HAWSONS

QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

ASX: HIO

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Highlights

- **Process Waste Handling Optimisation Study underway**
- **Non-magnetic Iron Byproduct detailed test work continues as part of a high-level Viability Study**
- **$2.2M Share Placement completed**

Waste Handling Optimisation Study

During the quarter, Hawsons commenced a study on process waste handling and management at the Hawson Iron Project (Project). TAKRAF, a world leader in the design of high-capacity bulk material handling systems, has been commissioned to produce this study. Works will focus on the value proposition of substituting haulage trucks with a conveying system, in particular the potential for saving capital, labour and fuel costs.

The study is planned to be completed in May and, subject to final review by Hawsons, findings announced to the ASX thereafter.

Image 1: Long conveying systems designed and installed by Takraf (Source: Takraf)

Non-magnetic Iron Byproduct Study

Work has commenced on a study focused on liberating the non-magnetic iron from the process waste stream to potentially generate a hematite byproduct revenue stream. Hawsons has engaged a world class mineral processing research engineer to oversee the study.

This work follows the high-level analytical studies undertaken by CSIRO. A summary of the test results from the CSIRO research program was announced by Hawsons in late 2025 [1].

[1] Refer ASX announcement "*Phase 1 Test Results from CSIRO Research Program*".

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$2.2M Share Placement Completed

During the quarter the Company raised an additional $2,020,000 (before costs) through a share placement[2]. Hawsons Directors will also contribute a further $180,000 under the share placement, following approval by shareholders at the general meeting held on 23 April 2026.

Placement participants also received one free attaching option per share subscribed for, exercisable at $0.028 with an expiry date of 6 February 2029.

The Placement will fund targeted initiatives aimed at enhancing the Project economics, reducing development risk and supporting an efficient transition toward the final Feasibility Study planned to commence in 2026.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

During the quarter, Hawsons engaged in the following community and stakeholder activities:

- Project updates with Federal Government officials;
- Meetings held with the local federal Member for Parkes; and
- Project updates to Foundation Broken Hill, Landcare Broken Hill and Robinson College (Broken Hill).

Image 2: Hawsons Operation Manager, Dean Roberts discussing biodiversity activities with Simon Molesworth, President Landcare Broken Hill

Financial Position

At 31 March 2026, Hawsons had cash reserves of $1.0M. Operating cash outflows for the quarter were $0.37M, and Investing cash outflows were $0.58M, attributable to the operational activities outlined below.

Further details of financial activities during the March 2026 quarter are set out in the Appendix 5B Quarterly Cashflow Statement which accompanies this report.

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[2] Refer ASX Announcement "*Hawsons Secures $2.2m Placement*".

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Operational Activities

During the quarter, activities focused on:

- Waste handling optimisation and by-product studies;
- Metallurgical test work; and
- Initial planning activities for the Feasibility Study.

There were no mining production and development activities during the quarter.

Related Party Payments

During the quarter, Hawsons paid a total of $203,063 of non-executive director fees and managing director wages. There were no other related party transactions.

Capital Structure

As at the date of this report, the Company had the following shares and options on issue:

- 1,266,317,135 shares on issue (inclusive of 3,569,857 non-recourse employee shares)
- 130,140,309 options on issue, being:
  - 102,440,309 options exercisable at $0.050, expiring 30 May 2026
  - 150,125,000 options exercisable at $0.028, expiring 6 February 2029
  - 700,000 lead manager options exercisable at $0.030, expiring 16 July 2028
  - 27,000,000 Director and employee incentive options with various vesting milestones, exercise prices and expiry dates.

Tenement Schedules

Licence	Notes	Name	Grant / issue date	Expiry date	Equity	Units	Area (km2)
EL6979	1	Redan	11/12/2007	11/12/2026	100%	62	180
EL7208		Burta	22/09/2008	22/09/2031	100%	100	290
EL7504		Little Peak	08/04/2010	08/04/2029	100%	14	41
EL9620		Wonga	05/12/2023	05/12/2029	100%	41	41
MLA461	2	Hawsons Iron	18/12/2023	NA	100%	NA	287

[1] 1.5% NSR royalty.

[2] MLA made on 18 December 2013. Tenement application subject to unspecified grant date and conditions.

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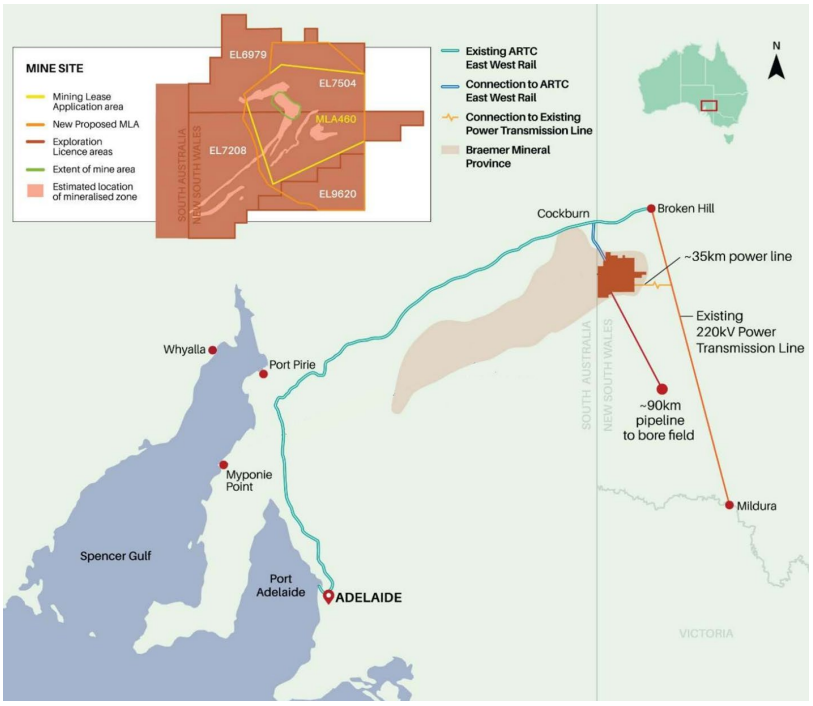

Hawsons Iron Project and Tenement Map

This announcement is authorised by the Board.

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Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

HAWSONS IRON LIMITED

ABN	Quarter ended ("current quarter")
63 095 117 981	**31 Mar 2026**

	Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter $A'000	Year to date $A'000
1.	**Cash flows from operating activities**		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	-	-
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(289)	(661)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(245)	(750)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	1	5
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(4)	(13)
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other – Pure Metals settlement	-	-
1.9	**Net cash from / (used in) operating activities**	**(537)**	**(1,419)**

2.	**Cash flows from investing activities**		
2.1	Payments to acquire or refunds for:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) exploration & evaluation	(835)	(2,083)
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other – security bonds	-	(5)

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Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter $A'000	Year to date $A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other – security bonds	-	188
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	R&D tax concession received	-	489
2.6	**Net cash from / (used in) investing activities**	**(835)**	**(1,411)**

3.	**Cash flows from financing activities**		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	2,020	3,929
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	(137)	(228)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	(19)	(32)
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other – lease principal repayments	(14)	(39)
3.10	**Net cash from / (used in) financing activities**	**1,850**	**3,630**

4.	**Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period**		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	524	202
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	**(537)**	**(1,419)**
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	**(835)**	**(1,411)**
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	**1,850**	**3,630**

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter $A'000	Year to date $A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	**Cash and cash equivalents at end of period**	**1,002**	**1,002**

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter $A'000	Previous quarter $A'000
5.1	Bank balances	1,002	524
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	**Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)**	**1,002**	**524**

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter $A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	162
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	41

Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.

Item 6.1

Non-Executive Director fees and Managing Director's salary recognised as an expense - $112,506.

Discretionary bonus paid to the Managing Director - $50,000.

Item 6.2

Managing Director salary capitalised as Exploration and Evaluation assets - $40,556

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7.	**Financing facilities** *Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.* *Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.*	**Total facility amount at quarter end $A'000**	**Amount drawn at quarter end $A'000**
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (insurance financing)	46	46
7.4	**Total financing facilities**	**46**	**46**

7.5	**Unused financing facilities available at quarter end**	-

7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.

Insurance Financing

Hawsons Iron has entered into a insurance premium financing facility on the following terms:

- Insurance premium amount financed: $78,125
- Interest rate 9.01%
- 12 monthly repayments ending October 2026.

8.	**Estimated cash available for future operating activities**	**$A'000**
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(537)
8.2	(Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(835)
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(1,372)
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	1,002
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	1,002
8.7	**Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)**	0.73

Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.

8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:

8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?

Answer:

The Company expects reduced administration and corporate cash expenditure for the remainder of the 2026 financial year.

Expenditure on the Hawsons Iron project is expected to materially reduce for the remainder of the 2026 financial year compared to this quarter.

8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer:

Following approval by shareholders on 23 April 2026 of a share placement to Directors, the Company will shortly raise an additional $180,000.

Further capital raisings will be contemplated as and when required. The Company is confident, based on the success of recent capital raisings, that those future raisings will be successful.

8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer:

Yes. Based on the recent successful capital raisings, the Company expects to be able to continue its operations and meet its business objectives. To the extent future funding is delayed or not available, the Company has the ability postpone proposed project development activities.

Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.

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Compliance statement

1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.

2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 24 April 2026.

Authorised by: The Board
(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.

2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.

3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.

4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [*name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee*]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".

5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

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