notification of cessation of securities – DM1
6 December 2023	Investor Presentation
6 December 2023	Proposed issue of securities – DM1
6 December 2023	Oversubscribed placement for gold and lithium acquisition
4 December 2023	Proposed issue of securities – DM1
4 December 2023	Acquisition of gold and lithium projects in Ivory Coast
4 December 2023	Trading Halt
23 November 2023	Notice Under Section 708A
16 November 2023	Notification regarding unquoted securities – DM1
16 November 2023	Application for quotation of securities – DM1
15 November 2023	Replacement Constitution
15 November 2023	Results of Annual General Meeting

Date	Description of Announcement
7 November 2023	Updated Quarterly Cash Flow Report
31 October 2023	Notification of cessation of securities – DM1
31 October 2023	Quarterly Activities/Appendix 5B Cash Flow Report
13 October 2023	Notice of Annual General Meeting/Proxy Form
28 September 2023	Appendix 4G & Corporate Governance Statement
28 September 2023	Annual Report to shareholders

ASX maintains files containing publicly available information for all listed companies. The Company's file is available for inspection at ASX during normal office hours.

The announcements are also available through the Company's website [www.desertmetals.com.au](http://www.desertmetals.com.au).

### 7.3 Market price of New Options

The Company is a disclosing entity for the purposes of the Corporations Act and its quoted securities are enhanced disclosure securities quoted on ASX.

There is currently no market for the New Options. However, the Company will apply for Official Quotation of the New Options within 7 days following the date of this Prospectus.

The highest, lowest and last market sale prices of the Shares on ASX during the three months immediately preceding the date of lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC and the most recent dates of those sales were:

	Price	Date
Highest	\$0.20	27, 30, 31 January 2023, 1, 2, 3 and 6 February 2023
Lowest	\$0.032	25 January 2024
Last	\$0.032	25 January 2024

### 7.4 Details of substantial holders

Based on publicly available information as at the date of this Prospectus, no persons (together with their associates) have a relevant interest in 5% or more of the Shares on issue.

### 7.5 Directors' Interests

Other than as set out below or elsewhere in this Prospectus, no Director or proposed director of the Company, has or had within 2 years before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC, any interest in:

- (a) the formation or promotion of the Company;
- (b) property acquired or proposed to be acquired by the Company in connection with:
  - (i) its formation or promotion; or

- (ii) the Offer; or
  - (c) the Offer,
- and no amounts have been paid or agreed to be paid and no benefits have been given or agreed to be given to a Director or proposed director of the Company:
- (d) as an inducement to become, or to qualify as, a director of the Company; or
  - (e) for services provided in connection with:
    - (i) the formation or promotion of the Company; or
    - (ii) the Offer.

### **Security holdings**

The relevant interest of each of the Directors in the securities of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus is set out in the table below.

<b>Director</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Options</b>
Mr Mark Stewart	200,000	Nil
Mr Robert Stuart	10,360,000 <sup>1</sup>	Nil
Mr Stephen Ross	6,400,000 <sup>2</sup>	5,000,000 <sup>2,3</sup>

#### **Notes:**

1. Interest held indirectly via Fathom Geophysics Australia Pty Ltd (5,200,000 Shares) and directly via Robert Stuart (5,160,000 Shares).
2. Interest held indirectly via Roman Resource Management Pty Ltd, an entity controlled by Stephen Ross.
3. Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.0625 on or before 22 January 2027.

### **Remuneration**

The Constitution and the ASX Listing Rules specify that the aggregate remuneration of non-executive directors shall be determined from time to time by a general meeting. An amount not exceeding the amount determined is then divided between the directors as agreed. The maximum aggregate remuneration for non-executive Directors has been set at \$250,000.

In addition, a Director may be paid fees or other amounts as the Directors determine where a Director performs special duties or otherwise performs services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director.

The table below shows the total annual remuneration paid to both executive and non-executive directors and proposed directors in each of the past two financial years and the proposed remuneration for the current financial year.



Director	FY ending 30 June 2022	FY ending 30 June 2023	FY ending 30 June 2024 (estimated)
Mr Mark Stewart	\$55,000	\$55,250	\$55,500 <sup>1</sup>
Mr Robert Stuart	\$308,750	\$300,700	\$167,900 <sup>2</sup>
Mr Stephen Ross	Nil	Nil	\$93,500 <sup>3</sup>

**Notes:**

1. Director's salary of \$50,000 p.a (excluding superannuation).
2. Director's salary of \$40,000 p.a (excluding superannuation) plus consulting fees (charged at \$1,500 per day (excluding GST) which to date total \$123,500.
3. Director's salary of \$40,000 p.a (excluding superannuation). Mr Ross was appointed as a Director on 19 January 2024. Mr Ross will also provide consulting services to the Company at least 10 days per month, charged at \$1,500 per day (excluding GST), and capped monthly at \$30,000 (excluding GST) per month.

## 7.6 Interests of experts and advisers

Other than as set out below or elsewhere in this Prospectus, no:

- (a) person named in this Prospectus as performing a function in a professional, advisory or other capacity in connection with the preparation or distribution of this Prospectus;
- (b) promoter of the Company; or
- (c) underwriter (but not a sub-underwriter) to the issue or a financial services licensee named in this Prospectus as a financial services licensee involved in the issue,

holds, or has held within the 2 years preceding lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC, any interest in:

- (d) the formation or promotion of the Company;
- (e) any property acquired or proposed to be acquired by the Company in connection with:
  - (i) its formation or promotion; or
  - (ii) the Offer; or
- (f) the Offer,

and no amounts have been paid or agreed to be paid and no benefits have been given or agreed to be given to any of these persons for services provided in connection with:

- (g) the formation or promotion of the Company; or
- (h) the Offer.

Steinepreis Paganin has acted as the solicitors to the Company in relation to the Offer. The Company estimates it will pay Steinepreis Paganin \$10,000 (excluding GST and disbursements) for these services. During the 24 months preceding lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC, Steinepreis Paganin has been paid fees totalling \$60,656.50 (excluding GST and disbursements) for legal services provided to the Company.

## 7.7 Consents

Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act imposes a liability regime on the Company (as the offeror of the Securities), the Directors, the persons named in the Prospectus with their consent as Proposed Directors, any underwriters, persons named in the Prospectus with their consent having made a statement in the Prospectus and persons involved in a contravention in relation to the Prospectus, with regard to misleading and deceptive statements made in the Prospectus. Although the Company bears primary responsibility for the Prospectus, the other parties involved in the preparation of the Prospectus can also be responsible for certain statements made in it.

Each of the parties referred to in this Section:

- (a) does not make, or purport to make, any statement in this Prospectus other than those referred to in this Section; and
- (b) in light of the above, only to the maximum extent permitted by law, expressly disclaims and takes no responsibility for any part of this Prospectus other than a reference to its name and a statement included in this Prospectus with the consent of that party as specified in this Section.

Steinepreis Paganin has given its written consent to being named as the solicitors to the Company in this Prospectus. Steinepreis Paganin has not withdrawn its consent prior to the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

## 7.8 Estimated expenses of Offer

The total expenses of the Offer are estimated to be approximately \$14,000 as follows:

Expense	(\$)
ASIC Fees	3,206
Legal Expenses	10,000
Miscellaneous, printing and other expenses	794
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,000</b>

## 7.9 Electronic Prospectus

ASIC has exempted compliance with certain provisions of the Corporations Act to allow distribution of an electronic prospectus and electronic application form on the basis of a paper prospectus lodged with the ASIC, and the publication of notices referring to an electronic prospectus or electronic application form, subject to compliance with certain conditions.

If you have received this Prospectus as an electronic Prospectus, please ensure that you have received the entire Prospectus accompanied by the Application Form. If you have not, please phone the Company on + 61 8 9758 1333 and the Company will send you, for free, either a hard copy or a further electronic copy of the Prospectus, or both.

The Company reserves the right not to accept an Application Form from a person if it has reason to believe that when that person was given access to the electronic Application Form, it was not provided together with the electronic Prospectus and any relevant supplementary or Prospectus or any of those documents were incomplete or altered.

## **7.10 Clearing House Electronic Sub-Register System (CHES) and Issuer Sponsorship**

The Company will not be issuing Share certificates. The Company is a participant in CHES, for those investors who have, or wish to have, a sponsoring stockbroker. Investors who do not wish to participate through CHES will be issuer sponsored by the Company. Because the sub-registers are electronic, ownership of securities can be transferred without having to rely upon paper documentation.

Electronic registers mean that the Company will not be issuing certificates to investors. Instead, investors will be provided with a statement (similar to a bank account statement) that sets out the number of New Options issued to them under this Prospectus. The notice will also advise holders of their Holder Identification Number or Security Holder Reference Number and explain, for future reference, the sale and purchase procedures under CHES and issuer sponsorship.

Further monthly statements will be provided to holders if there have been any changes in their security holding in the Company during the preceding month.

## **7.11 Privacy Act**

If you complete an application for New Options, you will be providing personal information to the Company. The Company collects, holds and will use that information to assess your application, service your needs as a Shareholder, facilitate distribution payments and corporate communications to you as a Shareholder and carry out administration.

The information may also be used from time to time and disclosed to persons inspecting the register, bidders for your securities in the context of takeovers, regulatory bodies, including the Australian Taxation Office, authorised securities brokers, print service providers, mail houses and the Company's Share Registry.

You can access, correct and update the personal information that we hold about you. Please contact the Company if you wish to do so at the relevant contact numbers set out in this Prospectus.

Collection, maintenance and disclosure of certain personal information is governed by legislation including the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)* (as amended), the *Corporations Act* and certain rules such as the *ASX Settlement Operating Rules*. You should note that if you do not provide the information required on the application for New Options, the Company may not be able to accept or process your application.

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**8. DIRECTORS' AUTHORISATION**

This Prospectus is issued by the Company and its issue has been authorised by a resolution of the Directors.

In accordance with section 720 of the Corporations Act, each Director has consented to the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

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**Mark Stewart**  
**Non-Executive Chairman**  
**For and on behalf of**  
**Desert Metals Limited**

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## 9. DEFINITIONS

**\$** means Australian dollars.

**Applicant** means an investor who applies for New Options pursuant to the Offer.

**Application Form** means an application form either attached to or accompanying this Prospectus.

**ASIC** means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by it, as the context requires.

**ASX Listing Rules** means the listing rules of the ASX.

**ASX Settlement Operating Rules** means the settlement rules of the securities clearing house which operates CHESS.

**Board** means the board of Directors unless the context indicates otherwise.

**Business Day** means Monday to Friday inclusive, except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and any other day that ASX declares is not a business day.

**Closing Date** means the date specified in the timetable in Section 2.1 of this Prospectus (unless extended or brought forward).

**Company** means Desert Metals Limited (ACN 617 947 172).

**Constitution** means the constitution of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus.

**Corporations Act** means the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

**Directors** means the directors of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus.

**New Option** means an Option with the terms and conditions set out in Section 5.1.

**Offer** means the offer of New Options referred to in the "Details of the Offer" Section of this Prospectus.

**Official Quotation** means official quotation on ASX.

**Opening Date** means the opening date of the Offer as specified in the timetable set out in Section 2.1 of this Prospectus (unless varied).

**Option** means an option to acquire a Share.

**Prospectus** means this prospectus.

**Share** means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.

**Shareholder** means a shareholder of the Company.

**Share Registry** means Automic Group.

**WST** means western standard time as observed in Perth, Western Australia.