# **Evolution Mining**

**FY15 Half-Year Financial Results** 

For the six month period ending 31 December 2014

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## **Highlights**



- Record half-year net profit of A\$43.1M
- Revenue of A\$325.0M
  - Record gold sales revenue (8% increase)
  - Lower silver sales revenue (49% decrease) completion of Mt Carlton A39, lower silver price
- EBITDA of A\$131.8M (19% increase) driven by lower costs
- Record low Group average cash costs of A\$710 (US\$633)<sup>1</sup> per ounce and AISC<sup>2</sup> of A\$1,035 (US\$923)<sup>1</sup> per ounce
- Cash balance increased to A\$47.4M at 31 December 2014
- Gearing reduced to 9.7%
- Interim dividend declared 1 cent per share unfranked



- Calculated using an average AUD:USD exchange rate for the December 2014 half of 0.8915
- 2. All-in Sustaining Cost includes C1 cash cost, plus royalty expense, plus sustaining capital expense, plus general corporate and administration expenses on a per ounce produced basis

# **Profit summary**



	6 months ending				
Financial Summary	31 Dec 14 A\$'000	31 Dec 13 A\$'000	% CI	% Change	
Gold price received (A\$/oz)	1,429	1,444	•	1%	
Silver price received (A\$/oz)	20.74	22.49	•	8%	
Gold sales (oz)	211,567	193,456	•	9%	
Total revenue	325,031	320,934	•	1%	
Cash cost of sales (excluding D&A)	(181,329)	(198,162)	•	8%	
Corporate, exploration & other	(11,931)	(11,899)		0%	
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	131,771	110,873	•	19%	
Depreciation & Amortisation	(81,232)	(68,170)	•	19%	
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	50,539	42,703	•	18%	
Net interest expense <sup>2</sup>	(7,465)	(7,254)	•	3%	
Income tax expense 3	-	-		_	
Net profit	43,074	35,449	•	22%	

<sup>1.</sup> EBITDA and EBIT are non-IFRS financial information and are not subject to audit

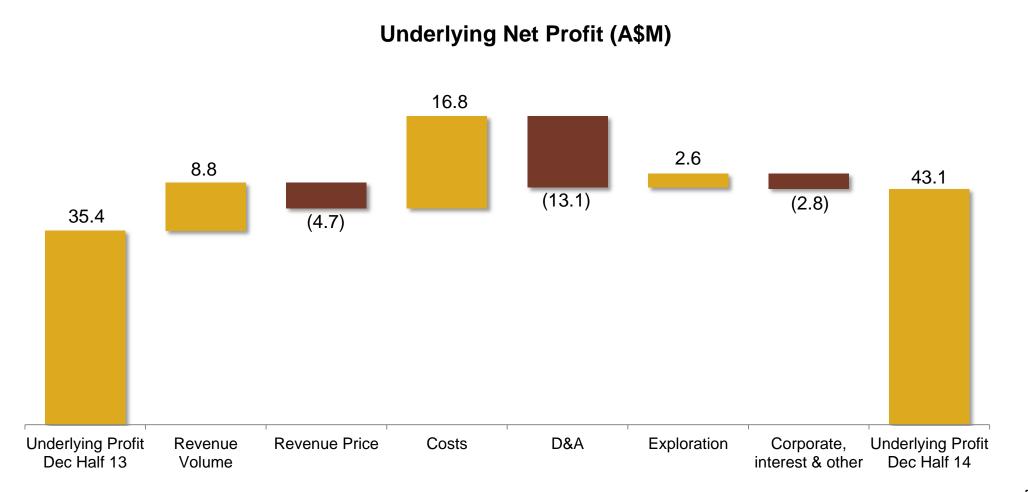
<sup>2.</sup> Net interest expense is interest income less interest charged for the period

<sup>3.</sup> Income tax expense offset by previously unrecognised tax losses

## Profit comparison – 1H 2015 vs 1H 2014



 Record net profit driven by higher sales and lower costs despite lower gold price, lower sales revenue and increased depreciation and amortisation charges

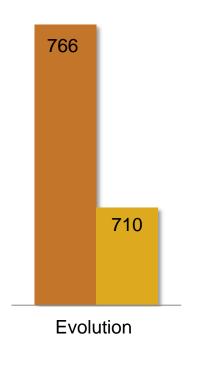


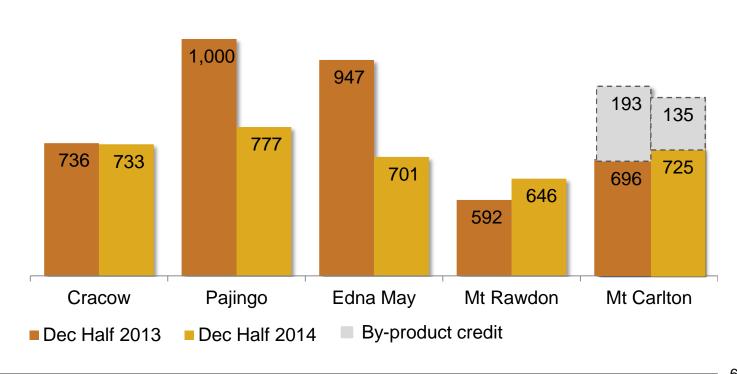
#### Site costs



- Record low group unit cash costs (7% decrease)
- Driven by improvements at Edna May (26% decrease) and Pajingo (22% decrease)
- Further highlights the benefits of our portfolio of assets

#### C1 Cash Costs (A\$/oz)

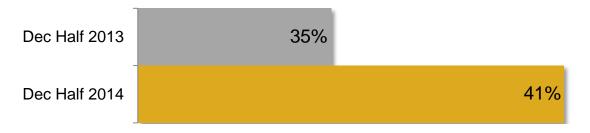


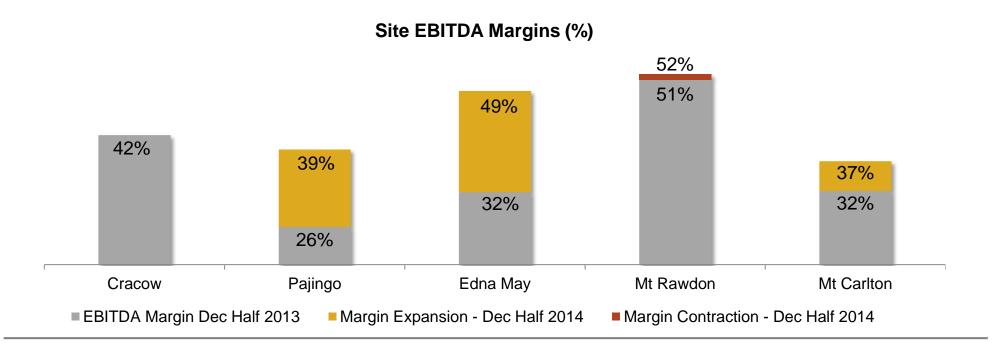


#### **EBITDA** margins



Margin benefiting from continued focus on cost base and production efficiencies
Group EBITDA Margin (%)

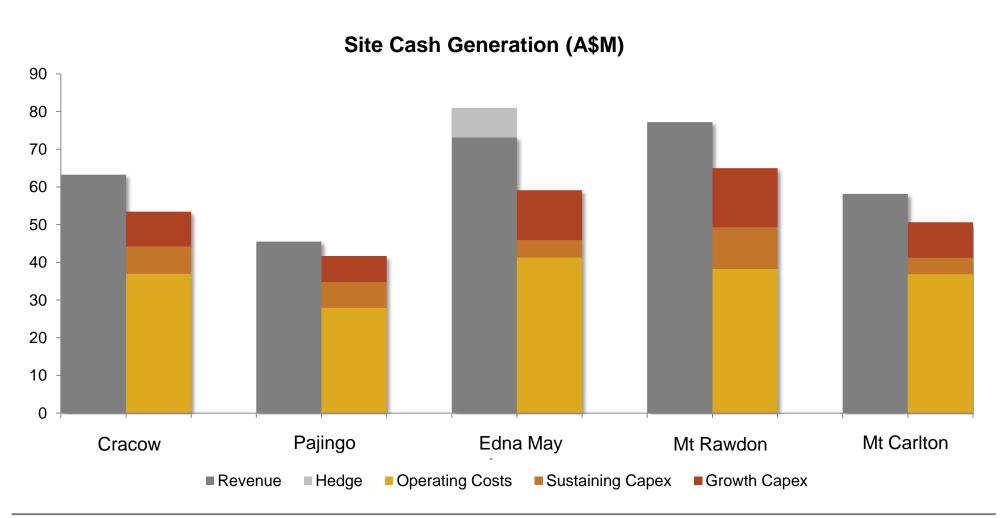




#### Site cash flow



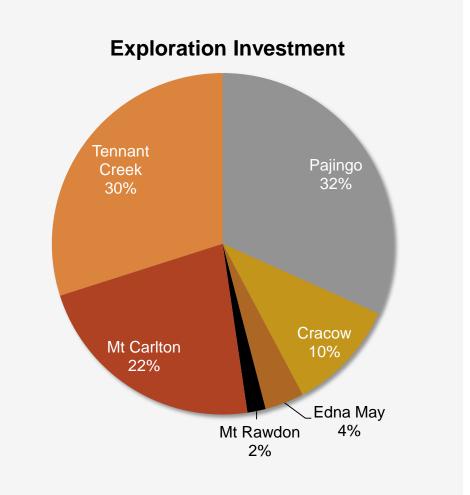
All sites contributing positive cash after sustaining and growth capital expenditure



### **Discovery**



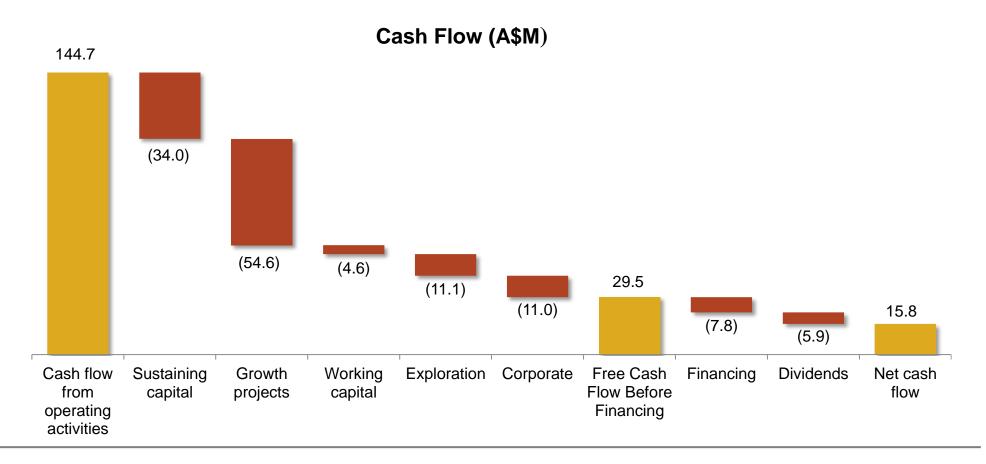
- Ongoing investment in critical exploration targets
- A\$11.5 million invested in exploration in the December 2014 half-year
- High-grade intersections at Pajingo (Camembert) – mineralisation currently identified along 900m strike length
- Encouraging 3D seismic survey results at Cracow – faults correspond to known orebodies
- Tennant Creek new ironstone-hosted copper-gold targets intersected at Eldorado and Chariot, and 11,000m RAB programme and aeromagnetic survey at Billy Boy



#### Cash flow



- Cash flow improving with A\$29.5M before financing
- Financing costs to decrease due to reducing net debt and new debt facility costs
- Capacity for returns to shareholders via dividends remains



## **Balance sheet and gearing**



- Financial position continues to strengthen
  - Production to plan and costs lowering
  - Cash increasing at prices that were A\$150/oz below current spot
  - Gearing reduced to below 10% against declining gold price
- Debt structure materially improved
  - Renewed at lower cost: A\$10M savings over term
  - Maturity of 3 years+
- Moderate hedge profile at 20-25% of production
  - 348k ounces at A\$1,541/oz average
- Revenue linked dividend continues to be delivered to shareholders



### **Summary**



- Operational stability and margin expansion from operations
- Record six-month net profit of A\$43.1 million
- Record half-year production of 220,444 gold equivalent ounces
- Record low Group C1 unit cash cost and AISC
- Cash balance increased to A\$47.4 million
- Gearing reduced to 9.7%
- Delivering return to shareholders via interim dividend of 1c per share
- Balance sheet in very good shape

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