



# Tiger Resource Finance PLC

## Interim Report

for the 6 months ended 30 June 2004



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## Chairman's statement and Interim Results for the six months ended 30 June 2004.

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share on 30 June 2004 was 2.65p (30 June 2003 – 1.83p). The total Net Assets of the company are £6.25 million compared to £4.29 million at the same time last year. The six months ending 30 June 2004 produced a net operating loss before tax of £335,235 (30 June 2003 - profit of £67,569). Although the profit and loss shows a loss on disposal of investments of £270,961, the net gain (ie compared to cost) realised on the sale of Ivanhoe shares was £510,347 (return of 346%), whilst the Minmet holding realised a gain of £78,486 (return of 142%). Consequently a total of £859,794 has been transferred from the Revaluation reserves to the Profit and Loss Reserves (see note 5).

The first half of the year saw a vibrant junior resource sector led by major mining company profits. IPO and secondary placing activity was very high, leading to some over valuation and sector overheating. Towards June, the financing activity slowed and most stocks retreated to more modest levels.

Stock markets in general were neutral, displaying a greater propensity to fall than to rise. The lethargy being fuelled by a weak dollar, threat of interest rate increase and political uncertainty. Despite the aforementioned, general economic conditions and growth were positive with China and South East Asia leading industrial and consequently commodity demand.

This demand, whilst marginally slowing down, is predicted to continue for the foreseeable future, which will impact favourably on commodity producers and explorers. Major mining companies are reporting increased earnings and the need for new production capacity is high. This is particularly true for Nickel and Copper.

In my Chairman's Report for 2003, I said we would take profits where appropriate and invest in situations where the project and the people represented above average potential. We maintained cash reserves against the rapidly rising market in the belief that the rise was excessive and unsustainable. We are of the opinion that the second half will present more stability and better buying conditions.

We sold for significant gain, stocks which were enjoying the buoyant resource climate, examples being Ivanhoe Mines Ltd and Minmet plc.

Tiger has cash reserves of £3.67 million and a liquid portfolio to invest in appropriate opportunities. We may increase our shareholding in currently held companies with upside and fundamentals well known to us.



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We foresee a repeat of strong resource markets for late autumn 2004 which may well endure through to spring 2005. We do not expect similar levels of volatility as seen in the first half but forecast a renewed impetus towards secondary financing with limited IPO activity.

Tiger during the first half of 2004 continued to realise value and now looks forward to reviewing new investment opportunities to add further shareholder value.

Bruce Rowan  
*Chairman*

12 August 2004

### Portfolio Holdings at 30 June 2004

Shareholdings	Number	Cost	Valuation	Number	Valuation
	30/06/04	30/06/04	30/06/04	30/06/03	30/06/03
		£	£		£
African Eagle Resources plc	1,241,274	112,264	232,100	1,241,174	79,125
Alamos Gold Inc	106,293	27,611	85,784	106,293	52,668
Cambrian Mining plc	1,350,000	300,000	644,625	1,200,000	384,000
Formation Capital Corp	2,025,000	205,960	441,921	1,350,000	85,135
Franconia Minerals Inc	1,666,667	45,432	68,750	-	-
Gold Fields Ltd	10,500	32,759	61,715	10,500	76,276
Ivanhoe Mines Ltd	-	-	-	195,000	293,378
Minmet plc	17,471,488	278,040	541,616	31,471,488	572,781
Pacific North West Corp	566,500	106,974	139,957	566,500	117,383
River Diamonds plc	6,666,666	100,000	191,667	-	-
Ridge Mining plc	100,000	178,477	52,000	100,000	125,000
Tertiary Minerals plc	1,330,000	119,700	136,325	-	-
Fair value of warrants	15,516,666	-	458,792	-	-
MIT Ventures Corp loan note	-	-	40,000	-	-
		1,507,217	3,095,252		1,785,746



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Profit and Loss Account  
Six months ended 30 June 2004

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June 04	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June 03	(Audited) Year ended 31 Dec 03
	£	£	£
Administrative expenses	(123,778)	(127,088)	(287,645)
Operating loss	(123,778)	(127,088)	(287,645)
Profit/(loss) of fixed asset investments	(270,961)	100,746	547,747
Investment income	4,091	53,105	57,734
Interest receivable	55,413	40,806	88,846
Operating profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(335,235)	67,569	406,682
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	0	(160,452)	(104,028)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	(335,235)	(92,883)	302,654
Basic earnings/(loss) per share	(0.14p)	(0.04p)	0.13p
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share	(0.13p)	(0.04p)	0.13p

Statement of Total Realised Gains and Losses  
Six months ended 30 June 2004

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June 04	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June 03	(Audited) Year ended 31 Dec 03
	£	£	£
Profit/(loss) for the period	(335,235)	(92,883)	302,654
Unrealised gains on fixed asset investments	191,754	169,557	2,727,465
Unrealised losses on fixed asset investments	(567,505)	(100,668)	(85,074)
Tax on gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	(154,000)	0	(160,271)
Total recognised gains/(losses)	(864,986)	(23,994)	2,784,774



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Balance Sheet  
as 30 June 2004

	(Unaudited) 30 June 04	(Unaudited) 30 June 03	(Audited) 31 Dec 03
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Quoted investments - at market value	<u>3,095,251</u>	<u>1,785,748</u>	<u>4,533,734</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	16,140	311,665	11,962
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>3,672,937</u>	<u>2,496,386</u>	<u>2,991,055</u>
	3,689,077	2,808,051	3,003,017
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(534,270)</u>	<u>(304,522)</u>	<u>(421,707)</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>3,154,807</u>	<u>2,503,529</u>	<u>2,581,310</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u><u>6,250,058</u></u>	<u><u>4,289,277</u></u>	<u><u>7,115,044</u></u>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	2,358,819	2,345,819	2,345,819
Share premium account	1,554,856	1,550,856	1,550,856
Revaluation reserve account	1,583,150	262,597	2,818,695
Profit and loss account	<u>753,233</u>	<u>130,005</u>	<u>382,674</u>
Shareholders' Funds	<u><u>6,250,058</u></u>	<u><u>4,289,277</u></u>	<u><u>7,115,044</u></u>

## Interim Report - Notes

- 1 The information relating to the six months periods ended 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2003 is unaudited. The information relating to the year ended 31 December 2003 is extracted from the audited accounts of the company which have been filed at Companies House and on which the auditors issued an unqualified report.
- 2 The above financial information does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of section 240 of the Companies Act 1985.
- 3 Earnings/Losses per ordinary share included in Profit and Loss statement is based on the weighted average number of shares of 235,881,939.
- 4 Copies of this interim report are available to the public, free of charge, from 4th Floor, 2 Cromwell Place, London SW7 2JE, during normal office hours. A copy will also be posted on Tiger Resource Finance plc's website [www.tiger-rf.com](http://www.tiger-rf.com).
- 5 Profit and Loss reserves include a credit of £859,794, being a transfer from revaluation reserves of prior period unrealised gains realised in the current period.



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