

RED METAL LIMITED

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – 30 JUNE 2020

The Board of Directors of Red Metal Limited is responsible for the corporate governance of the Company. The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of Red Metal Limited on behalf of the shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable. The Company's governance approach aims to achieve exploration, development and financial success while meeting stakeholders' expectations of sound corporate governance practices by proactively determining and adopting the most appropriate corporate governance arrangements.

ASX Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires listed companies to disclose the extent to which they have complied with the ASX Best Practice Recommendations of the ASX Corporate Governance Council in the reporting period. A description of the Company's main corporate governance practices is set out below. The Corporate Governance Statement is current as at 30 June 2020 and has been approved by the Board of Directors. All these practices, unless otherwise stated, were in place for the entire year. They comply with the *ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (3rd edition)*.

Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

Recommendation 1.1:

The Company should disclose the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management and those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.

The Board's role is to govern the Company rather than to manage it. In governing the Company, the Directors must act in the best interests of the Company as a whole. It is the role of the senior management to manage the Company in accordance with the direction and delegations of the Board and the responsibility of the Board to oversee the activities of management in carrying out these delegated duties.

The Board is responsible for:

- Determining the vision and objectives of the Company;
- Overseeing and fostering an appropriate culture for the Company that is directly aligned to its values, strategies and objectives;
- Reviewing and approving the Company's financial position, systems of risk management and internal compliance and control, codes of conduct and legal compliance;
- Identifying all areas where written board policy is required, detailing the policies, and overseeing the implementation and monitoring of compliance;
- Formulating short term and long term strategies to enable the Company to achieve its objectives, and ensuring adequate resources are available to meet strategic objectives;
- Approving and monitoring the progress of joint ventures, major expenditure and acquisitions and divestments;
- Approving the annual budgets, and ensuring these are aligned with the Company's strategic objectives;
- Being responsible for the Company's senior management and personnel including appointing and, where appropriate, removing the Managing Director and the Company Secretary;
- Ratifying the appointment, and where appropriate, the removal of senior executives;
- Evaluating the performance of the Managing Director and the senior management team and determining their remuneration;
- Delegating appropriate powers to the Managing Director and senior management to ensure the effective day-to-day management of the business and monitoring the exercise of these powers;
- Ensuring that policies and procedures are in place consistent with the Company's objectives, and that the Company and its officers act legally, ethically and responsibly in all matters; and

- Ensuring corporate accountability to the shareholders primarily through adopting an effective shareholder communications strategy.

The Managing Director (MD) is responsible for the attainment of the Company's goals and vision for the future, in accordance with the strategies, policies, programs and performance requirements approved by the Board.

The MD's specific responsibilities include:

- Responsibility for the achievement of corporate goals and objectives;
- Development of short, medium and long term corporate strategies and planning to achieve the Company's vision and overall business objectives;
- Implementing and monitoring strategy and reporting/presenting to the Board on current and future initiatives;
- Advise the Board regarding the most effective organisational structure and oversee its implementation;
- Assessment of business opportunities of potential benefit to the Company;
- Encouraging staff commitment;
- Establish and maintain effective and positive relationships with Board members, shareholders, the investment community and other government and business liaisons;
- Undertake the role of key company spokesperson;
- Recommend policies to the Board in relation to a range of organisational issues including delegations of authority, consultancies and performance incentives;
- Ensure statutory, legal and regulatory compliance and comply with corporate policies and standards;
- Ensure appropriate risk management practices and policies are in place;
- Select and appoint staff; and
- Ensure there is an appropriate staff appraisal system in place in the Company.

Recommendation 1.2:

The Company should undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director and provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.

The Company undertakes checks on any person who is being considered as a director. These checks may include character, experience, education and financial history and background.

All security holder releases will contain material information about any candidate to enable an informed decision to be made on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.

Recommendation 1.3:

The Company should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.

Each senior executive and executive director has a formal employment contract and the non-executive directors have a letter of appointment including a director's interest agreement with respect to disclosure of security interests.

Recommendation 1.4:

The Company Secretary should be accountable directly to the Board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.

The Company Secretary has a direct reporting line to the Board, through the Chair.

Recommendation 1.5:

The Company should establish a policy concerning diversity and disclose the policy or summary of the policy. The policy should include requirements for the Board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and for the Board to assess annually both the objectives and progress in achieving them.

The Company recognises that a talented and diverse workforce is a key competitive advantage. The Company is committed to developing a workplace that promotes diversity. The Company's policy is to recruit and manage on the basis of competence and performance regardless of age, nationality, race, gender, religious beliefs, sexuality, physical ability or cultural background. The Company has not yet formalised this policy into a written document. It is the Board's intention to formalise the policy at a time when the size of the Company and its activities warrants such a structure.

There is currently one female employee in the organisation who is not in a senior executive position or on the Board. Women represent one-third of the Company employees (excluding directors and consultants).

Recommendation 1.6:

The Company should have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual directors and disclose whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.

Due to the size of the Board and the nature of its business, it has not been deemed necessary to institute a formal documented performance review program of individuals. The Chairman conducted an informal review during the financial year whereby the performance of the Board as a whole and the individual contributions of each director were discussed. The board considers that at this stage of the Company's development an informal process is appropriate.

Recommendation 1.7:

The Company should have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of senior executives and disclose whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.

The Board undertakes a review of the Managing Director's performance, at least annually, including setting the goals for the coming year and reviewing the achievement of these goals.

Performance has been measured to date by the efficiency and effectiveness of the enhancement of the Company's mineral interest portfolio, the designing and implementation of the exploration and development program, securing and maintaining relationships with joint venture partners, the securing of ongoing funding so as to continue its exploration and development activities and ensuring the Company's environmental and occupational health and safety performance is consistent with industry best practice. Performance evaluation is not based on specific financial indicators such as earnings or dividends as the Company is at the exploration stage and during this period is expected to incur operating losses.

Due to the size of the Company and the nature of its business, it has not been deemed necessary to institute a formal documented performance review program. The Chairman conducted an informal review during the financial year whereby he discussed attitude, performance and approach toward meeting the short and long term objectives of the Company with the Managing Director. The board considers that at this stage of the Company's development an informal process is appropriate.

Principle 2: Structure the board to add value

Recommendation 2.1:

The Board should establish a Nomination Committee of which the majority of the members should be independent directors (including the Chair).

The Company does not have a nomination committee. The Board considers that the Company is not currently of a size, nor are its affairs of such complexity, to justify the formation of separate or special committees at this time. The Board as a whole is able to address the governance aspects of the full scope of the Company's activities and to ensure that it adheres to appropriate ethical standards. In particular, the full Board considers those matters that would usually be the responsibility of a nomination committee. The Board considers that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing a separate nomination committee.

Directors are appointed under the terms of the Company's constitution. Appointments to the Board are based upon merit and against criteria that serves to maintain an appropriate balance of skills, expertise, and experience of the board. Casual appointments must stand for election at the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Retirement and rotation of Directors are governed by the Corporations Act 2001 and the Constitution of the Company. All Directors, with the exception of the Managing Director, serve for a period of three years before they are requested to retire and if eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Recommendation 2.2:

The Company should have and disclose a Board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.

	Chairman	Managing Director	Non-executive Director	Company Secretary
Leadership	X	X	X	X
Strategy / Risk	X	X	X	X
Communication	X	X		
Fundraising	X	X	X	X
Mining Industry	X	X	X	X
Governance	X			X
Health, safety and environment	X	X		
Financial acumen	X	X	X	X

Each director has the right of access to all relevant company information and to the Company's employees and, subject to prior consultation with the Chairperson, may seek independent professional advice from a suitably qualified adviser at the Company's expense. The director must consult with an advisor suitably qualified in the relevant field, and obtain the Chairman's approval of the fee payable for the advice before proceeding with the consultation. A copy of the advice received by the director is made available to all other members of the Board.

Recommendations 2.3 and 2.4:

The Company should disclose the names of the directors considered to be independent directors and length of service of each director.

A majority of the Board of the Company should be independent directors.

The names, experience and responsibilities of Directors of the Company in office at 30 June 2020 are set out in the Directors' Report section of the 2020 Annual Report. The names of the directors considered to be independent directors and length of service of each director are as follows:

Name	Office	Date of appointment	Status
Russell Barwick	Non-Executive Chairman	12 June 2003	Independent
Robert Rutherford	Managing Director	13 January 2003	Not independent
Joshua Pitt	Non-Executive Director	2 July 2003	Independent

In assessing whether a director is classified as independent, the Board considers the independence criteria set out in the ASX Corporate Governance Council Recommendation 2.3 and other facts, information and circumstances deemed by the Board to be relevant. Using the ASX Best Practice Recommendations on the assessment of the independence of Directors, the Board considers that of a total of three Directors, two are considered to be independent, Mr Russell Barwick (Chairman) and Mr Joshua Pitt.

Mr Pitt and his associates control Perth Capital Pty Ltd and Wythenshawe Pty Ltd, which collectively hold 17,807,622 shares in the Company, or 8.39% of the total shares on issue at 30 June 2020. After taking into consideration the size and nature of other investments in which Mr Pitt has an interest, the interest in the Company is not considered to impact the assessment that Mr Pitt is an independent director.

Mr Barwick and Mr Pitt have both served on the Board for more than 10 years, both having joined in 2003. The Board is of the view that Mr Barwick's expertise and broad industry experience enhance the skills and experience of the Board and that he continues to make a valuable contribution as Chairman of the Board. The Board is of the view that Mr Pitt also continues to make a valuable contribution to the Board. Mr Pitt's geological expertise, joint venture experience and market knowledge adds significantly to the skills and experience of the Board.

The Board does not believe that Mr Barwick's or Mr Pitt's tenure materially interferes with their ability to act in the best interests of the Company. The Board believes that each of Mr Barwick and Mr Pitt has retained independence of character and judgement and has not formed associations with management (or others) that might compromise their ability to exercise independent judgement or act in the best interests of the Company.

Mr Robert Rutherford is the Managing Director of the Company and is not considered to be independent. The Company considers that each of the directors possesses the skills and experience suitable for building the Company and that the current composition of the Board is adequate for the Company's current size and operations.

Recommendation 2.5:

The Chair of the Board should be an independent director, and should not be the CEO of the Company.

Mr Russell Barwick is Independent Chairman of the Company. Mr Robert Rutherford is the Managing Director of the Company.

Recommendation 2.6:

The Company should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.

The Board Charter provides for induction and professional development for the Board.

Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly

Recommendation 3.1:

The Company should have a Code of Conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees.

The Company has developed a Code of Conduct (“the Code”) which has been endorsed by the Board and applies to all employees, Directors and officers. The Code is disclosed on the Company’s website. The Code may be amended from time to time as necessary to ensure it reflects the practices necessary to maintain confidence in the Company’s integrity and to take into account legal obligations and reasonable expectations of the Company’s stakeholders. The Code outlines the responsibility and accountability of Company personnel to report and investigate reports of unethical practices.

Trading in Company securities is regulated by the Corporations Act 2001 and the ASX Listing Rules. The Board makes all Directors, officers and employees aware on appointment that it is prohibited to trade in the Company’s securities whilst that Director, officer or employee is in the possession of price sensitive information.

Directors are required to report to the Company Secretary any movements in their holdings of Company securities, which are reported to ASX in the required timeframe prescribed by the ASX Listing Rules.

Principle 4: Safeguard Integrity in Financial reporting

Recommendation 4.1

The Board should have an Audit Committee.

The Company does not have an audit committee. The Board considers that the Company is not currently of a size, nor are its affairs of such complexity, to justify the formation of separate or special committees at this time. The Board as a whole is able to address the governance aspects of the full scope of the Company’s activities and to ensure that it adheres to appropriate ethical standards. In particular, the full Board considers those matters that would usually be the responsibility of an audit committee. The Board considers that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing a separate audit committee.

External Auditors

The Company requires external auditors to demonstrate quality and independence. The performance of the external auditor is reviewed and applications for tender of external audit services are requested as deemed appropriate, taking into consideration assessment of performance, existing value and tender costs.

It is HLB Mann Judd’s policy to rotate audit engagement partners on listed companies at least every 5 years.

Recommendation 4.2

The Board of the Company should, before it approves the Company’s financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

The Board receives the necessary declaration in writing from the Managing Director and the Company Secretary/Financial Controller with respect to the financial records, the financial statements and the system of risk management and internal control before it approves the Company’s financial statements for a financial period.

Recommendation 4.3

The Company should ensure that the external auditor is present at the AGM and be available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.

The Company invites the auditor or representative of the auditor to the AGM.

Principle 5 – Make timely and balanced disclosure

Recommendation 5.1:

The Company should have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules.

The Company has developed a Continuous Disclosure Policy (“Policy”) which has been endorsed by the Board. The Policy is disclosed on the Company’s website. The Policy ensures compliance with ASX Listing Rules and Corporations Act 2001 obligations to keep the market fully informed of information which may have a material effect on the price or value of its securities and outlines accountability at a senior executive level for that compliance. All ASX announcements including all financial reports are to be posted to the Company’s website as soon as possible after confirmation of receipt is received from ASX.

Principle 6 – Respect the rights of security holders

Recommendation 6.1:

The Company should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.

The Company is committed to maintaining a Company website with general information about the Company and its operations, information about governance and information specifically targeted at keeping the Company’s shareholders informed about the Company. In particular, where appropriate, after confirmation of receipt by the ASX, the following are posted to the Company’s website:

- relevant announcements made to the market via the ASX;
- notices of meetings;
- investment updates;
- company presentations and media releases;
- copies of press releases and announcements for (at least) the preceding three years; and
- copies of annual, half-yearly and quarterly reports including financial statements for (at least) the preceding three years.

Recommendations 6.2 and 6.3:

The Company should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate two-way communication with investors.

The Company should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.

The Managing Director makes himself available to meet shareholders and regularly responds to enquiries made via telephone or email.

The Board encourages full participation of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. In preparing for general meetings of the Company, the Company drafts the notice of meeting and related explanatory information so that shareholders are provided with all of the information that is relevant to shareholders in making decisions on matters to be voted on by them at the meeting. The Company allows

shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask questions of the Board of Directors and to otherwise participate in the meeting. The external auditor of the Company is asked to attend each Annual General Meeting and to be available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report. Important issues are presented to the shareholders as single resolutions. The shareholders are also responsible for voting on the appointment of Directors.

Recommendation 6.4:

The Company should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.

Information about the Company is regularly emailed to all shareholders who lodge their email contact details with the Company. Information on lodging email addresses and on submitting information requests with the Company is available on the Company's website. Shareholders can receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company's security registry electronically.

Principle 7 – Recognise and manage risk

Recommendation 7.1:

The Board should have a committee or committees to oversee risk.

The Company is not currently of a size to require the formation of a committee to oversee risk. The full Board has the responsibility for the risk management, compliance and internal controls systems of the Company.

Management, through the Managing Director, is responsible for designing, implementing and reporting on the adequacy of the Company's risk management and internal control system. The Company's risk management policy is designed to provide the framework to identify, assess, monitor and manage the risks associated with the Company's business. The Company adopts practices designed to identify significant areas of business risk and to effectively manage those risks in accordance with the Company's risk profile. The general risks for a public listed company involved in the resources sector and the specific risks for the Company continue to be regularly monitored and the Managing Director regularly appraises the Board as to the effectiveness of the Company's management of its material business risks. All proposals reviewed by the Board include a consideration of the issues and risks of the proposal.

Recommendation 7.2:

The Board should review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and disclose whether such a review has taken place.

The Board considers risks and discusses risk management at each Board meeting. Review of the risk management framework is an on-going process rather than an annual formal review. This on-going review process continued during the current reporting period. The Company's main areas of risk include:

- exploration;
- security of tenure including native title risk;
- joint venture management;
- new project acquisitions;
- environment;
- occupational health and safety;
- Covid-19;

- government policy changes;
- funding;
- commodity prices;
- retention of key staff;
- financial reporting; and
- continuous disclosure obligations.

The Managing Director is responsible for ensuring compliance with COVID-19 restrictions and protocols, monitoring the health and wellbeing of staff and liaising with joint venture partners, landowners, native title parties and other stakeholders with respect to COVID-19. The Board regularly considers and discusses the risks associated with COVID-19. To minimise regulatory and financial risk the Company has reduced staff travel, enabled staff to work from home where possible and maintained relationships with joint venture partners, landowners, native title parties and other stakeholders.

Recommendation 7.3:

The Company should disclose if it has an internal audit function.

The Company does not have an internal audit function but reviews its risk management and internal control processes on a regular basis.

Internal Audit Function

The Company does not have an internal audit function. The Board considers that the Company is not currently of a size, nor are its affairs of such complexity, to justify the formation of an internal audit function at this time. The Board as a whole regularly evaluates and improves the effectiveness of its risk management (refer above) and internal control processes.

Recommendation 7.4:

The Company should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.

The Company is of the view that it has adequately disclosed the nature of its operations and relevant information on exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks. Other than general risks associated with the mineral exploration industry, the Company does not currently have material exposure to environmental and social sustainability risks.

Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly

Recommendation 8.1:

The Board should have a Remuneration Committee.

The Company does not have a remuneration committee. The Board considers that the Company is not currently of a size, nor are its affairs of such complexity, to justify the formation of separate or special committees at this time. The Board as a whole is able to address the governance aspects of the full scope of the Company’s activities and to ensure that it adheres to appropriate ethical standards. In particular, the full Board considers those matters that would usually be the responsibility of a remuneration committee. The Board considers that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing a separate remuneration committee.

Recommendation 8.2:

The Company should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.

The Company provides disclosure of all Directors' and executives' remuneration in its annual report.

The remuneration policy of Red Metal has been designed to align director's objectives with shareholder and business objectives by providing a fixed remuneration component which is assessed on an annual basis in line with market rates. The Board of Red Metal believes the remuneration policy to be appropriate and effective in its ability to attract and retain the best directors to govern and manage the Company. Directors' remuneration is approved by resolutions of the Board. The Board's policy for determining the nature and amount of remuneration for Board members is as follows:

Non-Executive Directors

The Board policy is to remunerate non-executive directors at market rates for comparable companies for time, commitment and responsibilities. Payments to the non-executive Directors are reviewed annually, based on market practice, duties and accountability. The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to non-executive Directors is subject to approval by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. Fees for non-executive Directors are not linked to the performance of the Company. However, to align Directors' interests with shareholder interests, the Directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Company. Non-executive Directors are entitled to receive incentive options (subject to shareholder approval) as it is considered an appropriate method of providing sufficient reward whilst maintaining cash reserves. There is no scheme to provide retirement benefits, other than statutory superannuation, to non-executive directors. The value of incentive options where they are granted to non-executive directors is calculated using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model.

Executives

The senior executive of the Company is the Managing Director. The Company is committed to remunerating its senior executives in a manner that is market-competitive and consistent with best practice as well as supporting the interests of shareholders. Consequently, the remuneration of senior executives may be comprised of the following:

- fixed salary that is determined from a review of the market and reflects core performance requirements and expectations;
- a performance bonus designed to reward actual achievement by the individual of performance objectives and for materially improved Company performance;
- participation in incentive option issues; and
- statutory superannuation.

By remunerating senior executives through performance and long-term incentive plans in addition to their fixed remuneration, the Company aims to align the interests of senior executives with those of shareholders and increase Company performance. The value of incentive options where they are to be granted to senior executives is calculated using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model.

The objective behind using this remuneration structure is to drive improved Company performance and thereby increase shareholder value as well as aligning the interests of executives and shareholders.

The Board may use its discretion with respect to the payment of bonuses, incentive share options and other incentive payments.

Recommendation 8.3:

A Company which has an equity based remuneration scheme should have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme and disclose that policy or summary of it.

The Company does not have an equity based remuneration scheme which is affected by this recommendation.

Recipients of equity-based remuneration (eg. incentives options) are not permitted to enter into any transactions that would limit the economic risk of options or other unvested entitlements.