

REMUNERATION STATEMENT

Remuneration

In determining competitive remuneration rates, the Board seeks independent advice on local and international trends among comparative companies and industry generally. It examines terms and conditions for employee incentive schemes, benefit plans and share plans. Independent advice should be obtained to confirm that executive remuneration is in line with market practice and is reasonable in the context of Australian executive reward practices.

Performance Based Remuneration

The Board recognises that Athena Resources Limited operates in a global environment. To prosper in this environment, we must attract, motivate and retain key executive staff.

The principles supporting our remuneration policy are that:

- Reward reflects the competitive global market in which we operate.
- Individual reward is based on performance across a range of indicators that apply to delivering results across the company.
- Rewards to executives are linked to creating value for shareholders.
- Executives are rewarded for both financial and non-financial performance.
- Remuneration arrangements are equitable and facilitate the deployment of senior management across the company.
- Senior managers receive a significant component of their reward in equity and are required to retain that holding over time.

Market Comparisons

Consistent with attracting and retaining talented executives, the board endorses the use of incentive and bonus payments. The board continues to seek external advice to ensure reasonableness in remuneration scale and structure, and to compare the company's position with the external market. The impact and high cost of replacing senior employees and the competition for talented executives requires the committee to reward key employees when they deliver consistently high performance.

Board Remuneration

Shareholders approve the maximum aggregate remuneration for non-executive directors. The board determines actual payments to directors and reviews their remuneration annually, based on independent external advice with regard to market practice, relativities, and the duties and accountabilities of directors. A review of directors' remuneration is conducted annually to benchmark overall remuneration including retirement benefits.