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Empire Metals Limited ("Empire" or "the Company")

Interim Results

Empire Metals Limited (LON:EEE; OTCQX:EPMLF), the resource exploration and development companys pleased to announce its interim results for the six-month period ended 30 June 2025.

Highlights:

- Pitfield confirmed as the world's most significant new titanium discovery, with unparalled scale, consistency of high-grade and purity.
- Largest drilling campaign to date launched at the Thomas Prospect delivered outstanding results and identified a large high-grade near-surface core, averaging ~6% TiO₂ over a continuous 3.6km strike.
- Metallurgical testwork achieved a 99.25% TiO₂ product, demonstrating a highly efficient and potentially lower-cost processing route.
- Process development work has confirmed that Pitfield's weathered ore is ideally suited to conventional mineral separation and refining, differentiating it from ilmenite-based projects which typically face lower recoveries, higher costs, and significant environmental challenges.
- Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") on track for release in the coming weeks.
- £4.5m raised in May 2025 to accelerate Pitfield development, with strong institutional support.
- Further strengthening of board and technicial team with appointment of Phil Brumit as Non-Executive Director,
 Alan Rubio as Study Manager and Pocholo Aviso as Hydro-metallurgist.
- Commenced US trading on the OTCQX in the US, broadening international investor access.

Shaun Bunn, Managing Director, commented: "The first half of 2025 has been a period of remarkable activity and momentum for Empire. Pitfield is no longer just a discovery story - it is fast becoming recognised as a project of global importance, with results that continue to exceed expectations. Our drilling campaigns have delivered some of the highest TiO_2 grades we've seen to date, confirming not only the exceptional quality of the deposit but also its scale consistency and simplicity.

"Metallurgical testwork has shown that we can achieve a product of extraordinary purity using straightforward, conventional processing methods. This rare combination of scale, grade and simplicity underpins our confidence that Pitfield can emerge as one of the world's leading titanium projects, capable of supplying high-value sectors such as aerospace and defence for decades to come.

"From an operational standpoint, we are now on the cusp of delivering our maiden MRE, which we believe will firmly establish Pitfield among the world's leading titanium assets. Beyond that, the pathway is clear: complete our expanded testwork, progress to pilot-scale operations, and begin engaging directly with end-users - particularly in high-value markets such as aerospace and defence, where titanium's strategic importance is growing rapidly.

"It is also encouraging to see the strength of market support for what we are building and I am confident that Empire can bring this once-in-a-lifetime discovery to commercial fruition in an expedient manner. With a world-class asset, a strengthened technical team, and strong financial backing, we are exceptionally well positioned for the next phase of growth."

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The progress we have made during 2025 at our flagship Pitfield Project in Western Australia has been nothing short of transformational, positioning the Company at the forefront of what we believe is the most significant titanium discovery globally. This represents a generational opportunity rapidly moving from exploration success toward commercial reality.

Over the past six months, our team has demonstrated not only technical excellence but also the ability to deliver results that have redefined the perception of the Company in the market. We have moved from exploration to successfully establishing Pitfield's potential to support long-term, large-scale, and high-value titanium supply. This achievement is reflected in the strong support we continue to receive from institutional investors, with £4.5 million raised in May 2025, and in the remarkable performance of our share price, which has risen more than 500% since the beginning of the year in response to a series of consequential milestone achievements.

What sets Pitfield apart is not just its extraordinary scale, but the exceptional quality of its titanium mineralisation. Unlike many other titanium projects around the world, Pitfield benefits from high-grade mineralisation from surface which has been proven to be of exceptional purity, being very low in deleterious contaminants but also amenable to simple, conventional mining methods due to its unique geological profile. Equally important, our metallurgical work has confirmed that simple, conventional processing can deliver an exceptionally pure titanium dioxide product, grading 99.25% TiO₂.

This combination of scale, grade, purity, and processing simplicity puts Pitfield in a league of its own. The Project is also located in Western Australia - a Tier One mining jurisdiction with world-class infrastructure, stable governance, a skilled workforce and a deeply rooted mining culture. Together, these advantages create a foundation for Pitfield to become a globally significant source of titanium supply.

During the first half of 2025, we advanced Pitfield across multiple fronts. A major drilling campaign was launched in February that provided not only the bulk metallurgical samples that enabled a significant scale-up of our metallurgical test work programme during the period, but also represented the next step towards defining a Mineral Resource Estimate ("MRE") for Pitfield.

A further drill campaign was launched in June 2025, the largest at Pitfield to date. The programme covered more than 11 square kilometres and targeted high-grade titanium mineralisation within the in-situ weathered cap at the Thomas Prospect, with the objective of delivering the MRE. This programme delivered some of the highest titanium dioxide grades recorded to date, with selected intercepts including: 44m @ 7.87% TiO₂ from surface (AC25TOM159); 50m @ 7.84% TiO₂ from 4m (AC25TOM130); 54m @ 7.41% TiO₂ from surface (AC25TOM118); 98m @ 7.05% TiO₂ from 2m (RC25TOM068). A large, high-grade central core was identified from this drilling which averaged ~6% TiO₂ across a continuous 3.6km strike length. In addition, nearly two thirds of all drillholes averaged > 4% TiO₂, with over 90% exceeding a 2% TiO₂ cut-off grade.

We are now on the cusp of delivering our maiden MRE, which is expected in the coming weeks. Based on the results to date, we expect the MRE to be world-class and to serve as a foundation for the next phase of project development including mine scoping studies.

Following the process development breakthrough announced post period end in August 2025, we are progressing through the bench-scale and large-scale batch metallurgical testwork programme, which we expect to complete by early 2026. This work will feed into the design of a continuous pilot plant, enabling us to refine the commercial flowsheet and to produce bulk samples for evaluation by prospective end-users.

While most of the world's titanium feedstock is used to produce titanium dioxide for pigments in paints, coatings, and plastics, Pitfield's unique quality opens doors to higher-value markets. In particular, titanium sponge (for use in titanium metal production) stands out as a strategic growth opportunity. Titanium metal is essential in defence and aerospace applications due to its remarkable strength-to-weight ratio and resistance to extreme conditions. These attributes make it critical for fighter jets, naval vessels, spacecraft, and next-generation technologies.

At a time when the geopolitical landscape is shifting rapidly, the security of titanium supply has never been more important. China has tripled its titanium sponge output since 2018 and now controls nearly 70% of global supply. The United States is 95% reliant on imports of titanium sponge and 86% reliant on imports of mineral concentrates. Similarly, the European Union is exposed to supply risks, with no meaningful domestic production. Pitfield therefore represents a unique opportunity for Empire to establish itself as a secure, Western-aligned generational supplier of titanium. This strategic positioning is already resonating strongly with investors and potential industry partners.

Corporate

As Pitfield advances toward development, we have made strategic additions to our team to ensure we have the right expertise in place. In January 2025, we were delighted to welcome Phil Brumit to the Board as a Non-Executive Director and Chair of our Technical Committee. Phil brings more than 40 years of operational and project management experience across leading global mining companies, including Freeport-McMoRan, Lundin Mining, and Newmont Corporation. His proven track record in overseeing large-scale projects from development through to production will continue to be invaluable as we pursue an expeditious development of Pitfield.

Following the period end, we further strengthened our technical leadership with the appointments of Alan Rubio as Study Manager and Pocholo Aviso as Hydrometallurgist. Alan brings nearly three decades of experience in project evaluation and development, and will play a central role in assessing mining and infrastructure scenarios, as well as overseeing key economic studies. Pocholo, with his background in the TiO₂ pigment industry and metallurgical expertise, will lead the product development programme, optimising process flowsheets and assessing market pathways. Together, these appointments significantly enhance our ability to quickly advance Pitfield toward feasibility study stage with confidence and precision.

Alongside our operational and corporate progress, we have also been proactive in broadening awareness of the Empire investment proposition to a wider international audience. A key part of this strategy was our decision to commence trading of our shares on the OTCQB Market in the United States in March 2025. We were particularly pleased to be upgraded to the OTCQX Market only a few months later, which is a significant step forward in providing US investors with greater visibility of, and access to, Empire.

Trading on OTCQX opens the Company to a deep and diverse pool of new shareholders, many of whom are actively seeking exposure to strategic metals. Titanium is formally recognised as a critical mineral in numerous jurisdictions, including the United States, and our marketing initiatives across North America have confirmed the strong appetite for high-quality investment opportunities in this sector. Empire is therefore exceptionally well positioned to capture growing international investor interest as Pitfield advances toward commercialisation.

Financial

As an exploration and development group which has no revenue, we are reporting a loss for the six months ended 30 June 2025 of £1,704,821 (30 June 2024: loss of £1,389,318).

In May 2025, the Company announced that it had raised £4.5 million before expenses by way of a placing of 47,368,423 new ordinary shares of no par value to new and existing investors at 9.5p per share.

The Group's cash position as at 30 June 2025 was £6.3 million.

Outlook

The months ahead will be a busy and exciting time for Empire Metals. The maiden MRE will provide a foundation for detailed project evaluation, while ongoing metallurgical testwork will further optimise our flowsheet and advance our understanding of Pitfield's product potential. As we transition into the pilot

testing phase, we will be engaging more closely with potential customers, including those in the titanium metal supply chain, to position Pitfield as a long-term, strategic source of secure supply.

At the same time, we will continue to strengthen our team and capabilities to match the scale of the opportunity before us. With a world-class asset, a highly experienced team, strong financial backing, and a supportive market, we are exceptionally well placed to deliver on the unprecendented opportunity Pitfield presents.

I would like to thank our shareholders for their continued support and confidence in Empire. The progress we have made in such a short time has been extraordinary, and I firmly believe we are only at the beginning of a highly rewarding journey that will see Pitfield become established as one of the most important titanium projects globally.

With Pitfield, we are building the foundations of a secure, generational-scale titanium supply business that has the potential to reshape the global titanium industry. The coming months promise to be both exciting and defining, and I look forward to updating you on our continued progress.

Neil O'Brien

Non-Executive Chairman

3 September 2025

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		6 months to 30 June 2025 Unaudited	6 months to 30 June 2024 Unaudited
		£	£
	Notes		
Continuing operations			
Administration expenses	4	(1,651,987)	(974,376)
Share option expense		(79,669)	(430,589)
Other operating income		3,029	-
Foreign exchange		(5,860)	(1,082)
Loss Before Interest and Income Tax		(1,734,487)	(1,406,047)
Net finance Income		29,877	16,729
Loss Before Tax		(1,704,610)	(1,389,318)
Corporation tax expense		(211)	-
Loss for the period		(1,704,821)	(1,389,318)
Loss attributable to:			
- owners of the Parent		(1,704,821)	(1,389,318)
Loss for the period		(1,704,821)	(1,389,318)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss			
Currency translation differences		(230,291)	(57,242)
Total comprehensive income		(1,935,112)	(1,446,560)
Attributable to:			
- owners of the Parent		(1,935,112)	(1,446,560)
Total comprehensive income		(1,935,112)	(1,446,560)
Earnings/(loss) per share (pence) from continuing operations attributable to owners of the Parent - Basic and diluted	10	(0.260)	(0.230)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

30 June 2025	31 December 2024
Unaudited	Audited
£	£

Non-Current A	ssets
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11,669,693	8,419,063
7,034,392	4,242,246
6,317,265	3,521,515
358,351	371,267
358,776	349,464
4,635,301	4,176,817
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

		Reverse acquisition	Other	Retained	
	Share premium	reserve	reserves	losses	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£
As at 1 January 2024	49,892,259	(18,845,147)	811,616	(24,904,394)	6,954,334
Comprehensive income					
Profit/(Loss) for the period	-	-	-	(1,389,318)	(1,389,318)
Other comprehensive income					
Currency translation differences	-	-	(57,242)	-	(57,242)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(57,242)	(1,389,318)	(1,446,560)
Issue of ordinary shares	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
Cost of share issues	(15,000)	-	-	-	(15,000)
Share based payment charge	-	-	430,589	-	430,589
Total transactions with owners	2,985,000	-	430,589	-	3,415,589
As at 30 June 2024	52,877,259	(18,845,147)	1,184,963	(26,293,712)	8,923,363
As at 30 June 2024	52,877,259	(18,845,147)	1,184,963	(26,293,712)	8,923,363
As at 30 June 2024	52,877,259 Share premium	Reverse acquisition reserve	1,184,963 Other reserves	(26,293,712) Retained losses	8,923,363 Total equity
As at 30 June 2024		Reverse acquisition	Other	Retained	
As at 1 January 2025	Share premium	Reverse acquisition reserve	Other reserves	Retained losses	Total equity
	Share premium	Reverse acquisition reserve £	Other reserves £	Retained losses £	Total equity
As at 1 January 2025	Share premium	Reverse acquisition reserve £	Other reserves £	Retained losses £	Total equity
As at 1 January 2025 Comprehensive income	Share premium	Reverse acquisition reserve £	Other reserves £	Retained losses £ (28,996,398)	Total equity £ 8,264,699
As at 1 January 2025 Comprehensive income Profit/(Loss) for the period	Share premium	Reverse acquisition reserve £	Other reserves £	Retained losses £ (28,996,398)	Total equity £ 8,264,699
As at 1 January 2025 Comprehensive income Profit/(Loss) for the period Other comprehensive income	Share premium	Reverse acquisition reserve £ (18,845,147)	Other reserves £ 856,108	Retained losses £ (28,996,398)	Total equity £ 8,264,699 (1,704,821)
As at 1 January 2025 Comprehensive income Profit/(Loss) for the period Other comprehensive income Currency translation differences	Share premium £ 55,250,136	Reverse acquisition reserve £ (18,845,147)	Other reserves £ 856,108	Retained losses £ (28,996,398) (1,704,821)	Total equity £ 8,264,699 (1,704,821) (230,291)

As at 30 June 2025	60.192.534	(18.845.147)	559.320	(30.555.053)	11.351.654
Total transactions with owners	4,942,398	-	(66,497)	146,166	5,022,067
Exercise of share options	-	-	(146,166)	146,166	-
Share based payment charge	-	-	79,669	-	79,669

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

		6 months to	6 months to	
	Note	30 June 2025 Unaudited	30 June 2024 Unaudited	
		£	£	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Loss before taxation		(1,704,821)	(1,389,318)	
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation		9,626	12,277	
Share based payments		79,669	430,589	
Net finance costs		(29,877)	(16,729)	
Other non-cash adjustments		(59,167)	-	
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables		(15,578)	44,454	
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables		188,762	(518,073)	
Income tax paid		(13,156)	-	
Net cash used in operations		(1,544,542)	(1,436,800)	
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant & equipment		(9,380)	(24,461)	
Purchase of intangible assets	6	(466,648)	(1,141,581)	
Cash paid for investments		(150,000)	-	
Net cash used in investing activities		(626,028)	(1,166,042)	
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from issue of shares	9	4,942,398	3,000,000	
Cost of issue	9	-	(15,000)	
Cost of borrowings		(5,955)	(10,704)	
Finance income		29,877	16,729	
Net cash from financing activities		4,966,320	2,991,025	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		2,795,750	388,183	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		3,521,515	2,752,187	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		6,317,265	3,140,370	

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General Information

The principal activity of Empire Metals Limited ('the Company') and its subsidiaries (together 'the Group') is the exploration and development of precious and base metals. The Company's shares are quoted on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange. The Company is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The Company was incorporated on 10 February 2010 under the name Gold Mining Company Limited. On 10 October 2016 the Company changed its name from Noricum Gold Limited to Georgian Mining Corporation and subsequently on 10 February 2020 changed its name from Georgian Mining Corporation to Empire Metals Limited.

The address of the Company's registered office is Craigmuir Chambers, PO Box 71, Road Town, Tortola BVI.

2. Basis of Preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the AIM Rules for Companies. As permitted, the Company has chosen not to adopt IAS 34 "Interim Financial Statements" in preparing this interim financial information. The condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

The interim financial information set out above does not constitute statutory accounts. They have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the recognition and measurement criteria of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union. Statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

were approved by the Board of Directors on 5 June 2025. The report of the auditors on those financial statements was unqualified.

Going concern

The Directors, having made appropriate enquiries, consider that adequate resources exist for the Group to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that, therefore, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the condensed interim financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2025.

The factors that were extant in the 31 December 2024 Annual Report are still relevant to this report and as such reference should be made to the going concern note and disclosures in the 2024 Annual Report.

Risks and uncertainties

The Board continuously assesses and monitors the key risks of the business. The key risks that could affect the Group's medium-term performance and the factors that mitigate those risks have not substantially changed from those set out in the Group's 31 December 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements, a copy of which is available on the Group's website: https://www.empiremetals.co.uk. The key financial risks are liquidity risk, foreign exchange risk, credit risk, price risk and interest rate risk.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of condensed interim financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates are set out in note 4 of the Group's 31 December 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements. Actual amounts may differ from these estimates. The nature and amounts of such estimates have not changed significantly during the interim period.

3. Accounting Policies

The same accounting policies, presentation and methods of computation have been followed in these condensed interim financial statements as were applied in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

3.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(a) New and amended standards mandatory for the first time for the financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) issued various amendments and revisions to International Financial Reporting Standards and IFRIC interpretations. The amendments and revisions were applicable for the period ended 30 June 2025 but did not result in any material changes to the Financial Statements of the Group.

b) New standards, amendments and interpretations in issue but not yet effective or not yet endorsed and not early adopted.

There are a number of standards, amendments to standards, and interpretations which have been issued by the IASB that are effective in future accounting periods and which have not been adopted early.

4. Administrative expenses

	30 June	30 June 2024	
	2025		
	£	£	
Office expenses	62,073	43,930	
Insurance	12,912	25,751	
IT & software services	10,947	8,221	
Directors, Employees & Contractors	928,059	406,528	
Professional advisors	432,800	329,386	
Travel & accommodation	160,298	91,403	
Depreciation & amortisation	9,626	12,277	
Other administrative expenses	35,272	56,880	
	1,651,987	974,376	

6. Intangible Assets

	30 June 2025	31 December 2024
Exploration & Evaluation Assets at Cost and Net Book Value	£	£
Balance as at 1 January	4,148,191	2,869,667
Additions	466,648	1,508,166
Transfer to asset held for sale	-	(21,772)
Impairments	-	(35,443)
Foreign currency differences	(157,526)	(172,427)
As at 30 June	4,457,313	4,148,191

The Exploration & Evaluation additions in the current period primarily relates to work performed at the Company's Pitfield project.

The Directors do not consider the asset to be impaired.

7. Held for Sale Asset

	30 June 2025	31 December 2024	
	£	£	
Balance as at 1 January	371,267	1,744,584	
Additions	-	-	
Transfer from Exploration & Evaluation assets	-	(1,262,931)	
Impairments	-	21,772	
Foreign currency differences	(12,916)	(132,158)	
As at 30 June	358,351	371,267	

The Company continue to work on a potential divestment of the Eclipse project and are actively engaged with a number of Australian companies operating in the gold mining sector to find a buyer. Management are committed to the sale of the Eclipse licence.

8. Trade and Other Payables

	30 June 2025	31 December 2024	
	£	£	
Trade payables	94,103	59,572	
Other payables	28,640	33,109	
Accrued expenses	189,251	49,250	
	311,994	141,931	

9. Share capital and share premium

Number of shares	Share premium £	Total £
27,272,728	3,000,000	3,000,000
35,714,286	2,500,000	2,500,000
-	(142,123)	(142,123)
634,564,810	55,250,136	55,250,136
634,564,810	55,250,136	55,250,136
3,850,000	154,000	154,000
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At 30 June 2025	690,393,221	60,192,534	60,192,534
Exercise of warrants - 12 June 2025	689,988	72,448	72,448
Exercise of warrants - 12 June 2025	70,000	4,200	4,200
Issue of Ordinary Shares - 23 May 2025	47,368,423	4,500,000	4,500,000
Exercise of options - 23 Junuary 2023	5,050,000	,,	,,

10. Earnings per share

The calculation of the total basic loss per share of 0.260 pence (30 June 2024: 0.230 pence) is based on the loss attributable to equity owners of the parent company of £1,704,821 (30 June 2024: £1,389,318) and on the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 651,359,884 (30 June 2024: 595,703,671) in issue during the period.

Details of share options that could potentially dilute earnings per share in future periods are disclosed in the notes to the Group's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

2,000,000 options were granted during the period. The total number of options outstanding at 30 June 2025 is 67,200,000.

11. Commitments

Commitments stated in the Group's Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 remain.

12. Events after the balance sheet date

There have been no events after the reporting date of a material nature.

13. Approval of interim financial statements

The condensed interim financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 3 September 2025.

Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) Disclosure

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