

Year-end report January – December 2013

Significant events during the fourth quarter of 2013

- The Company will receive a loan from Inlandsinnovation AB
- Two of the founders sold parts of the holding to their owners and the number of shareholders in NIO thus increased to 1,751 in total
- The main proceedings for an environmental permit for the operations in Blötberget and Håksberg were conducted

Fourth quarter, 1 October – 31 December 2013

- Income amounted to SEK 0 million (0)
- Earnings after tax were SEK -3.7 million (-5.1)
- Investments during the period October December amounted to SEK 4.3 million (11.9)
- Earnings per share, basic, were SEK -0.33 (-0.51)

Full-year period 1 January – 31 December 2013

- Income amounted to SEK 0 million (0)
- Earnings after tax were SEK -15.8 million (-21.9)
- Investments during the period January December amounted to SEK 14.4 million (26.2)
- Earnings per share, basic, were SEK -1.38 (-2.63)
- Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2013 amounted to SEK 6.0 million (18.9)

Significant events after the end of the period

- Published evaluation of prospecting results for Blötberget indicated greater mineral resources, to 38 million tonnes in the classes known and indicated as well as 22 million tonnes in the class inferred
- The main proceedings at the Land and Environment Court for the application for an environmental permit were concluded

CEO's comments

Work on preparations for the necessary permits has continued during the period. The main proceedings at the Land and Environment Court were initiated in October and concluded recently. The detailed development plan process has continued in parallel, which means that we expect to have all the necessary permits ready after the summer for a possible restart of mining operations in both Blötberget and Håksberg.

The work on the project study for Blötberget is ongoing and an important part of this work includes the important process tests which have just started and which will form the basis of the customer contacts and for optimising the structure of the enrichment process.

Generally financial investors have become very selective in the choice of investment objects within the raw material sector. Investors have gradually gained greater understanding of which critical conditions result in successful iron ore projects, which is among other things an asset for functioning rail and port logistics in a country with low political risk.

Our projects fulfil these conditions in a unique way, which puts Ludvika Mines on top of the list of projects which can be implemented. The support from society for Ludvika Mines through planned



infrastructure investments in rail and by the participation of Inlandsinnovation as a financier of the company increases the prerequisites for the implementation of our project.

However, the largest challenge for small mining companies is funding and the problems for a number of Scandinavian mining projects have contributed to increasing the scepticism of investors. Therefore, we aim to establish a financially stable ownership circle before the company is listed. We consider this as being decisive for the company's opportunities of attracting the desired investment funding within the upcoming 12 month period. The company now has more than 1,700 shareholders and is well-prepared for a market quotation, but the Board is of the opinion that currently it is not in the interest of the company and its shareholders to conduct a quotation of the company's shares.

Christer Lindqvist, CEO Nordic Iron Ore

The operations Significant events during the period

Raising of capital

During the fourth quarter, the company received a loan of SEK 10 million from the state-owned venture capital company Inlandsinnovation AB as a first important step in the funding of the feasibility study's completion.

Project studies

Mineral resources

During the period, work continued on the feasibility study with a focus on quality assurance and development of mineral resources within the licence area in Blötberget.

Process development

Procurement of the procedural technique studies was completed during the period and TATA Steel Consultants were appointed as the company's procedural technique consultants for the tests at GTK in Finland which commenced at the start of February.

Logistics

During the period the Swedish Transport Administration and the company initiated planning of the delivery railway station in Skeppmora and related signal installations in the switchboard plant in Ställdalen.

Permit

In order to conduct hazardous operations, a permit is required from the Land and Environment Court (MMD) in accordance with the rules in the Environmental Code. The main proceedings for the company's application for Blötberget and Håksberg were initiated during the period and concluded at the start of February.

In parallel to the processing of the company's application in MMD, the process on preparing detailed development plans for the industrial areas has been ongoing, which is expected to be completed in the latter part of 2014. Thereafter the company will have the important permits which are required for restart of the mining operations in Blötberget and Håksberg.



Events after the reporting period

A new estimate of the company's mineral resources in Blötberget was published in February 2014. The new estimates are based on the afore-mentioned development work and entail that known and indicated mineral resources in Blötberget now amount to 11 million tonnes with 35% iron and 27 million tonnes with 45% iron, while inferred resources amount to 22 million tonnes with 33% iron. This equates to an increase in total tonnage by approximately 50% and 31% more iron content compared to the estimate in the most recent annual report.

In February the concluding negotiations on the company's application for an environmental permit at the Land and Environment Court in Nacka were conducted. The judgment will be communicated on 20 March.

The share and ownership structure

Share capital at the end of the period was SEK 1,993,110 distributed over 11,492,738 shares with a par value of SEK 0.17 per share. Shareholders were 1751 in number.

Financial position

The Group had a cash balance of SEK 6,004 thousand at the balance sheet date. The equity/assets ratio was 67.6 %. Consolidated equity was SEK 55,112 thousand, equalling SEK 4.80 per share.

In the first half of 2014, the Company intends to raise capital to fund the completion of the definitive feasibility study for Blötberget and the process plant. Thereafter the decision will be made regarding investment in the concentrator and mining equipment, which will require a substantial amount of additional capital.

Investments

During the period January – December 2013, investments amounted to SEK 14,360 thousand, of which SEK 13,948 thousand relates to prospecting assets and survey initiatives relating to the planned start-up of mining operations. The survey initiatives are chiefly attributable to the drilling efforts at Blötberget, including analyses. Investments in equipment amounted to SEK 412 thousand.

Employees

An average of seven people was employed at the Company during the period.

Financial calendar

The AGM will be held on 22 May 2014 in Ludvika. Interim report January – March 2014: 22 May 2014 Interim report January – June 2014: 22 August 2014 Interim report January – September 2014: 21 November 2014

Risks and uncertainties

In addition to the risks associated with future global market prices for iron ore products that affect the profitability of the project, as well as the technical risks, the possibility of starting up operations depends on the requisite permits from authorities being obtained and the extensive capital requirements being met.

There have been no significant changes to alter this description.



Annual report and financial reports

The Company's press releases and financial reports are distributed via Cisionwire and are available at <u>www.nordicironore.se</u>. The Annual Report for 2013 will be published week 15.

Dividend

The board of directors propose to the annual general meeting that no dividend is paid for the financial year 2013.

Stockholm, 20 February 2014

Board of Directors of Nordic Iron Ore AB (publ) reg. nr 556756-0940

| Göran Ekdahl | Anders Bengtsson | Jonas Bengtsson | Johnas Jansson |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Lars-Göran Ohlsson | Tomas Olofsson | Per Storm | Christer Lindqvist |

This report has not been reviewed the auditors.

Technical source material has been reviewed by the Company's independent qualified person, mining engineer Thomas Lindholm, Geovista AB, Luleå. Lindholm is a qualified Competent Person as defined in the internationally recognised JORC code, based on his training and experience in prospecting, mining and assessment of mineral resources for iron, base metals and precious metals.

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|-----|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amounts in SEK | Not | Oct - Dec | Oct - Dec | Jan - Dec | Jan - Dec |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Other external costs | 2 | -1 818 661 | -3 005 301 | -8 693 276 | -14 087 619 |
| Employee benefit expenses | | -1 245 901 | -1 529 662 | -4 749 980 | -5 117 993 |
| Depreciation and impairment of property, | | | | | |
| plant and equipment and intangible assets | | -34 776 | -25 346 | -125 304 | -94 250 |
| Operation loss | | -3 099 338 | -4 560 309 | -13 568 560 | -19 299 862 |
| | | | | | |
| Financial income | | 3 046 | 62 688 | 37 112 | 211 280 |
| Financial expenses | | -641 193 | -591 840 | -2 278 583 | -2 789 664 |
| Net financial loss | | -638 147 | -529 152 | -2 241 471 | -2 578 384 |
| Loss after financial items | | -3 737 485 | -5 089 461 | -15 810 031 | -21 878 246 |
| | | | | | |
| Loss for the period | | -3 737 485 | -5 089 461 | -15 810 031 | -21 878 246 |
| Other comprehensive income | | - | - | _ | _ |
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| Total Other comprehensive income | | -3 737 485 | -5 089 461 | -15 810 031 | -21 878 246 |
| | | | | | |
| Relating to: | | | = 000 464 | | |
| The parent company's shareholders | | -3 737 485 | -5 089 461 | -15 810 031 | -21 878 246 |
| TOTAL | | -3 737 485 | -5 089 461 | -15 810 031 | -21 878 246 |
| Number of shares | | | | | |
| Number of shares at the end of the period | | 11 492 738 | 11 492 738 | 11 492 738 | 11 492 738 |
| Average number of shares (before dilution) | | 11 492 738 | 9 920 556 | 11 492 738 | 8 312 368 |
| Average number of shares (after dilution) | | 11 492 738 | 9 920 556 | 11 492 738 | 8 312 368 |
| Result per share | | | | | |
| Average numbers of shares (before dilution) | | -0,33 | -0,51 | -1,38 | -2,63 |
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CONSILIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| Amounts in SEK | Not | 2013-12-31 | 2012-12-31 |
|------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Intangible assets | | 73 578 099 | 59 629 766 |
| Tangible fixed assets | | 499 075 | 212 365 |
| Financial assets | | 78 404 | 77 840 |
| | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Other current assets | | 1 361 968 | 2 348 600 |
| Liquid assets | | 6 004 854 | 18 925 577 |
| Total assets | | 81 522 400 | 81 194 148 |
| | | | |
| Equity and liabilities | | | |
| Equity | | 55 112 512 | 70 922 543 |
| _40.09 | | 55 112 512 | 10 522 545 |
| Non-current liabilities | | 10 151 666 | - |
| | | | |
| Current liabilities | 1, 2 | 16 258 222 | 10 271 605 |
| Total Equity and liabilities | | 81 522 400 | 81 194 148 |

Pledged assets and contingent liabilities

| Amounts in SEK | Not | 2013-12-31 | 2012-12-31 |
|------------------|-----|------------|------------|
| Deposition | | 31 216 | 31 058 |
| Rental guarantee | | 45 600 | 45 600 |



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| Amounts in SEK | Not | Share capital | Share premium reserve | Retained earnings | Total equity |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Balance on Jan 1, 2012 | | 1 349 928 | 33 191 370 | -3 401 055 | 31 140 243 |
| Result for the period | | | | -21 878 246 | -21 878 246 |
| New rights issue | | 643 182 | 62 405 364 | | 63 048 546 |
| Cost new rights issue | | | -388 000 | | -388 000 |
| Balance on Dec 31, 2012 | | 1 993 110 | 95 208 734 | -25 279 301 | 71 922 543 |
| Balance on Jan 1, 2013 | | 1 993 110 | 94 208 734 | -25 279 301 | 70 922 543 |
| Result for the year | | | | -15 810 031 | -15 810 031 |
| Balance on Dec 31, 2013 | | 1 993 110 | 94 208 734 | -41 089 332 | 55 112 512 |



CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| Amounts in SEK | 2013 Not July - Sept | 2012 Jan - Dec |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Operating activities | | |
| Result for the period | -15 810 031 | -21 878 246 |
| Adjustments for non-cash items Cash flow from operating activities before | 1 008 162 | 285 105 |
| working capital changes | -14 801 869 | -21 593 141 |
| Cash flow from working capital changes | | |
| Change in receivables | 986 632 | -1 021 595 |
| Change in payables | -4 944 571 | 4 377 776 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | -18 759 808 | -18 236 960 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | -14 360 915 | -26 227 737 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | 1 20 200 000 | 62 660 546 |
| Cash flow for the period | -12 920 723 | 18 195 849 |
| Cash at the beginning of the period | 18 925 577 | 729 728 |
| Cash at the end of the period | 6 004 854 | 18 925 577 |



STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OF PARENT COMPANY

| | | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
|--|----------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amounts in SEK | Not | Oct - Dec | Oct - Dec | Jan - Dec | Jan - Dec |
| | | | | | |
| Other external costs | 2 | -1 817 412 | -3 004 133 | -8 691 787 | -14 086 451 |
| Employee benefit expenses | | -1 245 901 | -1 529 662 | -4 749 980 | -5 117 993 |
| Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets | | -34 776 | -25 346 | -125 304 | -94 250 |
| Operating loss | | -3 098 089 | -4 559 141 | -13 567 071 | -19 298 694 |
| Operating 1055 | | -3 098 089 | -4 559 141 | -13 507 071 | -19 298 094 |
| | | | | | |
| Other interest income and similar profit items | | 2 992 | 62 253 | 37 058 | 210 845 |
| Interest expense and similar loss items | | -641 193 | -591 840 | -2 278 583 | -2 789 664 |
| RESULT FOR THE PERIOD | | -3 736 290 | -5 088 728 | -15 808 596 | -21 877 513 |
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| Parent company's report of total comprehene | sive res | sult | | | |
| Other comprehensive result | | - | _ | - | _ |
| other comprehensive result | | | | | |
| Total comprehensive result for the year | | -3 736 290 | -5 088 728 | -15 808 596 | -21 877 513 |
| | | | | | |
| - | | | | | |
| · · · | | | | | -21 877 513 |
| Total | | -3 736 290 | -5 088 728 | -15 808 596 | -21 877 513 |
| Relating to: The parent company's shareholders | | -3 736 290 | -5 088 728 | -15 808 596 | -21 877 51 |



PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

| Amounts in SEK | Not | 2013-12-31 | 2012-12-31 |
|------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Intangible assets | | 73 578 099 | 59 629 766 |
| Tangible fixed assets | | 499 075 | 212 365 |
| Financial assets | | 78 404 | 31 058 |
| Shares in subsidiary | | 50 000 | 50 000 |
| | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Other current assets | | 1 361 968 | 2 348 600 |
| Liquid assets | | 5 961 617 | 18 927 925 |
| Total assets | | 81 529 163 | 81 199 714 |
| | | | |
| Equity and liabilities | | | |
| Equity | | 55 119 274 | 70 928 110 |
| | | | |
| Non-current liabilities | | 10 151 666 | - |
| Current liabilities | 1, 2 | 16 258 223 | 10 271 604 |
| Total Equity and liabilities | | 81 529 163 | 81 199 714 |

Pledged assets and contingent liabilities

| Amounts in SEK | Not | 2013-12-31 | 2012-12-31 |
|------------------|-----|------------|------------|
| Deposition | | 31 216 | 31 058 |
| Rental guarantee | | 45 600 | 45 600 |



ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group

This report is prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and according to the Financial Reporting Board's recommendation RFR 1 and the parent company, RFR 2. The same accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the most recent interim report. For a more detailed description of the accounting policies applied by the Group and the parent company of this report, see the Annual Report for 2012.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 Loan

The company has secured financing amounting to SEK 10.2 million through a loan with mandatory conversion. The entire loan including estimated accrued interest will be converted to equity by December 31, 2014.

Since the conversion price is not fixed, the loan in accordance with applicable accounting rules are not reported as equity, even though no refund will be necessary. The Company's financial position and also the cash flow is significantly affected by this report.

The Company has also granted loans of 10 million by Inlandsinnovation AB.

Not 2 Related parties

Related parties are considered subsidiaries in the group, the members of the Board, senior executives and family members of these persons.

During the reporting period Kopparberg Mineral AB billed 292 thousand in fees and expenses. Nordic Iron Ore debt to Kopparberg Mineral AB was on 31 December 2013 to 13 thousand and to Bengtssons Tidnings AB 2 997 thousand.

| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Amounts in SEK | Oct - Dec | Oct - Dec | Jan - Dec | Jan - Dec |
| The Group | | | | |
| Equity ratio (%) | 67,60% | 87,35% | 67,60% | 87,35% |
| Result per share | -0,33 | -0,51 | -1,38 | -2,63 |
| Equity per share | 4,80 | 6,17 | 4,80 | 6,17 |
| Liquid ratio | 45,31% | 207,12% | 45,31% | 207,12% |
| Numbers of shares (before dilution) | 11 492 738 | 11 492 738 | 11 492 738 | 11 492 738 |
| Average numbers of shares (before dilution) | 11 492 738 | 9 920 556 | 11 492 738 | 8 312 368 |
| Average numbers of shares (after dilution) | 11 492 738 | 9 920 556 | 11 492 738 | 8 312 368 |

Note 3 Key ratio (The Group)

Definition of key ratio

| Equity ratio: | Equity as a percentage of total assets. |
|-------------------|---|
| Result per share: | Profit after tax divided by the weighted average number of shares. |
| Equity per share: | Shareholders' equity divided by the number of shares on balance sheet date. |
| Liquid ratio: | Current assets excluding inventories divided by current liabilities. |