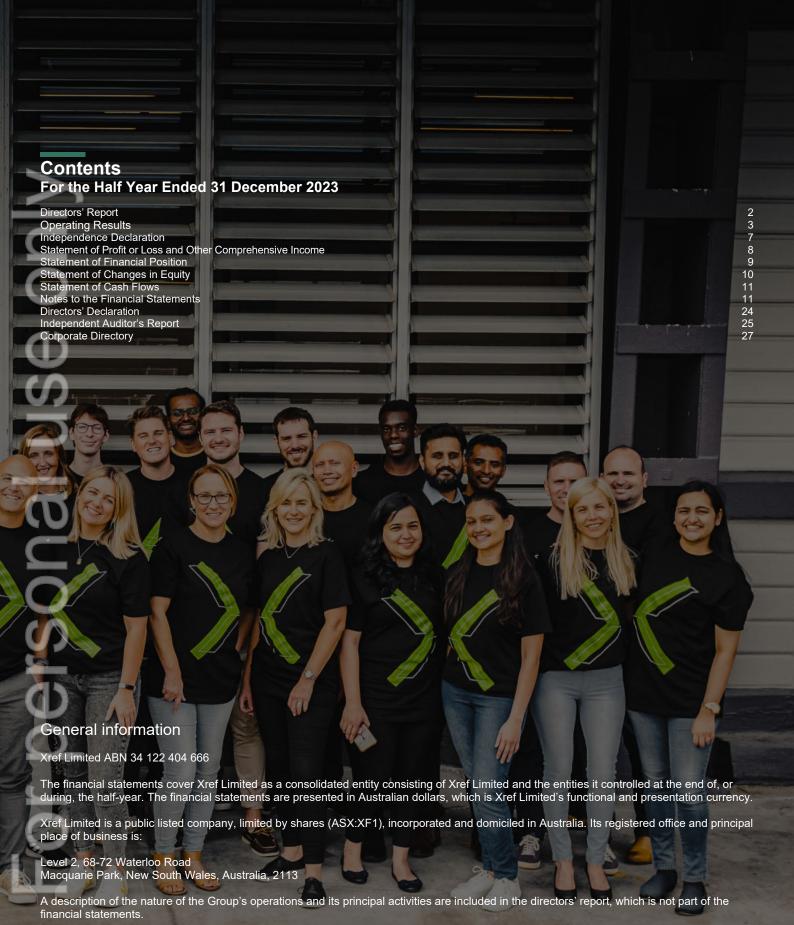
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The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 28 February 2024. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Directors' Report 31 December 2023

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'consolidated entity') consisting of Xref Limited (referred to hereafter as the 'company' or 'parent entity') and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the half-year ended 31 December 2023 (H1 FY24).

Directors

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

- Thomas Stianos
- Lee-Martin Seymour
- Nigel Heap
- Lija Wilson (resigned 18 July 2023, effective 31 July 2023)

Principal Activities

During the financial half-year, the consolidated entity continued to conduct its core activity which was to develop human resources technology that automates the candidate reference process for employers. It also continued on the planned significant product evolution, including the continued improvement of the enterprise platform, launch of employee engagement services and launch of additional checks marketplace, all additional offerings for the HR industry.

Review of Operations

Key operating results for H1 FY24 included:

- Group revenue was up 3% to \$9.9m
- **Net loss** of \$4.1m
- Cash collections reached \$11.7m
- Cash balance at 31 December 2023 of \$3.6m
- ARR up 95% to \$10.9m due to client migration
- 56% of clients migrated to SaaS

Recurring Revenue

During H1 FY24, Xref focused on transitioning current and new clients to SaaS subscription agreements which resulted in Annualised Recurring Revenue (ARR) of \$10.9m (56% growth since July 2023). More specifically, the Xref platform grew ARR 134% from \$3.6m to \$8.6m and Engage grew ARR 27% from \$1.9m to \$2.3m.

So far, 551 clients have transitioned to SaaS contracts and a further 66 new clients signed SaaS contracts in H1 FY24 which represents 56% of all key clients. As a result, the amount of previously sold credits that remained unused fell 36% during the half to \$5.4m. Clients from all cohorts welcomed the opportunity to move to subscription contracts including 93% of all new clients won during the half. Xref is now focused on transitioning the remaining 480 key accounts to further grow ARR.

Recognised Revenue

Overall recognised revenue was relatively flat, with growth of 3% compared to H1 FY23. Whilst the recruitment sector has been down, the demand for Engagement surveys has been strong. This result supports Xref's strategy to offer hire to retire products and further reduce the impact of seasonal and economic changes within the industry. The newly acquired Engage business (formerly Voice Project) grew 13% in the half following its rebranding and integration to Xref in July 2023. SaaS revenue from Xref and Engage grew 47% when compared to the preceding period in H2 FY23.

Checks taken via Trust Marketplace were in line with H2 FY23. Trust Marketplace is now less dependent on revenues from the cryptocurrency sector and the integration with Xref Enterprise will further aid the growth of this business in H2 FY24.

71 newly acquired customers joined Xref in the half contributing \$0.8m in sales revenue and 66 of those new clients chose 12-month SaaS contracts. The remaining 5 clients joined Xref on the previously offered credit model. 15 of these new clients joined us from North America.

Operating Results

| Financial Summary | 31 December 2023 \$ | 31 December 2022 \$ | Change % |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Total revenue | 9,924,559 | 9,607,988 | 3% |
| EBITDA | (2,057,887) | (803,883) | 156% |
| Net profit/(loss) after tax | (4,083,719) | (1,465,411) | 179% |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | (990,766) | 1,116,566 | (189)% |
| Business results | 31 December 2023 \$ | 31 December 2022 \$ | Change % |
| Xref revenue | 6,916,665 | 8,073,018 | (14)% |
| RapidID revenue | 972,416 | 1,534,970 | (37)% |
| Engage revenue | 2,035,478 | | |
| Total revenue | 9,924,559 | 9,607,988 | 3% |
| Cost of sales | (1,540,462) | (1,687,858) | (9)% |
| OPEX | (10,519,231) | (7,945,594) | 32% |
| Share based payments | 71,178 | (808,722) | (109)% |
| Total Expenses | (11,988,514) | (10,442,174) | 15% |
| Other income | 6,067 | 30,303 | (80)% |
| Depreciation & amortisation | (1,358,370) | (388,311) | 250% |
| Operating profit | (3,416,258) | (1,192,194) | 187% |
| Finance income | 26,255 | 22,008 | 19% |
| Finance expense | (693,716) | (295,225) | 135% |
| Net profit after tax | (4,083,719) | (1,465,411) | 179% |
| EBITDA | 31 December 2023 \$ | 31 December 2022 \$ | Change % |
| Net profit after tax | (4,083,719) | (1,465,411) | 179% |
| Add back: net interest income and expense | 667,461 | 273,217 | 144% |
| Add back: net depreciation and amortisation | 1,358,370 | 388,311 | 250% |
| EBITDA | (2,057,887) | (803,883) | 156% |
| | | | |

Expenses

Total operating expenses grew 32% to \$10.5m when compared to H1FY23, however \$1.4m was attributable to the Engage (Voice Project) business which was not included in the group total for the previous corresponding period. Removing the impact of this new line of operating expenses reflects a normalised increase in operating expenses of 14%. Operating expenses are forecasted to be \$8.8m in H2 FY24 following further cost savings which will represent a 16% decrease compared to the first half of the year. The reduction in expenses were largely driven by a planned organisational restructure with UK operations reallocated to Canada in October to focus on North America and 18 staff in the Australian team were made redundant in January 2024. The impact on expenses will largely be seen from February 2024. Despite the headcount reductions the new development office in Pakistan grew 200% to 15 developers during H1 FY24.

During the first half of the year, Xref primarily focused on the retention and growth of current clients by expanding their use of the platform and migrating them to subscription agreements thus reducing the need for any additional marketing spend. Marketing spend was then reduced by 70% to \$0.3m when compared to H2 FY23.

During the half, Xref invested a further \$1.5m of wages into continued product development.

Outlook

During FY24 Xref will continue to focus on executing its product innovation strategy, delighting its customers, and rewarding and retaining its employees. By offering its extended services Xref will increase its share of wallet of its existing clients and continue to attract new clients to increase revenue. At the same time, focusing on cost efficiencies and maximising revenue to build a new pathway to sustainable and growing profit. Xref will measure its progress against these strategic priorities by reporting on ARR growth, expenses, and profitability.

In January 2024 Xref signed an agreement with Certsy, a SEEK (ASX:SEK) owned credential verification platform. Xref, Certsy and SEEK are exploring opportunities to collaborate and improve the way reference checks are used in employment.

Reference checks are an important and long-established way to validate past work history. This collaboration will explore a range of opportunities for Xref reference checks to be used by Certsy and SEEK to facilitate more job placements and to help job seekers to stand out by verifying and showcasing prior employment. Certsy provides a secure credential passport for individuals to manage, and share verified credentials, and a workforce compliance platform, Certsy Workplace, for organisations to manage their compliance checks.

The first phase of this integration is enabling employers on the Certsy Workplace platform to request reference checks provided by Xref. The integration will utilise Xref's current API which is currently used to securely integrate automated reference checks with many ATS (applicant tracking system) partners globally. Future phases will explore other uses of Xref reference checks, such as verifying work history and potentially pre-verified references to accelerate the hiring process, rather than the traditional approach of references on request. Though material, we are not able to quantify the revenue impact of the partnership at this early stage.

Lee-Martin Seymour, CEO and Founder, said "In the last 12 months we have expanded our product with the development of Pulse and Exit surveys, Trust Marketplace and through the successful acquisition of Voice Project 12 months ago to create Xref Engage. We have also formed key partnerships with background checking vendors such as Certn and negotiated strategic integrations such as the recently announced partnership with <u>Seek</u>. We have also migrated our business model to SaaS with 56% of clients from the past 10 years now moved to subscription. We have performed this difficult transformation during one of the toughest economic markets and whilst doing so we have reduced expenses and refinanced and increased our debt facility. We have worked hard to position our business to survive the pressures of the current market as well as take full advantage of the opportunity moving forward."

Key Risks

This section sets out some of the potential risks associated with Xref's business and the industry in which it operates. Xref is subject to risk factors that are both specific and those that are more general in nature. Any of these risk factors may, if they eventuate, have an adverse effect on Xref's business, financial position, operating and financial performance, growth and/or the value of its shares. Many of the circumstances giving rise to these risks and the occurrence of consequences associated with each risk are partially or completely outside of Xref's control.

Economic Factors

The operating and financial performance of Xref is influenced by a variety of general economic and business conditions including the levels of consumer confidence and spending, business confidence and investment, employment, inflation, interest rates, foreign exchange rates, access to debt and capital markets, fiscal policy, monetary policy and regulatory policies. A prolonged deterioration in any number of the above factors may have a material adverse impact on Xref's business and financial performance including its ability to fund its activities.

Regulatory risk, government policy

Xref conducts business in Australia and other countries and is therefore exposed to the laws governing businesses in those countries. Changes in government regulations including taxation, the repatriation of profits, restrictions on production, export controls, environmental compliance, shifts in the political stability of the country, labour unrest and other adverse political events could adversely affect Xref and its business initiatives in Australia, Europe, North America and other countries.

Competitive market

Industries in which Xref operates are subject to technological change and competition. Barriers to entry into the industry that Xref operates in are not high, and there is a risk that increased competition from new or existing competitors (some of which have access to more resources and scale than Xref) emerges in the Australian, European & North American market in the future.

Management believes that Xref's product and service offerings have a strong competitive advantage and features which are advanced compared to its competitors. Expansion to new products will also ensure the minimisation of competitive trends and its impact on penetration and revenues.

Key personnel

Xref's success will depend in part on the continued services of its key employees. The loss of services of one or more of Xref's key employees could have a material adverse effect Xref's operating results, and financial condition. This risk is addressed in part by the existence of employment contracts with executives and senior management. Xref does not have, nor does it intend to take out, key man insurance in respect of any of its key employees.

Regulatory compliance

Xref is subject to several Australian, European & North American laws and regulations such as privacy laws, and those related to workplace health and safety. Xref conducts periodic internal audits and compliance reviews to identify and manage potential risks to ensure continued compliance.

Cyber Security, privacy and data breach

Xref handles personal and sensitive information. Cyber-attacks are increasing worldwide in frequency and severity. No information technology environment is impenetrable. As a result, Xref maintains appropriate actions, systems and safeguards to protect against data breaches and aims to keep a low risk of the adverse consequences arising from a breach on Xref's business and operations. This includes continuous training of privacy and data breach policies during the induction process of the workforce. Xref also conducts regular training sessions for all staff concerning privacy, cybersecurity and data breaches.

Reliance on third parties and the Internet

The operation of Xref's business, is reliant on the performance and availability of Xref's technology and that of its suppliers and other third parties such as data centres. In addition, the Xref platforms depend on the availability of the internet and to a lesser extent on the quality of users' access to the internet.

Intellectual Property may be Compromised or Lost

Xref has developed proprietary software. The commercial value of Xref's intellectual property is reliant, in part, on operational procedures to maintain the confidentiality and legal protections provided by a combination of confidentiality obligations on employees and third parties and other intellectual property rights. There is a risk that Xref's intellectual property may be compromised in a few different ways, which could erode Xref's competitive position and could have a materially adverse impact on Xref's operations, financial performance and/or growth.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Xref Group during the financial half-year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year

In February 2024 Xref entered into a new four-year secured US\$5.5m (approximately A\$8.4m) debt facility with Element SaaS Finance to support Xref's growth strategies. This replaces the A\$5m facility provided by PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd in 2020. Please refer to Note 11 for further details.

Effective 31 January 2024 changes were made to the cost structure of the business resulting in a headcount reduction as envisaged in a conservative forecast referred to in Note 1(g), enabling the group's capacity to focus on market development and sales ramp up effort.

On February 20, 2024, the Board approved the issue of 2,906,977 fully paid ordinary shares (using a VWAP of \$0.344) after successful achievement of the First Earn Out Payment hurdles relating to the acquisition of Voice Project Pty Limited. These shares remain in escrow up until 3 Jan 2025. Full details of the background to this transaction can be found at Note 32 on page 58 of the 2023 Annual Financial Report of Xref Limited.

No other matters or events requiring adjustments have arisen since 31 December 2023, that relate to circumstances that existed as on the balance sheet date.

Auditor's independence declaration

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

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors





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28 February 2024

The Board of Directors Xref Limited Level 2, 68 – 72 Waterloo Road Macquarie Park, NSW 2113

Dear Board Members

Xref Limited

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Directors of Xref Limited.

As lead audit partner for the review of the financial report of Xref Limited for the financial half-year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, that there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours sincerely,

Kowe Sydney.

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Barbara Richmond

Partner

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Financial Statements

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the half year ended 31 December 2023

| | | Consolidated | | |
|--|------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| | Note | 31 December 2023 \$ | 31 December 2022 | |
| | Note | . | | |
| Revenue | 3 | 9,924,559 | 9,607,988 | |
| Cost of sales | | (1,540,462) | (1,687,858 | |
| Gross profit | | 8,384,097 | 7,920,130 | |
| Finance costs | | (693,716) | (295,225 | |
| Employee expenses | | (7,791,367) | (5,146,407 | |
| Overhead and administrative expenses | 4 | (2,727,863) | (2,799,187 | |
| Share based payments | | 71,178 | (808,722 | |
| Depreciation | | (460,135) | (150,606 | |
| Impairment and amortisation | | (898,235) | (237,705 | |
| Total expenses | | (12,500,138) | (9,437,852 | |
| Operating profit/(loss) | | (4,116,041) | (1,517,722 | |
| Other income | 3 | 32,322 | 52,311 | |
| Profit/(loss) before income tax expense | | (4,083,719) | (1,465,411 | |
| Income tax expense | | | | |
| Profit/(loss) after income tax expense for the year attributable to the owners of Xref Limited | | (4,083,719) | (1,465,411 | |
| Other comprehensive income, net of income tax | | - | - | |
| Exchange differences on translating foreign controlled entities | | 171,763 | 167,105 | |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year, net of tax | | 171,763 | 167,105 | |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to the owners of Xref Limited | | (3,911,956) | (1,298,306 | |
| Earnings/(loss) per share for profit from continuing operations attributable to the owners of Xref | | (cents) | (cents | |
| Basic earnings/(loss) per share | | (2.193) | (0.0079 | |
| Diluted earnings(loss) per share | | (2.120) | (0.0079 | |

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2023

| | Consolidated | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | 31 December 2023 | 30 June 2023 |
| | Note | \$ | \$ |
| Assets | | | *restated |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 3,622,330 | 6,835,478 |
| Trade and other receivables | | 1,410,508 | 2,774,414 |
| Contract assets | 5 | 976,262 | 1,149,378 |
| Prepayments | | 718,182 | 906,904 |
| Total current assets | | 6,727,282 | 11,666,174 |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Financial assets * | | 222,563 | 255,177 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 469,876 | 638,972 |
| Right of use asset | | 268,877 | 528,489 |
| Intangibles | 6 | 10,222,645 | 9,440,498 |
| Total non-current assets | | 11,183,961 | 10,863,136 |
| Total assets | | 17,911,243 | 22,529,310 |
| | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | | 1,698,067 | 2,448,524 |
| Financial liabilities | 7 | 5,211,647 | 849,871 |
| Employee benefits | | 1,120,067 | 1,048,797 |
| Contract liabilities | 8 | 11,849,244 | 12,225,903 |
| Other liabilities | | 1,000,000 | 812,000 |
| Total current liabilities | | 20,879,025 | 17,385,094 |
| | | | |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Financial liabilities | 7 | 59,163 | 4,482,469 |
| Employee benefits | | 514,795 | 323,399 |
| Contract liabilities | 8 | 96,822 | 225,469 |
| Other liabilities | | 850,544 | 685,000 |
| Total non-current liabilities | | 1,521,324 | 5,716,337 |
| Total liabilities | | 22,400,350 | 23,101,432 |
| Net assets/(liabilities) | | (4,489,107) | (572,122) |
| | | | |
| Equity | | | |
| Issued capital | | 55,166,763 | 55,100,613 |
| Reserves | | (20,641,417) | (20,742,001) |
| Retained earnings | | (39,014,453) | (34,930,734) |
| Total equity | | (4,489,107) | (572,122) |

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. * Restated, please refer note 9 under the section "Notes to Financial Statements"

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the half year ended 31 December 2023

| Consolidated | Issued capital \$ | Warrants \$ | Share option reserves \$ | Foreign currency translation reserve \$ | Consolidation reserve \$ | Retained Earnings \$ | Total \$ |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2023 | 55,100,613 | 308,571 | 2,638,363 | (843,114) | (22,845,821) | (34,930,734) | (572,122) |
| Loss after income tax expense for the year | - | - | - | - | - | (4,083,719) | (4,083,719) |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year | - | - | | 171,763 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | - 171,763 |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year | - | - | - | 171,763 | - | (4,083,719) | (3,911,956) |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners | | | | | | | |
| Shares issued during the year | 66,150 | - | - | - | - | - | 66,150 |
| Options exercised | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Options issued | - | - | 181,497 | - | - | - | 181,497 |
| Options forfeited | - | - | (252,675) | - | - | - | (252,675) |
| Warrants issued | | | <u> </u> | | | | |
| Balance at 31 December 2023 | 55,166,763 | 308,571 | 2,567,185 | (671,352) | (22,845,821) | (39,014,453) | (4,489,107) |

For the half year ended 31 December 2022

| Consolidated | Issued capital \$ | Warrants \$ | Share option reserves \$ | Foreign currency translation reserve \$ | Consolidation reserve \$ | Retained Earnings \$ | Total \$ |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2022 | 55,100,613 | 308,571 | 1,596,643 | (552,196) | (22,845,821) | (32,135,628) | 1,472,182 |
| Loss after income tax expense for the year | - | - | - | - | - | (1,465,411) | - (1,465,411) |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year | - | _ | | 167,105 | <u>-</u> | | 167,105 |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year | - | - | - | 167,105 | - | (1,465,411) | (1,298,306) |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners | | | | | | | |
| Shares issued during the year | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Options exercised | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Options issued | - | - | 808,722 | - | - | - | 808,722 |
| Options expired | - | - | (418,463) | - | - | 418,463 | - |
| Warrants exercised | | | | | | | - |
| Balance at 31 December 2022 | 55,100,613 | 308,571 | 1,986,902 | (385,091) | (22,845,821) | (33,182,576) | 982,598 |

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Statement of Cash Flows

For the half year ended 31 December 2023

| | | Consolidated | | |
|---|-------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| | Note | 31 December 2023 \$ | 31 December 2022 \$ | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 11010 | • | · | |
| Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST) | | 11,717,498 | 11,311,655 | |
| Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST) | | (12,734,519) | (10,217,097) | |
| Interest received | | 26,255 | 22,008 | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | (990,766) | 1,116,566 | |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | |
| Payment for intangibles | | (1,680,382) | (998,224) | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | | (36,574) | (21,178) | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | (1,716,956) | (1,019,402) | |
| | | | | |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from issue of shares | | - | - | |
| Proceeds from exercise of options | | - | - | |
| Repayments of lease liabilities | | (290,999) | (111,193) | |
| Repayment of financial liabilities | | (214,427) | (214,427) | |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities | | (505,426) | (325,620) | |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held | | (3,213,148) | (228,456) | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | | 6,835,478 | 11,673,989 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year | | 3,622,330 | 11,445,533 | |

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the financial statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

These general purpose financial statements for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Act 2001 as appropriate for the profit-oriented entities. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting'.

These general purpose financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in the annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the full financial year ended 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made by the company during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The principal account policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, unless otherwise stated.

a. Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is ultimately responsible for strategic decision, approving the allocation of resources and assessing the performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Board of Directors.

b. Revenue

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the consolidated entity is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the consolidated entity: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are initially recognised as deferred revenue in the form of a separate refund liability

Group Sales

The Group has three main sources of Sales. The provision of candidate referencing services via the sale of credits & subscriptions through Xref, the sale of ID verification checks through RapidID and the provision of engagement surveys through Xref Engage (Voice Project).

Revenue Recognition

For Xref sales, there are two revenue recognition events. When a customer uses a credit the service has been performed and the revenue is recognised at the point in time when the customer uses the service. Or if the customer has purchased a subscription to the Xref platform, revenue is recognised over the life of the contract.

For RapidID sales, when customers request a Check and it is performed the service has been delivered. Revenue is recognised at the point in time when the customer uses the service.

For Voice Project sales, a customer will subscribe to the platform for 12 months to deliver and view results of engagement surveys over the contracted subscription period. Revenue for the subscription component is recognised over the life of the contract. During the course of the contracted service period, consultants will assist customers to design and deliver engagement surveys and provide back results and analysis to the customer. Revenue is recognised as these services are delivered.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other income

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

c. Contract assets

Contract assets are recognised when the consolidated entity has transferred services to the customer but where the consolidated entity is yet to establish an unconditional right to consideration. Contract assets are treated as financial assets for impairment purposes. Contract assets include commissions paid and are amortised as performance obligations are met and an unconditional right to consideration is established.

Costs to obtain a contract that would have been incurred regardless of whether the contract was obtained or which are not otherwise recoverable from a customer are expensed as incurred to profit or loss. Incremental costs of obtaining a contract where the contract term is less than one year is immediately expensed to profit or loss.

d. Intangibles

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognised at cost. Indefinite life intangible assets are not amortised and are subsequently measured at cost less any impairment. Finite life intangible assets are subsequently measured at cost less amortisation and any impairment. The gains or losses recognised in profit or loss arising from the derecognition of intangible assets are measured as the difference between net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible asset. The method and useful lives of finite life intangible assets are reviewed annually. Changes in the expected pattern of consumption or useful life are accounted for prospectively by changing the amortisation method or period.

Internally developed intangible assets (Capitalised development costs):

Expenditure on research activities, undertaken with the prospect of gaining new technical knowledge and understanding, is recognised in the reported profit or loss when incurred.

Development activities include a plan or design for the production of new or substantially improved products. Development expenditure is capitalised only if development costs can be measured reliably, the product or process is technically and commercially feasible, future economic benefits are probable, and the Group intends to and has sufficient resources to complete development and to use or sell the asset. The expenditure capitalised includes the cost of materials, direct labour and overhead costs that are directly attributable to preparing the asset for its intended use. Other development expenditure is recognised in the reported surplus and deficit when incurred.

Capitalised development expenditure is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

Software

Significant costs associated with software are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 4, software acquired in business combinations are amortised over the assessed period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 5 years.

Website

Significant costs associated with website development are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 3 years.

Domain

Significant costs associated with domains are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 10 years.

Patents and trademarks

Significant costs associated with patents and trademarks are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 10 years. Significant costs associated with acquisition of intellectual property rights in business combinations are amortised over an assessed finite useful life of 5 years.

Brand Names

Significant costs associated with acquisition of brand assets in business combinations are amortised over an assessed finite useful life of 5 years.

Customer Relationships

Significant costs associated with acquisition of customer relationship assets acquired in business combinations are amortised over an assessed finite useful life of 7 years.

Goodwill

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of a business. Goodwill is not amortised; it is instead tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses on goodwill are taken to profit or loss and are not subsequently reversed.

e. Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities, which are not incremental costs relating to the actual draw-down of the facility, are recognised as prepayments and amortised on a straight-line basis over the term of the facility.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

f. Contract liabilities

Unsatisfied performance obligations associated with the unearned revenue balance for Xref and RapidID are expected to be satisfied within 12 months from the date of the balance sheet. Unearned revenue for Voice Project has a proportion where the platform subscription does not begin until post year end and will continue to be recognised through to the following financial year. It will however be recognised within 12 months of when the platform subscription starts. This is the value making up the non-current component.

Under Xref's candidate referencing & exit surveys business model, clients can purchase Xref credits to use our candidate referencing platform or they can take out a 12-month subscription which contains a profile cap to undertake candidate referencing or exit surveys which must be used within the 12-month subscription period. Unused profiles do not role forward to the following year.

Where a client purchases credits in advance, the value of the deal is added to unearned revenue when the client has paid. At balance date some clients will have purchased credits and have been issued an invoice but will not have paid. The value of these unpaid invoices are the 'conditional credits' represented in Note 8 and represents trade debtors (less goods & services tax). Where a client has purchased a subscription, the value of the deal is added to unearned revenue when the contract begins and this can be before or after payment and so no 'conditional credits' exist for subscription related deals.

g. Going concern

The financial report shows that a loss of \$4,083,719 (H1 FY23: a loss of \$1,465,411) has been incurred in the half year period to 31 December 2023. This has resulted in an increase in the negative net asset position to \$4,489,107 (June 2023: negative net assets \$572,122). However this includes the value of contract liabilities of \$11,946,066. Under the standard terms and conditions of the contracts of Xref, clients are not entitled to refunds of amounts paid for prepaid credits after a 4 week cooling off period has passed and for SaaS contracts clients there is no provision allowing clients to cancel their subscription and receive a refund of amounts paid. As at the date of these financial statements, no such refunds relating to prepaid credits have eventuated and historically the incidence of refunds within the 4 week cooling off period is insignificant.

The Board has therefore made an assessment that the assumption of going concern is appropriate and has accordingly prepared this financial report which assumes that the company will be able to meet its commitments, realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in its ordinary course of business. Considerations that support this assertion are:

- In February 2024 Xref entered into a new four-year secured US \$5.5m (approximately A\$8.4m) debt facility agreement with Element SaaS Finance to support Xref's growth strategies. This replaces the A\$5m facility provided by PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd in 2020.
- A conservative cash flow forecast prepared under several scenarios representing revenue expected under different economic conditions and business cycle nuances for the period to February 2025 is persuasive enough to form a view that the Xref Group will be able to meet it's obligations and repay the new debt facility at maturity.
- Post half-year end the unaudited management accounts show that the business results are consistent with the forecast. The Board therefore has reason to believe and is confident that the achievement of their forecast will continue to February 2025.
- The ability to make changes to the cost structure of the business as required either through (or a combination of) a reduction in wage related costs or supply contracts that could easily be deferred should the desired revenue performance not be in line with expectations. Refer to note 11 for details on cost restructuring that took effect post the balance sheet date, on 31 January 2024.

Given the Board's expectations against the background of the above, financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which envisages that the business will continue to operate as normal and therefore realize its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business.

Note 2. Operating segments

Identification of reportable operating segments

The consolidated entity is organised into three operating segments based on products and services sold: candidate referencing, ID verification and engagement surveys. The disclosures on the face of the statement of comprehensive income to operating loss and the statement of financial position (excluding the items designated for sale) represent the Group's three business segments.

Products and services

The principal products and services of each of these operating segments are as follows:

Xref Candidate referencing

Rapid ID ID verification

Xref Engage (formerly Voice Project) Engagement surveys

Intersegment transactions

Intersegment transactions were made at market rates. Candidate referencing and ID verification are complementary in nature and intersegment transactions arise due to customer needs. Intersegment transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

Intersegment receivables, payables and loans

Intersegment loans are initially recognised at the consideration received. Intersegment loans receivable and loans payable that earn or incur non-market interest are not adjusted to fair value based on market interest rates. Intersegment loans are eliminated on consolidation.

Operating segment information

| Consolidated | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 31 December 2023 | Candidate referencing \$ | ID verification \$ | Engagement Surveys \$ | Total \$ |
| Revenue | · | · | · | |
| Revenue from external customers | 6,916,665 | 972,416 | 2,035,478 | 9,924,559 |
| Intersegment sales | | | | |
| Total earned revenue | 6,916,665 | 972,416 | 2,035,478 | 9,924,559 |
| Other revenue | 2,897 | 3,170 | <u> </u> | 6,067 |
| Total segment revenue | 6,919,562 | 975,586 | 2,035,478 | 9,930,626 |
| Intersegment eliminations | - | | - | - |
| Non trading revenue: | | | | |
| Interest revenue | 22,877 | <u> </u> | 3,378 | 26,255 |
| Total revenue | 6,942,439 | 975,586 | 2,038,856 | 9,956,881 |
| | | | | |
| EBITDA | (2,256,452) | (400,662) | 599,227 | (2,057,887) |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (700,291) | (116,961) | (541,118) | (1,358,370) |
| Interest revenue | 22,877 | - | 3,378 | 26,255 |
| Finance costs | (685,370) | <u>-</u> | (8,346) | (693,716) |
| Profit before income tax expense | (3,619,236) | (517,623) | 53,141 | (4,083,719) |
| Income tax expense | | <u>-</u> | <u> </u> | |
| Profit after income tax expense | (3,619,236) | (517,623) | 53,141 | (4,083,719) |
| | | | | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Segment assets | 19,336,076 | 909,378 | 3,581,035 | 23,826,489 |
| Intersegment eliminations | | | | (8,292,972) |
| Unallocated assets: | | | | |
| Goodwill | | | | 2,377,726 |
| Total Assets | | | <u></u> | 17,911,243 |
| Total assets includes: | | | | |
| Investments in subsidiaries | 8,292,972 | _ | - | 8,292,972 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Segment liabilities | 20,420,247 | 365,812 | 1,614,291 | 22,400,350 |
| Intersegment eliminations | | | | |
| Total liabilities | | | | 22,400,350 |
| | | | | |

| Consolidated | Candidate | ID | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 31 December 2022 | referencing \$ | verification \$ | Total \$ |
| Revenue | · · | · | Ť |
| Revenue from external customers | 8,074,950 | 1,533,038 | 9,607,988 |
| Intersegment sales | <u>-</u> | <u> </u> | |
| Total earned revenue | 8,074,950 | 1,533,038 | 9,607,988 |
| Other revenue | 26,026 | 4,277 | 30,303 |
| Total segment revenue | 8,100,976 | 1,537,315 | 9,638,291 |
| Intersegment eliminations | | | - |
| Non trading revenue: | | | |
| Interest revenue | 22,008 | | 22,008 |
| Total revenue | 8,122,984 | 1,537,315 | 9,660,299 |
| | | | |
| EBITDA | (1,029,730) | 225,847 | (803,883 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (271,350) | (116,961) | (388,311 |
| Interest revenue | 22,008 | - | 22,008 |
| Finance costs | (295,225) | <u> </u> | (295,225 |
| Profit before income tax expense | (1,574,297) | 108,886 | (1,465,411 |
| Income tax expense | - | - <u> </u> | |
| Profit after income tax expense | (1,574,297) | 108,886 | (1,465,411 |
| | | | |
| Assets | | | |
| Segment assets | 22,323,476 | 2,181,676 | 24,505,152 |
| Intersegment eliminations | | | (5,041,897 |
| Unallocated assets: | | | |
| Goodwill | | | 1,333,986 |
| Total Assets | | <u></u> | 20,797,241 |
| Total assets includes: | | | |
| Investments in subsidiaries | 5,041,897 | - | 5,041,897 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Segment liabilities | 18,100,378 | 1,344,665 | 19,445,043 |
| Intersegment eliminations | | | |
| Total liabilities | | | 19,445,043 |

Note 3. Revenue

| | Consolidated | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 | |
| | \$ | \$ | |
| Revenue from contracts with customers | | | |
| - Xref | 6,916,665 | 8,074,950 | |
| - Rapid ID | 972,416 | 1,533,038 | |
| - Engage (Voice Project) | 2,035,478 | | |
| Total revenue | 9,924,559 | 9,607,988 | |
| Other revenue | | | |
| Interest | 26,255 | 22,008 | |
| Government subsidies | - | - | |
| Other revenue | 6,067 | 30,303 | |
| | 32,322 | 52,311 | |
| Total revenue and other income | 9,956,881 | 9,660,299 | |

Disaggregation of revenue

The disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers is as follows:

| Consolidated | Candidate referencing | ID verification | Engagement Surveys | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 31 December 2023 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue from customers | | | | |
| Revenue | 6,916,665 | 972,416 | 2,035,478 | 9,924,559 |
| | | | _ | |
| Geographical regions | | | | |
| Australia | 4,797,626 | 970,473 | 2,035,478 | 7,803,577 |
| Canada | 281,771 | - | - | 281,771 |
| United Kingdom | 280,057 | 1,943 | - | 282,000 |
| New Zealand | 933,774 | - | - | 933,774 |
| United States | 623,437 | - | - | 623,437 |
| | 6,916,665 | 972,416 | 2,035,478 | 9,924,559 |
| | = | | | |
| Timing of revenue recognition | | | | |
| Goods transferred at a point in time | 3,709,494 | 972,416 | 1,010,606 | 5,692,516 |
| Services transferred over time | 3,207,171 | - - | 1,024,872 | 4,232,043 |
| | 6,916,665 | 972,416 | 2,035,478 | 9,924,559 |
| | | | | |
| | | Canalidata | ID. | |
| Consolidated | | Candidate referencing | ID verification | Total |
| 31 December 2022 | | - \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue from customers | | | | |
| Revenue | | 8,074,950 | 1,533,038 | 9,607,988 |
| | | | | |
| Geographical regions | | | | |
| Australia | | 5,699,393 | 1,528,873 | 7,228,266 |
| Canada | | 343,622 | - | 343,622 |
| United Kingdom | | 353,436 | 4,165 | 357,601 |
| New Zealand | | 961,259 | - | 961,259 |
| United States | | 717,240 | <u> </u> | 717,240 |
| | _ | 8,074,950 | 1,533,038 | 9,607,988 |
| | = | | | |
| Timing of revenue recognition | | | | |
| Goods transferred at a point in time | | 8,376,438 | 1,533,038 | 9,909,476 |
| Services transferred over time | | (301,488) | | (301,488) |

1,533,038

9,607,988

8,074,950

Note 4. Overheads and administrative expenses

| | Consolid 31 December 2023 \$ | lated 31 December 2022 \$ |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Accounting and consulting fees | 103,930 | 141,939 |
| Auditing or reviewing the financial report | 32,256 | 39,789 |
| Legal expenses | 44,624 | 84,694 |
| Marketing fees | 243,950 | 865,765 |
| Consulting and professional fees | 87,895 | 228,187 |
| Administration expenses | 1,740,801 | 1,146,990 |
| Operating lease payments | 80,390 | 61,035 |
| Platform Expenses | 394,017 | 230,788 |
| | 2,727,863 | 2,799,187 |

Note 5. Current assets—Contract assets

| | Consolidate | Consolidated | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| | 31 December 2023 \$ | 30 June 2023 \$ | | |
| Capitalised Commission Credit Sales | 572,698 | 852,227 | | |
| Capitalised Commission Subscriptions | 403,564 | 297,151 | | |
| | 976,262 | 1,149,378 | | |

Note 6. Non-current assets – Intangible assets

| | Consolidated 31 December 2023 \$ | 30 June 2023 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Goodwill | 2,377,726 | 2,377,726 |
| Lessi Accumulated impairment | <u></u> | <u>-</u> |
| | 2,377,726 | 2,377,726 |
| Website | 325,000 | 325,000 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (325,000) | (270,388) |
| | - | 54,612 |
| Patents, trademarks and other rights | 1,828,737 | 853,737 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (289,944) | (67,092) |
| | 1,538,793 | 786,645 |
| Customer relationships | 847,000 | 847,000 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (121,000) | (42,350) |
| | 726,000 | 804,650 |
| Licenses | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Less: Accumulated impairment | <u></u> | |
| | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Domain Names | 114,228 | 113,958 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (33,496) | (27,738) |
| | 80,732 | 86,220 |
| Software development | 6,709,948 | 6,004,846 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (1,260,564) | (724,201) |
| | 5,449,384 | 5,280,645 |
| Total intangibles | 10,222,635 | 9,440,498 |

Note 7. Financial liabilities

| | Consolidate | Consolidated | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--|
| | 31 December 2023 | 30 June 2023 | |
| | \$ | \$ | |
| Current | | | |
| Lease Liability | 211,647 | 424,120 | |
| Borrowing | 5,000,000 | 425,751 | |
| Total current borrowings | 5,211,647 | 849,871 | |
| Non-current | | | |
| Lease Liability | 59,163 | 107,279 | |
| Borrowing | <u>-</u> | 4,375,190 | |
| Total non-current borrowings | 59,163 | 4,482,469 | |
| Total borrowings | 5,270,810 | 5,332,340 | |
| | | | |

The loan from Pure Asset Management has been repaid in February 2024 and replaced with a new facility provided by Element SaaS Finance. Please refer to Note 11 "Events occurring after reporting date" for details of the transaction.

Note 8. Contract Liabilities

| | Consolidate 31 December 2023 \$ | d 30 June 2023 \$ |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Xref unearned revenue movement | | |
| Opening balance - Xref | 11,217,734 | 10,987,225 |
| Xref Sales | 6,228,963 | 16,177,650 |
| Add: Opening conditional credits | 992,194 | 1,428,393 |
| Less: Credit Usage & Subscriptions recognised | (7,874,754) | (16,332,384) |
| Less: Closing conditional credits | (157,592) | (992,194) |
| | (811,189) | 281,465 |
| Foreign exchange revaluation impacts | 77,167 | (50,956) |
| Closing balance – Unearned revenue Xref | 10,483,712 | 11,217,734 |
| RapidID unearned revenue movement | | |
| Opening balance - RapidID | 59,980 | 77,683 |
| Add: Prepaid Checks Sold | - | 4,300 |
| Less: Prepaid Checks Used | (2,786) | (22,003) |
| Closing balance - Unearned revenue RapidID | 57,194_ | 59,980 |
| Voice Project unearned revenue movement | | |
| Opening balance - Voice Project (recognised at acquisition) | 1,173,658 | 1,043,181 |
| Add: Platform subscriptions sold | 1,256,374 | 1,095,662 |
| Less: Subscriptions recognised | (1,024,872) | (965,185) |
| Closing balance - Unearned revenue Voice Project | 1,405,160_ | 1,173,658 |
| Total group unearned revenue | 11,946,066 | 12,451,372 |
| Current (within 12 months) | 11,849,244 | 12,225,903 |
| Non-Current (12-18 months) | 96,822 | 225,469 |
| Total contract liabilities | 11,946,066 | 12,451,372 |

Note 9. Restatement of prior year balance sheet

In the previous full year financial statements, the balance sheet contained an erroneous treatment of treasury stock which were incorrectly classed as a non-current asset resulting in the overstatement of net assets, and the corresponding trust holding under equity by \$369,600. This has now been rectified in the half-year financial statements.

| | Consolidated | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| _ | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2023 |
| | \$ (post restatement) | \$ (before restatement) |
| Non current assets | 10,863,136 | 11,232,736 |
| Equity | (572,122) | (202,522) |

There is no impact, due to the restatements noted above, on the Statement of Profit and Loss or Cash Flow Statement as at 30 June 2023.

Note 10. Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

As announced to the market on February 5, 2024 Xref entered into a new four-year secured US\$5.5m (approximately A\$8.4m) debt facility with Element SaaS Finance to support the Company's growth strategies. This replaces the A\$5m facility provided by PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd in 2020. The key terms of the facility are:

- Facility Limit: US\$5.5m total facility with approximately US\$4.6 million drawn initially with an additional US\$0.9m available;
- Term: 4 year term;
- Interest Rate: 14% p.a. interest rate, paid monthly plus 2.75% p.a. accruing over the term of the loan and paid at maturity;
- Amortisation: 9-month interest only period following drawdown with monthly principal amortisation thereafter;
- Security: first-ranking charge over all assets of the Company and its Australian subsidiaries, supported by subsidiary guarantees;
- Prepayment: the facility may be prepaid at any time during the term in part or in whole (subject to early exit fees which reduce every 12 months of the loan term).

Effective 31 January 2024 changes were made to the cost structure of the business resulting in a headcount reduction envisaged in a conservative forecast referred to in Note 1(g) above, enabling the group's capacity to focus on market development and sales ramp up effort.

On February 20, 2024, the Board approved the issue of 2,906,977 fully paid ordinary shares (using a VWAP of \$0.344) after successful achievement of the First Earn Out Payment hurdles relating to the acquisition of Voice Project Pty Limited. These shares remain in escrow until 3 Jan 2025. Full details of the transaction can be found at Note 32 on page 58 of the 2023 Annual Financial Report of Xref Limited.

No other matters or events requiring adjustments have arisen since 31 December 2023, that relate to circumstances that existed as on the balance sheet date.

Director's Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting', the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; which, as stated in basis of preparation Note 2 to the financial statements, constitutes explicit and unreserved compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated group;
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have given the declarations required by Section 295A that:
 - a. the financial records of the Company for the financial half-year have been properly maintained in accordance with section 286 of the Corporations Act 2001;
 - b.the financial statements and notes for the financial half-year comply with the Accounting Standards; and
 - c. the financial statements and notes for the financial half- year give a true and fair view.
- 3. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due.

At the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the companies which are party to this deed of cross guarantee will be able to meet any obligations or liabilities to which they are, or may become subject to, by virtue of the deed.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Lee-Martin Seymour Managing Director 28 February 2024

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Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Members of Xref Limited

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Xref Limited ((the Company) and its controlled entities (the Group)), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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

- (a) giving a true and fair view of Xref Limited's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis of Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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

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Barbara Richmond

Partner Sydney

28 February 2024

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