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Karelian Diamond Resources plc
(“Karelian” or “the Company”)

Half-yearly results for the six months ended 30 November 2013

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE

Karelian Diamond Resources plc (**AIM: KDR; ESM: KDR.I**), the diamond exploration company focused on Finland, announces its results for the six months ended 30 November 2013; a period in which the Company made excellent progress in the field and has also successfully raised funds, post the period end, to further advance the work.

Highlights:

- **Diamondiferous Kimberlite indicator minerals found at Riihivaara target**
- **Exploration Claims lodged at Riihivaara**
- **Recent drilling at Seitaperä subsequently confirmed as diamondiferous**
- **Following review of Rio Tinto database further licences applied for in other regions**

Post Period

- **Diamondiferous Kimberlite indicator minerals found in Kuusamo area**
- **Applications granted for exploration claim reservations in area**
- **£2 million raised**
- **£469,875 of debt capitalised**

Professor Richard Conroy, Chairman, commented:

“We have successfully expanded our licence areas and the results from the ongoing programmes continue to be very encouraging, with important new discoveries made. The additional funding will allow us to accelerate the exploration as we endeavour to maximise the potential of the area”.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Dear Shareholder,

I have great pleasure in presenting your Company's Interim Report for the six months ended 30 November 2013, a period of positive and exciting progress for your Company's diamond exploration programme in the Karelian Craton in Finland.

The Karelian Craton, which extends across Finland and northwest Russia, is comparable in size to the diamond rich Slave Lake Craton in Canada. Two world class diamond deposits, Lomonosova and the Grib pipe, have been discovered in the Russian sector of the Karelian Craton. Alrosa, the Russian company which is the world's largest diamond miner, has indicated that this new diamond region will represent almost all of its future growth.

Your Company's objective is to find world class diamond deposits on the Finnish side of the craton comparable to the world class diamond deposits discovered in the Russian sector of the craton.

Following successful fund raisings since the period end, your Company is in its strongest financial position in its history and the management team can focus on accelerating the diamond exploration programme in the Karelian Craton and on maximising the benefit of the Company's agreement with Rio Tinto Mining and Exploration ("Rio Tinto").

Diamond Exploration Programme

Your Company's exploration programme has continued to make excellent progress. The potentially diamond bearing mantle xenolith at Seitaperä near Kuhmo was confirmed as diamondiferous by the recovery of microdiamonds. Two of the microdiamonds were greater than 60 per cent broken, indicating the possibility of larger stone sizes. At 6.9 hectares Seitaperä is the largest known kimberlite in Finland.

A till sampling programme at Riihivaara resulted in the discovery of G9 and G10 diamondiferous indicator minerals - so called because they are formed within the ultramafic rocks underlying the earth's crust at the same temperatures and pressures as diamonds. G3 and G4 garnets were also found, suggesting the presence of eclogitic mantle material which is significant, as it tends to be associated with higher grade diamonds.

The Riihivaara claim reservation lies approximately 10 kilometres southeast of the Company's Seitaperä kimberlite target.

The data made available to Karelian under its agreement with Rio Tinto is continuing to be evaluated and integrated with your Company's exploration data and this is proving very useful both in identifying new targets and in confirming existing work and analysis.

At Kuusamo, which is located in the North-east of Finland just south of the Arctic Circle and is bordered to the East by Russia, the interrogation of airborne geophysics by your Company together with till sampling and integration of data made available to Karelian under its agreement with Rio Tinto led to the decision, in October 2013, to apply for claim reservations in the area.

Agreement with Rio Tinto Mining & Exploration

Under the agreement, Rio Tinto discloses to Karelian confidential information and physical geological samples relating to exploration in Finland for the purpose of the Company considering that information in relation to its potential and existing exploration programmes in Finland.

In consideration of Rio Tinto disclosing the confidential information to it, Karelian has agreed that Rio Tinto will have the option to earn a 51 per cent. interest in any project identified by Karelian in Finland by Rio Tinto paying the direct cash expenditures incurred in developing the project, subject to the following conditions:

1. For diamond projects the option will be triggered if Karelian completes 10 tonnes or more of bulk sampling for diamond exploration; and
2. For all other minerals the option will be triggered if Karelian discovers a resource with an in situ value that is equal to or greater than the in situ value of 3 million ounces of gold in a JORC compliant resource calculation.

Finance

The results for the six months ended 30 November 2013 are set out below. The loss for the period was €96,610 (2012: loss €72,545). The net assets of the Company at 30 November 2013 were €4,363,079 (2012: €4,491,981).

Post November your Company raised £2,000,000 before expenses, through a placing of 111,666,666 Ordinary Shares of EUR0.01 in the capital of the Company. In addition, I have capitalised loans amounting to £469,875 by subscribing for 31,325,000 Ordinary Shares in the capital of the Company.

Directors and Staff

I would like to thank my fellow directors, staff and consultants for their support and dedication, which has enabled the continued success of the Company.

Outlook

I look forward with confidence to continued progress with your Company's diamond interests in Finland.

Yours faithfully,

Professor Richard Conroy
Chairman

**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

	Six months ended 30 November 2013 (Unaudited) €	Six months ended 30 November 2012 (Unaudited) €	Year ended 31 May 2013 (Audited) €
OPERATING EXPENSES	(89,123)	(65,531)	(165,604)
Finance income – bank interest receivable	-	-	-
Finance costs – interest on shareholder loan	(7,487)	(7,014)	(14,351)
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION	(96,610)	(72,545)	(179,955)
Taxation	-	-	-
LOSS FOR THE YEAR	(96,610)	(72,545)	(179,955)
Loss per ordinary share – basic and diluted	(€0.001)	(€0.0008)	(€0.0019)

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

	Six months ended 30 November 2013 (Unaudited) €	Six months ended 30 November 2012 (Unaudited) €	Year ended 31 May 2013 (Audited) €
LOSS FOR PERIOD	(96,610)	(72,545)	(179,955)
Total income and expense recognised in other comprehensive income	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD – ENTIRELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITYHOLDERS	(96,610)	(72,545)	(179,955)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

	30 November 2013 (Unaudited) €	30 November 2012 (Unaudited) €	31 May 2013 (Audited) €
ASSETS			
Non-current Assets			
Intangible assets	7,068,402	6,581,906	6,801,539
Investment in Subsidiary	4	4	4
Property, plant and equipment	249	417	333
	7,068,655	6,582,327	6,801,876
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	7,051	43,574	11,691
Cash and cash equivalents	4,271	24,282	2,506
	11,322	67,856	14,197
Total Assets	7,079,977	6,650,183	6,816,073
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	922,083	922,083	922,083
Share premium	4,621,158	4,621,158	4,621,158
Share based payments reserve	487,716	412,598	450,157
Retained losses	(1,667,878)	(1,463,858)	(1,571,268)
Total Equity	4,363,079	4,491,981	4,422,130
Non-current Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities	1,212,404	1,107,283	1,171,968
Total Non-current Liabilities	1,212,404	1,107,283	1,171,968
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	1,504,494	1,050,919	1,221,975
Total Current Liabilities	1,504,494	1,050,919	1,221,975
Total Liabilities	2,716,898	2,158,202	2,393,943
Total Equity and Liabilities	7,079,977	6,650,183	6,816,073

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

	Share Capital €	Share Premium €	Share- based Payment Reserve €	Retained Earnings (Deficit) €	Total Equity €
At 1 June 2013	922,083	4,621,158	450,157	(1,571,268)	4,422,130
Share-based payments	-	-	37,559	-	37,559
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(96,610)	(96,610)
At 30 November 2013	922,083	4,621,158	487,716	(1,667,878)	4,363,079

	Share Capital €	Share Premium €	Share- based Payment Reserve €	Retained Earnings (Deficit) €	Total Equity €
At 1 June 2012	922,083	4,621,158	375,039	(1,391,313)	4,526,967
Share-based payments	-	-	37,559	-	37,559
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(72,545)	(72,545)
At 30 November 2012	922,083	4,621,158	412,598	(1,463,858)	4,491,981

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

	Six months ended 30 November 2013 (Unaudited) €	Six months ended 30 November 2012 (Unaudited) €	Year ended 31 May 2013 (Audited) €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated/(used in) by operations	76,440	(46,459)	(50,768)
Tax paid	-	-	-
Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	76,440	(46,459)	(50,768)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment in exploration and evaluation	(236,273)	(160,544)	(292,105)
Net cash used in investing activities	(236,273)	(160,544)	(292,105)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Increase in accrued directors' remuneration	121,162	121,162	242,325
Advances of shareholder loan	40,436	100,069	93,000
Bank interest received	-	-	-
Interest paid on shareholder loan	-	-	-
Net cash generated from financing activities	161,598	221,231	335,325
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,765	14,228	(7,548)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,506	10,054	10,054
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	4,271	24,282	2,506

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

1. Basis of preparation

The half-yearly financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the recognition and measurement requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (EU), and their interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The accounting policies used in the preparation of the half-yearly financial information are the same as those used in the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2013.

2. Earnings per share

The calculation of the loss per ordinary share of €0.001 (2012: loss €0.0008) is based on the loss for the financial year of €96,610 (2012: loss €72,545) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period of 92,208,342 (2012: 92,208,342).

Since the Company incurred a loss the effect of share options and warrants would be anti-dilutive.

3. Dividends

No dividends were paid or are proposed in respect of the period ended 30 November 2013.

4. Copy of half yearly report

A copy of the half yearly report will be available on the Company's website www.kareliandiamondresources.com and will be available from the Company's registered office, 10 Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin 2.