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("Firering" or "the Company")

Final Results

Firering Strategic Minerals plc, a development company focusing on critical minerals, is pleased to announce its final results for the year ended 31 December 2023. A copy of the Annual Report will shortly be available on the www.fireringplc.com.

OVERVIEW

- Successful alignment of near-term revenue objectives with evolving commodity markets through the acquisition of an initial 20.5% of Limeco Resources Limited ("Limeco") post period end:
 - Limeco owns an ex-Glencore limestone project with historical spend of over US\$100 million and which demonstrates immediate growth potential and significant cash flow prospects
 - Quicklime is an essential component in various industries including copper production, construction, and environmental management
 - c£2 million raised post period end to commence funding the acquisition of an initial 20.5% stake as well as finance the recommissioning of the lime plant and ramp up of its operations
 - The project is debt free with an estimated resource of 73.7Mt @ 95.3% CaCO₃ and a stockpile of 190,000 tonnes, which will be used to start production
 - Fully permitted with the first kiln due to be operational by the end of 2024
 - Potential for multiple revenue streams from the sale of quicklime, aggregate, and an ash to the concrete industry
 - Aggregate sales began in October 2023 contributing to early cash flow, with ongoing discussions with partners
- Further progress in the advancement of the Atex Project in north-west Côte d'Ivoire during and following the period end:
 - Successful expansion of the known lithium mineralisation by 122% following a geophysical circulation campaign in March 2024

Commenting on the results Yuval Cohen, CEO of Firering said: *"As an emerging multi-project company navigating shifting market conditions. Accordingly, we are currently prioritising our resources on our quicklime potential to generate significant cash flow due to its alignment with the robust copper market. With this period end, we were delighted to acquire a 20.5% stake in Limeco, which we can increase to 45%.*

"Limeco has benefited from over \$100 million in historical investment, creating a near-complete limestone quarry, a two-stage crushing circuit, and a lime plant. We are currently renovating the lime fuel system from Heavy Fuel Oil to coal gasification and are on track to recommission the first remaining seven kilns will be commissioned in stages thereafter. When fully commissioned, Limeco's quicklime operation in Zambia, able to support the Copperbelt's rapidly expanding copper production

"We look forward to updating shareholders as we achieve important milestones during the second half

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Over the past year, we made a pivotal decision to shift to prioritise Limeco Resources Limited ('Limeco') as a strategic investment opportunity in Zambia that offered an immediate growth potential with significant cash flow prospects.

Accordingly, post period end, we raised gross proceeds of £2.089 million via a Placing, Subscription and Private Placement to principally fund the acquisition of an initial 20.5% of Limeco as well as finance the recommissioning and ramp up of its operations. We also have an option to acquire an additional 24.5% of Limeco to be exercised between July 2025 and July 2026.

With a historical investment of more than US\$100 million, Limeco's assets comprise a limestone quarry with a crushing circuit with an installed capacity of 300 tonnes per hour (tph); and a lime plant capable of producing 100,000 tonnes of quicklime per day. To put the latter into perspective, during the past two years quicklime has been traded at approximately US\$218 per tonne.

While the Project was in an advanced stage when we invested, our investigations revealed that significant additional production would be needed before recommissioning, including updating the crushing circuit to ensure the optimal limestone size fraction to be fed to the kilns and to generate aggregate from the waste stream. Additionally, we are exploring alternative fuel source from heavy fuel oil ('HFO') to coal gasification to provide more cost-effective heating energy.

These workstreams have been progressing well with phased recommissioning of the eight kilns scheduled to start in Q1 2024 with planned completion in Q3 2025. Key to this is a 150,000-tonne limestone stockpile that will ensure a structured and efficient start to operations. This is in addition to a ~250,000 tonnes waste stockpile to enable immediate production of aggregate.

The quarry has a current Mineral Resource ("MR") of 73.7 million tonnes ("Mt") at 95.3% CaCO₃ (Go Independent consultants Earthlab Exploration and Mining Consulting (Pty) Ltd, recently reconfirmed used to produce the initial MR in 2017 as well as a potential exploration target of 95Mt. Lime exploration licence, which is pending approval.

The Company has day to day operational control of the Project under the leadership of our CEO supported by a tier 1 team engaged to refurbish the lime plant, including consultants with firsthand plant. Additionally, Firering's significant shareholder Rina Group, via Rompartner Ltd, which is a major the largest quicklime plants in Israel, is providing additional operational support.

Our strategy is focused on creating multiple revenue streams at Limeco from the sale of quicklime, and products such as ash to the concrete industry. In line with this, aggregate sales began in October 2024 cash flow, with future offtake agreements anticipated once renovations to the crushing plant are complete. Meanwhile, quicklime offtake discussions are ongoing including negotiations with a major copper finalising an agreement with a third party to lease our HFO tanks for diesel storage, which will provide support our operations.

In particular, we aim to capitalise on our unique position as the largest known quicklime operation supporting the increased copper production activities in the Zambia Copperbelt. Currently, copper is sourced from quicklime from South Africa, which incurs additional costs, time delays, and results in increased CO₂ emissions.

As background, quicklime is an essential component in various industries including copper production, construction, and environmental management. In the extraction and refining of copper, quicklime is used for control, aiding in the flotation process that separates valuable copper minerals from waste rock. It is also used for neutralisation of acidic waste streams and tailings, ensuring that these by-products meet environmental requirements by being safely discharged or repurposed.

While Limeco is now the Company's key focus, we continue to develop the Atex Project in north-western Zambia where we hold a 90% interest. Covering both lithium and tantalum-niobium potential, our licence is situated in the Moss domain of the West African Craton, which features extensive arcuate belts stretching hundreds of kilometres and hosting multiple deposits of gold, base metals, and pegmatite-hosted columbo-tantalite and lithium.

Following a scout drilling campaign in 2022, we completed our first reverse circulation ('RC') drilling in March 2024, with 3,753 metres drilled over 23 holes, significantly expanding known lithium mineralisation and extending the strike length to 800 metres.

Our next stage is to focus on expanding drilling exploration efforts in an easterly and northerly direction to identify a maiden resource.

We remain committed to sustainable practices and minimising our environmental impact. According

implemented a comprehensive strategy to foster positive community relations and support local development. These initiatives are complemented by a commitment to minimising our environmental impact, with all our operations meeting the highest environmental standards.

With our strategic shift towards quicklime production well underway, significant milestones achieved in the short-term horizon, we are excited about Firing's future and ability to deliver sustained value to shareholders through increased revenue streams, robust resource management, and strategic market engagement.

I would like to thank shareholders for their support and look forward to updating the market on our production gains momentum.

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Non-Executive Chairman

Extracts of the 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements are set out below.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	<u>Note</u>	<u>31 Decer</u> <u>2023</u> <u>Euros in the</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents		297
Other receivables		43
		<u>-</u>
Total current assets		<u>340</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:		
Other receivables	19	637
Investment in joint venture	19	2,142
Intangible assets	7	-
Property, plant and equipment	8	118
		<u>-</u>
Total non-current assets		<u>2,897</u>
		<u>-</u>
Total assets		<u><u>3,237</u></u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Euros in the</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Trade payables		166
Other payables	20	320
Capital note	17	<u>174</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>660</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accrued severance pay, net		8
Capital notes	10	622
Loan from non-controlling interest in subsidiary	11	<u>-</u>
Total non-current liabilities		<u>630</u>
Total liabilities		<u>1,290</u>
EQUITY:		
	12	
Share capital		100
Share premium		7,801
Warrants		39
Accumulated deficit		(5,699)
Capital reserves		<u>(294)</u>
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		<u>1,947</u>
Non-controlling interests		-
Total Equity		<u>1,947</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u><u>3,237</u></u>

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE
INCOME**

	Note	Year en 31 Decer 2023 Euros in the (except per sha
Gain on earn-in arrangement	19	-
Impairment of intangible assets	7	(1,276)
General and administrative expenses	13	(1,357)

Operating profit (loss)		2,633
Financial expenses	14	86
Loss before taxes on income		(2,719)
Share of loss of joint venture		39
Taxes on income	15	-
Net loss		(2,758)
Other comprehensive loss		-
Total comprehensive loss		(2,758)
Net loss attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company		(2,413)
Non-controlling interests		(345)
		(2,758)
Total comprehensive loss attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company		(2,413)
Non-controlling interests		(345)
		(2,758)
Loss per share (euro) - basic and diluted	16	(0.03)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company					
	Share capital	Share premium	Warrants	Reserves (*)	Accumulated deficit	Total
Balance as of 1 January 2022	87	6,878	20	327	(2,973)	4,339
Profit (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	(84)	(84)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests (Note 12)	-	89	-	(378)	-	(289)
Change in non-controlling interests arising from deconsolidation (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as of 31 December 2022	87	6,967	20	(51)	(3,057)	3,966
Profit (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	(2,413)	(2,413)
Issue of shares	11	726	19	-	-	756
Share based compensation	2	108	-	-	-	110
Reallocation of non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	(229)	(229)
Capital reserve (transaction with minority in joint venture)	-	-	-	(243)	-	(243)

Balance as of 31 December 2023	<u>100</u>	<u>7,801</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>(294)</u>	<u>(5,699)</u>	<u>1,947</u>
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*) See Note 12d for details of reserves.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	<u>Year ended</u> <u>31 December</u> <u>2023</u> <u>Euros in thousands</u>
<u>Cash flows from operating activities:</u>	
Net loss	(2,758)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Adjustments to the profit or loss items:	
Gain on earn-in arrangement	-
Depreciation	48
Impairment of intangible assets	1,276
Accrued interest on capital note and on loan from non-controlling interest	70
Share based payment	20
Share of loss of joint venture	39
Changes in asset and liability items:	
Increase in other receivables	(11)
Increase in non-current other receivables	-
Increase (decrease) in trade payables	105
Increase (decrease) in other payables and Capital note	(81)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,292)</u>
<u>Cash flows from investing activities:</u>	
Proceeds from sale of control rights in subsidiaries	-
Decrease in cash upon deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net	-
Investment in joint venture	(351)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	-
Additions to intangible assets	-
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(351)</u>
<u>Cash flows from financing activities:</u>	
Cash paid for acquisition of non-controlling interest	-
Issue of shares	756
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>756</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(887)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,184</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>297</u></u>
<u>Supplemental disclosure of non-cash activities:</u>	
Non-current receivable in respect of earn-in arrangement	-
Non-current receivable in respect of earn-in arrangement issuance of shares in consideration for conversion of convertible loan notes	-

Issue of shares to non-controlling interests as part of share swap (see Note 6)	=
Issue of shares in payment of liability to employees and service providers	<u>90</u>
Derecognition of liability to non-controlling interests upon impairment of project	<u>116</u>

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1:- GENERAL INFORMATION

Firering Strategic Minerals PLC ("The Company") is a holding company for a group of development companies set up to focus on developing assets towards the ethical production of minerals. The Company was incorporated on 8 May 2019 in Cyprus. The address of its registered office is Stylianou 6, 2nd Floor, Office 202, 2003, Nicosia, Cyprus.

The Company owns 75% of the issued share capital of Bri Coltan SARL ("Bri Coltan") : in Cote d'Ivoire. The principal activity of the subsidiary is the exploration and development of mineral projects (in particular, columbite- tantalite).

On 1 March 2021, the Company purchased 51% of the issued share capital of Atex Minerals SARL ("Atex") a company incorporated in Cote d'Ivoire. The principal activity of Atex is the exploration and development of mineral projects (in particular, lithium and columbite-tantalite). Details are set out in Note 6.

On 22 November 2021, the Company purchased 80% of the issued share capital of Alliance Corporation SARL ("Alliance"), a company incorporated in Cote d'Ivoire. Alliance holds an exploration licence at an area bordering Atex. Details of the acquisition are set out in Note 6.

On 12 November 2021, the Company completed its Initial Public Offering ("IPO") and listing on the AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange ("the AIM"), by issuing 30,700,000 shares at a price of £0.13 per share for a total cash consideration of €4.68 million (£4 million) and net proceeds of €4.25 million (£3.63 million).

On 2 November 2022 the Company signed an earn-in agreement with Ricca Resources an Australian diversified minerals company to advance the Atex Lithium-Tantalum Project adjacent Alliance exploration licence (once granted).

According to the agreement, Ricca will have the exclusive right to undertake and fund exploration of the Atex Project and adjacent Alliance licence.

In order to undertake exploration of the Atex and Alliance Tenements, the Company has entered into joint venture agreements with Ricca Resources and Limeco Resources Ltd ("Limeco") and the Company will have joint control.

Accordingly, in 2022 the Company ceased to consolidate the financial statements of Atex and Limeco as its investment in the joint venture is subsequently accounted for using the equity method.

See Notes 6 and 19 for further details.

In August 2023, the Company together with Clearglass Investments Limited ("Clearglass") signed an option agreement to acquire up to 33.33% of Limeco Resources Ltd ("Limeco") limestone project located in Zambia. The Company will have the option to acquire up to 33.33% across two tranches for an aggregate amount of US\$5.1 million. Clearglass is to pay a US\$1 thousand fee in exchange for the option to acquire up to 5% of Limeco upon exercise of the option. This amount is to be made available to Limeco as a loan by the Vendors upon the start of the project into operation.

Limeco was initially established by another company which invested approximately 50% in establishing the limestone quarry and constructing the current lime plant. This

made via a shareholder's loan to Limeco, and this loan remains outstanding to the

See note 21 for further details.

Going concern:

The Group's operations are at an early stage of development and the continuing success depends on the Group's ability to manage its mineral projects. Presently, the Group has positive cash flow and the Group is likely to remain cash flow negative in the near future. Success will depend on its ability to generate positive cash flow from active mining operations and its ability to secure external funding for its development requirements. However, the Group will achieve profitability or positive cash flow from its operating activities,

The Board of Directors and Group management have assessed the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern. In respect of its current and future mineral projects, the funding status is as follows:

Atex and Alliance:

As described in Note 19, in 2022 the Company signed an earn-in agreement with a minerals company, Ricca, which agreed to fund at its sole cost these two exploration projects which may extend to 4-5 years from the reporting date.

In 2023 Ricca did not complete a planned IPO and was unable to raise significant funds which affected the liquidity position of Ricca such that Ricca was unable to fund these projects. The Company is currently in discussions with Ricca as to the resolution of this issue. In the future, the Company continues to view these projects as viable and is evaluating various alternatives as to funding these projects.

Limestone:

As described above in Note 1 and in Note 21, the Company has entered into an agreement to acquire a 45% interest in a limestone quarry and production plant in Zambia. The acquisition is being funded by the exercise of options in instalments over a period ending in 2026. As further described in Note 21, the Company completed a placing of shares on the AIM for net consideration of approximately £10 million, a portion of which is intended to fund the initial acquisition option instalment.

In respect of its ongoing general activities, based on a review of the Group's budget and cash requirements including funds raised in June 2024 as described in Note 21, there is a reasonable expectation that the Group will have adequate resources to continue its daily operations and meet its obligations as at least a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. The going concern basis of accounting has continued to be applied in preparing these financial statements.

NOTE 2:- ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in the financial statements presented, unless otherwise stated.

a. Basis of preparation of the financial statements

These financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("IFRS").

The financial statements have been prepared on a cost basis.

The Group has elected to present the profit or loss items using the function of expense method.

b. Consolidated financial statements:

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity if the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity, and it has the power to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated in the financial statements in which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a change of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

change in equity by adjusting the carrying amount of the non-controlling interest adjustment of the equity attributable to equity holders of the Company less / plus or received.

Upon the disposal of a subsidiary resulting in loss of control, the Company derecognizes the carrying amount of assets (including goodwill) and liabilities, derecognizes the carrying amount of non-current assets, recognizes the fair value of the consideration received, and recognizes any result (or deficit) as gain or loss.

c. Investments accounted for using the equity method:

The Group's investments in associates and joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method, the investment in the associate or in the joint venture is adjusted for the addition of post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of net assets, including the share of income of the associate or the joint venture. Gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and the associate, or the joint venture are eliminated to the extent of the investment in the joint venture. The cost of the investment includes transaction costs.

Goodwill relating to the acquisition of an associate, or a joint venture is part of the investment in the associate or the joint venture, measured at cost and not separately. Goodwill is evaluated for impairment as part of the investment in the associate or joint venture as a whole.

Losses of an associate in amounts which exceed its equity are recognized by the Group to the extent of its investment in the associate plus any losses that the Company may incur as a result of other financial support provided in respect of the associate. For this purpose, the Group includes long-term receivables (such as loans granted) for which settlement is neither planned nor expected in the foreseeable future.

d. Functional and presentation currency:

The local currency used in Cote d'Ivoire is the West African CFA Franc ("FCFA") with an exchange rate with the Euro (€1 = FCFA 655.957). A substantial portion of the expenditures for acquisitions is incurred in or linked to the FCFA or the Euro. The Group's debt financing in FCFA, or Euro and the funds of the Group are held in FCFA. The Group's management has determined that the Euro is the currency of the primary economic activity of the Company and its subsidiaries, and thus its functional currency. The presentation currency is the Euro.

e. Cash equivalents:

Cash equivalents are considered as highly liquid investments, including unrescinded deposits with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of investment, or investments of more than three months, but which are redeemable on demand without penalty, as determined by the Group's cash management.

f. Property, plant and equipment:

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost, including directly attributable costs, less accumulated depreciation, accumulated impairment losses and any related investment.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the asset. The useful life is as follows:

	<u>%</u>
Computers	33
Plant and equipment	18
Motor vehicles	33

g. Impairment of non-financial assets:

The Group evaluates the need to record an impairment of non-financial assets when changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount is not recoverable.

If the carrying amount of non-financial assets exceeds their recoverable amount, their recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less in use. In measuring value in use, the expected future cash flows are discounted at a rate that reflects the risks specific to the asset. The recoverable amount of an asset is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss.

h. Intangible assets:

The Group has adopted the provisions of IFRS 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources.

The Group capitalizes expenditures incurred in exploration and evaluation activities that are directly attributable to the acquisition of mineral rights, when those activities are expected to result in the discovery of economically recoverable mineral resources. The Group has a policy to expense to profit or loss (including rental of tools and other equipment, in the same period in which the equipment is used. Expenditure included in the initial measurement of projects classified as intangible assets relate to the acquisition of rights to explore. Expenditure on production ceases when the mining property is capable of commercial production. Costs are recorded and held at cost and no amortization is recorded prior to commercial production.

An annual review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriate carrying amount. Indicators of impairment as set out in IFRS 6. Accumulated capitalized project costs in relation to that area of interest, (i) an expired permit (with no expectation of renewal), (ii) an abandoned area of interest, (iii) a joint venture over an area of interest which is now ceased, will be written off in full as an expense in the year in which (i) the permit expired, (ii) the area of interest was abandoned, or (iii) the joint venture ceased.

i. Financial instruments:

1. Financial assets:

Financial assets are measured upon initial recognition at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets, except for financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss in respect of which transaction costs are recognized as an expense in profit or loss.

The Group classifies and measures debt instruments in the financial statements based on the following criteria:

- The Group's business model for managing financial assets; and
- The contractual cash flow terms of the financial asset.

Debt instruments are measured at amortized cost when:

The Group's business model is to hold the financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, and the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. At initial recognition, the instruments in this category are measured according to their fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at cost using the effective interest rate method, less any provision for impairment.

On the date of initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces measurement or recognition inconsistency, such as when a related financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss.

2. Impairment of financial assets:

The Group evaluates at the end of each reporting period the loss allowance for financial assets which are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Group has short-term financial assets such as trade receivables in respect of which the carrying amount is measured at fair value through profit or loss.

applies a simplified approach and measures the loss allowance in an amount expected credit losses. An impairment loss on debt instruments measured is recognized in profit or loss with a corresponding loss allowance that is the amount of the financial asset.

3. Financial liabilities:

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost:

Financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less transaction costs attributable to the issue of the financial liability.

After initial recognition, the Group measures all financial liabilities at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method, except for financial liabilities measured at fair value or loss.

j. Borrowing costs:

The capitalization of borrowing costs commences when expenditures for the activities to prepare the asset are in progress and borrowing costs are incurred for substantially all the activities to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale. The amount of borrowing costs capitalized in a reporting period includes specific borrowing costs based on a weighted capitalization rate.

Exploration and evaluation assets can be qualifying assets. However, they generally do not pass the "probable economic benefits" test. Therefore, any related borrowing costs are recognized in profit or loss in the period incurred.

k. Fair value measurement:

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value measurement is based on the assumption that the transaction takes place in the asset's or the liability's principal market, or in the absence of a principal market, an alternative advantageous market.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their best interest.

Fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use or by selling the asset to a market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and that maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities measured at fair value or for which fair value is disclosed are categorized into levels within the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

- Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets
- Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are either directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 - inputs that are not based on observable market data (valuation techniques that use inputs that are not based on observable market data).

o. Share-based payment transactions:

Equity-settled transaction:

The cost of equity-settled transactions with employees is measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted at grant date. The fair value is determined using an acceptable valuation method.

As for other service providers, the cost of the transactions is measured at the fair value of the services received as consideration for equity instruments granted.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognized in profit or loss together with the corresponding increase in equity during the period which the performance and/or service conditions are being met, ending on the date on which the relevant employees become entitled to the awards. The cumulative expense recognized for equity-settled transactions at the end of each reporting period until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest.

No expense is recognized for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for awards that are conditional upon a market condition, which are treated as vesting irrespective of whether or not the condition is satisfied, provided that all other vesting conditions (service and non-market performance conditions) are satisfied.

p. Changes in accounting policies - initial application of new financial reporting and amendments to existing financial reporting and accounting standards:

1. Amendment to IAS 8, "Accounting Policies, Changes to Accounting Estimates and Errors"

In February 2021, the IASB issued an amendment to IAS 8, "Accounting Policies, Changes to Accounting Estimates and Errors" ("the Amendment"), in which it introduced the concept of "accounting estimates".

Accounting estimates are defined as "monetary amounts in financial statements that are affected by measurement uncertainty". The Amendment clarifies the distinction between accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies and the correct accounting treatment for each.

The Amendment is applied prospectively for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, and is applicable to changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates that occur on or after the start of that period.

The application of the Amendment did not have a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

2. Amendment to IAS 1, "Disclosure of Accounting Policies":

In February 2021, the IASB issued an amendment to IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements" ("the Amendment"), which replaces the requirement to disclose accounting policies with a requirement to disclose 'material' accounting policies. The primary reason for the Amendment is the absence of a definition of the term 'significant' in IAS 1. The term 'material' is defined in several standards and particularly in IAS 1.

The Amendment is applicable for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2023.

The application of the above Amendment had an effect on the disclosure of accounting policies in the financial statements.

accounting policies, but did not affect the measurement, recognition or pr
in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3:- FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

a. Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk and c
overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial
minimize potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

Risk management is carried out by the management team under policies app
Directors.

1. Market risk

The Group is exposed to market risk, primarily relating to foreign exchan
not hedge against market risks as the exposure is not deemed sufficien
contracts. The Company has not disclosed a quantitative sensitivity ana
foreign exchange rates as the Directors are of the opinion that these fluctu
significant impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Comp
The Directors will continue to assess the effect of movements in mark
financial operations and initiate suitable risk management measures where

2. Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents as well as outstanding
this risk, The Company periodically assesses the financial reliabil
counterparties.

The amount of exposure to any individual counterparty is subject to a lim
the Board of Directors.

The Company considers the credit ratings of banks in which it holds fu
exposure to credit risk.

b. Capital risk management:

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's
going concern, in order to enable the Company to continue its material develop
maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the
assets to reduce debts.

The Company defines capital based on the total equity of the Company. The Con
of cash resources available against future planned operational activities and m
order to raise further funds from time to time.

NOTE 4:- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTI PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a. Estimates and assumptions:

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimat
have an effect on the application of the accounting policies and on the repor
liabilities, revenues and expenses. Changes in accounting estimates are report
change in estimate.

Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions are as follows:

Intangible assets - exploration and evaluation assets:

An annual review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriate amount to capitalize and carry forward project costs in relation to that area of interest and to identify indicators of impairment as set out in IFRS 6. The annual review includes an assessment of planned expenditures and indications of whether sufficient data exist to support the carrying amount of accumulated capitalized project costs.

NOTE 5:- DISCLOSURE OF NEW STANDARDS IN THE PERIOD PRIOR TO THE REPORTING DATE

a. Amendment to IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements":

In January 2020, the IASB issued an amendment to IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements" (the "Original Amendment"). In October 2022, the IASB issued a subsequent amendment to IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements" (the "Subsequent Amendment").

According to the Subsequent Amendment:

- Only covenants with which an entity must comply on or before the reporting date affect the liability's classification as current or non-current.
- An entity should provide disclosure when a liability arising from a loan agreement is classified as non-current and the entity's right to defer settlement is contingent on compliance with covenants within twelve months from the reporting date. This disclosure should include information about the covenants and the related liabilities. The disclosure should also include information about the nature of the future covenants and when compliance is required, as well as the carrying amount of the related liabilities. The purpose of this information is to enable users to understand the nature of the future covenants and to assess the risk that a liability classified as non-current could become repayable within twelve months. Further information about the facts and circumstances should be disclosed.

According to the Original Amendment, the conversion option of a liability affects the classification of the entire liability as current or non-current unless the conversion component is an equity instrument.

The Original Amendment and Subsequent Amendment are both effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024 and must be applied retrospectively. Early application is permitted.

The Company is evaluating the possible impact of the Amendment on its current liabilities.

b. IFRS 18, "Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements":

In April 2024, the International Accounting Standards Board ("the IASB") issued IFRS 18, "Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements" ("IFRS 18") which replaces IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements".

IFRS 18 is aimed at improving comparability and transparency of companies' financial statements.

IFRS 18 retains certain existing requirements of IAS 1 and introduces new requirements for the presentation and disclosure of financial statements.

within the statement of profit or loss, including specified totals and subtotals. It of management-defined performance measures and includes new requirements disaggregation of financial information.

IFRS 18 does not modify the recognition and measurement provisions of items in

financial statements. However, since items within the statement of profit or loss one of five categories (operating, investing, financing, taxes on income and disc may change the entity's operating profit. Moreover, the publication of IFRS 18 narrow scope amendments to other accounting standards, including IAS 7, "Stat and IAS 34, "Interim Financial Reporting".

IFRS 18 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted but will need to be disclosed.

The Company is evaluating the effects of IFRS 18, including the effects amendments to other accounting standards, on its consolidated financial statement

NOTE 6:- ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

a. Acquisition of Atex Mining Resources SARL:

On 1 March 2021, the Company purchased 51% of the issued share capital of SARL ("ATEX") for a total consideration of 40m FCFA (€61 thousand). Atex has exploration rights for lithium in a certain area in Cote d'Ivoire. The license which was renewed in 2021 for a period ending in 2024.

In addition, the Company was granted an option to acquire a further total 39% of of Atex in two stages. The first stage is an option to acquire a further 16% following the acquisition for a total consideration of 210m FCFA (€320 thousand) an additional option to acquire a further 23% during the 24 months following the consideration of 300m FCFA (€450 thousand).

Pursuant to the agreement, it has been agreed that the Company will procure that smelter royalty equal to 0.5% of net smelter returns, such royalty to be paid each 1

These royalties will be recorded when production commences, and the project returns.

At the date of acquisition, the exploration license and related capitalized exploration asset of Atex. Atex had no employees. Accordingly, the purchase transaction was acquisition of an intangible asset.

The Company determined that as of the acquisition date the fair value of the additional 39% interest in Atex was immaterial and accordingly no portion of the attributed to these options.

Pursuant to IFRS 3, the Company records the intangible asset and liability at the acquisition. Details of the net assets acquired, and the non-controlling interests are

	Euro in thousands
Intangible asset	120
Liabilities acquired	<u>(1)</u>
Net assets acquired	119

Non-controlling interest (49%)	<u>(58)</u>
Total purchase cost and cash paid	<u><u>61</u></u>

On 4th July 2022 the Company purchased an additional 26% of the issued share capital. The additional 26% of the issued shares in Atex were purchased in exchange for 1,158,200 Ordinary shares value of £76,441 at the closing share price on 4 July 2022 of 6.6p per share; € (€1.16). The additional 16% of the issued shares in Atex were purchased by way of an option under the agreement between Firering and Atex dated 31 March 2021 for a total of c.€320,000. Subsequent to this acquisition, the Company held a 77% interest in Atex. In March 2023, the Company purchased an additional 13% interest in Atex. Details of the purchase of an additional 13% interest in March 2023.

As these acquisitions resulted in a change of ownership interests in a subsidiary under the control of the Company, they were accounted for as a change in the equity. The difference between the total consideration and the carrying amount of the interest acquired is attributed to the interest acquired, in the amount of €378 was charged to the Reserve for Non-Controlling Interests in equity.

See Note 6c below regarding deconsolidation of Atex.

b. Acquisition of Alliance Minerals Corporation SARL:

On 22 November 2021, the Company purchased 51% of the issued share capital of Alliance Minerals Corporation SARL ("Alliance") for a total consideration of €228,000, executed pursuant to a forward purchase agreement with Alliance Minerals Corporation SARL ("Alliance"). Pursuant to the agreement, the Company's commitment to purchase a total of 80% of the entire issued share capital of Alliance. Payments for the acquisition of shares will take place in four stages as follows:

- 51% of the entire issued share capital of Alliance for a total consideration of €228 thousand to be paid within 10 days of Admission. As mentioned above, the payment was executed on 22 November 2021.
- 7.25% of the issued share capital of Alliance for 100 million FCFA (€100 million) based on analysis at least 1,000 tons of coltan, calculated based on the Auger drilling program.
- 7.25% of the issued share capital of Alliance for 100 million FCFA (€100 million) based on analysis at least 1,000 tons of coltan, calculated based on the RC drilling program.
- 14.5% of the issued share capital of Alliance for 200 million FCFA (€200 million) based on commercial reserve.

Pursuant to the agreement, it has been agreed that the Company will procure that Alliance Minerals Corporation SARL will pay a smelter royalty equal to 0.5% of net smelter returns, such royalty to be paid each month.

These royalties will be recorded when production commences, and the project returns.

Alliance has applied for an exploration license adjacent to the Atex project. At the time of the license application was the sole asset of Alliance. Alliance has no employment. The license purchase transaction is accounted for as an acquisition of an intangible asset. As the application is still pending.

The Company is accounting for the commitment to purchase the additional 29% of the issued share capital of Alliance pursuant to a forward purchase contract, and effectively for accounting purposes the Company is accounting for the commitment to purchase the additional 29% of the issued share capital of Alliance. Accordingly, a liability in the amount of €130,000 has been recorded based on the estimated timing of the future payments discounted at a rate of 2% (based on the value hierarchy). The balance of the liability to the non-controlling interest in Alliance in 2023 is €200 thousand (2022 - €161 thousand). Subsequent to deconsolidation of Alliance, the liability is included in the accounts of the joint venture -see Note 19. The intangible asset (discount) in 2023 in the amount of €39 thousand was recorded as financial expense (2022 - €31,000 recorded as financial expense by the Company).

Pursuant to IFRS 3, the Company recorded the intangible asset at its fair value calculated as follows:

	<u>Euro</u> <u>in thousands</u>
Intangible asset	448
Non-controlling interests (20%)	<u>(90)</u>
Total purchase cost	<u><u>358</u></u>
Comprised of:	
Cash consideration	228
Liability for forward purchase	<u>130</u>
Total	<u><u>358</u></u>

See Note 6c below regarding deconsolidation of Alliance.

c. Deconsolidation of Atex and Alliance:

As described in Notes 1 and 19, in accordance with the earn-in agreement November 2022, the Company is to transfer its entire shareholdings in Atex and Alliance (joint venture) in which Ricca and the Company will have joint control. Due to the agreement in November 2022 the Company ceased to consolidate the accounts of Alex and Alliance and its investment in these companies held by the joint venture based on the equity method.

As of the date of loss of control, following are the assets, liabilities and non-current assets that have been deconsolidated:

	<u>Euro</u> <u>in thousands</u>
Cash	33
Other current assets	143
Property, plant and equipment	112
Intangible assets	2,062
Liability to non-controlling interest in subsidiary)161(
NCI	<u>(116)</u>
Net - investment in joint venture (see Note 19)	<u><u>2,073</u></u>

NOTE 7:- INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets relate to project costs capitalized as of 31 December 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u> <u>Euros in thousands</u>
As of 1 January	1,276
Deconsolidation (Note 6)	-
Additions	-
Impairment (*)	<u>(1,276)</u>
As of 31 December	<u><u>-</u></u>

(*) The opening balance as of 1 January 2023 relates mainly to the Bri Coltan concessi

currently has no plans or budget for further exploration, an impairment loss for the entire

NOTE 8:- PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Computers, peripheral equipment and furniture
	Euros in thousands		
Cost:			
As of 1 January 2022	409	121	25
Addition	2	49	17
Deconsolidation (Note 6)	(2)	(141)	(19)
	<u>409</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>23</u>
As of 31 December 2022 and 2023	<u>409</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>23</u>
Accumulated depreciation:			
As of 1 January 2022	223	23	4
Charge for the year	41	47	7
Deconsolidation (Note 6)	-	(47)	(3)
	<u>264</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>8</u>
As of 31 December 2022	<u>264</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>8</u>
Charge for the year	41	3	4
	<u>305</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>
As of 31 December 2023	<u>305</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>
Net carrying amount:			
As of 31 December 2023	<u>104</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
As of 31 December 2022	<u>145</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>

NOTE 10:- CAPITAL NOTES

The capital notes are comprised of two notes in the face amounts of €393 thousand and do not bear interest and for which the repayment terms commencing from November 202

Capital note of €393 thousand - (i) no repayment shall take place within two years of A can only be made after the Company has achieved a market capitalization of £50 million have minimum cash on hand of 5x the outstanding debt, with sufficient funds for the C two-year period and (iv) any repayment will be subject to final approval of the Directors

Capital note to shareholders and officers for services during the period from 1 June 2021 totalling to €350 thousand (i) no repayment shall take place within two years of Admission, (ii) the Company must have minimum cash on hand of 5x the outstanding debt, with sufficient funds for the repayment of the debt for a two-year period and (iii) any repayment will be subject to final approval of the Directors.

The combined carrying amount of the capital notes as of November 2021 is €507 thousand which reflects the estimated timing of the future repayments discounted at a rate of 10% (level 3 of the fair value hierarchy). The difference in the amount of €236 thousand between the face amount of the notes and the carrying amount as of November 2021 has been recorded as a contribution to equity. The carrying amount of the notes at 31 December 2023 is €622 thousand (2022 - €565 thousand). In 2023 interest expense (unwinding of discount) amounted to €57 thousand (2022 - €51 thousand).

NOTE 11:- LOAN FROM NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

Loan in the face amount of €205 thousand from the minority interests of Bri Coltan and Coltan. It was agreed that the loan will be repaid from up to 5% of the yearly net profit following publication of its annual financial report. As of 31 December 2021, the carrying amount of the loan is €92 thousand which amount reflects the estimated timing of future repayments discounted at a rate of 10% (level 3 of the fair value hierarchy). The difference in the amount of €122 thousand between the face amount of the loan and the carrying amount on 1 January 2021 has been recorded as a contribution to equity. The carrying amount of the loan (before derecognition - see below) at 31 December 2023 was €116 thousand. In 2023 interest expense on the loan (unwinding of discount) amounted to €13 thousand.

As described in Note 7, it was decided as of 31 December 2023 to record an impairment loss on the balance of the Bri Coltan concession. Accordingly, the liability to the non-controlling interests of €116 thousand was derecognized against the negative balance of non-controlling interests.

NOTE 12:- EQUITY

a. Composition of share capital:

	Authorized		Issued and
	31 December		31 December
	2023	2022	2023
Number of shares			
Ordinary shares of €0.001 par value each	100,000,000	100,000,000	99,913,262

On 4 July 2022 the Company purchased an additional 26% of the issued shares in Atex in exchange for 1,158,200 shares in the Company (with a closing share price on 1 July 2022 of 6.6p per share; €88,672 based on £1 = €1.34). 26% of the issued shares in Atex were purchased by way of exercising the first option agreement between Firering and Atex dated 31 March 2021 for a total cash consideration of €118,000.

In 2023, the Company issued 1,085,088 Ordinary shares to certain employees, contractors and service providers for their services. The fair value of these shares on date of issuance was €117,500, of which €20 was recorded in 2023 as share-based compensation in contractors & service providers expenses, and €90 was recorded as a payment to employees and service providers.

In September 2023, the Company completed a placing on the AIM, a market on the London Stock Exchange ("the AIM"), by issuing 10,784,614 Ordinary shares at a price of 7p per share, for a total consideration of c.£812,000 (c.£701,000), net proceeds of €756,000 (c.£654,000).

b. Share option plan:

On admission, 12 November 2021, the Company adopted a share option plan under which a total of 6,950,832 options to directors, employees and consultants of the Company were granted.

Each option is exercisable to one Ordinary share at an exercise price of £0.10, granted immediately upon grant. The options expire 5 years after date of grant. As of 31 December 2023, 6,950,832 the options are outstanding.

The fair value of the options granted calculated based on Black-Scholes opt approximately €61 thousand.

c. Warrants

On admission, 12 November 2021, the Company granted a total of 2,599,622 w providers of the Company as part of their compensation for the services provic offering process. Each warrant is exercisable to one Ordinary share at an exercise

868,854 warrants expire 5 years after date of grant, and 1,538,461 warrants exp grant.

The remaining 192,307 warrants expire 3 years after date of grant with 50% volume-weighted average price ("VWAP") of the Company's shares has traded at Placing Price (£0.13) and 50% vesting once the 5-day VWAP of the Company's 200% premium to the Placing Price. None of these warrants have vested as of 31

The fair value of the Warrants granted calculated based on Black-Scholes opt approximately €20 thousand.

The fair value of the warrants was recorded as part of the IPO fund-raising co share premium in equity.

On 21 September 2023, the Company granted a total of 581,538 warrants to so the Company as part of their compensation for the services provided in the fun warrant is exercisable to one Ordinary share at an exercise price of £0.065. the years after date of grant.

The fair value of the Warrants granted calculated based on Black-Scholes opt approximately €19 thousand.

The following table lists the inputs used in the measurement of the fair val accordance with the Black and Scholes pricing model:

	Warrants for 3 years
Risk-free interest rate (%)	4.42%
Dividend yield (%)	0%
Expected volatility (%)	58%
Expected term (in years)	3

The fair value of the warrants was recorded as part of the fund-raising costs at premium in equity.

d. Capital reserves:

Capital reserves are comprised of the following:

	31 Decem 2023
	Euros in th
As of the beginning of the year	(51)
Reserve for transactions with non-controlling interests (Note 11)	-
Reserve for transactions with principal shareholders (Note 10)	-
Reserve for transactions with non-controlling interests (2023 - Note 19; 2022 - Note 6)	(243)

As of the end of the year (294)

NOTE 13:- GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	Year en 31 Decer
	2023
	Euros in the
Salaries and employee related expenses	483
Contractors and service providers	196
Travel and transportation	46
Legal and professional	220
Office expenses	70
Nomad and broker fees	123
Public relations	52
Insurance	39
Depreciation	48
Exploration costs	60
Other costs	<u>20</u>
Total	<u><u>1,357</u></u>

NOTE 14:- FINANCIAL EXPENSES

	Year en 31 Decer
	2023
	Euros in the
Interest on capital notes and loan from non-controlling interest	57
Interest on liability to non-controlling interest	-
Bank fees	<u>29</u>
	<u><u>86</u></u>

NOTE 15:- TAXES ON INCOME

- a. Tax rates applicable to the income of the Company and its subsidiaries:

The Company and its subsidiary Firering Strategic Minerals PLC were incorporated and taxed according to Cyprus tax laws. The statutory tax rate is 12.5%.

The carryforward losses of the Company are approximately €20 thousand. No carryforward losses.

The subsidiary, FH Colton CI-II, was incorporated in Cote d'Ivoire and is taxed according to Cote d'Ivoire tax laws. The statutory tax rate is 25%.

The subsidiary, Bri Coltan SARL, was incorporated in Cote d'Ivoire and is taxed according to Cote d'Ivoire tax laws. The statutory tax rate is 25%.

Atex Mining Resources SARL, was incorporated in Cote d'Ivoire and is taxed according to Cote d'Ivoire tax laws.

tax laws. The statutory tax rate is 25%.

Alliance Minerals Corporation SARL Ltd was incorporated in Cote d'Ivoire an Cote d'Ivoire tax laws. The statutory tax rate is 25%.

b. Tax assessments:

As of 31 December 2023, the Company and all its other subsidiaries had no assessments.

NOTE 16:- EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and fully diluted loss per share attributable to the equity is the following data:

	Year en 31 Decer 2023
	Euros in the
Net loss attributable to equity shareholders	(2,413)
Average number of shares for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	91,876,311

Share options and warrants are excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share as they are antidilutive.

NOTE 17:- RELATED PARTIES

a. Balances:

	Year en 31 Decer 2023
	Euros in the
Current liabilities:	
Other payables	79
Capital note (*)	174
Non-current liabilities:	
Capital note (Note 10)	293

*) The capital note bears no interest and is payable on demand.

b. Compensation of key management personnel of the Company:

	Year en 31 Decer 2023
	Euros in the
Short-term employee benefits	309

A Director and the CEO of the Company is entitled to salary of €120 thousand and entitled to certain bonuses upon the Company achieving certain milestones.

In addition, the CEO is entitled to additional benefits including medical insurance for family (capped at €15 thousand per annum), accommodation (capped at €1.2 thousand) as well as travel costs for himself and his family to have home leave.

c. Interest on capital note (see also Note 10) 27

NOTE 18:- FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a. Foreign exchange risk:

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk resulting from the exposure mainly, USD and GBP. Since the FCFA is fixed to the Euro, the Group is not exposed to exchange risk in respect of the FCFA. As of 31 December 2023, the foreign exchange risk is as follows:

b. Liquidity risk:

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities based on undiscounted payments (including interest payments):

31 December 2023

	Less than one year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years
<u>Euros in thousands</u>					
Trade payables	166	-	-	-	-
Other payables	320	-	-	-	-
Capital note	174	-	743	-	-
Loan from non-controlling interest in subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

31 December 2022

	Less than one year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years
<u>Euros in thousands</u>					
Trade payables	61	-	-	-	-
Other payables	451	-	-	-	-
Capital note	214	-	743	-	-
Loan from non-controlling interest in subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTE 19:- INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

On 2 November 2022 the Company signed an earn-in agreement (the Agreement") with Ricca Limited ("Ricca"), an Australian diversified minerals company to advance the Atex Licence ("Atex") and the adjacent Alliance exploration licence (once granted).

According to the Agreement, Ricca will have the exclusive right to undertake and fund exploration of the Atex Project and adjacent Alliance licence for up to US\$18.6 million total amount of US\$18.6 million to be paid by Ricca pursuant to the Agreement includes

- US\$1million (€977 thousand) cash consideration (received in November 2022); an
- issue of ordinary shares of Ricca to the value of AUD \$1million (€637 thousand) planned IPO on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), or by 31 January 2024 issued at the completion price of the IPO or at a price per share equal to the last raising carried out by Ricca prior to that date, by 31 January 2024. See also note 2
- Funding and completing four stage earn-in of up to 50% equity interest in the Project of up to US\$14.7million (€13.8 million), with the aim of achieving a Definitive Feasibility Study ("DFS") on the Project. Beyond the US\$17 million expenditure to be spent to advance the Project, the Company has agreed to fund a further US\$2 million (€1.9 million) (to take total expenditure to US\$19.7 million (€17.8 million) if the JORC inferred Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") surpluses a concentration of 1.0% of Li2O.

In order to undertake exploration of the Atex and Alliance Tenements, the Company has established Marvella SA, hereafter "Marvella") to which the Company has transferred its entire shareholdings in the Atex agreement and the Alliance agreement, including the obligation (see Note 6).

As of the date of the financial statements the Company is in the process of implementing

The Company holds 100% of the equity interest of Marvella as of the date of the financial statements. The Company continues to hold the majority of the equity interest until the completion of stage 4. However, according to the shareholders' agreement signed with Ricca as of the date of the Agreement, the Company cannot unilaterally make decisions on the significant relevant activities of Marvella by the Board and the Joint operating committee of Marvella which consists of equal control) of both the Company and Ricca.

Accordingly, the Company ceased to consolidate the financial statements of Atex and Alliance and transferred them to Marvella) as of the date of the Agreement - see Note 6.

The investment in Marvella is considered a joint venture. Accordingly, commencing from the date of the Agreement, the investment in the joint venture is accounted for using the equity method (see Note 28).

As described above, the consideration to which the Company is entitled upon signing the Agreement comprised of €977 thousand in cash (received in November 2022) and shares of Ricca to the value of €637 thousand (to be received by 31 January 2024 -see Note 21) and presented as non-current assets in the statement of financial position as of 31 December 2023 and 2022. Accordingly, the total gain of €1614 thousand was recorded as a gain on the earn-in arrangement in the statement of financial position for 2022.

Summarized financial data of the joint venture:

	Year ended 31 December 2023
	Euros in thousands
Statement of financial position of joint venture at reporting date:	
Current assets	203
Property, plant and equipment	82
Intangible assets	3,103
Current liabilities	(23)
Liability to non-controlling interest in subsidiary	(200)
Loan from Financing	(2,424)
Net Assets	<u>741</u>

Equity	
Non-controlling interests	1,023
Equity attributable to equity holders of the joint venture (1)	(243)
Accumulated deficit	(39)
Total equity	<u>741</u>
	<u>2,142</u>
Investment in joint venture	<u>2,142</u>

(1) In March 2023 Marvella exercised the remaining existing option originally between Ricca and Marvella as a shareholder and purchased an additional 13% of the issued shares in Atex and reached 90% in Atex for a total consideration of €259 thousand. According to the agreement, Ricca paid €200 thousand and the balance of €59 thousand was funded by Marvella. Ricca recorded the difference between the total consideration and the carrying amount of its investment in the amount of € 243 as a charge to capital reserve in equity.

In 2023, the joint venture had no revenues and incurred financial expenses of €39 thousand, resulting in a liability to non-controlling interest in subsidiary (see Note 6b). During the period from November 2022 through 31 December 2022, the joint venture had no revenues.

For the year ending on 31 December 2023, Ricca funded exploration expenditures of an amount of US\$740 thousand (€681 thousand). (2022 - €253 thousand).

NOTE 20:- OTHER PAYABLES

	<u>31 December</u> <u>2023</u>
	<u>Euros in thousands</u>
Accrued expenses	177
Employees and payroll accruals	96
Other accounts payable	<u>47</u>
	<u>320</u>

NOTE 21:- EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

1. In March 2024, the Company received 20,000,000 shares in Ricca Resources Limited at an issue price of AUD\$0.05 with a value of AUD\$1.0 million. The Shares have been issued pursuant to an option agreement following Ricca not having completed an IPO on the ASX by 31 December 2023. The value of the non-current receivable in the amount of €637 thousand. The Ricca Shares were valued at a money valuation of c.AUD\$7.96 million, representing its value at its most recent funding round. Following the settlement, Firering holds 20,000,000 shares in Ricca which represents c.10% of Ricca's share capital.

2. In May 2024 the Company entered into a Share Purchase Agreement ("SPA") together with the Vendor (Kai Group Ltd). The SPA replaces the option agreement between the Company and Clearglass in respect of Limeco on 16 August 2023 - see Note 1. Pursuant to the SPA, the Company will acquire a 20.5% interest in Limeco for US\$3,550,000. The consideration will be paid to the Vendor in 3 instalments over the next 12 months as follows:

1. US\$1,500,000 being payable no later than 30 June 2024 to acquire an initial 10% interest in Limeco
2. US\$1,016,667 payable no later than 31 December 2024 to acquire a further 6.7% interest in Limeco
3. US\$1,033,333 payable no later than 30 April 2025 to acquire an additional 3.9% interest in Limeco

Clearglass will receive 2.5% of the issued shares of Limeco upon completion of the final SPA as a result of the previous non-refundable US\$500 thousand fee paid under the prior SPA.

The SPA includes the terms of the New Option, pursuant to which the Company will acquire up to 24.5% of Limeco for an aggregate consideration of US\$4,650,000 in three tranches between July 2025 and July 2026 as follows:

- an option to acquire a 6.4% interest no later than 31 July 2025 for a consideration of US\$1,312,500
- an option to acquire a 3.8% interest no later than 30 October 2025 for a consideration of US\$987,500
- an option to acquire a 5.5% interest no later than 30 January 2026 for a consideration of US\$1,150,000
- an option to acquire a 5.5% interest no later than 30 April 2026 for a consideration of US\$1,150,000
- an option to acquire a 3.3% interest no later than 31 July 2026 for a consideration of US\$987,500

Clearglass will receive 2.5% of the issued shares of Limeco upon completion of the final New Option as a result of the previous non-refundable US\$500 thousand fee paid agreement.

The New Option shall not be exercisable prior to the date falling 12 months after the date of the SPA.

The Company shall be entitled to accelerate any payment/acquisition under the SPA and in any circumstance the applicable payment shall be reduced by reference to a discount rate calculated daily, up to a maximum discount equal to what would be applied if a payment was made early.

In the event that the Company does not complete any payment due under the SPA, or on any tranche of the New Option, Clearglass has agreed that it shall be responsible for the payment due to the Vendor, or, if applicable, exercise the New Option, and acquire the applicable shares in respect of that payment.

The Vendor will make up to US\$4 million of the consideration paid to it under the SPA and shall be available to Limeco as a shareholder loan to renovate the kilns at the Project.

Upon completion of the SPA and New Option and assuming the Company settles all the obligations under the SPA and the New Option, the Company will hold a 45% interest in Limeco, Clearglass and the Vendor will hold a 50% interest. However, if any payment is not paid when due under the terms of the New Option for the latest date by which the various tranches are exercisable, the Vendor shall be entitled to terminate the New Option. Additionally, in such circumstances the Vendor shall have the option to terminate the New Option. Additionally, in such circumstances the Vendor shall have the option to terminate the New Option. Additionally, in such circumstances the Vendor shall have the option to terminate the New Option. Additionally, in such circumstances the Vendor shall have the option to terminate the New Option. Additionally, in such circumstances the Vendor shall have the option to terminate the New Option. Additionally, in the event of a change of control of both the Company and the Vendor, the Vendor shall transfer 1 of the issued shares of the Company to the Vendor such that upon completion of the New Option, the Vendor holds a majority interest in Limeco.

3. On 19 June 2024 the Company completed a placing on the AIM, a market operating company ("the AIM"), by issuing 72,037,449 Ordinary shares at a price of £0.027 per share, for a total consideration of €2,465 thousands (£2,089 thousands), net proceeds of approximately £1,945 thousands).

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