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(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
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# ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

#### **RESULT**

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of Taung Gold International Limited (the "**Company**") is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "**Group**") for the six months ended 30 September 2014 together with the comparative figures as follows:

## **Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the six months ended 30 September 2014

	Six months ended 30 September		
	Notes	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Revenue Cost of sales	2 _		4,156 (4,114)
Gross profit		_	42
Other income	4	26,327	27,416
Other gains (losses)	5	310,646	(21)
Administrative and operating expenses		(20,109)	(18,328)
Share of profit of associates		362	1,438
Finance costs	_		(1)
Profit before taxation		317,226	10,546
Income tax expense	6 _		
Profit for the year	7	317,226	10,546

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purposes only

			Six months ended 30 September	
	Notes	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000	
Other comprehensive expense for the period Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations	_	(34,404)	(79,359)	
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period	_	282,822	(68,813)	
Profit (loss) for the year attributable to: — owners of the Company	_	313,086	(9,837)	
— non-controlling interests	_	4,140	20,383	
	_	317,226	(10,546)	
Total comprehensive income (expense) attributable to:				
Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	_	288,297 (5,475)	(69,109) 296	
	_	282,822	(68,813)	
Earnings (loss) per share Basic (HK cents)	9	2.57	(0.08)	

# **Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30 September 2014

	Notes	30 September 2014 <i>HK\$</i> '000	31 March 2014 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Exploration assets Interests in associates Amounts due from an associate Loans to shareholders of a subsidiary Deposits for rehabilitation Deposits for acquisition of investment Pledged bank deposits Other deposits	10 11 12 12 13	2,213 3,924,889 35,938 29,287 257,437 922 183,000 2,572 416	2,878 3,925,156 32,472 29,287 252,984 1,000 153,000 2,841 371
Current assets Inventories Other receivables Bank balances and cash		4,436,674 8,470 26,962 96,840	8,470 20,793 129,863
Assets classified as held for sale		132,272 434 132,706	159,126 423 159,549
Current liability Other payables and accruals Derivative financial instruments — put option Gross obligation under put option	15(b) 15(a)	20,846	14,996 23,640 256,771 295,407
Net current assets (liabilities)  Total assets less current liabilities		111,860	(135,858)
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves		121,799 3,118,704	121,799 2,830,407
Equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		3,240,503 1,308,031	2,952,206 1,313,506
Total equity		4,548,534	4,265,712

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2014

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements ("interim financial statements") for the six months ended 30 September 2014 has been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". This condensed consolidated interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014, which was prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods. The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of interim financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014.

The Group has applied the following new and revised HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") in the current period:

Amendments to HKFRSs Annual improvements to HKFRSs 2009–2011 cycle

Amendments to HKFRS 7 Disclosures — offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Amendments to HKFRS 10, Consolidated financial statements, joint arrangements and disclosure

HKFRS 11 and HKFRS 12 of interests in other entities: transition guidance

HKFRS 10 Consolidated financial statements

HKFRS 11 Joint arrangements

HKFRS 12 Disclosure of interests in other entities

HKFRS 13 Fair value measurement HKAS 19 (as revised in 2011) Employee benefits

HKAS 27 (as revised in 2011) Separate financial statements

HKAS 28 (as revised in 2011) Investments in associates and joint ventures

Amendments to HKAS 1 Presentation of items of other comprehensive income HK(IFRIC)-INT 20 Stripping costs in the production phase of a surface mine

The application of these new and revised HKFRSs in the period has had no material impact on the Group's financial performance and positions for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these interim financial statements.

The Group has not early applied the following new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 27	Investment entities <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 11	Accounting for acquisitions of interests in joint operations <sup>6</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 16 and	Clarification of acceptable methods of depreciation and amortisation <sup>6</sup>
HKAS 38	
Amendments to HKAS 19	Defined benefit plans: Employee contributions <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 9 and	Mandatory effective date of HKFRS 9 and transition disclosures <sup>3</sup>
HKFRS 7	
Amendments to HKAS 32	Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 36	Recoverable amount disclosures for non-financial assets <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 39	Novation of derivatives and continuation of hedge accounting <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual improvements to HKFRSs 2010–2012 cycle <sup>4</sup>
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual improvements to HKFRSs 2011–2013 cycle <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 9	Financial instruments <sup>3</sup>
HKFRS 14	Regulations deferred accounts <sup>5</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-INT 21	Levies <sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014.
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014.
- Available for application the mandatory effective date will be determined when the outstanding phases of HKFRS 9 are finalised.
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014, with limited exceptions.
- <sup>5</sup> Effective for first annual HKFRS financial statements beginning on or after 1 January 2016.
- <sup>6</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016.

The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of the other new and revised standards, amendments or interpretations will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

#### 2. REVENUE

An analysis of the Group's revenue for the period is as follows:

Six months ended
30 September
2014 2013
HK\$'000 HK\$'000
- 4,156

Revenue from sale of minerals

#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods delivered or services provided.

The Group's operating and reportable segments under HKFRS 8 are as follows:

- (a) gold exploration and development in South Africa; and
- (b) trading of minerals in the PRC.

An analysis of the Group's revenue and results by principal activities, in respect of the Group's operations for the six months ended 30 September 2014 is as follows:

#### For the six months ended 30 September 2014

	Gold mining operations <i>HK\$</i> '000	Sales of minerals <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
REVENUE External sales Inter-segment sales		_ 	- -
Total			
RESULTS Segment results	(13,047)	(1)	(13,048)
Other income Other gains and losses Unallocated corporate expenses Share of profit of associates Finance costs		_	26,327 310,646 (7,061) 362
Profit before taxation Income tax expense		_	317,226
Profit for the period		=	317,226
For the six months ended 30 September 2013			
	Gold mining operations <i>HK</i> \$'000	Sales of minerals <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK</i> \$'000
REVENUE External sales Inter-segment sales		4,156	4,156
Total		4,156	4,156
RESULTS Segment results	(13,011)	42	(12,969)
Other income Other gains and losses Unallocated corporate expenses Share of loss of associates Finance costs		_	27,416 (21) (5,317) 1,438 (1)
Profit before taxation Income tax expense		_	10,546
Profit for the period		=	10,546

#### 4. OTHER INCOME

5.

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2014	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest income on loan to a shareholder of a subsidiary	22,690	21,165
Interest income on promissory notes	_	1,278
Interest on bank deposits	3,637	4,973
	<u>26,327</u>	27,416
OTHER GAINS (LOSSES)		
	Six months ended	
	30 Septen	ıber
	2014	2013
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Gain on de-recognition of put options and gross obligation		
under put options	280,411	_
Reversal of impairment loss on acquisition	30,253	_

#### 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment

Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 16.5% (2013: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the period. The PRC associates are subject to the PRC enterprise income tax at 25% (2013: 25%). The South African subsidiaries are subject to the corporate tax at 28% (2013: 28%).

(18)

310,646

(21)

(21)

No taxation has been provided as the Group has not assessable profit for the six months ended 30 September 2014.

#### 7. PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Profit (loss) for the period has been arrived at after charging:		
Cost of services and inventories recognised as an expense	-	4,114
Depreciation for property, plant and equipment Minimum lease payments paid under operating leases during the period:	529	758
— Premises	1,325	1,290
Employee benefits expense:		
Wages and salaries	10,855	13,304
Contributions to retirement benefits scheme	49	39
Less: Amounts capitalised in projects	(3,976)	(6,498)
_	6,928	6,845

#### 8. DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors has resolved not to recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2014 (2013: Nil).

#### 9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 September 2014 together with the comparative figures for 2013 are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2014	2013
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of the Company		
for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share	313,086	(9,837)
	Six month	ns ended
	30 Sept	ember
	2014	2013
	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the		
purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	12,179,916	12,179,916

The denominators used are the same as those detailed above for both basic and diluted earnings per share.

The computation of diluted earnings per share did not assume the exercise of the Company's outstanding warrants, options and put options, and share options and warrants issued by a subsidiary for the periods ended 30 September 2014 because they are antidilutive in calculating the diluted earnings per share from continuing operations.

## 10. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

		Property, plant and equipment <i>HK\$</i> '000
	Net book value as at 1 April 2014	2,878
	Additions	13
	Disposals	(63)
	Depreciation	(529)
	Written back on disposal	60
	Foreign currency exchange differences	(146)
	Net book value as at 30 September 2014	2,213
	Net book value as at 1 April 2013	4,609
	Additions	25
	Disposals	(88)
	Depreciation	(767)
	Written back on disposal	67
	Foreign currency exchange differences	(254)
	Net book value as at 30 September 2013	3,592
11.	EXPLORATION ASSETS	
		HK\$'000
	Net book value as at 1 April 2014	3,925,156
	Additions	18,327
	Impairment loss	(546)
	Foreign currency exchange differences	(18,048)
	Net book value as at 30 September 2014	3,924,889
	Net book value as at 1 April 2013	5,070,000
	Additions	18,657
	Impairment loss	(92)
	Foreign currency exchange differences	(36,803)
	Net book value as at 30 September 2013	5,051,762

#### 12. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES AND AMOUNTS DUE FROM ASSOCIATES

During the reporting period, the Group had the following associates, the particulars of which at 30 September 2014 are as follows:

Name of associates	Place of incorporation/operation	Class of shares held	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company	Principal activities
Goldster Global Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	45%	Investment holdings
Great Global Farming (Holdings) Limited	Hong Kong/ PRC	Ordinary	45%	Forestry
Oneshine Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands/PRC	Ordinary	44%	Coal trading
Arctic Sun Trading 56 (Pty) Limited	South Africa	Ordinary	49.9%	Investment holdings
Sephaku Gold Holdings Limited	South Africa	Ordinary	49.9%	Investment holdings
Guizhou Wuhe Agricultural Development Company Limited	The PRC	Ordinary	45%	Investment holdings

The Group's entitlement to share in the profit or loss in these associates is in proportion to its ownership interest.

	30 September	31 March
	2014	2014
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost of investments in associates – unlisted	35,938	32,472
Amounts due from associates	29,287	29,287
	65,225	61,759

#### 13. LOANS TO SHAREHOLDERS OF A SUBSIDIARY

SepGold is a historically disadvantaged South African company in terms of the broad-based black economic empowerment requirement in South Africa. The loan to SepGold is interest free up to 31 December 2014. The loan is secured by the pledge of shares of TGL. 50% of any dividend declared by TGL in any financial year due to SepGold shall be applied towards the repayment of the loan. The loan will carry interest at the prime rate quoted by ABSA Bank Limited in South Africa plus 4% per annum after 31 December 2014.

#### 14. DEPOSIT FOR ACQUISITION OF INVESTMENT

The amount represents deposits paid for acquisition of Jun Mao, Wealthy Peace and Glory Fortress. Details are set out as below.

#### Acquisition of Jun Mao Enterprises Limited ("Jun Mao")

On 22 April 2013 and 24 April 2013, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement and a supplementary agreement, respectively, with an individual third party pursuant to which the Group conditionally agreed to acquire 100% equity interest in Jun Mao at a total consideration of HK\$93,000,000 of which HK\$8,000,000 was settled by cash and HK\$85,000,000 was settled by two promissory notes issued by Hua Xiong to the Group. Full consideration was paid by the Group at the end of the reporting period.

Jun Mao is in the process of acquiring 10% equity interest in 貴州文真鋁業有限公司 ("文真鋁業"), a company established in the PRC, which has a mining right to conduct bauxite mining activities in the designated mining area in Guizhou, the PRC. The acquisition of Jun Mao is conditional upon the acquisition of 文真鋁業. The acquisition of Jun Mao has not yet been completed up to the date of the issue of the interim financial statements as the acquisition of 文真鋁業 by Jun Mao is still in progress.

#### Acquisition of Wealthy Peace Holdings Limited ("Wealthy Peace")

On 23 April 2013 and 25 April 2013, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement and a supplementary agreement, respectively, with a third party, a Company incorporated in BVI, pursuant to which the Group conditionally agreed to acquire 35% equity interest in Wealthy Peace at a total consideration of HK\$60,000,000 of which HK\$17,500,000 was settled by cash and HK\$42,500,000 was settled by a promissory note issued by Hua Xiong to the Group. Full consideration was paid by the Group at the end of the reporting period.

Wealthy Peace is in the process of acquiring the 100% equity interest in 貴州天啟源燃氣投資有限公司 ("天啟源燃氣"), a company established in the PRC, which has 97% equity interest in the operations of liquefied natural gas storage and filling stations projects in Guizhou, the PRC. The acquisition of Wealthy Peace is conditional upon Wealthy Peace completing the acquisition of 天啟源燃氣. The acquisition of Wealthy Peace has not yet been completed up to the date of the issue of the interim financial statements as the acquisition of 天啟源燃氣 by Wealthy Peace is still in progress.

#### Acquisition of Glory Fortress Aluminium Limited ("Glory Fortress")

On 15 August 2014, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement with a third party, a Company incorporated in BVI, pursuant to which the Group conditionally agreed to acquire 49% equity interest in Glory Fortress at a total consideration of HK\$51,400,000 of which HK\$30,000,000 was settled by cash and HK\$21,400,000 was settled by a promissory note issued by the Group. A deposit of HK\$30,000,000 was paid by the Group at the end of the reporting period. The acquisition of Glory Fortress has not yet been completed up to the date of the issue of the interim financial statements as the detailed due diligence on Glory Fortress and its subsidiaries is still in progress.

# 15. GROSS OBLIGATION UNDER PUT OPTIONS AND DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS — PUT OPTIONS

#### (a) Gross liabilities on put options

In addition to the acquisition of the controlling shares of TGL during the year ended 31 March 2012, the Group has granted put options to acquire TGL's shares from the South African Shareholders and the TGL option holders. Details of put options are set out in note 15(b).

Upon the issuance of the put options, the Group has a commitment to settle the potential contractual obligation by cash proceeds from sales (at the time of exercise of options) of a maximum of 2,139,757,635 of the Company's shares. The gross obligation under these put options are designated as FVTPL at initial recognition and stated at fair value. At the date of acquisition, the fair value of the gross obligation under put options with reference to the market price of the Company's share was HK\$984,289,000. As at 31 March 2014, the fair value of the gross obligation under put options with reference to the market price of the Company's shares was HK\$256,771,000. As the put option agreements expired on 8 September 2014, the amount of gross obligation under put options was derecognized in profit or loss during the six months ended 30 September 2014.

#### (b) Derivative financial instruments – put options

Put options for the acquisition of additional interest in TGL

(i) Put option agreements between the Company, Gold Commercial Services Limited ("Goldcom") and South African Shareholders

The South African Shareholders had 21,174,316 shares of TGL on Completion Date. To facilitate the South African Shareholders to sell their shares in TGL to the Company, the Company granted put options to these South African Shareholders. The consideration payable by each South African Shareholder for the grant of the put option is ZAR1. Due to foreign exchange control restrictions in South Africa, the South African Shareholders are restricted from on-selling, transferring or dealing in the Company's shares. Accordingly, Goldcom was introduced to facilitate the arrangements under the put option agreements between the Company and the South African Shareholders.

To facilitate the payment of the put option exercise price upon the exercise of the put options, on the Completion Date, Goldcom subscribed for 1,130,141,116 shares of the Company in consideration for the issuance of the loan note with nil interest. The shares are kept by an escrow agent appointed by Goldcom, the Company and the South African Shareholders. The loan note is unsecured. The Company will not demand repayment of any amount outstanding under the loan note prior to the sales on the Stock Exchange of the Company's shares and the receipt by Goldcom of an amount equivalent to the cash proceeds from the sales of the Company's shares upon exercise of put options by the South African Shareholder. In substance, Goldcom is acting in the role of an agent and the arrangement of loan note and the share subscription only to facilitate the issuance of shares prior to the exercise of put options. Accordingly, the shares issued for the loan note are accounted for as if they are treasury shares. The closing market price of the Company's share on the Completion Date was HK\$0.46. The share capital and share premium relating to these shares issued to Goldcom for the exchange of a loan note amounting to HK\$519,865,000 is recognised as other reserve in equity in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity.

Pursuant to the put option agreements dated 8 September 2011, the South African Shareholders may sell their TGL shares to the Company through Goldcom who will sell on-market a number of the Company's shares representing the number of TGL shares being sold by the South African Shareholders multiplied by the share exchange ratio of about 53 Company's shares for every 1 TGL share. Goldcom will deliver the cash proceeds from such on-market sale to the South African Shareholders and will transfer the TGL shares to the Company. The principal amount outstanding under the loan note will be reduced by the market value of the corresponding number of the Company's shares upon the transfer of TGL shares to the Company. Such right to sell TGL shares to the Company through Goldcom may be exercised by the South African Shareholders at any time within three years from the Completion Date.

The put options may not be transferred by the South African Shareholders without the prior written consent of the other parties to the put option agreements. In addition, if any South African Shareholder wishes to sell all or part of the TGL shares held by him to a third party during the term of the put option agreements, he shall first be required to offer such TGL shares to the Company through Goldcom. If any South African Shareholder has not exercised his put options in full within three years from the Completion Date, Goldcom shall sell through the Stock Exchange the remaining Company's shares it then holds and the cash proceeds from such sales shall be paid to the Company in repayment of the loan note. The risk of any reduction in value of the Company's shares is borne by the Company.

During the period ended 30 September 2014, no put options were exercised by the South African Shareholders.

(ii) Put options granted by the Company to the holders of options of TGL ("TG Optionholders")

Pursuant to the put option agreements dated 8 September 2011entered into between the TG Optionholders, Goldcom, TGL and the Company, the Company and Goldcom will grant to the TG Optionholders the right to sell a maximum number of 18,916,168 TGL shares to the Company or to the Company through Goldcom for a maximum of 1,009,616,519 new shares of the Company upon their exercise of the options granted by TGL. The put options may be exercised by the TG Optionholders at any time within three years from the Completion Date.

During the six months ended 30 September 2014, no put options were exercised by the TG Optionholders.

As the put option agreements expired on 7 September 2014, the fair value of the put options was de-recognized in profit or loss during the six months ended 30 September 2014.

#### 16. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

#### (a) Placing of new shares under general mandate

On 26 September 2014, the Company entered into a Placing Agreement with the Placing Agent to place an aggregate maximum of 263,000,000 Placing Shares to not fewer than six Placees who and whose ultimate beneficial owners will be independent third parties of the Company and its connected persons. The Placing Price of the Placing Shares was HK\$0.152.

On 13 October 2014, the conditions set out in the Placing Agreement had been fulfilled and the Placing was completed. The maximum gross proceeds from the Placing was approximately HK\$39.98 million and the maximum net proceeds from the Placing amounted to approximately HK\$38.63 million which was intended to be used as for working capital of the Group.

Details of the above are set out on the Company's announcements dated 26 September 2014 and 13 October 2014.

#### (b) New TGL Optionholder Agreements and New SA Put Option Agreements

On 5 September 2014, the Company, GoldCom and Taung Gold have entered into the New TG Optionholder Agreements with each of the TG Optionholders and pursuant to the agreements, the Company has granted the TG Optionholders the right to sell up to a certain number of TGL shares to the Company for a maximum of up to a certain number of the Shares at the Issue Price before 7 September 2016.

Similarly, on 5 September 2014, the Company, GoldCom and Taung Gold also entered into the New SA Put Option Agreements with the South African Shareholders to grant the South African Shareholders the right to sell up to a certain number of TGL shares to the Company for a maximum of up to a certain number of the Shares at the Issue Price before 7 September 2016.

On 21 November 2014, shareholders of the Company approved the grant of the above put options under the New TG Optionholder Agreements and the New SA Put Option Agreements at the Company's special general meeting by passing ordinary resolutions.

Details of the above grant of put options are set out on the Company's circular dated 4 November 2014 and the Company's poll results announcement dated 21 November 2014.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Business Review**

The Group is principally engaged in (i) the operations of gold mines in the Republic of South Africa ("South Africa") and (ii) sale of minerals.

During the period under review, the Group has not recorded turnover from sale of minerals compared with the turnover of HK\$4,156,000 recorded in the corresponding period of last year. The Group recorded a net profit from ordinary activities attributable to owners of approximately HK\$313,086,000 compared with a net loss from ordinary activities attributable to owners of approximately HK\$9,837,000 for the corresponding period of last year. The increase was mainly a result of the de-recognition of put options and the gross obligation under put options because of the expiry of the put options.

The other comprehensive expense of approximately HK\$34,404,000 (30 September 2013: HK\$79,359,000) mainly arose from the exchange difference on the translation of South African operations.

#### **Interim Dividend**

The Board of Directors has resolved not to recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2014 (2013: Nil).

#### Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 September 2014, the Group's had no outstanding bank borrowings (30 September 2013: Nil) and no banking facilities (31 March 2014: Nil).

The Group's gearing ratio as at 30 September 2014 was zero (31 March 2014: Zero), calculated based on the Group's total zero borrowings (31 March 2014: Zero) over the Group's total assets of approximately HK\$4,569,380,000 (31 March 2014: HK\$4,561,119,000).

As at 30 September 2014, the balances of cash and cash equivalents of the Group were approximately HK\$96,840,000 (31 March 2014: HK\$129,863,000) and were mainly denominated in Hong Kong Dollars, Renminbi, United States Dollars and South African Rand.

The Group continues to adopt a policy of dealing principally with clients with whom the Group has enjoyed a long working relationship so as to minimize risks in its business.

#### Foreign Exchange Exposure

During the period ended 30 September 2014, the Group operated mainly in the PRC and the Republic of South Africa, and the majority of the Group's transactions and balances were denominated in Hong Kong Dollars, Renminbi, United States Dollars and South African Rand. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

#### Occurrence of Important Events Affecting the Group

Trading in the shares of the Company was suspended at the request of the Company on 8 June 2012. Shareholders are referred to the subsequent announcements made by the Company regarding the Incident and, in particular, to the announcement of 29 April 2013 dealing with 1) the Settlement Agreement in relation to the Incident and 2) Change of Directors. Further announcements were made on 31 May 2013, 28 June 2013 and 29 July 2013 and on 6 August 2013, an announcement was made regarding entering of the Shareholders Agreement by a group of Shareholders, that effectively brought an acceptable conclusion to the Incident.

On 3 September 2013 the Company received a letter from the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong regarding the Company's resumption conditions and the Company made an announcement on 30 January 2014 detailing the results of the Internal Control Review that fulfilled the Internal Control Condition. The Results Condition was fulfilled through the publication of all the outstanding financial results on 30 April 2014, and trading of the shares of the Company has been resumed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited since 2 May 2014.

#### **Review of Business Operations**

During the period under review the Group did not carry out any field exploration activities and its attention was focused on progressing the BFS for the Evander Project and the prefeasibility study for Jeanette Project. This work will culminate in the finalization and publication of these studies in the coming months. The Company has not conducted any mining or production activities during the reporting period.

#### The Evander Project

The Evander Project comprises the Six Shaft area and the Twistdraai area on the northeastern limb of the Witwatersrand Basin, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa.

The registration of the Mining Right for the Evander Project area into the name of Evander Gold Mines Limited ("EGM") took place on 1 November 2013 and the Deed of Cession effectively transferring the Mining Right into the name of Taung Gold Secunda (Pty) Limited ("TGS"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Taung Gold (Pty) Limited ("TGL") was registered at the Mineral and Petroleum Titles Registration Office on 20 November 2013.

#### **Project Description**

The BFS for the project is targeting a Measured and Indicated Resource of 19.9 million tons of Kimberley Reef at an average gold grade of 8.47g/t (measured over a mining width of 112cm), containing 5.4 million ounces of gold. The pending completion of the study will herald a maiden Probable Reserve declaration for the project.

The project will involve the following activities to develop and bring the operation into production:

- Re-establishment of the existing surface area and provision of required infrastructure and services including; electrical power, water and water disposal;
- Dewatering and re-commissioning of the existing main shaft and ventilation shaft;
- Deepening of the existing main and ventilation shafts to their final depths;
- Development of the Kimberley Reef and the generation of ore reserves; and
- Construction of a metallurgical processing plant, smelter and tailings storage facility ("TSF").

A full Environmental Impact Assessment for the project is underway and, together with the BFS, will lead to subsequent amendment of the Mining Works Program and Environmental Authorization that form part of the Mining Right.

TGS has entered into Option Agreements with the holders of surface and mineral rights whereby TGS now has the right to acquire such rights for the purpose of establishing a TSF site.

TGS has also entered into a Heads of Agreement with EGM relating to the disposal of excess mine water into EGM's Leeuwpan evaporation facility and a full definitive agreement in this regard will be executed in the third quarter of the new financial year.

Eskom, the state owned electricity generation and distribution utility, has already completed a Budget Quotation for the initial supply of 20MVA of electrical power required for the first three years of project construction. The issuance by ESKOM of this 20MVA Budget Quotation indicates that the project is a part of its formal planning and scheduling process. The relevant agreements with ESKOM will be finalized in due course. The Budget Quotation for the final power supply of approximately 70MVA will be completed in the next two years.

A process of internal and external reviews of the BFS is being undertaken and will precede the publication of the study report which is expected to occur before the end of the financial year.

Expenditure on the Evander Project for the period under review was as follows:

Consultants & Service providers (BFS)	ZAR 5.00m
Staffing	ZAR 2.06m
Overheads	ZAR 0.64m
Total	ZAR 7.70m

#### The Jeanette Project

The Jeanette Project is located close to the town of Allanridge within the southwest margin of the Witwatersrand Basin, northeast of Welkom, in the Free State Province of South Africa.

Update on prospecting rights and approvals for the Jeanette Project

The Prospecting Right permits the exploration of gold ore, silver ore and uranium ore in the Jeanette area. The registration of the original Jeanette Prospecting Right No. 144/2013 took place on 30 October 2013 and the Deed of Cession was registered at the MPTRO on 1 November 2013. Taung Gold Free State (Pty) Limited ("TGFS"), a wholly owned subsidiary of TGL, is now the registered holder of the Prospecting Right. Apart from the Prospecting Right, TGL has continued to consolidate its mineral rights holdings in and around its Jeanette Project area. On 28 June 2010, TGL entered into an agreement to acquire the prospecting rights over the farms Buitendachshoop 122, Weltevreden 59, Portion RE and LeClusa 70 from Free State Development and Investment Corporation Limited. These permits are contiguous to the Prospecting Right. The MMR has granted the relevant consent for the transfer of the prospecting rights over the Buitendachshoop and Weltevreden areas to TGL and the transfers are currently pending registration in TGFS's name with the MPTRO. The prospecting rights over the LeClusa licence area were registered in TGFS's name with the MPTRO on 18 April 2011. In addition, TGFS has been granted additional prospecting rights over the Bandon 345, Damplaats 361, Katbosch 358, Leeuwbosch 285 farms and also a portion of Weltevreden 59 farm, all being contiguous to the Jeanette Project.

TGFS submitted a Section 102 application on 4 March 2014 to consolidate the above permits into a single prospecting right using the Jeanette prospecting right (MPTRO 144/2013) as the base for such consolidation. On completion of the consolidation and the PFS currently underway TGFS will apply for a mining right over the consolidated area and it is now expected that this application will be submitted early in 2015. TGFS, as future holder of the consolidated prospecting rights has the exclusive right to apply for a mining right over same.

#### Project Description

The PFS for the project is targeting a Measured and Indicated Resource of 11.5 million tons of Basal Reef at an average gold grade of 26.83g/t (measure over a reef channel width of 31cm), containing 9.9 million ounces of gold. The pending completion of the study will herald a maiden Probable Reserve declaration for the project, and it is expected that this will occur before the end of the financial year.

The project will involve the following activities to develop and bring the operation into production:

- Establishment of surface facilities and provision of the required services;
- Dewatering and re-commissioning of the existing ventilation shaft;
- Sinking of a new shaft system for men, material and rock hoisting;
- Development of the Basal Reef and the generation of ore reserves; and
- Construction of a metallurgical processing plant, smelter and TSF.

Studies on the nature of the Basal Reef and the proximity of the overlying Khaki Shale show that a relatively high level of mechanized mining can be implemented; the level of mechanization being determined by the Basal Reef and Khaki Shale characteristics in different areas of the resource. Detailed studies have been conducted as a part of the PFS to properly assess geotechnical and other mining related aspects of such mechanization and the study will propose various extraction options, from which the most suitable approach will be selected to proceed to BFS level. The mechanization approach opens up the opportunity to mine the Basal Reef with significantly less waste dilution than would typically be associated with conventional mining methods and this has a significant positive impact in terms of increased head grade, reduced ore handling costs and hoisting requirements and, lower metallurgical processing costs.

Expenditure on the Jeanette Project for the period under review was as follows:

Consultants & Service providers (PFS)	ZAR 14.59m
Staffing	ZAR 1.06m
Overheads	ZAR 0.28m

Total ZAR 15.93m

#### Framework Agreement

On 23 October 2014 the Company entered into a framework agreement (the "Framework Agreement") with MCC International Incorporation Ltd. ("MCCI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Metallurgical Corporation of China Ltd. (中國冶金科工股份有限公司, a company listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (stock code: 1618)), pursuant to which the parties agreed to cooperate on an exclusive basis, and in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement, for a period of twelve months with the objective of entering into an Engineering, Procurement and Construction contract for the development of the Company's Evander No.6 Shaft Project in South Africa by MCCI.

#### **Future Plans for the Evander Project and the Jeanette Project**

As at the date of this announcement, both the Evander Project and the Jeanette Project are at the exploration stage, which involves the completion of a BFS and a PFS for the projects, respectively.

The Company is considering a number of options with regards to the construction phase of the Evander Project and continues to review its financial position given prevailing uncertainty and volatility in global-financial and commodity markets. A decision regarding the commencement of the Jeanette BFS will be made upon conclusion of the PFS. TGL has also reviewed its remaining exploration projects in South Africa and will continue to dispose of those projects that do not meet its expectations, in order to reduce costs and ensure continued focus on the flagship projects at Evander and Jeanette.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

As at 30 September 2014, the total number of employees, excluding workers under exclusive sub-contracting arrangement, of the Group was 50 (30 September 2013: 60). The Group's remuneration policies are primarily based on prevailing market salary levels and the performance of the respective companies and individuals concerned.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Board considers that good corporate governance of the Company can protect and safeguard the interests of the shareholders and to enhance the performance of the Company. The Group currently maintains an adequate and effective internal control system to meet its obligations under the Listing Rules. Saved as disclosed below, the Company has applied the principles and complied with all the applicable code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules").

Code Provision A.4.1 requires non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term and subject to re-election. The independent non-executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for specific terms but are subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the standard for securities transactions by the Directors. The Company has made specific enquiries of all the Directors and all the Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 September 2014.

The Company has also established written guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code (the "Written Guidelines") for securities transactions by the relevant employees, including the Directors, who are likely to be in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information of the Company.

No incident of non-compliance of the Written Guidelines by the relevant employees was noted by the Company.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company has established an audit committee with written terms of reference based on the guidelines recommended by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the mandatory provisions as set out in the Code of the Listing Rules. The audit committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control procedures of the Group, and to review the Company's annual and interim reports.

The audit committee has reviewed the unaudited interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2014.

## PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

There was no purchase, sale or redemption of shares or other listed securities of the Company or by any of its subsidiaries during the reporting period.

#### PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This interim results announcement is available for viewing on the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited website at www.hkexnews.hk under "Latest Listed Companies Information" and on the website of the Company at www.taunggold.com under "Investors & media". The interim report of the Company containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be published on the websites in due course.

By order of the Board

Taung Gold International Limited

Cheung Pak Sum

Executive Director

Hong Kong, 28 November 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises eight Directors. The Executive Directors are Mr. Li Hok Yin, Mr. Christiaan Rudolph de Wet de Bruin, Mr. Neil Andrew Herrick, Ms. Cheung Pak Sum and Mr. Igor Levental. The Independent Non-executive Directors are Mr. Chui Man Lung, Everett, Mr. Li Kam Chung and Mr. Walter Thomas Segsworth.