

# 2025

BKI INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

ABN: 23 106 719 868

## Interim Financial Report

for the half year ended 31 December 2024

BKI Investment Company Limited Corporate directory 31 December 2024

**Directors** Robert Dobson Non-Executive Chair

Millner AO

David Capp Hall AM Independent Non-Executive Director

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## BKI Investment Company Limited Directors' report 31 December 2024

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'Group') consisting of BKI Investment Company Limited (referred to hereafter as the 'Company' or 'parent entity') and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Directors**

The following persons were Directors of BKI Investment Company Limited during the whole of the financial half-year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Robert Dobson Millner AO Non-Executive Director and Chair

David Capp Hall AM
Ian Thomas Huntley
Alexander James Payne
Jacqueline Ann Clarke

Non-Executive Director
Non-Executive Director
Non-Executive Director

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Group are that of a Listed Investment Company (LIC) primarily focused on long-term investment in ASX listed securities. There were no significant changes in the nature of those activities during the half-year.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends paid during the financial half-year were as follows:

	Consolidated	
	Dec 24 \$'000	Dec 23 \$'000
Final ordinary dividend for the year ended 30 June 2024 of 4.00 cents per share (2023 final: 4.00 cents per share) fully franked at the tax rate of 30%, paid on 29 August 2024	32,197	31,671
	32,197	31,671

#### Dividends declared after balance date

Since the end of the half year, the Directors have declared an interim ordinary dividend for the 2025 financial year of 3.90 cents per share (2024 interim: 3.85 cents per share), fully franked at the tax rate of 30%. The dividend will be paid on 28 February 2025 but has not been recognised as a liability at the half year.

#### Review of the Group's operations and results

The operating result for the Group after providing for income tax amounted to \$31,174,000 (31 December 2023: \$34,432,000).

#### Corporate Objectives

The Group aims to generate an increasing income stream for distribution to shareholders in the form of fully franked dividends to the extent of available imputation tax credits, through long-term investment in a portfolio of assets that are also able to deliver long term capital growth to shareholders.

#### Investment Strategy

The Group is a research driven, long term investor focusing on well managed companies, with a profitable history and that offer attractive dividend yields. Stock selection is bottom up, focusing on the merits of individual companies rather than market and economic trends.

#### Financial Performance

BKI's Total Ordinary Revenue was \$35.0 million up 0.3% and Special Investment Revenue was \$0.5 million, down 58.5% on the previous corresponding period. Total revenue for the period was down 1.6% to \$35.5 million.

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Net Operating Result, before tax and special investment revenue, was \$33.8 million, in line with last year.

Equity markets delivered solid capital appreciation over the first half of FY2025, but the broader economic landscape remained burdened with uncertainty. Expenses continued to rise and elevated interest rates again weighed heavily on corporate decision-making which prompted many companies to adopt a cautious approach. The environment is improving. However, to preserve balance sheet strength many companies opted to maintain conservative payout ratios, leaving dividend distributions largely unchanged compared to the prior corresponding period.

Positively, dividends received in the first half of FY2025 from BKI's major holdings including Commonwealth Bank, Macquarie Group, National Australia Bank, APA Group, Wesfarmers Limited, Transurban Group, New Hope Group and Telstra Group grew between 1% and 7%.

Dividends received were softened by further declines in resource sector payouts, with BHP Group reducing dividends by 10% and Woodside cutting dividends by 16%. However, the big disappointment in dividends received for the period was that Yancoal Australia halted its interim dividend for the six months ending 30 June 2024. The Company's board opted to preserve cash for potential corporate initiatives, including the acquisition of new coal assets. The company has indicated that if the retained funds are not deployed for such purposes, they may be distributed to shareholders at a later date.

#### Likely Developments and Expected Results

The operations of the Group will continue with planned long-term investments in Australian equities and fixed interest securities where appropriate. BKI will continue its strategy of investing for the long term in a portfolio of assets to deliver shareholders an increasing income stream and long-term capital growth. The success of this strategy will be strongly influenced by the performance of the underlying investee companies, their share price movements, and capital management and income distribution policies.

The performance of these companies will be influenced by general economic and market conditions such as economic growth rates, interest rates, and inflation. Performance could also be influenced by regulatory change.

These external conditions are difficult to predict and not within the control of the Group, making it difficult to forecast the future results of the Group.

BKI is a research driven, long term manager focusing on investing in well managed, profitable companies, focusing on the merits of individual companies rather than market and economic trends. BKI will continue to implement prudent business practice to allow the achievement of the Group's Corporate Objectives and Business Strategy.

#### Significant changes in the state of affairs

Other than as stated in the Financial Report, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group during the reporting period.

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year

Apart from the dividend declared as discussed above, no other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Group's operations, the results of those operations, or the Group's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### **Rounding of amounts**

The Company is of a kind referred to in Corporations Instrument 2016/191, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding-off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Corporations Instrument to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

#### **Auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out immediately after this Directors' report.

#### BKI Investment Company Limited Directors' report 31 December 2024

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors, pursuant to section 306(3)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

Robert D Millner AO

Chair

21 January 2025 Sydney



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## AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF BKI INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

As lead auditor for the review of BKI Investment Company Pty Limited and Controlled Entities for the half-year ended 31 December 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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MGI Sydney Assurance Services Pty Limited Chartered Accountants

Kimmy Jongue Director

Sydney, 21 January 2025

#### BKI Investment Company Limited Consolidated statement of profit or loss For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Consolic Dec 24 \$'000	dated Dec 23 \$'000
Ordinary revenue from investment portfolio Revenue from bank deposits Other income Other gains Income from operating activities before special investment revenue	3 3 3 3	32,639 2,316 90 - 35,045	32,419 2,188 - 339 34,946
Operating expenses Discount on acquisition of controlled entity, net of expenses	4	(1,270) -	(1,211) 22
Operating result before income tax expense and special investment revenue		33,775	33,757
Special investment revenue	3	484	1,166
Operating result before income tax expense		34,259	34,923
Income tax expense	-	(3,085)	(491)
Operating result after income tax expense for the half-year attributable to the owners of BKI Investment Company Limited	=	31,174	34,432
		Dec 24	Dec 23
		Cents	Cents
Basic and diluted earnings per share before special investment revenue	12	3.81	4.17
Basic and diluted earnings per share after special investment revenue	12	3.87	4.31

#### BKI Investment Company Limited Consolidated statement of other comprehensive income For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

		Consolidate	
	Note	Dec 24 \$'000	Dec 23 \$'000
Operating result after income tax expense for the half-year attributable to the owners of BKI Investment Company Limited		31,174	34,432
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Unrealised (losses)/gains on investment portfolio Deferred tax benefit/(expense) on unrealised gains/losses on investment		(18,563)	55,116
portfolio Realised gains/(losses) on investment portfolio		5,569 49.974	(16,594) (2,983)
Tax (expense)/benefit relating to realised gains/losses on investment portfolio	_	(14,992)	895
Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax	-	21,988	36,434
Total comprehensive income for the half-year attributable to the owners of BKI Investment Company Limited	<u>-</u>	53,162	70,866

#### BKI Investment Company Limited Consolidated statement of financial position As at 31 December 2024

	Note	Consoli Dec 24 \$'000	dated Jun 24 \$'000
Assets			
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other Total current assets		106,103 6,191 60 112,354	99,399 11,471 52 110,922
Non-current assets Investment portfolio Property, plant and equipment Deferred tax Total non-current assets	5	1,401,449 1 - 1,401,450	1,368,669 1 3,819 1,372,489
Total assets		1,513,804	1,483,411
Liabilities			
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Income tax Total current liabilities		290 1,657 1,947	287 3,073 3,360
Non-current liabilities Deferred tax Total non-current liabilities		116,871 116,871	109,786 109,786
Total liabilities		118,818	113,146
Net assets	:	1,394,986	1,370,265
Equity Share capital Reserves Retained profits	6	1,043,667 254,568 96,751	1,039,911 232,580 97,774
Total equity	:	1,394,986	1,370,265

#### BKI Investment Company Limited Consolidated statement of changes in equity For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

Consolidated	Share capital \$'000	Revaluation reserve \$'000	Realised capital gains reserve \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2023	1,016,811	206,925	(18,637)	95,962	1,301,061
Operating result after income tax expense for the half-year Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax	- -	- 38,522	(2,088)	34,432	34,432 36,434
Total comprehensive income for the half- year	-	38,522	(2,088)	34,432	70,866
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs Dividends paid (note 7)	19,424 -	- -	- -	- (31,671)	19,424 (31,671)
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,036,235	245,447	(20,725)	98,723	1,359,680
Consolidated	Share capital \$'000	Revaluation reserve \$'000	Realised capital gains reserve \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Consolidated Balance at 1 July 2024	capital	reserve	capital gains reserve	profits	
	capital \$'000	reserve \$'000	capital gains reserve \$'000	profits \$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 July 2024  Operating result after income tax expense for the half-year Other comprehensive income for the half-	capital \$'000	reserve \$'000 243,139	capital gains reserve \$'000 (10,559)	<b>profits \$'000</b> 97,774	\$'000 1,370,265 31,174
Balance at 1 July 2024  Operating result after income tax expense for the half-year Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax  Total comprehensive income for the half-	capital \$'000	reserve \$'000 243,139 - (12,994)	capital gains reserve \$'000 (10,559)	profits \$'000 97,774 31,174	\$'000 1,370,265 31,174 21,988

#### BKI Investment Company Limited Consolidated statement of cash flows For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Consolidated Dec 24 Dec 23	
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,275)	(1,280)
Dividends and distributions received		38,070	39,378
Interest received		2,649	2,375
Other income		90	-
Income taxes paid	_	(3,016)	(1,810)
Net cash from operating activities	_	36,518	38,663
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for investments		(113,496)	(58,210)
Proceeds from sale of investment portfolio	_	112,127	37,202
Not each used in investing activities		(4.260)	(24.000)
Net cash used in investing activities	-	(1,369)	(21,008)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Share issue transaction costs	6	(15)	(44)
Dividends paid	7 _	(28,430)	(27,844)
Net cash used in financing activities		(28,445)	(27,888)
The count assa in interioring assistance	_	(20,440)	(27,000)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		6,704	(10,233)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial half-year	_	99,399	105,222
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial half-year		106,103	94,989

#### Note 1. Material accounting policy information

These general purpose financial statements for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for for-profit oriented entities. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

These general purpose financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 and any public announcements made by the Company during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, unless otherwise stated.

#### New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The Group has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

#### Note 2. Operating segments

#### Identification of reportable operating segments

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting used by the chief operating decision-maker. The Board has been identified as the chief operating decision-maker, as it is responsible for allocating resources and assessing the performance of the operating segments. The Group operates solely in the securities industry in Australia and has no reportable segments.

#### Note 3. Revenue

	Consolidated	
	Dec 24 \$'000	Dec 23 \$'000
(a) Ordinary revenue from investment portfolio		
Fully franked dividends	24,350	26,498
Unfranked dividends	3,340	1,849
Trust distributions	4,949	4,072
Total ordinary revenue from investment portfolio	32,639	32,419
(b) Special investment revenue Fully franked dividends	484	1,166
(c) Revenue from bank deposits Interest received	2,316	2,188
(d) Other income Other income	90	
(e) Other gains Net realised gain on sale of investments held for trading		339
Total revenue	35,529	36,112

#### **Note 4. Operating expenses**

		Consol	idated
		Dec 24 \$'000	Dec 23 \$'000
Administration expenses		205	205
Employment expenses		168	168
Investment management		782	720
Professional fees		115	118
	:	1,270	1,211
Note 5. Non-current assets - investment portfolio			
		Consol	idated
		Dec 24	Jun 24
		\$'000	\$'000
Listed securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	;	1,401,449	1,368,669
		Market value	% of
Stock	Equities held	31 Dec 24 \$'000	Portfolio value
Financials			
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited	867,000	132,868	9.48
National Australia Bank Limited	2,971,800	110,254	7.87
Macquarie Group Limited	320,507	71,040	5.07
Suncorp Group Limited	2,088,572	39,704	2.83
Equity Trustees Limited	447,932	14,334	1.02
E&P Financial Group Limited	6,631,759	3,415	0.24
Carlton Investments Limited	35,614	1,074 <b>372,689</b>	0.08 <b>26.59</b>
Materials		372,009	20.59
BHP Group Limited	2,884,976	114,101	8.14
Amcor Limited	1,960,000	29,341	2.09
Brickworks Limited	436,209	11,189	0.80
Orora Limited	3,442,804	8,469	0.61
Industrials		163,100	11.64
Transurban Group	4,261,146	57,057	4.07
Dalrymple Bay Infrastructure Limited	8,162,673	29,386	2.10
Aurizon Holdings Limited	8,330,000	27,072	1.93
Lindsay Australia Limited	17,141,631	14,999	1.07
Smartgroup Corporation Limited	1,685,000	13,092	0.93
Reece Limited	515,499	11,537	0.82
IPH Limited	965,000	4,854	0.35
Johns Lyng Group Limited	1,232,000	4,608	0.33
Energy		162,605	11.60
New Hope Corporation Limited	12,950,952	64,237	4.58
Woodside Energy Group Limited	2,190,000	53,874	3.84
Yancoal Australia Limited	2,545,000	16,542	1.18
Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited	413,086	14,136	1.01
Ampol Limited	480,000	13,531 <b>162,320</b>	0.97
		102,320	11.58

Note 5. Non-current assets - investment portfolio (continued)

Stock	Equities held	Market value 31 Dec 24 \$'000	% of Portfolio value
Consumer Discretionary			
Wesfarmers Limited	960,000	68,669	4.90
Harvey Norman Holdings Limited	10,100,000	47,167	3.37
ARB Corporation Limited	978,590		2.84
7.1.2 Ge. per aug. 1.2	0.0,000	155,576	11.11
Telecommunications Services		, .	
Telstra Group Limited	13,500,000	54,135	3.86
TPG Telecom Limited	5,748,362	25,810	1.84
Tuas Limited	2,874,181	18,280	1.30
		98,225	7.00
Consumer Staples			
Woolworths Limited	1,209,906	36,890	2.64
Coles Group Limited	1,137,838	21,494	1.53
Metcash Limited	6,700,045	20,770	1.49
		79,154	5.66
Property			
Goodman Group Limited	945,000	33,680	2.40
Stockland Corporation Limited	5,050,000	24,240	1.73
Mirvac Limited	9,250,000		1.24
Helle		75,264	5.37
Utilities ADA Croup	0.716.652	67 705	4.00
APA Group	9,716,652	67,725 <b>67,725</b>	4.83 <b>4.83</b>
		67,725	4.03
Health Care			
Sonic Healthcare Limited	1,262,000	34,087	2.43
Ramsay HealthCare Limited	575,000		1.42
Regis Healthcare Limited	1,807,428	10,844	0.77
1.0g.0 1.000 <u>-</u>	1,001,120	64,791	4.62
		, ,	
Total Portfolio		1,401,449	100.00
Note 6. Equity - issued capital			
	Conso	lidated	
	Dec 24 Jun 24	Dec 24	Jun 24
	Shares Shares	\$'000	\$'000
Ordinary shares - fully paid	807,134,229 804,918,528	1,043,667	1,039,911
Movements in ordinary share capital			
Details		Shares	\$'000
B		004045 -5-	4.000.04
Balance at 1 July 2024		804,918,528	1,039,911
Dividend reinvestment plan		2,215,701	3,767
Transaction costs			(15)
Deferred tax credit recognised directly in equity			4
Balance at 31 December 2024		207 124 220	1 042 667
Dalatice at 31 Decelliber 2024		807,134,229	1,043,667

#### Note 7. Equity - dividends

(a) Dividends paid during the financial half-year

	Consolidated	
	Dec 24 \$'000	Dec 23 \$'000
Final ordinary dividend for the year ended 30 June 2024 of 4.00 cents per share (2023 final: 4.00 cents per share) fully franked at the tax rate of 30%, paid on 29		
August 2024	32,197	31,671
	32,197	31,671
(b) Reconciliation of total dividends paid to dividends paid in cash		
	Consoli	dated
	Dec 24 \$'000	Dec 23 \$'000
Total dividends paid	32,197	31,671
Less: Dividends reinvested in shares via DRP	(3,767)	(3,827)
Dividends paid in cash	28,430	27,844

#### Dividends declared after balance date

Since the end of the half year, the Directors have declared an interim ordinary dividend for the 2025 financial year of 3.90 cents per share (2024 interim: 3.85 cents per share), fully franked at the tax rate of 30%. The dividend will be paid on 28 February 2025 but has not been recognised as a liability at the half year.

#### Note 8. Contingent liabilities

The Group had no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2024.

#### Note 9. Commitments

The Group had no capital commitments as at 31 December 2024.

#### Note 10. Related party transactions

The Group did not enter into any new arrangements with related parties during the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

#### Note 11. Events after the reporting period

Apart from the dividend declared as disclosed in note 7, no other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Group's operations, the results of those operations, or the Group's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### Note 12. Earnings per share

#### (a) Calculation of earnings

	Conso	lidated
	Dec 24 \$'000	Dec 23 \$'000
Operating result after income tax attributable to the owners of BKI Investment Company Limited Less: Special investment revenue	31,174 (484)	34,432 (1,166)
Earnings used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share before special investment revenue	30,690	33,266
(b) Number of shares		
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share, before and after special investment revenue	807,411,718	798,657,069
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share, before and after special investment revenue	807,411,718	798,657,069
(c) Earnings per share		
	Cents	Cents
Basic and diluted earnings per share before special investment revenue	3.81	4.17
	Cents	Cents
Basic and diluted earnings per share after special investment revenue	3.87	4.31

## BKI Investment Company Limited Directors' declaration 31 December 2024

In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached consolidated half-year financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting', the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached consolidated financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the financial half-year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors made pursuant to section 303(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

Robert D Millner AO Chair

21 January 2025 Sydney



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BKI INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

#### Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of BKI Investment Company Limited and Controlled Entities (the Consolidated Entity), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of BKI Investment Company Limited and Controlled Entities does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and Corporations Regulations 2001.

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities a further described in the Auditor's responsibility for the review of their half year financial report section of our report.

We are independent of the Consolidated Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporation Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independent Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

#### **Other Information**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this review report comprises the information included in the Directors' Report for the half year ended 31 December 2024, but does not include the financial report and our review report thereon. Our conclusion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of review conclusion thereon.

In connection with our review of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the review or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

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.



#### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Half-Year Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors' determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including: giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001. As the auditor of BKI Investment Company Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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