

Kiruna, May 11, 2023

# **INTERIM REPORT JANUARY – MARCH 2023**

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- Capitalized exploration assets at the end of the quarter amounted to KSEK 690,436 (500,981).
- Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter totaled KSEK 248,803 (305,674).
- Equity at the end of the quarter increased 28% to KSEK 984,043 (768,183).
- Result for the quarter amounted to KSEK -7,443 (-3,839).
- Earnings per share for the quarter amounted to SEK -0.00 (-0.01).
- Cash flow for the quarter amounted to KSEK -80,350 (181,383), mainly based on investments in core drilling and the water purification project in Viscaria.
- Total assets at the end of the quarter amounted to KSEK 1,048,601 (841,679).

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD

- On January 4, 2023, Frida Keskitalo was appointed CFO.
- On February 8, 2023, Copperstone updated its applicable environmental permit application for Viscaria due to the request for supplementary information received from the Land and Environment Court. On February 20, a further request for supplementary information was received.
- On February 9, 2023, Norrlandsfonden chose to invest another approximately MSEK 5.6 in a convertible bond in Copperstone Resources.
- On March 8, 2023, Copperstone again updated its applicable environmental permit application for Viscaria.
- On March 17, 2023, Copperstone submitted supplementary information for the environmental permit application to the Land and Environment Court.

"Several of our plans are starting to be realized. We have a close and constructive dialogue with authorities and other stakeholders. We are now anticipating information regarding our environmental permit application, which could allow production to begin in the Viscaria mine at the end of 2025", CEO Henrik Ager.



# **CEO COMMENTS**

In the beginning of the year we continued our preparations to reopen the Viscaria copper mine in Kiruna. We are now putting several of our plans into action, not least when it comes to our configuration and logistics plans for the area, which highlight the sustainability and financial effectiveness of the construction of the new facility. As new CEO, I'm incredibly excited to see the level of internal engagement as well as the strong support we have been receiving from our partners and from the local community. We remained focused on four important areas: the environmental permit process, preparations to make the reopening of Viscaria go as quickly as possible, financing and, finally, other value-adding measures.



#### Progress in the environmental permit process

In order to carry out our plans on schedule, it is absolutely vital that we obtain the requisite permits. We will continue to expedite the process through close and constructive dialog with authorities and other stakeholders. Right now we are waiting for a response from the Land and Environment Court regarding the environmental permit application we submitted just over a year ago. After the initial application, we also submitted supplementary information about production terms, logistics, water-related issues, waste rock management and adaptation to the Seveso Directive. Our hope is that the application is now complete and that the main hearing can be held in the relatively near future. This would mean that we could obtain our environmental permit before the end of 2023, and that production could start, as planned, by the end of 2025.

## More water treatment capacity

When it comes to practical preparations, in autumn 2022 we installed a pilot facility for water treatment and demonstrated that the innovative technology we intend to use can eliminate up to 97% to 99% of the metal pollutants currently found in the mining water. In January we also started the process of obtaining a separate dewatering permit and we hope that by autumn we will be able to put an additional water treatment station into operation with a capacity of up to 200 m3/h. At the same time, we are planning for a larger permanent facility with a capacity of approximately 600 m3/h.

## Favorable preconditions for Viscaria

The preliminary analysis of our financial situation presented in the beginning of the year indicated a mine life for Viscaria of around 15 years, significantly longer than previous estimates of 10 years. Due to a successful conversion to higher classification, our measured and measured & indicated mineral resources increased by 43% and 23%, respectively. We are very pleased about this improvement. Together with additional core drilling in Viscaria, we now have a solid base for a detailed feasibility study. During the period, Norrlandsfonden increased its investments in Copperstone through a convertible loan of MSEK 5.6. At the end of the quarter, we had MSEK 249 in cash and cash equivalents.

# A growing organization

In the beginning of 2023, we strengthened our corporate culture through a joint project to establish our core values. This is an important tool as we now continue to expand the organization. Our new CFO Frida Keskitalo began in January and during the quarter we hired a new Geology Manager, Karin Lindgren, who will strengthen the team while Marcello Imaña will continue as Copperstone's Chief Geologist.

Overall, the preconditions for our Viscaria Project are favorable from a financial, social, geographical and environmental perspective. Demand for responsibly and locally produced copper is expected to increase significantly in the next few years and the company is well positioned to be a leader in this market. We have a very competent and well established team on site in Kiruna and an ownership structure that has made significant investments in an ambitious environmental permit application, infrastructure, exploration and water treatment. I look forward to updating you all again soon.

Henrik Ager, CEO Copperstone Resources



# **ABOUT COPPERSTONE RESOURCES**

#### **VISION**

Responsible mining for a sustainable future.

#### THE COMPANY IN BRIEF

Copperstone Resources AB is a company now scaling up to become a modern and responsibly producing mining company through the reopening of the Viscaria mine in Kiruna, Sweden. The deposit's high copper grade, geographical location and growing team provide a strong foundation for becoming a supplier of responsibly produced copper – a metal that plays a critical role in Sweden's and Europe's transition to an electrified society. In addition to the Viscaria mine, Copperstone holds a number of other exploitation concessions and exploration permits in Arvidsjaur (Eva, Svartliden, Granliden) and Smedjebacken (Tvistbogruvan), all in Sweden. The company's shares are traded on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market (ticker COPP B). Augment Partners is the company's certified adviser, info@augment.se, +46 8 604 22 55.

#### **GROUP OF COMPANIES**

Copperstone Resources AB owns the following four subsidiaries (100%): Copperstone Viscaria AB, Copperstone Arvidsjaur AB, Copperstone Tvistbo AB and Copperstone Incentive AB. The above companies form the Group presented in the following financial statements. For more information on the Group structure and subsidiaries, please refer to the 2022 Annual Report.



# BUSINESS PERFORMANCE FOR THE PERIOD

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT**

Copperstone Resources intends to resume mining operations at the Viscaria mine in Kiruna. The planned mining operations require an environmental permit. The application for an environmental permit to resume mining operations at the Viscaria mine in Kiruna was submitted on March 30, 2022. The application includes Copperstone's description and ambition for responsible modern mining using the best available technology within the mining industry in terms of the impact on the local environment, in the processing plant and within transport and logistics solutions. In total, the application comprises some 4,000 pages and, inter alia, includes a plan for innovative water management and water purification; recycling of valuable minerals in the old tailings as well as expected environmental impacts, and protection and compensation measures for nature and reindeer herding.

During the first quarter of 2023, Copperstone responded to two requests for supplementary information from the Land and Environment Court regarding the environmental permit application. On March 17, 2023 Copperstone fulfilled a requirement for supplementary information applying to clarification of production terms, logistics, water-related issues, waste rock management and adaptation to the Seveso Directive.

## After the end of the period

On April 26, Copperstone responded to the Land and Environment Court's questions regarding production terms and tailings volumes, amounts of waste rock and slurry and supplementary disclosures about the expanded purification capacity of 900 m³/h. Aside from this, documentation was supplemented with information about when and how operations will discharge treated and untreated water. This shows that future operations, regardless of scope of water purification, do not have any practical or even measurable effect on the water quality in the Torne river, meaning that there is no possibility of any effects beyond the acceptable threshold. The application and supplements (Swedish only) can be viewed in full under the tab "Tillståndsportalen" at <a href="https://www.copperstone.se">www.copperstone.se</a>.

## **GEOLOGY**

### Viscaria

In the first quarter, infill core drilling activities at Viscaria ramped up to a total of 13,500 drilled meters. The drilling aimed at converting inferred mineral resources into an indicated and/or measured category, to enable inclusion in the life-of-mine-plan "LOMP". It is worth mentioning is that a large part of the converted inferred resource occurs in the B zone and consist of high-grade copper sulfide mineralization, not previously detected in this exciting (historically underexplored) mineral shoot. The drilling successfully confirmed high-grade copper in the area and a deeper extension under the southern portion of the B zone and its newly discovered central ore shoot. In addition, so called reversed circulation drilling was carried out in March in the existing waste rock facility to detect, define and evaluate areas with high amounts of copper sulfides.

Four new geologists were hired in the first quarter. The geologists have a diverse background, with expertise in structural geology, geophysics and geometallurgy, and they will strengthen the team for the intense phase that will begin with the feasibility study for Viscaria. The company also looks forward to an exciting autumn, with exploration and core drilling planned for several regional exploration concessions starting in Q3.

#### Arvidsjaur

A new geological interpretation and an updated block model are being designed for the Eva polymetallic massive sulfides deposit, using Leapfrog software for historical data and Copperstone's twin hole drillings in Q1 2022. The preliminary results are very encouraging and indicate that the Eva deposit does in fact consist of two mineralized domains: a zinc gold (Zn-Au) domain and a gold copper (Au-Cu) feeder zone domain. Given the extent of the new geological interpretation, combined with the parallel requirements and efforts at Viscaria, a disclosure of a PERC complaint mineral resource at Eva k nr 1 exploitation concession is now planned for the second half of this year.



#### **PROCESSING**

Advance planning of the electrical and automation systems is continuously underway for the planned processing plant for the Viscaria mine in Kiruna. The advance planning is being conducted together with experts in their respective fields in areas such as digitalization, electricity/automation, Al and more. The advance planning encompasses relevant key metrics for the plant and processing in terms of production efficiency and traceability, for example.

Preparations continued throughout the first quarter to create the best possible conditions for starting up when the environmental permit is granted. The previous year's project planning for the grinding circuit in the processing plant is an important part of these preparations. Work continued to prepare a flow chart for the processing plant in collaboration with Ausenco. The goal is to develop as efficient a process as possible, adapted to Copperstone's three ore zones.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

For the purpose of facilitating work with infrastructure, exploration and other activities in the Viscaria area in the coming years, a decision during the previous year was made to construct the company's own bridge and entrance to Viscaria. The bridge over the railway is dimensioned to have a capacity to bear loads weighing up to 90 tons. Completion of some of the remaining project points is planned for summer 2023.

Work to plan a transformer substation and high voltage switchgear for operating the entire mine is in progress with Vattenfall and ABB. The aim is to have a voltage feed from 150 kV of a total output of 70 MW in operation during the second half of 2025. The project planning is expected to be complete by summer 2023, after which an affiliation agreement will be signed with Vattenfall. Vattenfall has submitted an application for a concession to the Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate (Ei) in order to move the existing high voltage power line. A processing time of two years is typical, so it is likely that Viscaria will start up without access to the power line.

The pilot facility for water purification during the quarter was transferred to the operational organization, which will assume full responsibility for running it. Planning for the future water purification station is ongoing, where delivery of the station with a capacity of 200 m<sup>3</sup>/h is planned for delivery in autumn 2023. A pilot study has been initiated for the larger permanent facility with a 600 m<sup>3</sup>/h capacity.

Project planning for a new tailing pond, upgrading the existing filtration pond and reinforcing existing tailing ponds are ongoing. An important part of this work includes breaking down the plans for the new tailing pond into four smaller stages instead of one larger stage as originally planned. The completed designs will be available by autumn 2023.



## **SUSTAINABILITY**

Copperstone will pursue credible and genuine sustainability initiatives. For this reason, thorough groundwork is being conducted prior to the production start of mining operations. When the Viscaria mine starts operation, Copperstone will be in the top 6 percent of the most climate-efficient copper mines in the world and thus be able to deliver sustainably and responsibly produced copper for the European market. During the previous year, the company developed a sustainability agenda including seven focus areas with accompanying goals. The focus areas are based on principles from the International Council on Mining & Metals (ICMM), SveMin's guidelines, the Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) protocols, the UN's 2030 Agenda and the UN Global Compact. Moreover, decision data from stakeholder dialogues and business intelligence was also taken into consideration. The focus areas have been adopted by the management and Board, and set the tone for work with sustainability in the years ahead. Follow up and reporting on sustainability goals continued through the first quarter of 2023.

Environmental activities and preparations are also ongoing as part of the process for gaining approval of Viscaria mine's environmental permit. Read more about ongoing work with permits in "Tillståndsportalen" on www.copperstone.se.

During the period, Copperstone also published its Annual Report with the results of the company's work in 2022, including its Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions, energy consumption and resource management. Copperstone's sustainability activities can contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in different ways, read more about how in the 2022 Annual Report.















# **GROUP FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

#### JANUARY - MARCH 2023

During the first quarter of 2023, Copperstone's focus was primarily on the Viscaria Project. Capitalized exploration assets within the Group amounted to KSEK 690,436, corresponding to an increase of KSEK 189,455 from KSEK 500,981 on March 31, 2021.

Net sales for the quarter were KSEK 0 (0) and the result before tax amounted to KSEK -7,443 (-3,839).

Cash flow for the quarter amounted to KSEK -80,350 (181,383), mainly based on investments in core drilling and the water purification project in Viscaria. Cash flow from operating activities, excluding investments and financing, was KSEK -17,752 (328). Net investments amounted to KSEK -67,211 (-47,222). Net cash flow from financing activities for the quarter was KSEK 4,613 (228,277).

## FINANCIAL POSITION AS PER MARCH 31, 2023

#### Assets as per March 31, 2023

Capitalized exploration assets increased to MSEK 690.4 at the end of the period, an increase of 38 percent compared with MSEK 501.0 for the year-earlier period.

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period totaled MSEK 248.8, compared to MSEK 305.7 at the year-earlier period.

#### Interest-bearing liabilities as per March 31, 2023

In March 2023, Norrlandsfonden decided to continue to support Copperstone, this time with a convertible loan of MSEK 5.614 at STIBOR +5% annual interest rate and a conversion rate of SEK 1.61 per share until December 2028.

During the first quarter of 2023, three older convertible loans were converted (for a nominal total of MSEK 5) whereby Norrlandsfonden received 7,790,420 shares.

On the balance-sheet date, Norrlandsfonden held approximately MSEK 22.17 worth of convertibles at an interest rate of STIBOR +5% per annum. For more information on Norrlandsfonden's investments in Copperstone, please refer to www.copperstone.se or the Group's 2022 Annual Report.

# PARENT COMPANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### JANUARY - MARCH 2023

Net sales for the quarter were KSEK 0 (0) and the result before tax amounted to KSEK -7,138 (-3,439). During the quarter, capitalized exploration assets amounted to KSEK 70,606 (63,041). Total operating expenses amounted to KSEK 10,313 (6,081).



# OTHER INFORMATION

## **Employees**

Under the Corporate Management of Chairman Jörgen Olsson and CEO Henrik Ager, Copperstone's management includes Anna Tyni (CEO Copperstone Viscaria), Glenn Nilsson (Mining Manager), Anders Lundkvist (Head of Environment and Sustainability), Marcello Imaña (Chief Geologist), Emma Mäkitaavola (Project Manager) and Michael Mattsson (Head of Business Development). As of April 1, Frida Keskitalo (CFO) is also part of the management team. At the end of the period, the team consisted of a total of 32 employees, plus an additional number of environmental and mine planning consultants on a temporary basis during the environmental permit process and work on the feasibility study. Thomas Lindholm, Geovista, is the Group's Qualified Person according to the Fennoscandian Association for Minerals and Metals Professionals and he is also a Fellow of the AusIMM, which means that he can report according to both PERC and JORC regulations.

## Exploitation concessions and exploration permits

On May 4, 2023, Copperstone had, according to the Mining Inspectorate of Sweden's Mineral Rights Register (MRR), six granted exploitation concessions and 15 exploration permits valid.

APPROVED EXPLOITATION CONCESSIONS						
NAME	AREA_HA	VALID FROM	VALID TO	MINERAL	MUNICIPAL	OWNER (100%)
Svartliden K nr 1	35,97	2000-12-27	2025-12-27	lead, gold, copper, silver, zinc	Arvidsjaur	Copperstone Resources AE
Viscaria K nr 3	115,70	2012-01-16	2037-01-16	gold, iron, copper, silver, zinc	Kiruna	Copperstone Viscaria AB
Viscaria K nr 4	30,03	2012-01-16	2037-01-16	gold, iron, copper, silver, zinc	Kiruna	Copperstone Viscaria AB
Tvistbogruvan K nr 1	11,41	2012-04-17	2037-04-17	lead, gold, copper, manganese, silver, tungsten, zinc	Smedjebacken	Copperstone Tvistbo AB
Eva K nr 1	34,23	2017-11-13	2042-11-13	lead, gold, copper, silver, zinc	Arvidsjaur	Copperstone Resources Al
Viscaria K nr 7	63,81	2018-03-26	2043-03-26	copper	Kiruna	Copperstone Viscaria AB
Total (ha)	291,15					
APPLIED EXPLOITATION CONCESSION						
NAME	AREA_HA	VALID FROM	VALID TO	MINERAL	MUNICIPAL	OWNER (100%)
Viscaria K nr 8	128,30			gold, iron, cobalt, copper, silver, vanadium, zinc	Kiruna	Copperstone Viscaria AB
Total (ha)	128,30					
APPROVED EXPLORATION PERMITS						
NAME	AREA_HA	VALID FROM	VALID TO	MINERAL	MUNICIPAL	OWNER (100%)
Nihka East	144,14	2015-06-16	2023-06-16	copper	Kiruna	Copperstone Resources AB
Viscaria nr 101	1 472,29	2002-10-16	2023-07-07	copper	Kiruna	Copperstone Resources AB
Viscaria nr 107	1 842,75	2009-08-10	2023-08-10	copper	Kiruna	Copperstone Resources AE
Kirkkovaarti nr 1	386,37	2018-11-08	2023-11-08	copper, lead, zinc, iron, gold, silver	Kiruna	Copperstone Resources AE
Rengarde nr 1	3 517,31	2018-11-08	2023-11-08	copper, lead, zinc, iron, gold, silver	Kiruna	Copperstone Resources Al
Rengarde nr 1 Viscaria nr 112	3 517,31 1 944,82	2018-11-08 2011-12-05	2023-11-08 2023-12-05	copper, lead, zinc, iron, gold, silver copper		
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Viscaria nr 112 Sandberget nr 500	1 944,82	2011-12-05	2023-12-05	copper	Kiruna Kiruna	Copperstone Resources Al Copperstone Resources Al Copperstone Resources Al
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Viscaria nr 112 Sandberget nr 500 Sandberget nr 400 Sandberget nr 300	1 944,82 7 640,97 535,56	2011-12-05 2019-02-11 2019-02-11	2023-12-05 2024-02-11 2024-02-11	copper gold, copper, silver, zinc gold, copper, silver, zinc	Kiruna Kiruna Arvidsjaur Arvidsjaur	Copperstone Resources Al Copperstone Resources Al Copperstone Resources Al Copperstone Resources Al Copperstone Resources Al
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- An important event during the first quarter was that Copperstone was awarded an extension of exploration permit Viscaria East (existing tailings dam), subsequent to a decision at the Administrative Court of Appeal.
- Equally gratifying was the Mining Inpector's prompt administration regarding the award of exploration permit Viscaria 118, a very promising area along the geological trend of the A-zone immediately north of E10.
- For more information, visit the Copperstone website at www.copperstone.se.



#### **Owners**

As per March 31, 2023, the number of shares in issue was 1,542,092,776 (share capital SEK 154,209,277.6), distributed among about 15,000 shareholders. The largest owners, as per March 31, 2023, are set forth in the table below.

Shareholders as per March 31, 2023	Number of shares	Votes, %
Thomas von Koch via companies	146,956,522	9.5%
JRS Asset Management AB Client accounts	97,262,168	6.3%
JOHECO AB	71,000,000	4.6%
RoosGruppen AB	57,144,056	3.7%
Avanza Pension	49,289,942	3.2%
Jan Ståhlberg	43,478,261	2.8%
SIX SIS AG	37,096,967	2.4%
Santhe Dahl Invest AB	31,895,652	2.1%
Skandinavkonsult i Stockholm AB	26,000,000	1.7%
Futur Pension	25,135,047	1.6%
Björn Israelsson	25,025,000	1.6%
Michael Mattsson	24,200,250	1.6%
AB Gespann	22,041,278	1.4%
SEB AB, Luxembourg	21,050,000	1.4%
Emanuel Lipschütz incl company	19,214,306	1.2%
Others	845,303,327	54.8%
Total	1,542,092,776	100.0%

If known and confirmed, the ultimate owners are listed above, rather than indirect custodians or insurer solutions recorded in Euroclear's registers.

# Future possible dilution 2023/2029

Total (SEK) to Copperstone if warrants fully exercised	85,087,040
Total possible dilution, warrants, number of shares	63,715,761
Total possible dilution, convertibles, number of shares	18,410,146
Total number of outstanding shares in Copperstone	1,542,092,776
Total possible dilution from warrants and convertibles, %	5.06%



#### Future outlook

Copperstone's financial position is solid, with a cash position in the order of a quarter billion Swedish kronor at the end of the first quarter. Essential working capital for the current financial year and the start of financial year 2024 has thus been secured. The Board's assessment is that Copperstone will be able to use long-term borrowing of around 60 percent for future financing of the mine and processing plant.

The price of copper remains steady, despite recent global uncertainty. Short-term fluctuations in copper prices and currencies do not affect the company in the ongoing preparation phase. The price of copper has increased approximately 65 percent during the last three years and during the same period USD strengthened against SEK by nearly five percent, which also benefits Copperstone since copper is denominated and sold in USD around the world. In a longer perspective, there is still a large demand gap for copper. In addition, Copperstone benefits from the trend toward more locally produced minerals and a long-term increase in demand from future European customers. In the medium to long term, the demand for responsibly sourced copper within the EU is estimated to increase further.

#### Material risks and uncertainties

Mineral exploration is a high-risk high-reward business where only a few of the evaluated projects may lead to development of producing mines. Exploration results will continuously be evaluated by the company, and there can be no guarantee that any exploration of mineralization will lead to commercial production in Kiruna, Arvidsjaur or Smedjebacken. There is no guarantee that the Group can generate enough funds to finance continued operations. A failure to generate funds at the right time may lead to postponed investigations, downsized or terminated operations. A more detailed description of the risks and uncertainties of the Group can be found in the 2022 Annual Report. Despite these risks, the Board is confident that advances are being made, and that the Group has been significantly de-risked through the Viscaria acquisition in 2019 and intensified development of the project.

## Accounting policies

Refer to Note 1

#### Financial calendar

August 17, 2023 Publication of Q2 Report 2023 November 17, 2023 Publication of Q3 Report 2023

March 1, 2024 Publication of 2023 Year-end Report

This report has not been reviewed by the company's auditor.



## Assurance

The Board of Directors and the CEO hereby give their assurance that the interim report provides a true and fair view of the business activities, financial position and results of operations of the Group and the Parent Company and describes the significant risks and uncertainties to which the Parent Company and Group companies are exposed.

Kiruna, May 11, 2023

Jörgen Olsson Executive Chairman of the Board

Ing-Marie Andersson Drugge Jane Lundgren Ericsson Board Member

Board member

Lars Seiz Board Member Markus Petäjäniemi Deputy Chairman of the Board

Michael Mattsson Board Member

Per Colleen Board Member Sven-Erik Bucht **Board Member** 

Henrik Ager CEO



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (KSEK)

	Jan-Mar 2023	Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Dec 2022
Operating revenue, etc.			
Capitalized expenditure for exploration	50,933	46,617	185,139
Other operating revenue	252	69	320
Total operating revenue	51,185	46,686	185,459
Operating expenses			
Other external costs	-43,465	-41,608	-167,018
Wages, salaries and other personnel costs	-12,001	- 6,806	-32,427
Amortization/depreciation and impairment	-1,471	-1,347	-5,420
Other operating expenses	-905	-222	-838
Total operating expenses	-57,842	-49,983	-205,703
Operating result	-6,657	-3,297	-20,244
Financial items			
Financial income	8		433
Financial expenses	-794	-542	-2,517
Net financial items	-786	-542	-2,084
Result before tax	-7,443	-3,839	-22,328
Tax on earnings for the year	16		
Result for the period and comprehensive income	-7,427	-3,839	-22,328
Number of shares			
Number of shares at the end of the period	1,542,092,776	1,324,973,895	1,534,302,356
Average number of shares	1,538,197,566	1231 988 828	1,314,981,101
Earnings per share – before and after dilution, SEK*	-0.00	-0.01	-0.01

<sup>\*</sup>There are warrant programs and convertible loans that could entail dilution but no dilutive effect arises since a loss was recorded for the period



# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (KSEK)

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	Note	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2022
ASSETS				
Fixed assets				
Intangible assets				
Capitalized expenditure for exploration	3	690,436	500,981	639,503
Total intangible assets		690,436	500,981	639,503
Tangible assets				
Buildings and land		2,165	963	2,225
Leasehold improvements		701	480	751
Right-of-use assets		16,080	19,618	16,699
Equipment, tools, fixtures and fittings		1,101	1,306	1,182
Construction in progress and advance payments for tangible	4	74,445	511	58,167
assets				
Total tangible assets		94,492	22,878	79,024
Financial assets				
Current tax receivables		131		
Other non-current receivables		173		173
Total financial assets		304		173
Total fixed assets		785,232	523,859	718,700
Current assets				
Current receivables				
Accounts receivable				344
Other current receivables		12,740	9,705	10,097
Current tax receivables		449		390
Prepaid expenses and accrued income		1,377	2,441	5,009
Total current receivables		14,566	12,146	15,840
Cash and bank balances		248,803	305,674	329,153
Total current assets		263,369	317,820	344,993
TOTAL ASSETS		1,048,601	841,679	1,063,693
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
Share capital	5	154,209	132,497	153,430
Other contributed capital		963,131	741,649	958,851
Retained earnings including result for the period		-133,297	-105,963	-126,072
Total equity		984,043	768,183	986,209
Non-current liabilities				
Convertible loans	7	22,624	15,994	21,902
Lease liabilities	7	10,328	15,112	11,548
Total non-current liabilities		32,952	31,106	33,450
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	7	14,529	24,555	24,262
Lease liabilities	7	5,933	4,363	5,296
Other current liabilities		2,714	1,828	4,478
Accrued expenses and deferred income		8,430	11,644	9,998
Total current liabilities		31,606	42,390	44,034
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1,048,601	841,679	1,063,693
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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (KSEK)

	Note	Share capital	Other contributed capital	Retained earnings incl. result of the period	Total equity
Closing balance, Jan 1, 2022	5,6,7	111,702	537,285	-106,637	542,350
New share issue		20,795	208,056		228,851
Issue costs			-3,692		-3,692
Convertible bonds					
Warrants				4,513	4,513
Result for the period				- 3,839	-3,839
Closing balance, Mar 31, 2022		132,497	741,649	-105,963	768,183
New share issue		20,933	218,975		239,908
Issue costs			-1,816		-1,816
Convertible bonds			43		43
Warrants				-1,620	-1,620
Result for the period				-18,489	-18,489
Closing balance, Dec 31, 2022		153,430	958,851	-126,072	986,209

	Note	Share capital	Other contributed capital	Retained earnings incl. result of the period	Total equity
Closing balance, Jan 1, 2023	5,6,7	153,430	958,851	-126,072	986,209
New share issue					
Issue costs					
Warrants				202	202
Convertible bonds		779	4,280		5,059
Result for the period				-7,427	-7,427
Closing balance, Mar 31, 2023		154,209	963,131	-133,297	984,043



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (KSEK)

	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec
Note	2023	2022	2022
Cash flow from operating activities			
Operating result before financial items	-6,657	-3,297	-20,244
Adjustment for non-cash items	1,363	1,533	5,103
Interest received	8		433
Interest paid	-627	-542	-1,966
Income tax paid	-174		-390
Cash flow before changes in working capital	-6,087	-2,306	-17,064
Increase/decrease accounts receivable	344		-344
Increase/decrease other current receivables	989	-5,412	-8,327
Increase/decrease accounts payable	-9,733	6,341	6,048
Increase/decrease other current operating liabilities	-3,265	1,705	3,160
Cash flow from operating activities	-17,752	328	-16,527
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Expenditure for exploration	-50,933	-46,618	-185,140
Investments in tangible assets	-16,278	-698	-60,184
Sales of tangible assets		21	21
Change in financial assets		73	73
Cash flow from investing activities	-67,211	-47,222	-245,230
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New share issue		225,159	463,251
Convertible bonds 7	59		43
Warrants	202	4,513	2,893
Borrowings	5,555		5,455
Repayment of lease liabilities	-1,203	-1,395	-5,023
Cash flow from financing activities	4,613	228,277	466,619
Cash flow for the period	-80,350	181,383	204,862
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	329,153	124,291	124,291
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	248,803	305,674	329,153



# INCOME STATEMENT – PARENT COMPANY (KSEK)

	Jan-Mar	Jan–Mar	Jan-Dec
	2023	2022	2022
Operating revenue, etc.			
Capitalized expenditure for exploration	742	1,030	7,852
Other revenue	3,023	1,913	8,308
Total operating revenue	3,765	2,943	16,160
Operating expenses			
Other external costs	-5,308	-4,112	-24,669
Wages, salaries and other personnel costs	-4,997	-1,935	-11,247
Depreciation/amortization and impairment of tangible and intangible assets	-6	-6	-23
Other operating expenses	-2	-28	-63
Total operating expenses	-10,313	-6,081	-36,002
Operating result	-6,548	-3,138	-19,842
Financial items			
Other interest income and similar profit/loss items	1		399
Interest expense and similar profit/loss items	-591	-301	-1,644
Total financial items	-590	-301	-1,245
Result before tax	-7,138	-3,439	-21,087
Result for the period	-7,138	-3,439	-21,087



BALANCE SHEET – PARENT COMPANY (KSEK)	Note	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2022
ASSETS				
Fixed assets				
Intangible assets				
Capitalized expenditure for exploration	3	70,606	63,041	69,864
Total intangible assets		70,606	63,041	69,864
Tangible assets				
Equipment, tools, fixtures and fittings		51	74	57
Total tangible assets		51	74	57
Financial assets				
Participations in Group companies		227,202	227,202	227,202
Other non-current receivables		47		47
Total financial assets		227,249	227,202	227,249
Total fixed assets		297,906	290,317	297,170
Current assets				
Current receivables				
Receivables from Group companies		488,454	194,073	409,757
Current tax receivables		388		376
Other current receivables		191	557	517
Prepaid expenses and accrued income		283	817	373
Total current receivables		489,316	195,447	411,023
Cash and bank balances		213,645	289,424	297,077
Total current assets		702,961	484,871	708,100
TOTAL ASSETS		1,000,867	775,188	1,005,270
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity741				
Restricted equity				
Share capital	5	154,209	132,497	153,430
Fund for development reserve		51,500	43,936	50,758
Total Restricted equity		205,709	176,433	204,188
Non-restricted equity				
Share premium reserve		956,482	735,000	952,202
Retained earnings		-195,800	-167,149	-173,971
Result for the period		-7,138	-3,439	-21,087
Total non-restricted equity		753,544	564,412	757,144
TOTAL EQUITY		959,253	740,845	961,332
Non-current liabilities				
Convertible loans		22,624	15,994	21,902
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable		1,367	1,522	2,647
Liabilities to Group companies		14,505	14,523	14,505
Other current liabilities		1,118	793	3,019
Accrued expenses and deferred income		2,000	1,511	1,865
Total current liabilities		18,990	18,349	22,036
		1,000,867	775,188	1,005,270



#### **NOTE 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This interim report has been prepared according to the IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Financial Reporting Standards Board's recommendation RFR 1 and for the Parent Company RFR 2. The same accounting policies and calculation methods were used in the 2022 Annual Report.

The Group has issued warrants to the Board, senior executives and key individuals. Fair value was paid for the warrants, and this warrant premium is recognized as retained earnings. The holder can only receive shares when they are exercised. When the warrants are exercised, the strike price will be recognized against equity. For a more detailed description of the accounting policies applied for the consolidated accounts and for the Parent Company in this interim report, see the 2022 Annual Report.

#### **NOTE 2 RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

No related party transactions took place during the period except for salary transactions. Refer also to Note 6 for related-party transactions in the Group's warrant program.

### NOTE 3 CAPITALIZED EXPENDITURE FOR EXPLORATION

#### Group - (KSEK)

	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 31, 2022
Opening cost	658,733	473,593
Capitalized expenditure for the year	50,933	185,140
Closing accumulated cost	709,666	658,733
Opening amortization	-544	-544
Closing accumulated amortization	-544	-544
Opening impairment	-18,686	-18,686
Impairment for the year	-	-
Closing accumulated impairment	-18,686	-18,686
Closing residual amount according to plan	690,436	639,503

## Parent Company – (KSEK)

	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 31, 2022
Opening cost	69,864	62,012
Capitalized expenditure for the year	742	7,852
Closing accumulated cost	70,606	69,864
Closing residual amount according to plan	70,606	69,864

The equivalent of KSEK 742 was capitalized in the Parent Company, allocated between the company's concessions in Arvidsjaur- Svartliden and Eva. At Viscaria, accrued costs were allocated across three existing concessions within the company: Viscaria K nr 3, nr 4 and nr 7. The basis for the capitalization (KSEK 50,933) primarily includes costs for geology and planning in the company's various operational areas (logistics, processing, mining, environment).



#### NOTE 4 CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR TANGIBLE ASSETS

#### Group – (KSEK)

	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 31, 2022
Opening cost	58,167	-
Capitalized expenditure for the year	16,278	59,881
Reclassification		-1,714
Closing accumulated cost	74,445	58,167

Construction in progress refers to the construction of the bridge, water purification plant, infrastructure, construction power and storage.

#### NOTE 5 CHANGE IN SHARE CAPITAL

During the period, three convertible bonds were converted for a total of MSEK 5. The conversions took place on March 1, 2023 at a price of SEK 0.57 per share for 1,754,385 shares, SEK 0.60 per share for 3,333,333 shares and SEK 0.74 per share for 2,702,702 shares. The number of shares at the end of the period amounted to 1,542,092,776.

Share capital trend – (KSEK)	Number of shares	Share capital
Opening amount, January 1, 2023	1,534,302,356	153,430
Changes during the year:		
Convertible bonds	7,790,420	779
Closing amount, March 31, 2023	1,542,092,776	154,209

## NOTE 6 COPPERSTONE WARRANT OPTION

The Extraordinary General Meeting on December 1, 2022 resolved to introduce a 2022/2026 incentive program in the form of warrants for senior executives and key individuals. Each warrant carries the right to subscribe for one (1) share at a strike price of SEK 2.0. Subscription can take place up to and including May 29, 2026. The program was valued using the Black & Scholes valuation model.

2020/2023 Board	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
Michael Mattsson	3,968,870	0.73	May 20, 2023	2,897,275
Jörgen Olsson	1,700,944	0.73	May 20, 2023	1,241,689
Sven-Erik Bucht	1,417,454	0.73	May 20, 2023	1,034,741
Jane Lundgren Ericsson	1,417,454	0.73	May 20, 2023	1,034,741
Gregory Hall	453,585	0.73	May 20, 2023	331,117
Former Board member	1,417,454	0.73	May 20, 2023	1,034,741
Total	10,375,761			7,574,306
2020/2023 Management and				
key individuals	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
<b>key individuals</b> AL Miljökonsult AB (Anders	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
<u> </u>	Number of shares 850,472	Strike price	Exercise until May 20, 2023	SEK if exercised 620,845
AL Miljökonsult AB (Anders		•		
AL Miljökonsult AB (Anders Lundkvist)	850,472	•		620,845
AL Miljökonsult AB (Anders Lundkvist) Total	850,472 <b>850,472</b>	0.73	May 20, 2023	620,845 <b>620,845</b>



2020/2023 Management and key individuals	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
Anna Tyni	850,472	1.17	July 24, 2023	995,052
Glenn Nilsson	850,472	1.17	July 24, 2023	995,052
Other key individuals	2,000,000	1.17	July 24, 2023	2,340,000
Total	3,700,944	,	30.7 2 1, 2020	4,330,104
2021/2024 Board	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
Jörgen Olsson	3,000,000	1.27	December 20, 2024 December 20,	3,810,000
Lemape AB (Markus Petäjäniemi)	1,250,000	1.27	2024 December 20,	1,587,500
Lars Seiz	3,280,000	1.27	2024 December 20,	4,165,600
Jane Lundgren Ericsson	2,000,000	1.27	2024 December 20,	2,540,000
Sven-Erik Bucht	2,000,000	1.27	2024 December 20,	2,540,000
Former Board member	720,000	1.27	2024	914,400
Total 2021/2024 Management and	12,250,000			15,557,500
key individuals	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
,		Curino prioc	December 20,	
Anna Tyni	500,000	1.27	2024 December 20,	635,000
Michael Mattsson AL Miljökonsult AB (Anders	3,250,000	1.27	2024 December 20,	4,127,500
Lundkvist)	1,250,000	1.27	2024 December 20,	1,587,500
Glenn Nilsson	1,250,000	1.27	2024 December 20,	1,587,500
Marcello Imaña	500,000	1.27	2024	635,000
Other key individuals	1,000,000	1.27	December 20, 2024 December 20,	1,270,000
Other employees	330,000	1.27	2024	419,100
Total 2022/2025 Management and	8,080,000			10,261,600
key individuals	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
Anna Tyni	1,000,000	1.65	December 18, 2025	1,650,000
Other key individuals and employees	4,110,000	1.65	December 18, 2025	6,781,500
Total	5,110,000	2.00	1010	8,431,500
2022/2025 Board	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
			December 18,	
Jörgen Olsson	5,000,000	1.65	2025 December 18,	8,250,000
Lemape AB (Markus Petäjäniemi)	750,000	1.65	2025 December 18,	1,237,500
Lars Seiz	2,000,000	1.65	2025 December 18,	3,300,000
Jane Lundgren Ericsson	2,000,000	1.65	2025	3,300,000



Ing-Marie Andersson Drugge	500,000	1.65	December 18, 2025 December 18,	825,000
Michael Mattsson	381,130	1.65	2025	628,865
Total	10,631,130			17,541,365
2022/2025 CEO and Group				
President				
			December 18,	
Henrik Ager	10,000,000	1.65	2025	16,500,000
Total	10,000,000			16,500,000
2022/2026 MANANAGEMENT AND KEY INDIVIDUALS	Number of shares	Strike price	Exercise until	SEK if exercised
Other key individuals	1,300,000	2.00	May 29, 2026	2,600,000
Total	1,300,000			2,600,000

#### **NOTE 7 BORROWING**

On February 9, 2023, Norrlandsfonden invested MSEK 5.6 in Copperstone via a convertible bond. The bond expires on December 31, 2028 if conversion has not taken place prior to that date, at an annual interest rate of STIBOR 90 +5% and a conversion rate of SEK 1.61 per share. For other disclosures on Norrlandsfonden's investments in Copperstone, refer to the 2022 Annual Report and consolidated accounts.

The table below shows maturities for the Group's financial liabilities on the balance sheet date, with interest payments included where applicable. The amounts reflect the agreed undiscounted cash flows that may differ from the carrying amounts of the liabilities on the balance sheet date.

As per March 2023	Less than 3 months	Between 3 months and 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	More than 5 years
Convertible bonds	277	832	1,109	14,226	10,978
Lease liabilities	1,419	4,121	4,762	3,676	
Accounts payable and other liabilities	14,529				

## **NOTE 8 LEASES**

Group – (KSEK)	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 31, 2022
Lease liabilities presented in the balance sheet are as follows:		
Non-current lease liabilities	10,328	11,548
Current lease liabilities	5,933	5,296
Total lease liabilities	16.261	16.844

## **NOTE 9 KEY METRICS**

Copperstone is not reporting any key metrics not defined according to IFRS in this interim report.