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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2026

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-39875

STARDUST POWER INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**99-3863616**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
15 E. Putnam Ave, Suite 378 Greenwich, CT	**06830**
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(800) 742-3095**

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value $0.0001 per share	SDST	The Nasdaq Capital Market*
Redeemable warrants, with 10 warrants exercisable for one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of $115.00	SDSTW	The Nasdaq Capital Market*

* Trading of the registrant's common stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market was suspended on October 23, 2026. The registrant's common stock is quoted on the Pink Limited Market operated by OTC Markets Group Inc. under the symbol "SDST".

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	☐	Accelerated filer	☐
Non-accelerated filer	☒	Smaller reporting company	☒
		Emerging growth company	☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

As of November 12, 2026, there were 136,999,346 shares of common stock, par value $0.0001 per share, issued and outstanding.

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Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical fact, including statements concerning, without limitation, our expectations, hopes, beliefs, intentions, plans, objectives, goals, prospects, financial results or strategies regarding us and the future held by our management team and the products and markets, future events, future financial condition, expected future revenues or performance financing needs, our ability to continue as a going concern, business trends and market opportunities of our business and other information referred to under the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," are forward-looking statements. These statements constitute projections, forecasts and forward-looking statements, and are not guarantees of performance. Such statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "estimate," "continue," "could," "may," "might," "possible," "predict," "should," "would," "plan," "project," "forecast," "intend," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "seek," "target," "designed to" or other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical facts. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts, or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements.

We caution readers of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that these forward-looking statements are subject to substantial known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control and could cause our actual results, outcomes, performance or achievements, or the timing of such results, outcomes, performance or achievements, to differ materially from the expected results, outcomes, performances or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results and the timing of events to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

- the substantial doubt regarding our ability to continue as a going concern and the need to raise capital in the near term in order to maintain the Company's operations;
- our failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the Business Combination;
- the suspension of trading in our Common Stock and Public Warrants on Nasdaq and their pending delisting;
- our ability to have our securities quoted on an over-the-counter market or listed on an exchange;
- the effects of the suspension and delisting of our Common Stock and Public Warrants from Nasdaq, including reduced liquidity and market price of our securities, our inability to sell shares under our committed equity facility or ATM Offering, the resulting events of default under our 2025 Convertible Note, and our ability to obtain additional financing;
- the Company's ability to issue equity or equity-linked securities, to obtain debt financing, or refinance existing indebtedness on satisfactory terms, or otherwise raise financing in the future;
- the liquidity and trading of the Common Stock and the Public Warrants;
- members of the Company's management team allocating their time to other businesses and potentially having conflicts of interest with the Company's business;
- the Company's future financial performance;
- the Company's success in retaining or recruiting, or changes required in, its officers, key employees, or directors;
- the Company's ability to manage future growth;
- the Company's ability to operate in the lithium industry;
- the Company's ability to enter into and deliver products under offtake agreements;
- the Company's ability to develop new products and services, bring them to market in a timely manner, and make enhancements to its business;
- the effects of competition on the Company's business;
- market demand for and uses of lithium-based end products;

- changes in domestic and foreign business, financial, political, and legal conditions;
- future global, regional, or local macroeconomic and market conditions;
- the outcome of any potential litigation, government and regulatory proceedings, investigations, and inquiries;
- the development, effects and enforcement of laws and regulations;
- the Company's ability to maintain proper and effective internal controls over financial reporting, and the Company's ability to produce accurate and timely financial statements; and
- the Company's other plans, objectives, expectations, intentions and risks and uncertainties described or referenced in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the heading "*Risk Factors*," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading "*Risk Factors*," and in other documents that the Company files from time to time with the SEC.

If any of these risks, uncertainties and other factors materialize or our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results, outcomes, performance or achievements, or the timing of such results, outcomes, performance or achievements could differ materially from those implied by these forward-looking statements. There may be additional risks, uncertainties and other factors that we do not presently know or that we currently believe are immaterial that could also cause actual results, outcomes, performance or achievements, or the timing of such results, outcomes, performance or achievements, to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements.

In addition, forward-looking statements reflect our expectations, estimates, assumptions, plans or forecasts of future events and views as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our assessments to change. Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results or outcomes could differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments, changes in assumptions or otherwise. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our assessment as of any date subsequent to the date hereof.

These statements are inherently uncertain, and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely upon these statements.

You should read this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the documents that we reference in and have filed as exhibits to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q completely and with the understanding that our actual future results, outcomes, performance or achievements, or the timing of such results, outcomes, performance or achievements, may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Stardust Power Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(all amounts in USD, except number of shares)

	As of September 30, 2026 (unaudited)	As of December 31, 2025 (audited)
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	$ 4,561,402	$ 3,480,151
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	522,326	573,834
Deferred transaction costs	68,563	25,000
Total current assets	**$ 5,152,291**	**$ 4,078,985**
Property and equipment, net	1,781,187	1,757,271
Capital project costs	5,631,734	5,354,493
Investment in equity securities	29,249	37,374
Right of use asset, net	135,857	-
Other long-term assets	678,321	547,169
Total assets	**$ 13,408,639**	**$ 11,775,292**
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 8,422,462	$ 8,305,096
Accrued liabilities and other current liabilities	3,171,176	4,836,999
Current portion of early exercised shares option liability	829	1,122
Current portion of convertible note	1,785,038	933,022
Embedded derivative liability	880,871	-
Current portion of lease liability	93,386	-
Short-term loans	277,416	205,403
Total current liabilities	**$ 14,631,178**	**$ 14,281,642**
Warrant liability	706,164	1,042,036
Earnout liability	4,700	4,700
Convertible note	-	2,259,984
Lease liability	42,471	-
Early exercised shares option liability	-	613
Total liabilities	**$ 15,384,513**	**$ 17,588,975**
Commitments and contingencies (Note 3)		
Stockholders' equity (deficit)		
Preferred stock, $0.0001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, Nil shares issued and outstanding as at September 30, 2026, and December 31, 2025	-	-
Common stock, $0.0001 par value, 700,000,000 shares authorized, 49,739,665 and 9,869,558 shares issued and outstanding as at September 30, 2026, and December 31, 2025, respectively	4,963	975
Additional paid-in capital	78,272,202	62,527,926
Accumulated deficit	(80,253,039)	(68,342,584)
Total stockholders' deficit	**$ (1,975,874)**	**$ (5,813,683)**
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	**$ 13,408,639**	**$ 11,775,292**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Stardust Power Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(all amounts in USD, except number of shares)
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30, 2026	**September 30, 2025**	**September 30, 2026**	**September 30, 2025**
Revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
General and administrative expenses	757,823	3,825,671	8,637,407	12,610,666
Operating Loss	**(757,823)**	**(3,825,671)**	**(8,637,407)**	**(12,610,666)**
Other income (expenses)				
Interest income	1	4	3	12,014
Interest expense	(919,687)[1]	(11,290)[1]	(1,617,008)[1]	(177,222)[1]
Finance charge	31,539	(54,752)	(282,381)	(273,871)
Change in fair value of sponsor earn out shares	-	-	-	528,000
Change in fair value of warrant liability	451,654	(511,109)	335,872	1,660,583
Change in fair value of investment in equity securities	447	27,680	(8,125)	(700,454)
Loss on sale of investment in equity securities	-	(84,626)	-	(179,805)
Loss on write-off of promissory note and deposit	-	-	-	(232,481)
Gain on extinguishment of liability, net	233,450	-	111,041	-
Loss on change in fair value of embedded derivative liability, net	(1,838,255)	-	(1,838,255)	-
Other income	25,805	-	25,805	-
Total other income (expenses)	**(2,015,046)**	**(634,093)**	**(3,273,048)**	**636,764**
Net Loss	**$ (2,772,869)**	**$ (4,459,764)**	**$ (11,910,455)**	**$ (11,973,902)**
Net loss per share				
Basic	$ (0.15)	$ (0.53)	$ (0.90)	$ (1.79)
Diluted	$ (0.15)	$ (0.53)	$ (0.90)	$ (1.79)
Weighted average common shares outstanding				
Basic	18,553,992	8,367,774	13,209,189	6,673,074
Diluted	18,553,992	8,367,774	13,209,189	6,673,074

(1) Includes related party amounts of Nil and Nil for the three months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively, and Nil and $58,651 for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Stardust Power Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)
(all amounts in USD, except number of shares)

For Nine months ended September 30, 2026

	Common Stock		Additional paid-in	Accumulated	Total Stockholders'
	Shares	Amount	capital	Deficit	Deficit
Balance as at December 31, 2025	**9,869,558**	**$ 975**	**$ 62,527,926**	**$ (68,342,584)**	**$ (5,813,683)**
Net loss	-	-	-	(5,234,692)	(5,234,692)
Stock based compensation (Note 5)	-	-	1,510,259	-	1,510,259
Transfer from early exercised stock option liability on vesting	-	-	313	-	313
Issuance of common stock	29,067	3	97,103	-	97,106
Issuance of common stock for settlement of RSU	67,848	7	(7)	-	-
Issuance of common stock for settlement of accrued liability	-	-	1,573,032	-	1,573,032
Balance as at March 31, 2026	**9,966,473**	**$ 985**	**$ 65,708,626**	**$ (73,577,276)**	**$ (7,867,665)**
Net loss	-	-	-	(3,902,894)	(3,902,894)
Stock based compensation (Note 5)	-	-	1,270,215	-	1,270,215
Transfer from early exercised stock option liability on vesting	-	-	313	-	313
Issuance of common stock	476,799	48	1,254,295	-	1,254,343
Issuance of common stock pursuant to at-the-market offering, net of issuance costs (Note 4)	79,503	8	157,439	-	157,447
Issuance of common stock for settlement of RSU	660,234	66	(66)	-	-
Issuance of common stock to vendor (Note 4)	65,000	7	(7)	-	-
Issuance of common stock for partial repayment of 2025 convertible note	380,648	38	847,343	-	847,381
Balance as at June 30, 2026	**11,628,657**	**1,152**	**69,238,158**	**(77,480,170)**	**(8,240,860)**
Net loss	-	-	-	(2,772,869)	(2,772,869)
Stock based compensation (Note 5)	-	-	(17,926)	-	(17,926)
Transfer from early exercised stock option liability on vesting	-	-	280	-	280
Issuance of common stock pursuant to at-the-market offering, net of issuance costs (Note 4)	23,309,148	2,330	6,034,273	-	6,036,603
Issuance of common stock for settlement of RSU	16,020	2	(2)	-	-
Issuance of common stock for partial repayment of 2025 convertible note (Note 8)	14,785,840	1,479	3,017,419	-	3,018,898
Balance as at September 30, 2026	**49,739,665**	**$ 4,963**	**$ 78,272,202**	**$ (80,253,039)**	**$ (1,975,874)**

For the nine months ended September 30, 2025

	Common Stock [1]		Additional paid-in	Accumulated	Total Stockholders'
	Shares	Amount	capital [1]	Deficit	Deficit
Balance as at December 31, 2024	**4,773,628**	**460**	**33,232,704**	**(52,618,948)**	**(19,385,784)**
Net loss	-	-	-	(3,809,700)	(3,809,700)
Transfer from early exercised stock option liability on vesting	-	1	360	-	361
Stock based compensation (Note 5)	-	-	2,954,279	-	2,954,279
Issuance of common stock	398	-	16,414	-	16,414
Issuance of common stock and warrants from January 2025 public offering, net of offering costs	479,200	48	4,591,021	-	4,591,069
Issuance of common stock upon warrant inducement, net of offering costs	479,200	48	2,798,151	-	2,798,199
Repurchase of unvested early exercised common stock	(24,449)	-	-	-	-
Issuance of common stock for settlement of RSU	57,071	6	(6)	-	-
Balance as at March 31, 2025	**5,765,048**	**$ 563**	**$ 43,592,923**	**$ (56,428,648)**	**$ (12,835,162)**
Net loss	-	-	-	(3,704,438)	(3,704,438)
Transfer from early exercised stock option liability on vesting	-	-	313	-	313
Stock based compensation (Note 5)	-	-	1,426,400	-	1,426,400
Issuance of common stock (Note 4)	16,062	2	106,134	-	106,136
Issuance of common stock to short- term loan holders (Note 13)	173,184	17	6,199,983	-	6,200,000
Issuance of common stock to PIPE investors (Note 4)	12,850	1	549,999	-	550,000
Issuance of common stock to vendor	15,000	1	80,611	-	80,612
Issuance of common stock under license arrangement (Note 4)	50,000	5	342,995	-	343,000
Issuance of common stock for settlement of RSU	135,340	14	(14)	-	-
Issuance of common stock from public offering, net of offering costs	2,260,000	226	3,945,449	-	3,945,675
Balance as at June 30, 2025	**8,427,484**	**$ 829**	**$ 56,244,793**	**$ (60,133,086)**	**$ (3,887,464)**
Net loss	-	-	-	(4,459,764)	(4,459,764)
Transfer from early exercised stock option liability on vesting	-	1	312	-	313

(Note 5)					
Stock based compensation (Note 5)	-	-	1,702,265	-	1,702,265
Issuance of common stock (Note 4)	488,811	49	1,524,832	-	1,524,881
Issuance of common stock for settlement of RSU	38,163	4	(4)	-	-
Fractional share adjustment due to reverse stock split	(115)	-	(345)	-	(345)
Balance as at September 30, 2025	**8,954,343**	**$ 883**	**$ 59,471,853**	**$ (64,592,850)**	**$ (5,120,114)**

(1) Amounts have been adjusted to reflect the 1-for-10 reverse stock split that became effective on September 8, 2025. See Note 2 “Basis of presentation and summary of significant accounting policies” for additional details.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Stardust Power Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(all amounts in USD)
(Unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2026	Nine months ended September 30, 2025
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	**$ (11,910,455)**	**$ (11,973,902)**
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Stock based compensation	2,762,548	6,082,944
Non-cash marketing expense for stock issued to vendor	226,688	-
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs	1,606,994	-
Loss on change in fair value of embedded derivative liability, net	1,838,255	-
Change in fair value of common stock make-whole obligation	17,090	208,247
Loss on sale of investments in equity securities	-	179,805
Change in fair value of investment in equity securities	8,125	700,454
Gain on extinguishment of liability, net	(111,041)	-
Loss on write-off of promissory note and deposit	-	232,481
Deferred transaction cost expensed	25,000	30,000
Change in fair value of warrant liability	(335,872)	(1,660,583)
Change in fair value of sponsor earnout shares	-	(528,000)
Depreciation expense	5,005	2,317
Amortization of operating lease right-of-use asset	37,397	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(306,332)	(53,893)
Accounts payable	126,773	58,331
Accrued liabilities and other liabilities	(236,056)	173,039
Operating right of use asset and liability	(37,397)	-
Net cash used in operating activities	**$ (6,283,278)**	**$ (6,548,760)**
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital project costs	(281,676)	(3,555,268)
Land acquisition cost	-	(16,619)
Proceeds from sale of investment in equity securities	-	570,255
Purchase of computer and equipment	(28,920)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	**$ (310,596)**	**$ (3,001,632)**
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	7,660,987	1,647,431
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable to related parties	-	250,000
Repayment of notes payable to related parties	-	(250,000)
Repayment of short-term loan from related parties	-	(2,000,000)
Proceeds from short-term loan	320,796	337,244
Repayment of short-term loan	(248,783)	(1,841,129)
Proceeds from advance received from PIPE investors	-	125,000
Deferred transaction costs paid	(57,875)	(25,000)
Proceeds from public offerings	-	10,270,400
Proceeds from warrant inducement exercises	-	2,971,040
Transaction costs associated with public offerings and warrant inducement	-	(1,260,226)
Repurchase of unvested shares	-	(1,593)
Cash in lieu payment on fractional shares under reverse stock split	-	(345)
Net cash provided by financing activities	**$ 7,675,125**	**$ 10,222,822**
Net increase in cash	$ 1,081,251	$ 672,430
Cash at the beginning of the period	3,480,151	912,574
Cash at the end of the period	**$ 4,561,402**	**$ 1,585,004**
Supplemental disclosure for cash flow information:		
Interest paid	$ 44,493	$ 146,208
Taxes paid	$ 3,823	5,150
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Unpaid capital project costs	154,035	478,139
Fair value of common stock issued to settle accrued bonus	1,573,032	-
Operating right of use asset obtained in exchange for new lease liability	173,254	-
Common stock issued for partial repayment of 2025 convertible note	3,866,279	-
Unpaid at-the-market offering costs	126,175	-
Reclass of advances to capital project costs	-	236,235
Unpaid public offering issuance cost	-	615,270
Unpaid warrant inducement issuance cost	-	29,000
Incremental fair value of warrant inducement	-	2,108,480
Issuance of common stock to short- term loan holders	-	6,200,000
Issuance of common stock to PIPE investors	-	550,000
Issuance of common stock to vendor	-	80,612

Issuance of common stock under license arrangement	-	343,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY

Nature of Business

Stardust Power Inc. (the "**Company**" or "**Stardust Power**"), formerly known as Global Partner Acquisition Corp II ("**GPAC II**"), a Delaware corporation, is an American developer of battery grade lithium products, designed to foster energy independence in the United States. While the Company has not earned any revenue yet, the Company is in the process of developing a strategically central, lithium refinery capable of producing up to 50,000 metric tons per annum of battery grade lithium.

NOTE 2 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("**U.S. GAAP**") and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") regarding interim financial reporting.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all normal and recurring adjustments (which consist primarily of accruals, estimates and assumptions that impact the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements) considered necessary to present fairly the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2026, its unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and stockholders' deficit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026 and September 30, 2025, and its unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2026 and September 30, 2025. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. As such, the information included in this report should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Stardust Power for the year ended December 31, 2025 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2026 (the "Form 10-K"), which provides a more complete discussion of the Company's accounting policies and certain other information. The accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2025, has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2025, contained in the above referenced Form 10-K.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Stardust Power Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Stardust Power LLC and Strike Merger Sub II, LLC. All material intercompany balances have been eliminated upon consolidation. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year or any future periods.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported and disclosed in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Those estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to, useful life of assets, realization of deferred tax assets, the incremental borrowing rate for determining operating lease assets and liabilities, embedded derivative liability and fair valuation of stock-based compensation, common shares purchase agreement, warrants, convertible notes, and sponsor earnout shares. The Company evaluates estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors and adjusts those estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual results could differ from these estimates, and those differences could be material to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Emerging Growth Company

Section 102(b)(1) of the JOBS Act exempts emerging growth companies from being required to comply with new or revised financial accounting standards until private companies (that is, those that have not had a Securities Act registration statement declared effective or do not have a class of securities registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**")), are required to comply with the new or revised financial accounting standards. The JOBS Act provides that a company can elect to opt out of the extended transition period and comply with the requirements that apply to non-emerging growth companies, but any such election to opt out is irrevocable. The Company has elected not to opt out of such extended transition period which means that when an accounting standard is issued or revised and it has different application dates for public or private companies, the Company, as an emerging growth company, can adopt the new or revised standard at the time private companies adopt the new or revised standard.

Reverse Stock Split

On September 8, 2025, the Company effected a 1-for-10 reverse stock split (the "**Reverse Stock Split**") of the Company's common stock, par value $0.0001 per share ("**Common Stock**"). As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, every 10 shares of the Company's Common Stock issued and outstanding were automatically converted into one new share of Common Stock. Proportionate adjustments were also made to (i) the exercise prices, and the number of shares underlying the Company's outstanding equity awards, as applicable, (ii) the number of shares issuable under the Company's equity incentive plans and certain existing agreements, and (iii) the number of shares purchasable upon exercise, and/or the exercise prices, of the Company's outstanding warrants to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock. The Reverse Stock Split did not decrease the number of authorized shares of Common Stock and preferred stock or otherwise affect the par value of the Common Stock. No fractional shares were issued in connection with the Reverse Stock Split and any fractional shares resulting from the Reverse Stock Split were rounded down to the nearest whole share. Stockholders who were otherwise entitled to receive fractional shares as a result of the Reverse Stock Split were paid cash in lieu thereof. All shares of the Company's Common Stock, per-share data and related information included in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been retroactively adjusted as though the Reverse Stock Split had been effected prior to all periods presented.

Going Concern

The Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been presented on the basis that it is a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business.

As of September 30, 2026, the Company has $4,561,402 of unrestricted cash. The Company is a development stage entity having no revenues and has incurred a net loss of $2,772,869 and $11,910,455 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively. The Company has an accumulated deficit of $80,253,039 and stockholders' deficit of $1,975,874 as of September 30, 2026. The Company expects to continue to incur significant costs in pursuit of its operating and investment plans. These costs exceed the Company's existing cash balance and net working capital. These conditions raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern.

During 2026, Company's primary sources of financing were committed equity facility with B. Riley Principal Capital II, LLC, and an at-the-market offering through B. Riley Securities, Inc., from which the Company received aggregate net proceeds of approximately $10,495,988. Following the suspension of the Company's Common Stock from trading on Nasdaq on October 23, 2026, the Company is no longer able to sell shares under the committed equity facility or the at-the-market offering. In addition, following an event of default, Lind converted the entire outstanding principal balance of its convertible note into shares of Common Stock, and no further financing is available from Lind. See Notes 4 and 8 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information.

To continue as a going concern, we anticipate funding our near-term operations through the sale of equity securities, promissory notes, debt financing or from other capital sources. If adequate funds are not available, we may be required to curtail, delay, or eliminate some or all of our planned activities, or raise additional financing to continue to fund operations, and may not be able to continue as a going concern.

As of the date on which these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were available to be issued, the Company believes that the cash on hand, and additional investments available through issuance of new Common Stock, will be inadequate to satisfy the Company's working capital and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next twelve months. The ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent upon management's plan to raise additional capital from issuance of equity or receive additional borrowings to fund the Company's operating and investing activities over the next year. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, as disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2026, are applied consistently in these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Net Loss per Share

The Company adopted Accounting Standard Codification ("**ASC**") 260, *"Earnings per Share"*, at its inception. Basic net loss per share is calculated by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of Common Stock outstanding for the period. Diluted loss per share is calculated by dividing the Company's net loss available to common stockholders by the diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period. The diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding is the basic weighted number of shares adjusted as at the first of the year for any potentially dilutive debt or equity. Potential common stock from unvested restricted stock options, earnouts and common stock warrants are computed using the treasury stock method. Contingently issuable shares are included in basic EPS only when there is no circumstance under which those shares would not be issued.

The following table sets forth the computation of the basic and diluted net loss per share:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30, 2026	**September 30, 2025**	**September 30, 2026**	**September 30, 2025**
Numerator:				
Net loss	$ (2,772,869)	$ (4,459,764)	$ (11,910,455)	$ (11,973,902)
Denominator:				
Weighted average shares outstanding	18,553,992	8,367,774	13,209,189	6,673,074
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	$ (0.15)	$ (0.53)	$ (0.90)	$ (1.79)

The following potentially dilutive shares were excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share attributable to common stockholders for the periods presented, because including them would have had an anti-dilutive effect:

	September 30, 2026	**September 30, 2025**
Restricted Stock options	12,609	31,377
Restricted Stock Units	66,402	151,701
Performance Stock units	50,658	50,658
Sponsor Earnout Shares (Note 4)*	-	-
Public warrants	486,413	486,413
Private warrants	556,666	556,666
Inducement warrants	-	958,400
Short term loan warrants	86,591	86,591
Private placement warrants	6,425	6,425
2025 Convertible notes shares	24,632,621	-
2025 Convertible notes warrants	411,245	-

* The Sponsor Earnout Shares (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) were not included for purposes of calculating the number of diluted shares outstanding as of September 30, 2026, as the Sponsor Earnout Shares remain contingently forfeitable, as the conditions have not been met.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs consist of expenditures associated with obtaining debt financing, principally legal and commitment fees. Such costs are deferred and amortized over the term of the related credit arrangements using a method that approximates the effective interest method. Debt issuance costs are included in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of long-term debt and are included in Interest expense in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations. The payment of debt issuance costs will be recorded under financing activities in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Capital Project Costs and Property and Equipment, Net

The Company capitalizes costs incurred in connection with the development and construction of its planned lithium refinery in Muskogee, Oklahoma (the "**Facility**"), in accordance with **ASC 360, *Property, Plant, and Equipment***. Capitalized costs include expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition, development, and construction of the Facility, including land acquisition costs, permitting costs, engineering, front-end loading ("**FEL**") studies, environmental studies, and other costs necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use.

Costs incurred during the preliminary project stage that are not directly attributable to the construction of the Facility are expensed as incurred. Capitalization of project costs begins when activities necessary to prepare the asset for construction are in progress and it is probable that the project will be completed.

Construction-in-progress assets are not depreciated until the underlying assets are placed into service, at which time depreciation commences over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The construction of the Facility is still in progress and hence no depreciation is charged on capital project costs.

Property and equipment, net is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss. The Company depreciates computer and equipment using the straight-line method over the estimated economic useful lives of the asset, which are generally three to five years. Land is a non-depreciable asset and is stated at cost.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company evaluates long-lived assets for possible impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of long-lived assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the asset to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the fair value of the asset. Fair value is estimated at the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), under its ASC or other standard setting bodies, and adopted by the Company as of the specified effective date. The Company has reviewed the accounting pronouncements issued during the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and concluded they were either not applicable or not expected to have a material impact on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Certain conditions may exist as at the date the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are issued, which may result in a loss to the Company, but which will only be resolved when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. The Company assesses such contingent liabilities, and such assessment inherently involves an exercise of judgment. The Company monitors the arrangements that are subject to guarantees in order to identify if the obligor who is responsible for making the payments fails to do so. If the Company determines it is probable that a loss has occurred, then any such estimable loss would be recognized under those guarantees. The methodology used to estimate potential loss related to guarantees considers the guarantee amount and a variety of factors, which include, depending on the counterparty, the latest financial position of the counterparty, actual defaults, historical defaults, and other economic conditions. Management does not believe, based upon information available at this time, that these matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, there is no assurance that such matters will not materially and adversely affect the Company's business, financial position, and results of operations or cash flows.

On February 7, 2025 (the "**License Agreement Effective Date**"), the Company executed an exclusive license agreement (the "**License Agreement**") with KMX Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("**KMX**"). Under the terms of the License Agreement, KMX agreed to irrevocably license to the Company the use of KMX's vacuum membrane distillation technology ("**VMD Technology**") and associated processes and systems (including units incorporating the VMD Technology ("**KMX VMD Units**")) for use in the Company's refining and upstream operations. Among other obligations set forth in the License Agreement, the Company shall be required to exclusively purchase all KMX VMD Units from the Licensor during the term of the License Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth therein.

On October 20, 2025, the Company entered into a non-binding letter agreement with Prairie Lithium Limited ("**Prairie**"), an Australia-based company, for the supply of 6,000 metric tons per annum of lithium carbonate equivalent ("**LCE**") in the form of lithium chloride. The lithium chloride is sourced from the Prairie Lithium Project in Saskatchewan, Canada and will be used as feedstock at the Facility. The initial contract term would span 6 years starting from the date on which the first commercial shipment is received by the Company, with the option for the Company to renew for two additional six-year terms.

On October 31, 2025, the Company entered into a non-binding letter agreement with Mandrake Resources Limited ("**Mandrake**"), an Australia-based company, for the supply of 7,500 metric tons per annum of LCE in the form of lithium chloride. The initial contract term would span 12 years starting from the date on which first commercial shipment is received by the Company, with the option for the Company to renew for an additional six-year term.

On March 13, 2026, the Company entered into a non-binding letter agreement with a strategic counterparty for the supply of 15,000 metric tons per annum of LCE in the form of lithium chloride. The initial contract term would span 12 years starting from the date on which first commercial shipment is received by the Company, with the option for the Company to renew for an additional six-year term.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company may be involved in certain legal and regulatory proceedings, as well as demands, investigations and claims that arise in the ordinary course of its business. The ultimate outcome of any litigation is often uncertain, and unfavorable outcomes could have a negative impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition. The Company makes a provision for a liability relating to legal matters when it is probable that a liability has been incurred, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. These provisions are reviewed at least quarterly and adjusted to reflect the impact of negotiations, estimated settlements, legal rulings, advice of legal counsel and other information and events pertaining to a particular matter. In the Company's opinion, resolution of any pending claims (either individually or in the aggregate) is not expected to have a material adverse impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position, nor is it possible to provide an estimated amount of any such loss. However, depending on the nature and timing of any such dispute, an unfavorable resolution of a matter could materially affect the Company's future financial position, results of operations, or cash flows, or all in a particular period.

On July 7, 2025, a complaint was filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, captioned H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC (HCW) v. Stardust Power, Inc., Case No: 654037/2025. The complaint names the Company as a defendant, and alleges, among other things, that the Company breached an engagement agreement with the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs seek, among other things, payment of all purported unpaid sums due under such engagement agreement. On October 14, 2026 ("Effective Date"), the Company entered into a settlement and release agreement with HCW wherein the Company made a one-time lump sum payment of $425,000 to HCW and issued warrants to purchase 482,904 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price equal to the Nasdaq official closing price of the Company's shares of common stock on the Effective Date and with a term of 5 years from the issuance date. The warrants were valued at $109,859 and together with the cash payout of $425,000 is presented as accrued liabilities and other current liabilities in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2026.

NOTE 4 – COMMON STOCK

On July 8, 2024, the Common Stock and Public Warrants began trading on Nasdaq under the ticker symbols "SDST" and "SDSTW", respectively. On October 15, 2026, the Company received a written notice (the "Staff Determination") from the Staff indicating that it has determined that, as of October 14, 2026, the Company's Common Stock had a closing bid price of $0.10 or less for ten consecutive trading days, triggering application of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A)(iii), pursuant to which, if during any compliance period specified in Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), a company's security has a closing bid price of $0.10 or less for ten consecutive trading days, the Listing Qualifications Department shall issue a Staff Delisting Determination under Rule 5810 with respect to that security. As a result, trading in the Company's Common Stock and Public Warrants was suspended at the opening of business on October 23, 2026, and the Staff indicated that a Form 25-NSE will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to remove the Company's securities from listing and registration on The Nasdaq Stock Market.

Each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote. The holders of Common Stock are also entitled to receive dividends whenever funds are legally available and when declared by the board of directors (the "**Board**"), subject to prior rights of the convertible preferred stockholders. Shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet and unaudited condensed consolidated statement of stockholders' deficit includes shares related to restricted stock that are subject to repurchase.

The Company is authorized to issue 700,000,000 and 100,000,000 shares, par value of $0.0001 per share, of Common Stock and Preferred Stock, respectively. At September 30, 2026, the Company had 49,739,665 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding. As of December 31, 2025, the Company had 9,869,558 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding.

Sponsor Earnout Shares

As part of the closing of the Business Combination, the Company issued 100,000 shares to Global Partner Sponsor II, LLC (the "**Sponsor**"). These shares are subject to vesting (or forfeiture) based on achieving certain trading price thresholds following the closing ("**Sponsor Earnout Shares**"). Fifty percent of the Sponsor Earnout Shares will vest when the Volume-Weighted Average Price ("**VWAP**") of the Common Stock price equals or exceeds $120.00 per share for a period of 20 trading days in a 30 trading day period, and the remaining fifty percent of the Sponsor Earnout Shares will vest when the VWAP of the Common Stock price equals or exceeds $140.00 per share for a period of 20 trading days in a 30 trading day period. There are no service conditions or any requirement for the participants to provide goods or services in order to vest in the Sponsor Earnout Shares. Accordingly, the Company determined that the Sponsor Earnout Shares are not within the scope of ASC 718. The accounting for the Sponsor Earnout Shares was evaluated under ASC Topic 480, "*Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity*", and ASC Subtopic 815-40, "*Derivatives and Hedging — Contracts in Entity's Own Equity*" ("**ASC 815-40**"), to determine if the Sponsor Earnout Shares should be classified as a liability or within equity. As part of the analysis, it was determined that the Sponsor Earnout Shares subject to vesting are freestanding from other shares of Combined Company Common Stock held by the Sponsor and do not meet the criteria in ASC 815-40 to be considered indexed to the Combined Company Common Stock, due to the settlement provisions including a change in control component which could impact the number of the Sponsor Earnout Shares that are ultimately settled for, which is not an input to a fixed-for-fixed option pricing model. As a result, the Sponsor Earnout Shares were classified as a liability. Subsequent changes in the fair value of the Sponsor Earnout Shares will be reflected in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations.

Upon the occurrence of a change in control, any remaining unvested Sponsor Earnout Shares become vested. Unvested Sponsor Earnout Shares will be forfeited if vesting does not occur prior to the eighth anniversary of the Closing Date. The Company assesses the fair value of expected earnout consideration at each reporting period using the Monte Carlo Method, which is consistent with the initial measurement of the expected earnout consideration. As at September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, the Company did not identify any indicators that a change in the fair value of the Sponsor Earnout Shares last measured at $4,700 as of March 31, 2025, would be material, and accordingly did not perform an updated Monte Carlo valuation as of either date.

Common Stock Purchase Agreement

On October 7, 2024, the Company entered into a common stock purchase agreement and a related registration rights agreement with B. Riley Principal Capital II (the "**Prior B. Riley Agreements**"), pursuant to which the Company could have, at its sole discretion and subject to certain conditions and limitations (including 4.99% beneficial ownership limitation), sold up to the lesser of $50.0 million of its Common Stock or the applicable Exchange Cap (19.99% of the common shares outstanding immediately prior to execution of the Prior B. Riley Agreements) during the 36-month term of the Prior B. Riley Agreements. The purchase price of shares is based on the VWAP of the Company's Common Stock on the applicable purchase date, less a fixed 3% discount.

In connection with the Prior B. Riley Agreements, the Company issued 6,369 shares of Common Stock as commitment shares to B. Riley Principal Capital II with a grant date fair value of $500,000, which was recorded as a component of finance charges in the consolidated statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Prior B. Riley Agreements also provided for a make-whole mechanism whereby, if B. Riley Principal Capital II's aggregate resale proceeds from the commitment shares were less than $500,000, the Company would pay the shortfall in cash, and if the resale proceeds exceeded $500,000, B. Riley Principal Capital II would remit 50% of the excess to the Company. As of September 30, 2025, the fair market value of the commitment shares was $19,742, resulting in a make-whole obligation of $480,258. The change in the fair value of the make-whole obligation of $(7,196) and $208,247 was recognized as a component of finance charges in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, respectively.

On December 11, 2025, the Company entered into a letter agreement with B. Riley Principal Capital II, pursuant to which the parties mutually agreed to terminate the Prior B. Riley Agreements. As part of the termination, the Company agreed to satisfy the make-whole payment as per the terms of the Prior B. Riley Agreements of $471,942, in three equal portions: (i) through the issuance of restricted Common Stock priced at $4.40 per share and subject to resale registration, (ii) in cash upon the Company's next equity or convertible financing, and (iii) in connection with a future equity line, at-the-market program, or similar financing that the Company is currently working on with the Investor or its affiliate, or otherwise in cash if unpaid by September 30, 2026. On December 15, 2025, the Company issued 35,753 shares of Common Stock ("Settlement Shares") to B. Riley Principal Capital II to satisfy one-third of the make-whole payment as per the terms of the Agreement. During the nine months ended September 30, 2026, the Company made a cash payment of $314,628 to settle the remaining two-thirds of the make whole obligation. The change in the fair value of the make-whole obligation of $(36,539) and $17,090 is recorded as a component of finance charges in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively. As of December 31, 2025, and September 30, 2026, the total make-whole obligation balance was $362,538 and $65,000, respectively and is included in accrued liabilities and other current liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. Subsequent to quarter end, the Company settled the make whole obligation related to the Settlement Shares by paying $65,000 in cash.

On February 12, 2026, the Company entered into the B. Riley Agreements. Pursuant to the B. Riley Agreements, the Company has the right, in its sole discretion, to sell to B. Riley Principal Capital II, from time to time during the 36-month investment period, up to $10,000,000 of newly issued shares of Common Stock (the "**Total Commitment**"), subject to the Exchange Cap (as defined below) and other conditions and limitations set forth in the agreement.

Under the applicable Nasdaq rules, and absent stockholder approval or satisfaction of an "at-market" exception, the Company may not issue to B. Riley Principal Capital II under the B. Riley Agreements more than 1,972,924 shares of Common Stock, which represents 19.99% of the Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the execution of the B. Riley Agreements (the "Exchange Cap"). In addition, B. Riley Principal Capital II may not acquire shares under the B. Riley Agreements to the extent such issuances would result in B. Riley Principal Capital II and its affiliates beneficially owning more than 4.99% of Stardust's outstanding common stock (the "Beneficial Ownership Limitation"), as determined under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and Rule 13d-3 thereunder. The Company evaluated the B. Riley Agreements to determine whether they should be accounted for considering the guidance in ASC 815-40 and concluded that it is an equity-linked contract that does not qualify for equity classification and therefore requires fair value accounting as a derivative. The Company has analyzed the terms of the freestanding purchased put right and has concluded that it had insignificant value as of September 30, 2026.

The purchase price of the shares of Common Stock to be sold under the B. Riley Agreements, is determined by reference to the VWAP of the Common Stock over specified VWAP or Intraday VWAP Purchase Periods on the applicable purchase dates, less a fixed 3% discount to such VWAP, and subject to daily volume-based limits, the Exchange Cap, the Beneficial Ownership Limitation and a minimum Threshold Price condition with terms as defined in the B. Riley Agreements.

In connection with entering into the B. Riley Agreements, the Company agreed to reimburse B. Riley Principal Capital II for certain fees and expenses, including (i) a Qualified Independent Underwriter ("**QIU**") fee and initial legal fee reimbursements payable at or around Closing and Commencement (as defined in the B. Riley Agreements) and (ii) ongoing quarterly legal fee reimbursements for B. Riley Principal Capital II's due-diligence and related matters. The Company also agreed that a fully earned, non-refundable Prior Transaction Cash Holdback Amount of $157,314, relating to a prior terminated transaction with B. Riley Principal Capital II, will be funded by allowing B. Riley Principal Capital II to withhold 10% of the gross purchase price on each VWAP or Intraday VWAP Purchase under the new facility until cumulative withholdings equal to $157,314. If the Company fails to pay in full this Prior Transaction Cash Holdback Amount on or before September 30, 2026, the Company will also be obligated to pay B. Riley Principal Capital II a one-time non-refundable commitment fee of up to $100,000, in accordance with the terms of the B. Riley Agreements. In May 2026, the Company received an invoice for the Holdback Amount of $157,314 and settled the invoice in cash during nine months ended September 30, 2026.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, the Company issued Nil and 505,866 shares of Common Stock under the B. Riley Purchase Agreement aggregating to net proceeds of Nil and $1,310,904, respectively. Following the suspension of the Company's Common Stock from trading on Nasdaq on October 23, 2026, the Company is no longer able to sell shares under the B. Riley Purchase Agreements.

At-the-Market Issuance Sales Agreement

On May 8, 2026, the Company entered into the Sales Agreement with the Agent, pursuant to which the Company may issue and sell the Placement Shares from time to time, in its sole discretion, through the ATM Offering, through or to the Agent acting as sales agent or principal. The ATM Offering is registered under the Company's shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-294938), which has been declared effective by the SEC. The Company has filed a Prospectus Supplement specifically relating to the Placement Shares. On September 17, 2026, the Company filed the Amendment No.1 to the Prospectus Supplement to update the ATM Offering to up to an additional aggregate of $8,990,537 of Placement Shares. Further, on September 22, 2026, the Company filed the Amendment No.2 to the Prospectus Supplement to update the ATM Offering, to up to an additional aggregate of $6,076,872 of Placement Shares. The Company is not obligated to sell any shares under the Sales Agreement and may suspend or terminate the Sales Agreement at any time. The Company's ability to raise capital through sales of Placement Shares under the Sales Agreement is subject to, among other things, the continued effectiveness of the shelf registration statement and related Prospectus Supplement and market conditions, including the trading price and trading volume of the Company's common stock, and the Company may be unable to sell Placement Shares at times, or on terms, that are acceptable to the Company.

Sales of the Placement Shares, if any, will be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions on the Nasdaq Capital Market or any other existing trading market for the Company's common stock, in negotiated transactions, or by any other method permitted by law deemed to be an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Under the terms of the Sales Agreement, the Agent may also purchase Placement Shares as principal for its own account at a price to be agreed upon at the time of sale.

The Agent will be entitled to compensation under the terms of the Sales Agreement at a commission rate equal to up to 3.0% of the gross proceeds of the sales price of common stock that it sells as Agent and up to 5.0% of the gross proceeds of the sales price of common stock sold to the Agent as principal. In connection with entering into the Sales Agreement, the Company agreed to reimburse the Agent for certain fees and expenses, reasonable and documented legal, filing and other direct offering costs, including reimbursement of Agent counsel fees not to exceed $50,000 in connection with the execution of the Sales Agreement and $5,000 per calendar quarter thereafter for ongoing representation updates. During the nine months ended September 30, 2026, the Company incurred legal and professional fees of $184,050 in connection with entering into the Sales Agreement and the subsequent filings of Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, which was capitalized as deferred offering costs and will be allocated against proceeds as shares are sold. Of this amount, $111,903 and $115,487 was allocated against proceeds as shares were sold during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively.

The Company has evaluated the Sales Agreement and the Placement Shares issued thereunder in accordance with applicable accounting guidance. The Company determined that the Sales Agreement is not within the scope of ASC 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity*, as it does not embody an unconditional obligation to repurchase the Company's equity shares, an obligation to settle by transferring assets, or an obligation to issue a variable number of shares for a fixed monetary amount. The Sales Agreement was further evaluated under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, and ASC 815-40, *Contracts in an Entity's Own Equity*. The Company concluded that the Sales Agreement is not a derivative instrument and does not contain any features that require bifurcation as embedded derivatives. The Sales Agreement is indexed to the Company's own equity and satisfies all conditions for equity classification under ASC 815-40. Accordingly, the Placement Shares issued under the ATM Offering are classified as permanent equity in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets, and no derivative liability has been recognized in connection with the Sales Agreement or the ATM Offering.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, the Company sold an aggregate of 23,309,148 and 23,388,651 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average price per share of $0.26 and $0.27, aggregating to net proceeds of $6,148,506 and $6,309,537, respectively, after deducting commissions and other offering expenses. As a result of the suspension of trading in the Company's Common Stock on Nasdaq on October 23, 2026, the Company is no longer able to sell Placement Shares under the Sales Agreement.

In connection with the Company's ATM offering program, the Company has agreed to indemnify the Agent against losses arising from material misstatements or omissions in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, excluding losses attributable to information furnished in writing by the Agent. If indemnification is unavailable, contribution will be allocated based on relative benefits received (Net Proceeds to the Company vs. commissions to the Agent), with the Agent's contribution capped at total commissions received. These obligations survive termination of the sales agreement. As of September 30, 2026, no claims have been asserted, and the Company does not believe a loss is probable; accordingly, no liability has been accrued.

Public Offering and Warrant Inducement

During the nine months ended September 30, 2025, the Company completed two public offerings generating gross proceeds of $5,750,400 (January 2025), approximately $4,520,000 (June 2025, inclusive of a partially exercised over-allotment option) and a warrant inducement transaction generating gross proceeds of $2,971,040 (March 2025). No warrants issued in these transactions remain outstanding as of September 30, 2026. These transactions, and the October 2025 warrant exchange in which the Inducement Warrants were exchanged for shares and cancelled, are described in greater detail in Note 6 to the Company's Form 10-K.

KMX Licensing Agreement

On February 7, 2025, the Company executed the License Agreement with KMX. Under the terms of the License Agreement, KMX agreed to irrevocably license to the Company the use of KMX's VMD Technology and associated processes and systems (including KMX VMD Units) for the purpose of the Company's use of the technology in its refining and upstream operations. Among other obligations set forth in the License Agreement, the Company shall be required to exclusively purchase all KMX VMD Units from KMX during the term of the License Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth therein. The License Agreement grants the Company the exclusive right to sublicense, use, market, sell and operate KMX's VMD Technology across the United States, Canada and select international markets. As a consideration for this license, the Company agreed to pay KMX a royalty comprised of 50,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

As of the License Agreement Effective Date, the license did not meet the recognition criteria for an intangible asset under U.S. GAAP, as it did not provide probable future economic benefits independent of the KMX VMD Units, which are expected to be acquired only upon the commencement of operations at the Company's planned facility. Accordingly, the Company recognized $343,000 as other long-term assets on the audited and unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2025 and September 30, 2026, respectively.

Vendor shares issuance

On October 30, 2025, the Company approved the issuance of 65,000 shares of Common Stock to a vendor for services to be rendered over a period of 12 months. The shares fully vested upon issuance and will be expensed as services are received. The Company recognized consulting expense of $75,560 and $226,688 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, and a prepaid expense of $226,688 and Nil as of December 31, 2025 and September 30, 2026, respectively. The corresponding amounts were recorded as an increase to additional paid-in capital. During the nine months ended September 30, 2026, the Company issued the shares to the vendor.

Private Placement Agreement

On December 31, 2024, the Company entered into binding term sheets with certain investors ("**2024 Investors**") pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell, and the 2024 Investors agreed to purchase, Company securities for an aggregate amount of $550,000 (the "**Private Placement**"). The 2024 Investors agreed to purchase, and the Company agreed to issue and sell, up to $550,000 in shares of Common Stock at a price equal to 95% of the closing bid price of the Common Stock on the last trading day prior to the closing date for the Private Placement. In addition, each 2024 Investor will receive warrants representing the right, exercisable within five years of the closing date, to purchase up to 50% of the shares of Common Stock purchased by such 2024 Investor in the Private Placement, with 10 warrants exercisable for one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of $115.00. The Company received proceeds of $425,000 in December 2024 and additional proceeds of $125,000 in January 2025 from certain 2024 Investors. The Company had accounted for this transaction as Advance from PIPE investor for shares and warrants to be issued based on purchase agreement to be entered on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2024. On April 24, 2025, the Company issued 12,850 shares of Common Stock and 64,251 Warrants to the investors.

NOTE 5 – STOCK BASED COMPENSATION

2023 Equity Incentive Plan

At March 16, 2023 (inception), the Legacy Stardust Power stockholders approved the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan, and 230,112 shares of the Company's Common Stock were reserved for issuance thereunder. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Board adopted a resolution to increase the number of shares of Common Stock authorized for issuance under the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan by 115,056 shares of Common Stock. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, there were no grants under the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan.

Stock Options

During October and November 2023, Legacy Stardust Power granted stock options to purchase 227,810 shares of Common Stock under the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan. All the options under the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan were early-exercised by grantees. Accordingly, the Company received a total amount of $14,850 towards the early exercise of these options during the period from March 16, 2023 (inception) through December 31, 2023, and recorded a liability against the early exercise of these options.

The early exercised shares liability amounting to $829 and $1,735 is outstanding as at September 30, 2026, and December 31, 2025, respectively, and is presented under "Early exercised shares option liability" on the unaudited condensed and audited consolidated balance sheets, respectively.

Stock option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and balances as at the end of September 30, 2026, were as follows:

	Stock Options			
	Number of options	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value	Weighted average remaining contractual life (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Unvested as of December 31, 2025	26,560	$ 5.55	1.50	$ 79,548
Granted	-	-		
Vested	(13,951)	5.27		
Forfeited	-	-		
Unvested as of September 30, 2026	12,609	$ 5.84	0.91	$ 517

The total compensation expense for stock options recognized in the General and administrative expenses of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations was $72,305 and $75,964 for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively. The total compensation expense for stock options recognized in the General and administrative expenses of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations were $22,134 and $25,138 for the three months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025 respectively.

As at September 30, 2026, total unvested compensation cost for stock options granted to employees not yet recognized was $70,635. The Company expects to recognize this compensation over a weighted average period of approximately 0.91 years.

Restricted Stock Units

Restricted stock unit ("RSU") activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and balances as at September 30, 2026, were as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested as at December 31, 2025	54,561	$ 87.10
Granted	-	-
Vested	(29,050)	85.23
Forfeited	(17,258)	91.70
Unvested as at September 30, 2026	8,253	84.10

The total compensation expense for RSUs recognized in the General and administrative expenses of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations was a net reversal of $111,022 and an expense of $3,172,091 for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively. The net reversal for the nine months ended September 30, 2026 reflects the reversal of previously recognized compensation expense on 17,258 unvested RSUs that were forfeited during the three months ended September 30, 2026.

The total compensation expense for RSUs recognized in the General and administrative expenses of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations was a net reversal of $937,887 and an expense of $779,563 for the three months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively.

The total fair value of RSU's vested during nine months ended September 30, 2026, was $2,475,899. As at September 30, 2026, total unvested compensation cost for RSUs granted to employees not yet recognized was $54,615. The Company expects to recognize this compensation over a weighted average period of approximately 0.21 years.

2024 Equity Incentive Plan

The Board adopted, and the stockholders of the Company approved, the 2024 Equity Incentive Plan (the "**2024 Plan**") in September 2024. The maximum number of shares with respect to one or more awards that may be granted to any one participant during any calendar year shall be 467,366 shares of Common Stock.

On March 13, 2026, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 for the purpose of registering an additional (i) 732,159 shares of Common Stock that became issuable under the 2024 Plan pursuant to the provisions of the 2024 Plan providing for automatic increases in the number of shares reserved for issuance thereunder (the "**Evergreen Shares**") and (ii) 82,000 shares of Common Stock that may again become available for issuance with respect to awards under the 2024 Plan pursuant to the share counting, share recycling and other terms and conditions of the 2024 Plan (the "**Recycled Shares**"). Additionally at the Annual Meeting on June 2, 2026, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2024 Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance under the 2024 Plan by 2,600,000 shares and extend the 2024 Plan's term to April 8, 2036.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2026, the Company granted (a) 40,000 RSUs to employees, which vested immediately upon grant, (b) 620,362 RSUs to employees, which vested immediately upon grant and were issued in settlement of prior year bonuses and (c) 21,692 RSUs to consultants which vested immediately upon grant and were issued in settlement of prior year incentives.

The fair value of common stock is based on the closing price of the Company's Common Stock, as reported on Nasdaq on the date of grant.

RSU activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and balances as at the end of September 30, 2026, were as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested as at December 31, 2025	89,147	53.62
Granted	682,054	2.49
Vested	(713,052)	5.00
Forfeited	-	-
Unvested as at September 30, 2026	58,149	50.17

The total compensation expense for RSUs recognized in the General and administrative expenses of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations was $1,951,751 and $1,985,388 for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively.

The total compensation expense for RSUs recognized in the General and administrative expenses of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations was $611,543 and $611,311 for the three months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively.

The total fair value of RSU's vested during nine months ended September 30, 2026, was $3,563,289.

As at September 30, 2026, total unvested compensation cost for RSUs granted to employees and non-employee directors not yet recognized was $2,379,637. The Company expects to recognize this compensation over a weighted average period of approximately 2.08 years.

As at September 30, 2026, total unvested compensation cost for RSUs granted to the consultants not yet recognized was $426,292. The Company expects to recognize this compensation over a period of approximately 1.96 years.

Performance stock unit ("PSU") activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and balances as at the end of September 30, 2026, were as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested as at December 31, 2025	50,658	67.33
Granted	-	-
Vested	-	-
Forfeited	-	-
Unvested as at September 30, 2026	50,658	67.33

The total compensation expense for PSUs recognized in the General and administrative expenses of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations was $849,514 and $849,501 for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively.

The total compensation expense for PSUs recognized in the General and administrative expenses of the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations was $286,284 and $286,252 for the three months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, respectively.

As at September 30, 2026, total unvested compensation cost for PSUs granted to employees not yet recognized was $1,092,337. The Company expects to recognize this compensation over a weighted average period of approximately 0.96 years.

NOTE 6 – ACCOUNTING FOR WARRANT LIABILITY

The Company's Public Warrants and Private Warrants (together, the "Warrants") were issued in connection with the Business Combination that closed on July 8, 2024, as described in the Company's Form 10-K. Each 10 Warrants entitle the holder to purchase one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of $115.00 per share. As at September 30, 2026, and December 31, 2025, there were 10,430,800 warrants outstanding, including 4,864,133 Public Warrants and 5,566,667 Private Warrants outstanding.

The Company may redeem the outstanding Public Warrants in whole and not in part at a price of $0.01 per warrant upon a minimum of 30 days' prior written notice of redemption, only in the event that the last sale price of the Common Stock equals or exceeds $180.00 per share for any 20 trading days within the 30-trading day period ending on the third trading day before the Company sends the notice of redemption to the Public Warrant holders, and that certain other conditions are met. The Company may also redeem the outstanding Public Warrants in whole and not in part at a price of $0.10 per warrant upon a minimum of 30 days' prior written notice of redemption, only in the event that the closing price of the common stock equals or exceeds $100.00 per share on the trading day prior to the date on which the Company sends the notice of redemption, and that certain other conditions are met. If the closing price of the common stock is less than $180.00 per share (as adjusted) for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period ending three trading days before the Company sends the notice of redemption to the warrant holders, the Private Warrants must also concurrently be called for redemption on the same terms as the outstanding Public Warrants.

The Private Warrants have terms and provisions that are identical to those of the Public Warrants. However, the Private Warrants are not redeemable by the Company as long as they are held by the Sponsor or its permitted transferees. If the Private Warrants are held by holders other than the Sponsor or its permitted transferees, the Private Warrants will be redeemable by the Company in all redemption scenarios and exercisable by the holders on the same basis as the Public Warrants.

The Company continues to classify the Warrants as derivative liabilities under ASC 815-40, consistent with the classification analysis described in the Company's Form 10-K. The Warrants are remeasured at fair value each reporting period, with changes recognized in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The following tables present information about the Company's warrant liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2026, and December 31, 2025, and indicate the fair value hierarchy of the valuation inputs the Company utilized to determine such fair value:

Description	At September 30, 2026	Quoted Price In Active Markets (level 1)	Significant Other Observable Input (level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Input (level 3)
Public warrants	$ 329,301	$ 329,301	$ -	$ -
Private warrants	376,863	-	376,863	-
Warrant liability	$ 706,164	$ 329,301	$ 376,863	$ -

Description	At December 31, 2025 (audited)	Quoted Price In Active Markets (level 1)	Significant Other Observable Input (level 2)	Significant Other Unobservable Input (level 3)
Public warrants	$ 485,926	485,926	-	$ -
Private warrants	556,110	-	556,110	-
Warrant liability	$ 1,042,036	485,926	556,110	$ -

At September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, the Company valued its Public Warrants by reference to the publicly traded price of the Public Warrants. The Company valued its Private Warrants based on the closing price of the Public Warrants since they are similar instruments.

The Company's policy is to record transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026.

NOTE 7 – INVESTMENT IN EQUITY SECURITIES

In October 2023, Legacy Stardust Power subscribed to and purchased 13,949,579 ordinary shares (1.26% of the total equity) of QX Resources Limited ("**QXR**") for $200,000.

QXR's ordinary shares are listed on the ASX with a readily determinable fair value, and change in fair value is recognized in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations. Accordingly, the investment in these securities has been recorded at cost at initial recognition and at fair value of $29,249 and $37,374 as at September 30, 2026, and December 31, 2025, respectively. The Company recognized a gain of $447 and a loss of $8,125 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively, and a gain of $27,680 and $11,201 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, respectively, due to change in fair value of securities in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations. Further, this investment in securities has been disclosed outside of current assets on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet in accordance with ASC 210-10-45-4 because the investment has been made for the purpose of affiliation and continuing business.

The Company held an investment in IRIS Metals Limited ("IRIS Metals"), an ASX listed equity security which was fully divested during fiscal year 2025 and is described in the Company's Form 10-K. During the nine months ended September 30, 2025, management determined that a strategic investment in IRIS Metals was no longer viable. As a result, the Company sold all its investment in IRIS Metals for total proceeds of $570,255. The Company recognized a loss on sale of investments of $84,626 and $179,805 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, respectively. The carrying amount of the shares sold was $750,060. Accordingly, as of September 30, 2026, and December 31, 2025, the Company no longer held any investment in IRIS Metals and no gain or loss due to changes in the fair value of securities was recognized during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, the Company recognized loss due to changes in the fair value of securities of $Nil and $711,655, respectively.

NOTE 8 – CONVERTIBLE NOTES AND WARRANTS

Lind 2025 Convertible Note

On December 23, 2025, the Company entered into the Lind Securities Purchase Agreement with Lind providing for up to $15,000,000 in senior secured convertible debt financing. At initial closing, the Company received net cash proceeds of $3,792,500 after payment of a $100,000 commitment fee and $107,500 in legal fees in exchange for issuing to Lind the 2025 Convertible Note with a principal amount of $4,800,000 and the 2025 Lind Warrant to purchase approximately 411,245 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

The 2025 Convertible Note does not bear a stated rate of interest. The principal is repayable in 20 consecutive monthly installments of $240,000 each, commencing 120 days after the issuance date. Lind may elect to increase the amount of up to two monthly installments to as much as $500,000 each. Each installment may be settled, at the Company's election, either (i) in cash (subject to a 4% premium), (ii) shares of common stock ("**Repayment Shares**"), or (iii) a combination of cash and Repayment Shares. The number of Repayment Shares shall be equal to the principal portion paid in shares divided by the Repayment Share price, which is 90% of the average of five consecutive daily VWAPs selected by Lind during the 20 trading days prior to issuance. The 2025 Convertible Note is convertible at Lind's option at a fixed conversion price of $5.837 per share, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments and a floor price mechanism. Conversions are subject to a 4.99% beneficial ownership limitation (which may be increased to 9.99% under certain conditions). In addition, the total number of shares issuable upon conversion is subject to limitations under applicable stock exchange rules (including the 19.99% cap) unless stockholder approval is obtained. On June 2, 2026, the Company's stockholders approved the issuance of shares of Common Stock to Lind in excess of the 19.99% cap.

Any overdue amounts under the 2025 Convertible Note and, following any event of default, bear interest at 10% per annum, compounded annually on a 360-day year basis, from the due date until paid in full. All accrued and unpaid amounts, including interest on overdue interest, are payable on demand.

The 2025 Convertible Note held by Lind is transferable and may be sold, assigned, or pledged, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The note may be prepaid in full by the Company upon 10 days' prior written notice; however, upon any such prepayment notice, Lind may elect to convert up to one-third of the then-outstanding principal at the lower of (i) the applicable conversion price or (ii) the Repayment Share price.

The 2025 Convertible Note includes customary provisions related to change-in-control events, delisting, and events of defaults, which may result in accelerated repayment or conversion at adjusted prices. Upon the occurrence of any of the aforementioned events, Lind may require cash repayment or elect alternative settlement provisions.

At issuance, the Company evaluated the 2025 Convertible Note under ASC 470-20, Debt with Conversion and Other Options, and ASC 815-15, Embedded Derivatives, and determined that certain contingent features, including the Mandatory Default Amount and the default conversion feature (together, the "default features"), are not clearly and closely related to the debt host, meet the definition of a derivative, and require bifurcation and separate measurement at fair value as a single compound embedded derivative. Because the Company assessed the probability of an event of default as remote at issuance and as of December 31, 2025, the Company determined that the fair value of the embedded derivative was de minimis at those dates. The debt host is carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Because the 2025 Convertible Note and related warrant were issued in a single financing transaction, the Company allocated the net proceeds to the 2025 Convertible Note and the warrants based on their relative fair values. A portion of the total debt issuance costs of $207,500 was allocated to the warrants based on their relative fair value, resulting in an allocation of $34,610 to the warrants and $172,890 to the 2025 Convertible Note. In total, $34,610 was recorded in additional paid-in capital ("**APIC**") related to the warrants, and a debt discount and debt issuance costs of $1,640,062 were recorded as a reduction of the carrying amount of the 2025 Convertible Note, representing the difference between the $4,800,000 principal amount and the amount allocated to the debt component at issuance.

Under the 2025 Convertible Note, an event of default occurs if the Company's market capitalization remains below $15.0 million for ten consecutive trading days. On August 11, 2026, this event of default, which is not subject to a cure period, occurred (the "Triggering Event"). The Triggering Event did not result from any failure by the Company to make scheduled payments under the 2025 Convertible Note. As a result of the Triggering Event, the Company, among other things, became obligated to pay the Mandatory Default Amount, equal to 110% of the outstanding principal, plus all other amounts owing under the 2025 Convertible Note, with default interest accruing at a rate of 10% per annum. Based on outstanding principal of $3,580,000 on August 11, 2026, the Mandatory Default Amount was $3,938,000. Since the 2025 Convertible Note is payable on demand at the option of Lind, it is classified as a current liability as of September 30, 2026.

While the event of default continues, Lind may declare the Mandatory Default Amount immediately due and payable and exercise remedies as a secured creditor over substantially all of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, including the pledged equity interests. Lind may also, from time to time, require the conversion of all or a portion of the outstanding principal into shares of Common Stock at a discounted conversion price. The applicable default conversion price is the lower of the conversion price then in effect or 80% of the average of the three lowest daily volume-weighted average prices during the preceding 20 trading days, subject to the limitations in the 2025 Convertible Note.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and before the Triggering Event, the Company settled $1,220,000 of installments through the issuance of 721,015 Repayment Shares, including $500,000 settled through the issuance of 340,367 Repayment Shares during the three months ended September 30, 2026. Before the Triggering Event, the Company recognized a loss on extinguishment of $71,817 and $199,197 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively, representing the excess of the fair value of the Repayment Shares issued over the net carrying amount of the debt settled.

Between August 11, 2026 and September 30, 2026, Lind converted $1,794,962 of the outstanding principal of the 2025 Convertible Note into shares of Common Stock in 17 separate conversions at the default conversion price. These conversions did not generate cash proceeds for the Company. In connection with these conversions, the Company issued an aggregate of 14,445,473 shares of Common Stock to Lind, at an average conversion price of approximately $0.124 per share. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, the Company recognized a gain on extinguishment of $305,267 related to these settlements. The principal balance outstanding under the 2025 Convertible Note was $1,785,038 as of September 30, 2026, before consideration of the unpaid default premium of $358,000 included in the Mandatory Default Amount, and the embedded derivative liability.

The conversions reduced the outstanding principal balance of the 2025 Convertible Note but did not cure the event of default or eliminate the other default-related obligations under the 2025 Convertible Note.

Embedded Derivative Liabilities and Fair Value Measurement

The embedded derivative bifurcated at issuance continues to be accounted for as a derivative liability measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in earnings. The Triggering Event did not change the bifurcation conclusion reached at issuance. The fair value of the embedded derivative, which was de minimis through August 10, 2026, increased significantly upon the Triggering Event.

The Company estimates the fair value of the embedded derivative using a "with-and-without" approach. Under this approach, the fair value of the embedded derivative is the difference between the value of the 2025 Convertible Note including the default features and the value of the 2025 Convertible Note excluding the default features. The fair value including the default features reflects the conversion of all amounts owing, including the Mandatory Default Amount, into Common Stock at the measurement date, using the default conversion price and the closing price of the Common Stock on that date. The fair value excluding the default features is the outstanding principal amount of the 2025 Convertible Note at the measurement date. The Company measured the fair value of the embedded derivative as of August 11, 2026 and September 30, 2026. The fair value of the embedded derivative derecognized upon each conversion was determined as a proportionate share of its fair value as of August 11, 2026, based on the amount converted.

The fair value of the embedded derivative liability was Nil as of December 31, 2025, $2,100,423 as of August 11, 2026 and $880,871 as of September 30, 2026. As a result of the Triggering Event, the Company recognized a loss of $2,100,423 from the change in fair value of the embedded derivative. For the conversions between August 11 and September 30, 2026, the fair value of the shares of Common Stock issued was $2,447,079, the carrying amount of the debt host derecognized was $1,794,962 and the fair value of the embedded derivative derecognized was $957,384, resulting in a gain on extinguishment of $305,267. The Company also recognized a gain of $262,168 from the change in fair value of the embedded derivative for the period from August 11, 2026 through September 30, 2026. Accordingly, the net loss from the change in fair value of the embedded derivative was $1,838,255 for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026.

The embedded derivative liability is classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy because its measurement assumes that all amounts owing are converted in the Common Stock at the measurement date, at the default conversion price and the closing price of the Common Stock on that date. This settlement assumption is a significant unobservable input, as conversions are subject to beneficial ownership limitation and depends on the trading volume of the Common Stock. The other inputs, including the Mandatory Default Amount, the default conversion price, the installment terms and the closing price of the Common Stock, are contractual or observable.

A higher price of the Common Stock relative to the default conversion price would increase the fair value of the shares issuable on conversion and, therefore, the fair value of the embedded derivative. Measuring conversions over a longer period, rather than at the measurement date, could result in a different fair value, depending on the changes in the price of the Common Stock over that period.

The following table presents the changes in the fair value of the embedded derivative liability:

	Embedded derivative liability
Balance as of December 31, 2025	$ —
Change in fair value upon the Triggering Event	2,100,423
Settlements upon conversions	(957,384)
Change in fair value, August 11 to September 30, 2026	(262,168)
Balance as of September 30, 2026	**$ 880,871**

The net loss from the change in fair value of the embedded derivative of $1,838,255 recognized for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026 includes unrealized losses of $880,871 related to the embedded derivative liability held as of September 30, 2026, and is presented in change in fair value of embedded derivative in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

As of December 31, 2025 and September 30, 2026, the outstanding principal amount of the 2025 Convertible Note was $4,800,000 and $2,143,038, respectively, including the unpaid default premium of $358,000. Unamortized debt discount and issuance costs, including the amount allocated to the warrants, totaled $1,606,994 and $Nil as of December 31, 2025 and September 30, 2026, respectively. The net carrying amount of the debt host was $3,193,006 and $1,785,038, respectively. The fair value of the embedded derivative liability was $ Nil and $880,871 as of December 31, 2025 and September 30, 2026, respectively.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, the Company recognized interest expense related to the 2025 Convertible Note of $914,285 and $1,606,994, respectively, consisting of amortization of debt discount and issuance costs. Default interest at the Past Due Rate of $47,367 that accrued from August 11, 2026 through September 30, 2026 is included in the measurement of the embedded derivative. The effective interest rate on the debt host was 43.2%.

Because the 2025 Convertible Note is in default and payable on demand, all amounts owing are presented as due in the remainder of 2026. Future contractual payments under the 2025 Convertible Note as of September 30, 2026 are as follows:

Year	**As of September 30, 2026**
Remainder of 2026	2,143,038

Subsequent to September 30, 2026, and through November 13, 2026, Lind converted $2,143,038 of the amounts owing under the 2025 Convertible Note into 42,742,777 shares of Common Stock in 18 separate conversions. These conversions did not generate cash proceeds for the Company. As of the date these condensed consolidated financial statements were issued, $53,000 remained owing under the 2025 Convertible Note, consisting of accrued default interest at the Past Due Rate, and the event of default had not been waived. On October 23, 2026, Nasdaq suspended trading in the Company's Common Stock. The trading suspension and pending delisting are additional events of default under the 2025 Convertible Note, which did not change the Mandatory Default Amount.

Lind Common Stock Warrant:

On December 23, 2025, in connection with the 2025 Convertible Note, the Company also issued to Lind a warrant to purchase up to 411,245 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of $5.837 per share, exercisable beginning six months after issuance and expiring 60 months thereafter. These may be exercised for cash or, in limited circumstances when a resale registration statement is unavailable or in connection with certain fundamental transactions, on a net share (cashless) basis, in which case Lind receives a reduced number of shares based on the intrinsic value of the warrants.

The warrants provide for standard protection in the event of major transactions (for example, the holder receives equivalent consideration, or, in some cases, cash based on Black-Scholes value) and include anti-dilution adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends, and certain issuances of stock below the then-current exercise price.

The warrants are also subject to beneficial ownership limitations, are transferable subject to securities law compliance, and confer no voting or dividend rights until exercised.

The Company reviewed the warrants in connection with the securities purchase agreements under ASC 815, "*Derivatives and Hedging,*" ("**ASC 815**") and concluded that the warrants are not in scope of ASC 480, "Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity," and are not subject to the derivative guidance under ASC 815. Accordingly, the warrants were equity classified. The fair value of the warrants at the issuance date of $667,172 was determined using a Black-Scholes option pricing model, which includes the use of Level 3 inputs. The resulting fair value of the warrants was recorded in APIC, net of issuance costs, and is not subject to subsequent remeasurement. The Company estimates its stock price volatility using the historical volatility of publicly traded peer companies. The term is equal to the contractual term of the warrants. The risk-free interest rate is determined by reference to the U.S. Treasury yield curve for the time period equal to the term of the warrants. The expected dividend yield is zero based on the fact that the Company has never paid cash dividends on Common Stock and does not expect to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Assumptions used in calculating the fair value of the warrants at the issuance date include the following:

	Assumptions
Fair value of Common Stock as of December 23, 2025	$ 3.04
Exercise Price	$ 5.84
Risk-free interest rate	3.78%
Contractual terms (years)	5.5
Volatility	75%
Dividend Yield	0%

NOTE 9 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following tables summarize the Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in the condensed consolidated financial statements:

	Fair Value Measurements as at December 31, 2025 (audited)			
	Level 1	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Other noncurrent assets:				
Investment in equity securities (a)	$ 37,374	$ -	$ -	$ 37,374
Total financial assets	$ 37,374	$ -	$ -	$ 37,374

	Fair Value Measurements as at September 30, 2026			
	Level 1	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Other noncurrent assets:				
Investment in equity securities (a)	$ 29,249	$ -	$ -	$ 29,249
Total financial assets	$ 29,249	$ -	$ -	$ 29,249

	Fair Value Measurements as at December 31, 2025 (audited)			
	Level 1	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Liabilities				
Sponsor earnout shares (b)	$ -	$ -	$ 4,700	$ 4,700
Total financial liabilities	$ -	$ -	$ 4,700	$ 4,700

	Fair Value Measurements as at September 30, 2026			
	Level 1	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Liabilities				
Sponsor earnout shares (b)	$ -	$ -	$ 4,700	$ 4,700
Total financial liabilities	$ -	$ -	$ 4,700	$ 4,700

(a) These represent equity investments with a readily determinable fair value. The Company has measured its investments to fair value in accordance with ASC 321, *"Investments-Equity Securities,"* based on quoted prices in active markets.

(b) For Level 3 earnout liability, the Company assesses the fair value of expected earnout liability at each reporting period using the Monte Carlo Method, which is consistent with the initial measurement of the expected earnout consideration. This fair value measurement is considered a Level 3 measurement because the Company estimates projections during the earnout period utilizing various potential pay-out scenarios. The Monte Carlo simulation method repeats a process thousands of times in an attempt to predict all the possible future outcomes. At the end of the simulation, several random trials produce a distribution of outcomes that are then analyzed to determine the average present value of the earnout. Change in the fair value of earnout liability is reflected in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The make-whole obligation liability related to the Prior B. Riley Purchase Agreement is measured at fair value categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. See Note 4.

NOTE 10 – SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company reports segment information in the same way management internally organizes the business in assessing performance and making decisions regarding allocation of resources in accordance with ASC 280, "*Segment Reporting"*. The Company has a single reportable operating segment which operates as a single business platform. In reaching this conclusion, management considered the definition of the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("**CODM**"), how the business is defined by the CODM, the nature of the information provided to the CODM, how the CODM uses such information to make operating decisions, and how resources and performance are assessed. The Company's CODM is its Chief Executive Officer, who reviews financial information presented on a consolidated basis for purposes of allocating resources and evaluating financial performance. The Company has a single, common management team and the Company's cash flows are reported and reviewed with no distinct cash flows. The measure of segment assets is reported on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets as total consolidated assets. All of the Company's long-lived assets are located in the United States.

In addition to the significant expense categories included within net loss presented on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations, see below for disaggregated amounts that comprise general and administrative expenses.

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30, 2026	**September 30, 2025**	**September 30, 2026**	**September 30, 2025**
Payroll and related taxes	(200,776)	2,938,743	5,266,026	9,702,403
Professional and consulting fees	354,767	366,559	1,254,714	704,116
Legal fees	100,490	222,953	524,360	702,615
Insurance	154,148	122,721	400,344	414,177
Marketing and advertisement	111,984	(2,122)	332,465	47,885
Other	237,210	176,817	859,498	1,039,470
Total	**757,823**	**3,825,671**	**8,637,407**	**12,610,666**

NOTE 11 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company previously entered into a consulting agreement and loan arrangement with DRE Chicago LLC ("DRE Chicago"), whose principal, Paramita Das, was the Company's former Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer as described in the Company's Form 10-K. The Company recognized interest expense of $7,187 during the nine months ended September 30, 2025. The loan was fully repaid, together with accrued interest, as of December 31, 2025, and 52,374 warrants, remain outstanding. DRE Chicago's loan was entered into as part of a larger $1,800,000 Term Sheets facility with several lenders, which was fully repaid, together with accrued interest, as of December 31, 2025. Ms. Das terminated her employment with the Company in November 2025 and is no longer considered a related party as of September 30, 2026.

The Company previously entered into a loan arrangement with Endurance Antarctica Partners II, LLC ("Endurance"), an affiliate of a director at the time and a shareholder, as described in the Company's Form 10-K. The Company recognized interest expense of $51,042 during the nine months ended September 30, 2025. The loan was fully repaid, together with accrued interest, as of December 31, 2025, and 488,826 warrants, remain outstanding. As of the date of this quarterly report, the Endurance-affiliated individual is no longer a member of our board of directors.

In March 2023, the Company entered into unsecured notes payable with three related parties. These notes payable provided the Company the ability to draw up to $1,000,000, in aggregate. In June 2025, the Company drew $250,000 from Energy Transition Investors LLC, and subsequently repaid the drawn amount by quarter end. The Company had accrued interest of $422 during the nine months ended September 30, 2025, on the drawn amount and subsequently paid the interest in January 2026.

NOTE 12 - ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES:

	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025 (audited)
Accrued expenses	$ 1,607,386	$ 1,748,808
Capital market advisory fees	1,419,388	1,419,388
Personnel related liabilities	142,808	1,667,247
Accrued Interest	1,594	1,556
Total	**$ 3,171,176**	**$ 4,836,999**

NOTE 13 – SHORT-TERM LOANS

Insurance funding borrowing

On July 1, 2026, the Company entered into a financing agreement of $493,532 for the purchase of an insurance policy with FIRST Insurance Funding. The Company made a down payment of $172,736, which was applied to the loan amount at the time of the loan agreement. The debt is payable in 7 monthly installments of $47,189 per month and bears an interest rate of 6.99%. The carrying amount of $277,416 is included as Short-term Loan on the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as on September 30, 2026. The Company recognized interest expense of $5,403 on this financing agreement for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026.

On August 5, 2025, the Company entered into a financing agreement of $407,500 for the purchase of an insurance policy with AFCO Insurance Premium Finance. The debt is payable in monthly installments through June 2026 and bears an interest rate of 7.5%. The carrying amount of Nil and $205,403 is included as Short-term Loan on the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as on September 30, 2026, and the audited consolidated balance sheet as on December 31, 2025, respectively. The Company recognized interest expense of Nil and $4,216 on the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively.

A separate insurance financing agreement entered into in July 2024 was fully repaid in June 2025; the Company recognized related interest expense of Nil and $5,067 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, respectively.

Other short-term loans

The Company’s short-term loans with Endurance Antarctica Partners II, LLC and under the Term Sheets (including DRE Chicago LLC, a related party) are described in Note 11, Related Party Transactions above and described in greater detail in Note 7 to the Company’s Form 10-K. Both arrangements were fully repaid, together with accrued interest, as of December 31, 2025, and carried no balance as of September 30, 2026. The Company recognized interest expense of $103,938 towards other short-term loans on the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2025.

The following table summarizes the Company’s outstanding short-term loan arrangements:

	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025 (audited)
Insurance funding loan	$ 277,416	$ 205,403
Total	**$ 277,416**	**$ 205,403**

NOTE 14 - LEASES

The Company has entered into a lease agreement with Tower Lake LLC for office space. The Company has not recognized any right-of-use asset or lease liability pursuant to this lease as it is a short-term lease. The Company recorded rent expense of $7,811 for the three months ended September 30, 2026 and 2025 and $23,432 for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025, in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

In February 2026, the Company entered into a two-year sublease agreement expiring on February 29, 2028, with Chesmar Homes, LLC for office space located in Houston, Texas. The monthly base rent under the agreement is $8,761 and the Company paid a security deposit of $17,523 upon execution of the sublease agreement, 50% of which will be adjusted against the final lease payment. The lease was contractually scheduled to commence on March 1, 2026. However, as the Company obtained control of the underlying asset, including physical possession, on May 1, 2026, the lease commenced on May 1, 2026, under ASC 842, “Leases”. The Company recognized a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability of $173,254 as of May 1, 2026.

The Company incurred operating lease cost of $26,285 and $43,808 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively. Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities was $26,285 and $43,808 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively, and is classified within operating activities in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows. The weighted average remaining term of operating leases was 1.42 years as of September 30, 2026, and the weighted-average discount rate used to measure the present value of the operating lease liabilities was 12.5% as of May 1, 2026.

As of September 30, 2026, the operating lease right-of-use asset was $135,857, and the operating lease liability of $135,857 was classified as $93,386 current and $42,471 non-current in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Future operating lease payments as of September 30, 2026, were as follows:

Year		
Remainder of 2026	$	26,285
2027		105,138
2028		17,523
Total future lease payments		**148,946**
Less imputed interest		(13,089)
Total operating lease liability balance	**$**	**135,857**

NOTE 15 – PROMISSORY NOTES AND WRITE-OFFS

On August 19, 2024, Legacy Stardust Power entered into a promissory note arrangement with IGX Minerals LLC (“IGX”) (the “IGX Note”) for $176,000. The arrangement is described in the Company’s Form 10-K. During the nine months ended September 30, 2025, the Company wrote off the promissory note balance, including interest, in the amount of $182,481 as the note was deemed unrecoverable from IGX and the likelihood of entering into definitive agreements with IGX had diminished significantly. As a result, the Company recognized a loss of Nil and $182,481 in the Other Income/Expense section of the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, respectively.

On March 15, 2024, Legacy Stardust Power entered into a non-binding Letter of Intent with Usha Resources Ltd. (“Usha Resources”) to potentially acquire an interest in its Jackpot Lake lithium brine project, paying a non-refundable exclusivity payment of $25,000. A further non-refundable $50,000 payment was made on May 14, 2024. The arrangement is described in the Company’s Form 10-K. During the nine months ended September 30, 2025, the Company determined that the likelihood of entering into definitive agreements with Usha Resources Ltd. had diminished significantly and wrote off the $50,000 deposit balance. The Company recognized a loss of $50,000 in the Other Income/Expense section of the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2025.

NOTE 16 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were available to be issued. Other than as disclosed above, there are no additional subsequent events that would have a material impact on the Company’s unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations should be read together with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto contained elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

Company Overview and History

On July 8, 2024, Stardust Power Operating Inc. (f/k/a Stardust Power Inc. prior to the consummation of the Business Combination, or "**Legacy Stardust Power**") consummated the business combination contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement, dated as of November 21, 2023 (as amended, the "**Business Combination Agreement**"), by and among Global Partner Acquisition Corp. II, a Cayman Islands exempted company ("**GPAC II**"), Strike Merger Sub I, Inc., a Delaware corporation and direct wholly owned subsidiary of GPAC II ("**First Merger Sub**"), Strike Merger Sub II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of GPAC II ("**Second Merger Sub**"), and Legacy Stardust Power (the "**Business Combination**"). Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, First Merger Sub merged into Legacy Stardust Power, with Legacy Stardust Power being the surviving corporation. Legacy Stardust Power then merged into Second Merger Sub, with Second Merger Sub being the surviving entity. Upon the completion of the Business Combination, GPAC II was renamed Stardust Power Inc. Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to the "Company," "we," "us," "our," or "Stardust Power" refers to Stardust Power Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

We are a U.S.-based development stage battery grade lithium manufacturer designed to foster clean energy independence for the United States. We are in the process of creating capacity to manufacture battery grade lithium products, for a wide variety of applications, including energy storage systems, e-mobility, grid infrastructure, and data centers, by developing a large-scale lithium refinery in the United States. We seek to become a sustainable, cost effective supplier of battery grade lithium carbonate, by our innovative approach in the development of a large central refinery optimized for multiple inputs of lithium chloride in Oklahoma.

We intend to source lithium chloride feedstock from various suppliers and may make investments upstream to secure additional feedstock. We seek to sell our products to electric vehicle ("**EV**") manufacturers as our primary market, with potential applications in other areas such as battery manufacturers, the U.S. military, and original equipment manufacturers ("**OEMs**").

Some of the key driving factors are the demand for battery grade lithium products, fueled largely by the demand for energy storage solutions, production of electric vehicles and automotive OEMs, and battery manufacturers seeking domestic supply options, leading to demand for minerals used in battery cells, such as lithium, governmental incentives for American manufacturing and evolving geopolitical climate that is creating a national security priority for the U.S. market.

In February 2023, we received an illustrative incentive analysis for up to $257 million in performance-based incentives from the State of Oklahoma and potential federal incentives, which also included potential eligibility for further federal grants. The state incentives were based on initial job creation, equipment procurement, training and recruitment incentives, property tax exemptions, sales tax exemptions, and capital expenditure projections submitted to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce in the first quarter of 2023 and could be subject to changes as we progress in setting up our planned lithium refinery in Muskogee, Oklahoma (the "**Facility**") and commercial production of battery grade lithium in the future. These incentives may change based on the actual financial metrics of the Company in the future, which may be lower or higher.

We believe that we are well positioned to address these opportunities by emerging as a leading, fully integrated domestic lithium supplier, and contribute to restoring American energy independence, thereby bridging the gap in the domestic supply of battery grade lithium products.

Recent Developments

Recent Financing Activity

On December 23, 2025, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the "**Lind Securities Purchase Agreement**") with Lind Global Asset Management XIII LLC ("**Lind**") providing for up to $15,000,000 in senior secured convertible debt financing. At the initial closing, we drew down gross proceeds of approximately $4,000,000 in exchange for issuance to Lind of a Senior Secured Convertible Promissory Note in the amount of $4,800,000 (the "**2025 Convertible Note**") and a Common Stock Purchase Warrant for the purchase of approximately 411,245 shares (the "**2025 Lind Warrant**").

On August 11, 2026, our market capitalization had been below $15,000,000 for ten consecutive trading days, which was an event of default. As a result, we became obligated to pay the Mandatory Default Amount of $3,938,000 (110% of outstanding principal), plus default interest at 10% per annum. Lind also became entitled to accelerate the note, to exercise remedies as a secured creditor over substantially all of our assets and those of our subsidiaries, including the pledged equity interests, and to convert the note at a discount to the market price. The event of default has not been waived. We have classified the note as a current liability.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2026, we settled $1,220,000 of installments in shares before the default. From August 11 through September 30, Lind converted $1,794,962 of principal into 14,445,473 shares. None of these issuances provided cash. As of September 30, 2026, we owed $1,785,038 of principal, the $358,000 default premium and $47,367 of accrued interest. Subsequent to the quarter end, Lind converted a further $2,143,038, and $53,000 of accrued interest remains owing.

On February 12, 2026, we entered into a Common Stock Purchase Agreement (the "**B. Riley Purchase Agreement**") and a Registration Rights Agreement (the "**B. Riley Registration Rights Agreement**", and together with the B. Riley Purchase Agreement, the "**B. Riley Agreements**") with B. Riley Principal Capital II, LLC ("**B. Riley Principal Capital II**"). Pursuant to the B. Riley Agreements, we have the right, in our sole discretion, to sell to B. Riley Principal Capital II, from time to time during the 36-month investment period, up to $10,000,000 of newly issued shares of our Common Stock (the "**Total Commitment**"), subject to an exchange cap and other conditions and limitations set forth in the agreement.

On April 20, 2026, we entered into a Letter of Intent (the "**LOI**") with a single institutional investor to support project level financing for our Facility. Under the terms of the LOI, the institutional investor has indicated its intent to invest up to $150 million at the project level, with flexibility across equity, debt, and hybrid financing structures. The agreement is non-binding and outlines a framework for a potential investment, including the ability to support the financing through syndication and direct capital participation. We and the investor have also agreed to proceed through customary due diligence and negotiation of definitive agreements, and any potential investment remains subject to satisfactory due diligence and the execution of definitive documentation and is not committed capital for purposes of liquidity or going concern analysis.

On May 8, 2026, we entered into an At Market Issuance Sales Agreement (the "**Sales Agreement**") with B. Riley Securities, Inc. (the "**Agent**"). Pursuant to the terms of the Sales Agreement, we may sell from time to time through the Agent, shares of our Common Stock, par value $0.0001 per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to $5,000,000 (the "**Shares**"). On September 17, 2026, we filed the Amendment No.1 to the Prospectus Supplement to update the ATM Offering to up to an additional aggregate of $8,990,537 of Placement Shares. Further, on September 22, 2026, we filed the Amendment No.2 to the Prospectus Supplement to update the ATM Offering, to up to an additional aggregate of $6,076,872 of Placement Shares.

Notice from Nasdaq

On April 24, 2026, we were notified by the listing qualifications staff of Nasdaq that we did not satisfy the minimum $35 million market value of the listed securities requirement for 30 consecutive business days, as required under Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(2) for the Nasdaq Capital Market (the "**MVLS Requirement**"). Nasdaq also noted that we do not meet the requirements under Listing Rules 5550(b)(1) and 5550(b)(3). In accordance with Nasdaq rules, we have a period of 180 calendar days (or until October 21, 2026) to regain compliance with the MVLS Requirement. To the extent we seek to regain compliance through the MVLS Requirement, our market value of listed securities must close at $35 million or more for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days during the 180-day compliance period. Further, on September 11, 2026, we were notified by the listing qualifications staff of Nasdaq that, based upon the closing bid price of our common stock for the last 30 consecutive business days, we no longer satisfied the requirement of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) that listed securities maintain a minimum bid price of $1.00 per share (the "Minimum Bid Price Requirement"). In accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), we were provided a compliance period of 180 calendar days, or until March 10, 2027, to regain compliance with the Minimum Bid Price Requirement. On October 15, 2026, we subsequently received a written notice from the Staff indicating that it has determined that, as of October 14, 2026, our Common Stock had a closing bid price of $0.10 or less for ten consecutive trading days, triggering application of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A)(iii), pursuant to which, if during any compliance period specified in Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), a company's security has a closing bid price of $0.10 or less for ten consecutive trading days, the Listing Qualifications Department shall issue a Staff Delisting Determination under Rule 5810 with respect to that security. As a result, trading in the Company's Common Stock and Public warrants was suspended at the opening of business on October 23, 2026, and the Staff indicated that a Form 25-NSE will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to remove the Company's securities from listing and registration on The Nasdaq Stock Market.

Recent Supply Agreements

On March 13, 2026, we entered into a non-binding letter agreement with a strategic counterparty for the supply of 15,000 metric tons per annum of lithium carbonate equivalent in the form of lithium chloride. The initial contract term would span 12 years starting from the date on which first commercial shipment is received by us, with the option for us to renew for an additional six-year term.

Air Permit

During nine months ended September 30, 2026, we received our air quality construction permit from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality ("ODEQ") for our lithium refinery in Muskogee, Oklahoma. This key milestone represents the final significant permit required for construction and commissioning, positioning us to advance one of the largest planned lithium refineries in the United States.

Reverse Stock Split

On September 3, 2025, we filed a certificate of amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware to effectuate a 1-for-10 reverse stock split (the "**Reverse Stock Split**") of the outstanding shares of our common stock, par value $0.0001 ("**Common Stock**"). Our stockholders previously approved the Reverse Stock Split at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders held on June 9, 2025 and granted our board of directors (the "**Board**") the authority to determine the exact split ratio and when to proceed with the Reverse Stock Split. The Reverse Stock Split became effective on September 8, 2025, and our Common Stock began trading on the Nasdaq on a Reverse Stock Split-adjusted basis on September 8, 2025 at market open. The Reverse Stock Split did not decrease the number of authorized shares of Common Stock and preferred stock or otherwise affect the par value of the Common Stock. No fractional shares were issued in connection with the Reverse Stock Split and any fractional shares resulting from the Reverse Stock Split were rounded down to the nearest whole share. Stockholders who were otherwise entitled to receive fractional shares as a result of the Reverse Stock Split were paid cash in lieu thereof. As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, shares of Common Stock, outstanding warrants, stock options, and restricted stock units were proportionately decreased (and the respective per share value and exercise prices, if applicable, were proportionately increased) (see Part I, Item 1, Note 2, Basis of Presentation and summary of significant accounting policies in the notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in this Quarterly Report).

Key Factors Affecting Our Performance

We believe that our performance and future success depend on a number of factors that present significant opportunities for us but also pose risks and challenges, including competition from other lithium brine and other brine producers, changes to existing federal and state level incentive framework, changes in regulations, and other factors discussed under the section titled "Risk Factors" in our Form 10-K and in this Quarterly Report. We believe the factors described below are key to our success.

Commencing Commercial Operations

We are a development stage company, and we have purchased a site in Southside Industrial Park, Muskogee, Oklahoma to build the Facility (the "**Site**"). We have completed a number of required site assessments and technical studies, including the critical issue analysis, Phase I ESA, front-end loading ("**FEL**") -1 study and FEL-3 study. Additional studies may be required as the project progresses.

The project required evaluation for certain federal, state, and local permits. State permitting focuses on air emissions, wastewater, and stormwater permits. Federal permitting focuses on possible cultural, biological, and natural resources and threatened/endangered species impacts. The key permitting agency for the project at the state level is the ODEQ. We have received from the ODEQ the general permit for stormwater discharges from Construction Activities, approval of its stormwater pollution prevention plan and air quality construction permit ("**Air Permit**"). Under current design plans, we do not expect to require a waste water permit for the Facility since no waste water is expected to be discharged.

We are developing a large central refinery in a phased approach. The first phase is the construction of a production line with up to 25,000 metric tons per annum. The second phase is to add a second production line with up to 25,000 tons per annum, to create a total capacity of up to 50,000 tons per annum.

A technological innovation of our planned refinery is the ability for the Facility to refine different sources of lithium chloride inputs derived from lithium brines. The Facility is being designed to accept lithium chloride of a certain approved chemical composition. It is our intention that the Facility should be able to dilute and pre-treat feedstock as necessary, so that various lithium feedstock can be blended, in order to produce a consistent feedstock. Our strategy is to differentiate ourselves by screening for a broader set of contaminants, in comparison to other lithium refineries.

Partnership Ecosystem

Our success will depend on whether we can execute and expand our ecosystem of commercial arrangements with additional suppliers of brine and executing agreements with them at favorable terms. The availability of brine for the purpose of extracting lithium is still in a nascent stage and we would require access to multiple sources as we start commercial production and grow our business. Our management team frequently evaluates current and future sources of supplies for reliability and geographic locations for logistics and cost efficiency. We would also have to maintain technology arrangements with existing strategic affiliations on whose patented and proprietary processes we depend on, as well as forge new technology affiliations as exploration, extraction and purification processes evolve, to obtain raw materials required to manufacture high-quality lithium suitable for consumption by the EV industry, and other potential usages. These affiliations should enable us to refine and sell battery grade lithium at competitive prices, which in turn helps secure the growth and profitability of our business operations in the long term.

Adequate Capital Raise

The success of our refinery's activities relating to producing battery grade lithium from brine and our ability to obtain relevant permits in a timely manner require significant capital investment and financing to fund the initial investment in all aspects of setting up the operations, and may subsequently be impacted by our operating losses, competition from substitute products and services from larger companies, protection of proprietary technology of our strategic partners, and dependence on key individuals.

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been presented on the basis that we are a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. We have not earned any revenue and have been operating at a loss since inception. We have an accumulated deficit and stockholders' deficit. We believe that the cash on hand and additional investments available through issuance of new Common Stock will be inadequate to satisfy our working capital and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next twelve months. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern for one year from the issuance of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. As a development stage company, we need to raise additional capital to realize our business objectives. Our long-term success and ability to continue as a going concern are dependent upon our ability to successfully raise additional capital or financing, or successfully enter into strategic partnerships. Until commercial production is achieved from our planned operations, we will continue to incur operating and investing net cash outflows associated with, among other things, maintaining and acquiring exploration properties and undertaking ongoing exploration activities.

Limited Operating History

We have a limited operating history and there is limited historical financial information upon which to base an evaluation of our performance. Our business and financial condition must be considered in light of the uncertainties, risks, expenses, and difficulties frequently encountered by companies in their early stages of operation.

Key Business Metrics

Since we have yet to start the construction of our Facility and associated commercial production, we do not have financial information on key business metrics. We do not currently present any non-GAAP financial measures. However, based on our experience and industry knowledge, we expect the following would be key business metrics:

- ***Raw Material Cost/ton***: This includes the input cost of lithium chloride for the plant. As this may be obtained from various sources, the weighted average cost will be calculated to arrive at the raw material cost per ton and reflects our ability to procure high-quality raw materials at an appropriate price. The weighted average method also helps in calculating the gross margin on a per-ton basis. The technology implemented and the efficiency of the operations are also reflected in the gross margin per ton.

- ***Selling Price/ton***: This multiple is driven by the demand and supply of the lithium price as well as the efficient operations of the plant. The computation of the selling price may be based on the output sold per long-term contract, which is expected to have a floor and a cap, as well as the spot price on the date of placing a purchase order by the customer, with us and the customer sharing the difference between the floor and spot price.

- ***Capex/ton***: This reflects the Capex incurred on a per-ton basis. It includes both direct and indirect costs. It also has contingency costs built in for any impact on Capex, to account for unforeseen events. The key is to optimize plant efficiency in long-term operations with the appropriate technology and set-up.

- ***Opex/ton***: This includes the ongoing expenses incurred from the day-to-day running of the operations. It helps in measuring how much profit a company makes on a dollar of sales after paying for variable costs of production, such as wages and raw materials, but before paying interest or tax. The lower multiple reflects the efficient functioning of the management.

- ***Capacity Utilization***: This measures how much output a plant is producing, compared to its maximum potential output, which is dependent on two key factors: (a) design capacity, which impacts the operational efficiency of the plant, and (b) the plant's downtime for its maintenance. Timely maintenance is also the key to running any efficient operations.

Further, since we are yet to generate revenue, we do not currently utilize non-GAAP financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDA margin. To the extent we introduce any non-GAAP financial measures in future periods, we will provide the disclosures required by Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K, including a reconciliation to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Business and Macroeconomic Conditions

Our business and financial condition has been, and we believe will continue to be, impacted by adverse and uncertain macroeconomic conditions and events, including higher inflation, higher interest rates, supply chain and logistics challenges, banking crises, fluctuations or volatility in capital markets, foreign exchange rate volatility, government shutdowns, changes in monetary policy, changes in trade policies, including tariffs and other trade restrictions or the threat of such actions, and rising geopolitical instability, including the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine, and the related volatility in the price of oil and other commodity prices.

Components of Results of Operations

Revenue

We have not generated any revenue to date. We expect to generate a significant portion of our future revenue from the sale of battery grade lithium carbonate primarily to the energy storage system and EV markets. We expect to enter into long-term contracts (typically 10 years), driven by industry dynamics, with a pricing structure at cap and ceiling, and sharing of variable price between customers and us.

Cost of Goods Sold

We have not sourced any raw material to date. We expect to source brine from lithium producing suppliers including the oil and gas industry as a byproduct of their exploration and extraction processes. We are in the process of negotiating with multiple suppliers for brine feedstock, including producers from the oil and gas industry. The length, tenure and pricing of these contracts will depend largely on the type of supply and are expected to vary from supplier to supplier.

Expenses

General and administrative

General and administrative expense consists of costs to maintain our daily operations and administer the business that are not directly attributable to generating revenue or cost of goods or raw material. These consist primarily of consulting services (including advisory services and administrative related services from contractors, consultants), professional services such as accounting advisory, statutory auditor fees, technical consultants, and business consulting, as well as personnel related expenses (including stock based compensation), legal and book-keeping services, insurance expenses (including director and officer's insurance), investor relations activities and marketing expenses. We expect our general and administrative expenses will increase in absolute dollars over time as we continue to invest in setting up our Facility, hire additional employees, and subsequently invest in the growth of our business and incur costs associated with being a publicly traded company with respect to compliance with the regulations of the SEC.

Other Income (Expenses)

Interest income

Interest income is comprised of interest earned on promissory notes. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we issued promissory notes of $176,000 and $316,000 to IGX Minerals LLC and IG Lithium LLC, respectively. These notes carried an interest rate of 6% with maturity dates of February 28, 2025, and July 1, 2025, respectively.

Interest expense

Interest expense is currently comprised primarily of amortization of debt discount and issuance costs associated with the 2025 Convertible Note issued in December 2025 (see Note 8). Interest expense has also historically included interest on insurance premium financing with FIRST Insurance Funding, AFCO Insurance Premium Finance and on promissory notes issued under various Term Sheets, including notes with related parties (see Note 11 and 13). The Term Sheet notes were fully repaid during fiscal year 2025 and no longer contribute to interest expense in the current period. Interest expense may also include interest charged by vendors on overdue invoices, when applicable.

Finance charges

Finance charges are comprised of costs incurred to enter into the B. Riley Purchase Agreement, issuing shares and the change in fair value of our make-whole provision related to the B. Riley Purchase Agreement.

Change in fair value of sponsor earnout shares

Change in fair value of sponsor earnout shares relates to movements in fair value of earnout shares issued to Global Partner Sponsor II, LLC ("Sponsor") at the closing of the Business Combination, which have been classified as liability instruments in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The earnout liability is remeasured at each reporting period based on third party valuations carried out at period end. As at September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, we did not identify any indicators that a change in the fair value of the Sponsor Earnout Shares last measured as of March 31, 2025, would be material, and accordingly did not perform an updated Monte Carlo valuation as of either date.

Change in fair value of warrant liability

Change in fair value of warrant liability relates to movements in fair value of Public Warrants and Private Warrants (as defined in Note 6 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements) which have been classified as liability instruments in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, that need to be recorded in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for each reporting period, based on fair value at period end.

Change in fair value of investment in equity securities

Change in fair value of investment in equity securities relates to movements in fair value of investment in equity securities of strategic investments such as the investment in QX Resources Limited ("**QXR**") and IRIS Metals Limited ("**Iris Metals**"), that need to be recorded in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for each reporting period, based on readily available quoted prices for such investment.

Loss on sale of investments in equity securities

Loss on sale of investment in equity securities relates to realized loss on sale of investment in equity securities of IRIS Metals. The sale was made in response to evolving market conditions and liquidity needs.

Loss on write-off of promissory note and deposit

Loss on write-off of promissory note and deposit relates to the write-off of a promissory note and deposit made in connection with a previously contemplated strategic partnership with IGX and Usha Resources. The likelihood of entering into definitive agreements with them had diminished significantly during the quarter, and based on an updated assessment, these amounts were deemed uncollectible.

Gain on extinguishment of liability, net

Gain or loss on extinguishment of liability represents the gain or loss recognized on the extinguishment of the 2025 Convertible Note balance due to payment of installment through issuance of shares and gain on extinguishment of vendor payable balance.

Loss on change in fair value of embedded derivative liability, net

Loss on change in fair value of embedded derivative liability represents the loss recognized on the change in fair value of embedded derivative liability that was recognized upon the occurrence of the Triggering Event related to the 2025 Convertible Note.

Other income

Other income reflects *the* reduction in the accrued liability resulting from the settlement and release agreement executed subsequent to quarter-end.

Provision for income taxes

We are constituted as a Delaware corporation and are subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes based on enacted rates, as adjusted for allowable credits, deductions, uncertain tax positions, changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities and changes in tax law.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our unaudited condensed statements of operations information for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30, 2026	**September 30, 2025**	**Changes**	**September 30, 2026**	**September 30, 2025**	**Changes**
Revenue						
General and administrative expenses	$ 757,823	$ 3,825,671	$ (3,067,848)	$ 8,637,407	$ 12,610,666	$ (3,973,259)
Operating Loss	**(757,823)**	**(3,825,671)**	**3,067,848**	**(8,637,407)**	**(12,610,666)**	**3,973,259**
Other incomes (expenses)						
Interest income	1	4	(3)	3	12,014	(12,011)
Interest expense	(919,687)	(11,290)	(908,397)	(1,617,008)	(177,222)	(1,439,786)
Finance charge	31,539	(54,752)	86,291	(282,381)	(273,871)	(8,510)
Change in fair value of sponsor earn out shares	-	-	-	-	528,000	(528,000)
Change in fair value of warrant Liability	451,654	(511,109)	962,763	335,872	1,660,583	(1,324,711)
Change in fair value of investment in equity securities	447	27,680	(27,233)	(8,125)	(700,454)	692,329
Loss on sale of investment in equity securities	-	(84,626)	84,626	-	(179,805)	179,805
Loss on write-off of promissory note and deposit	-	-	-	-	(232,481)	232,481
Gain on extinguishment of liability, net	233,450	-	233,450	111,041	-	111,041
Loss on change in fair value of embedded derivative liability, net	(1,838,255)	-	(1,838,255)	(1,838,255)	-	(1,838,255)
Other income	25,805	-	25,805	25,805	-	25,805
Total other income (expenses)	**(2,015,046)**	**(634,093)**	**(1,380,953)**	**(3,273,048)**	**636,764**	**(3,909,812)**
Net Loss	**$ (2,772,869)**	**$ (4,459,764)**	**$ 1,686,895**	**$ (11,910,455)**	**$ (11,973,902)**	**$ 63,447**

Revenues

We have not earned any revenue since inception.

Cost of Goods Sold

We did not manufacture any products, and hence did not incur any direct costs related to production or carrying inventory, since inception.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses are primarily attributable to employee-related compensation expenses representing base salary, benefits and stock-based compensation expense, professional and consulting fees, mainly comprising marketing advisory services, insurance costs, and other consulting and, legal services. The details of these expenses are as follows:

	Three months ended			Nine months ended		
	September 30, 2026	**September 30, 2025**	**Changes**	**September 30, 2026**	**September 30, 2025**	**Changes**
Payroll and related taxes	$ (200,776)	$ 2,938,743	(3,139,519)	$ 5,266,026	$ 9,702,403	(4,436,377)
Professional and consulting fees	354,767	366,559	(11,792)	1,254,714	704,116	550,598
Legal fees	100,490	222,953	(122,463)	524,360	702,615	(178,255)
Insurance	154,148	122,721	31,427	400,344	414,177	(13,833)
Marketing and advertisement	111,984	(2,122)	114,106	332,465	47,885	284,580
Other	237,210	176,817	60,393	859,498	1,039,470	(179,972)
Total	**757,823**	**3,825,671**	**(3,067,848)**	**8,637,407**	**12,610,666**	**(3,973,259)**

For the three months ended September 30, 2026, general and administrative expenses decreased by $3,067,848, or 80.2%, to $757,823, compared to $3,825,671 for the three months ended September 30, 2025, primarily due to a decrease of $3,139,519 in payroll and related taxes, driven by reversal of stock-based compensation due to forfeiture during the current quarter and reversal of 2026 bonus accrual, a decrease of $122,463 in legal fees, partially offset by an increase of $114,106 in marketing and advertisement expense, increase of $60,393 in other expenses and $31,427 increase in insurance costs.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2026, general and administrative expenses decreased by $3,973,259, or 31.5%, to $8,637,407, compared to $12,610,666 for the nine months ended September 30, 2025, primarily due to a decrease of $4,436,377 in payroll and related taxes driven by reversal of stock-based compensation, due to forfeiture during the current quarter and reversal of 2026 bonus accrual, decrease of $178,255 in legal fees due to the appointment of in house general counsel and reduced SEC filings and a decrease of $179,972 in other expenses, partially offset by increases of $550,598 in professional and consulting fees primarily driven by reversal of stock-based compensation of a consultant due to forfeiture during the nine months ended September 30, 2025, and an increase of $284,580 in marketing and advertisement expense.

Other Income (Expenses)

Interest income

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, interest income was de minimis, compared to interest income of $4 and $12,014 for the same periods in 2025, respectively. The decrease is attributable to interest income earned in the prior year period on promissory notes issued in fiscal year 2024. These promissory notes, including accrued interest, were written off in fiscal year 2025 as the notes were deemed unrecoverable.

Interest expense

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, interest expenses increased by $908,397 and $1,439,786, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, respectively, primarily due to the amortization of debt discount and issuance costs related to the 2025 Convertible Note, partially offset by decrease in interest expense on other short-term loans with various lenders.

Finance charges

Finance charges were a net credit of $31,539 for the three months ended September 30, 2026, compared to a net charge of $54,752 for the three months ended September 30, 2025, a change of $86,291. The change was primarily due to the reversal of $36,539 of a previously accrued make-whole provision, in connection with the settlement of the related obligation with B. Riley for $65,000 subsequent to quarter ended September 30, 2026.

Finance charges were $282,381 for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, compared to $273,871 for the nine months ended September 30, 2025, an increase of $8,510. The increase was primarily due to increase in cost of the issuance of shares under the B. Riley Purchase Agreement, partially offset by the make-whole provision reversal described above.

Change in fair value of sponsor earnout shares

The change in fair value of earnout shares was Nil for the nine months ended September 30, 2026, compared to a gain of $528,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2025, and was related to movements in fair value of earnout shares issued to the Sponsor, which have been classified as liability instruments in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The fair value adjustment is recorded in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for each reporting period, based on third party valuations. As at September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, we did not identify any indicators that a change in the fair value of the Sponsor Earnout Shares last measured as of March 31, 2025, would be material, and accordingly did not perform an updated Monte Carlo valuation as of either date.

Change in fair value of warrant liability

The change in fair value of warrant liability was a gain of $451,654 and $335,872 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, respectively, compared to a loss of $511,109 and a gain of $1,660,583 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, respectively, and was related to movements in fair value of Public and Private Warrants, which have been classified as liability instruments in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Change in fair value of investment in equity securities

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, the change in fair value of investment in equity securities was a gain of $447 and a loss of $8,125, respectively, compared to a gain of $27,680 and a loss of $700,454 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, respectively, primarily due to fluctuations in the fair value of investments in QXR and IRIS Metals, based on readily available quoted market prices for these investments.

Loss on sale of investments in equity securities

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, the Company recorded a loss of $84,626 and $179,805, respectively, in connection with the sale of investment in equity securities. These securities were originally acquired as part of a broader investment strategy but were sold in response to evolving market conditions and liquidity needs. The loss reflects the decline in market value relative to the carrying amount at the time of sale. The Company did not sell any investment in equity securities during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026.

Loss on write-off of promissory note and deposit

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, the Company recorded a loss of Nil and $232,481, respectively, related to the write-off of a promissory note and deposit associated with a previously contemplated strategic partnership with IGX and Usha Resources. The arrangement was terminated during the nine months ended September 30, 2025, and based on an updated assessment these amounts were deemed uncollectible. Accordingly, the full balance was written off and recognized as a non-operating loss. No such write off was noted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026.

Gain on extinguishment of liability, net

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, we recognized a net gain on extinguishment of liability of $233,450 and $111,041, respectively, on settlement of the 2025 Convertible Note monthly installment through issuance of Repayment Shares. The gain or loss reflects the difference between the installment amount and the fair value of the Repayment Shares as of the date of issuance. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, there was no loss or gain recognized on extinguishment of liability.

Loss on change in fair value of embedded derivative liability, net

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, we recognized a loss on change in fair value of embedded derivative liability of $1,838,255, on recognition of the embedded derivative liability upon the occurrence of the Triggering Event related to the 2025 Convertible Note on August 11, 2026 (See Note 8) and further change in fair value of embedded derivative liability as of September 30, 2026. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, there was no embedded derivative liability.

Other income

Other income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, was $25,805, reflecting the reduction in the accrued liability resulting from the settlement and release agreement executed subsequent to quarter-end. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, there was no other income.

Tax expenses

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, and 2025 the tax expense is $Nil, due to net losses incurred during these periods. We do not carry any deferred tax assets on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as at September 30, 2026 and the audited condensed consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2025, primarily due to net operating loss carry forwards resulting from historically incurred net operating losses and full valuations allowance of those losses, as our ability to realize future tax benefits related to these assets is largely dependent upon operational profitability, which is uncertain. As a result of this uncertainty, we have established a full valuation allowance, and have not recognized a net provision or benefit for income taxes in the periods reported.

Net loss

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2026, we incurred a net loss of $2,772,869 and $11,910,455, respectively, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2025, we incurred a net loss of $4,459,764 and $11,973,902 respectively. Since we have yet to start commercial production of battery-grade lithium, our operating expenses are expected to increase as we continue to recruit more personnel to perform general operational tasks, setting up the Facility and execute supply agreements.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

We have devoted substantial efforts and financial resources to raising capital and organizing and staffing the Company, and as a result, have incurred significant operating losses. As of September 30, 2026, and December 31, 2025, we had an accumulated deficit of $80,253,039 and $68,342,584, respectively.

We have not earned any revenue and have been operating at a loss since inception. We have an accumulated deficit and stockholders' deficit.

Liquidity Requirements

Our primary requirements for liquidity and capital are investment in new facilities, new technologies, working capital and general corporate needs. Specifically, in this regard, the total refinery cost, which includes all direct and indirect costs and contingencies needed to build phase 1 of the refinery, (25,000 metric tons per annum of battery grade lithium carbonate), has been estimated at approximately $500 million following completion of the FEL-3 study. We intend to finance our project cost through a mix of debt, equity and potential government grants. We expect our operational expenditures to increase for the foreseeable future in connection with ongoing and future activities. Specifically, expenditures will increase as we:

- secure and build facilities;
- invest in research and development activities to advance the development of our technologies; and
- incur additional expenses associated with operating as, a public company.

Our current and ongoing liquidity requirements will depend on many factors, including: our launch cadence, the timing and extent of spending to support additional development efforts, the introduction of new and enhanced offerings, the expected market adoption of our offerings, and the timing and extent of additional capital expenditures to build and invest in the development of our Facility. In addition, we may, in the future, enter into arrangements to acquire or invest in complementary businesses, business offerings and technologies. However, we do not have agreements or commitments to enter into any such acquisitions or investments at this time.

Sources of Liquidity and Going Concern

We have funded our operations with proceeds from sales of Legacy Stardust Power Common Stock, promissory notes, simple agreements for future equity notes ("**SAFE notes**"), debt financing, equity financing and convertible equity agreements. During 2026, our primary sources of financing were committed equity facility with B. Riley Principal Capital II, LLC, and an at-the-market offering through B. Riley Securities, Inc., from which we received aggregate net proceeds of approximately $10,495,988 through October 23, 2026. Following the suspension of our Common Stock from trading on Nasdaq on October 23, 2026, we are no longer able to sell shares under the committed equity facility or the at-the-market offering. In addition, following an event of default, Lind converted the entire outstanding principal balance of its convertible note into shares of Common Stock, and no further financing is available from Lind. See Notes 4 and 8 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information.

To continue as a going concern, we anticipate funding our near-term operations through the sale of equity securities, promissory notes, debt financing or from other capital sources. If adequate funds are not available, we may be required to curtail, delay, or eliminate some or all of our planned activities, or raise additional financing to continue to fund operations, and may not be able to continue as a going concern.

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been presented on the basis that we are a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. We are a development stage entity with no revenues, and have accumulated deficit of $80,253,039 and stockholders' deficit of $1,975,874 as at September 30, 2026. We expect to continue to incur significant costs in pursuit of our operating and investment plans. These costs exceed our existing cash balance and net working capital.

We believe that the cash on hand, and additional investments available through issuance of new Common Stock, will be inadequate to satisfy our working capital and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next twelve months. Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon management's plan to raise additional capital from the issuance of equity or to obtain additional borrowings to fund our operating and investing activities over the next year. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary if we are unable to continue as a going concern.

No assurance can be given that any future financing will be available or, if available, that it will be on terms that are satisfactory to us. Even if we are able to obtain additional financing, it may contain undue restrictions on our operations, in the case of debt financing, or cause substantial dilution for our stockholders, in the case of equity financing. Failure to secure adequate financing could have a material adverse effect on our business, operations and financial performance.

Insurance funding borrowing

On August 5, 2025, we entered into a financing agreement of $407,500 for the purchase of an insurance policy with AFCO Insurance Premium Finance. The debt is payable in monthly installments through June 2026 and bears an interest rate of 7.5%. As at September 30, 2026, the loan was fully repaid. The carrying amount of Nil and $205,403 is included as Short-term Loan on the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as on September 30, 2026, and audited consolidated balance sheet as on December 31, 2025, respectively.

During the three months ended September 30, 2026, we entered into a financing agreement of $493,532 for the purchase of an insurance policy with FIRST Insurance Funding. We made a downpayment of $172,736, which was applied to the loan amount at the time of the loan agreement. The debt is payable in 7 monthly installments of $47,189 per month and bears an interest rate of 6.99%.

Other short-term loans

Our short-term loans with Endurance Antarctica Partners II, LLC and under the Term Sheets (including DRE Chicago LLC, a related party) are described in Note 11, Related Party Transactions, included elsewhere in this quarterly report and described in greater detail in Note 7 to our Form 10-K. Both arrangements were fully repaid, together with accrued interest, as of December 31, 2025, and carried no balance as of September 30, 2026. The Company recognized interest expense of $103,938 towards other short-term loans on the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2025.

Cash Flow

Summary

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the periods presented:

	Nine months ended September 30, 2026	Nine months ended September 30, 2025	Change
Net cash used in operating activities	(6,283,278)	(6,548,760)	265,482
Net cash used in investing activities	(310,596)	(3,001,632)	2,691,036
Net cash provided by financing activities	7,675,125	10,222,822	(2,547,697)
Net change in cash	**1,081,251**	**672,430**	**408,821**

Cash Flows Used in Operating Activities

For the nine months ended September 30, 2026, net cash used in operating activities was $6,283,278, consisting of a $11,910,455 net loss, adjusted for $6,080,189 of non-cash charges, primarily comprising stock based compensation expense, amortization of debt discount and issuance costs, loss on change in fair value of embedded derivative liability, loss on extinguishment of liability and change in fair value of warrant liability, and a $453,012 net change in operating assets and liabilities, primarily driven by an increase of $306,332 in prepaid expense and other assets, decrease of $236,056 in accrued and other current liabilities and decrease of $37,397 in operating lease right-of-use asset and liability, partially offset by an increase of $126,773 in accounts payable which represent the various costs that are expected to be incurred as we set up operations during this period

For the nine months ended September 30, 2025, net cash used in operating activities was $6,548,760 consisting of a $11,973,902 net loss, adjusted for $5,247,665 of non-cash charges, primarily comprising stock based compensation expense, change in fair value of investments, warrant liability, sponsor earnout shares and common stock make-whole obligation, loss on sale of investments, loss on write off of deferred transaction costs, promissory note and deposits and depreciation, and a $177,477 net increase in operating assets and liabilities, primarily driven by an increase of $231,370 in accounts payable and other current liabilities which represent the various costs that are expected to be incurred as we set up operations during this period, partially offset by an increase of $53,893 in prepaid expenses and other assets due to amortization.

Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities

For the nine months ended September 30, 2026, net cash used in investing activities was $310,596, primarily representing $281,676 of capital project costs related to construction of the refinery and $28,920 on account of purchase of computer, equipment and furniture.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2025, net cash used in investing activities was $3,001,632, primarily representing $3,555,268 incurred for capital project costs related to construction of the refinery offset partially by $570,255 in proceeds from sale of investments in equity securities.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

For the nine months ended September 30, 2026, net cash provided by financing activities was $7,675,125, related primarily to proceeds of $7,660,987 from common stock issuances under the ATM Offering and the B. Riley Purchase Agreement and proceeds of $320,796 from short term loan, partially offset by repayment of short-term loan of $248,783 and payment of deferred transaction costs of $57,875.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2025, net cash provided by financing activities was $10,222,822 related primarily to gross proceeds from consummation of public offerings of $10,270,400, gross proceeds from a warrant inducement transaction of $2,971,040, proceeds from PIPE investors of $125,000, proceeds from short term loan of $337,244 and common stock issuance proceeds of $1,647,431 partially offset by repayment of short-term loans of $3,841,129, payment of transaction costs associated with public offering and warrant inducement of $1,260,226.

Operating and Capital Expenditure Requirements

We have not earned any revenue and have been operating at a loss since inception. We have an accumulated deficit and stockholders' deficit. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue to finance operations over the next twelve months and is dependent upon management's plan to raise additional capital from issuance of equity or receive additional borrowings to fund our operating and investing activities over the next one year. Our intended capital requirements depend on many factors including the capital expenditure required to set up our Facility, and undertake all activities necessary to start commercial production, prices of capital equipment, and preliminary costs. In the future, it will depend on our expansion of acquiring new assets/sites to have access and potential ownership of raw material. We may in the future enter into arrangements to acquire or invest in complementary businesses, services and technologies, including intellectual property rights. We may be required to seek additional equity or debt financing. If additional financing is required from outside sources, over and above what we are intending to raise currently, we may not be able to raise it on acceptable terms or at all. If we are unable to raise additional capital when desired, our business, results of operations and financial condition would be materially and adversely affected, and we may not be able to continue our intended operations as a going concern.

Commitments and Contractual Obligations

See Note 3 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for additional details regarding other contractual obligations and commitments as at September 30, 2026. While we have not entered into any other binding commitments, other strategic partnerships are being evaluated which could lead to future contractual obligations.

Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates

We believe that the following accounting policies and estimates involve a high degree of judgment and complexity. Accordingly, these are the policies we believe are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our unaudited condensed consolidated financial condition and results of our operations. See Note 2 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for a description of our other significant accounting policies. The preparation of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in those unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Although we believe that the estimates we use are reasonable, due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making those estimates, actual results reported in future periods could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

Income taxes are recorded in accordance with Accounting Standard Codification ("ASC") 740, "Income Taxes" ("ASC 740"), which provides for deferred taxes using an asset and liability approach. We recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements or tax returns. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Valuation allowances are provided, if based upon the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. We account for uncertain tax positions in accordance with the provisions of ASC 740. When uncertain tax positions exist, we recognize the tax benefit of tax positions to the extent that the benefit would more likely than not be realized assuming examination by the taxing authority. The determination as to whether the tax benefit will more likely than not be realized is based upon the technical merits of the tax position as well as consideration of the available facts and circumstances. We recognize any interest and penalties accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for additional details regarding recent accounting pronouncements.

Segment Reporting

We report segment information in the same way management internally organizes the business in assessing performance and making decisions regarding allocation of resources in accordance with ASC Topic 280, "*Segment Reporting*." We have a single reportable operating segment which operates as a single business platform. In reaching this conclusion, management considered the definition of the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("**CODM**"), how the business is defined by the CODM, the nature of the information provided to the CODM, how the CODM uses such information to make operating decisions, and how resources and performance are assessed. Our CODM is the Chief Executive Officer, who reviews financial information presented on a consolidated basis for purposes of allocating resources and evaluating financial performance. We have a single, common management team and our cash flows are reported and reviewed on a total-company basis.

Related Party Transactions

We previously entered into a consulting agreement and loan arrangement with DRE Chicago LLC ("DRE Chicago"), whose principal, Paramita Das, was our former Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer as described in our Form 10-K. We recognized interest expense of $7,187 during the nine months ended September 30, 2025. The loan was fully repaid, together with accrued interest, as of December 31, 2025, and 52,374 warrants, remain outstanding. DRE Chicago's loan was entered into as part of a larger $1,800,000 Term Sheets facility with several lenders, which was fully repaid, together with accrued interest, as of December 31, 2025. Ms. Das terminated her employment with us in November 2025 and is no longer considered a related party as of September 30, 2026.

We previously entered into a loan arrangement with Endurance Antarctica Partners II, LLC ("Endurance"), an affiliate of a director at the time and a shareholder, as described in our Form 10-K. We recognized interest expense of $51,042 during the nine months ended September 30, 2025. The loan was fully repaid, together with accrued interest, as of December 31, 2025, and 488,826 warrants, remain outstanding. As of the date of this quarterly report, the Endurance-affiliated individual is no longer a member of our board of directors.

We previously entered into unsecured notes payable with three related parties. These notes payable provided us the ability to draw up to $1,000,000, in aggregate. In June 2025, we drew $250,000 from Energy Transition Investors LLC, and subsequently repaid the drawn amount by quarter ended June 30, 2025. We had accrued interest of $422 during the nine months ended September 30, 2025 on the drawn amount and subsequently paid the interest in January 2026.

Private Warrants

The Sponsor purchased from GPAC II an aggregate of 5,566,667 warrants at a price of $1.50 per warrant in a private placement that occurred simultaneously with the completion of our initial public offering (the "Private Warrants"). At closing of the Business Combination, we acquired the net liabilities for GPAC II including the Private Warrants. Each 10 Private Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of Common Stock at $115.00 per share. At September 30, 2026, there were 5,566,667 Private Warrants outstanding. As at September 30, 2026, the fair value of Private Warrants amounted to $376,863. We valued our Private Warrants based on the closing price of the Public Warrants since they are similar instruments.

Sponsor Earnout Shares

As part of the closing of the Business Combination, we issued 100,000 shares to the Sponsor. These shares are subject to vesting (or forfeiture) based on achieving certain trading price thresholds following the closing ("Sponsor Earnout Shares"). Fifty percent of the Sponsor Earnout Shares will vest when the VWAP of the Common Stock price equals or exceeds $120.00 per share for a period of 20 trading days in a 30-trading day period, and the remaining fifty percent of the Sponsor Earnout Shares will vest when the VWAP of the Common Stock price equals or exceeds $140.00 per share for a period of 20 trading days in a 30 trading day period. Upon the occurrence of a change in control, any remaining unvested Sponsor Earnout Shares become vested. Unvested Sponsor Earnout Shares will be forfeited if vesting does not occur prior to the eighth anniversary of the Closing Date. We assess the fair value of expected earnout consideration at each reporting period using the Monte Carlo Method, which is consistent with the initial measurement of the expected earnout consideration. As at September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, we did not identify any indicators that a change in the fair value of the Sponsor Earnout Shares last measured at $4,700 as of March 31, 2025, would be material, and accordingly did not perform an updated Monte Carlo valuation as of either date.

Subsequent Events

See Note 16 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report for additional details regarding subsequent events.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market Risk Framework

Market risk represents the risk of losses, or financial volatility in our operations, that may result from the fluctuations of various factors. The scope of our market risk, management policies and procedures is expected to include market-sensitive data related to interest rate, liquidity, input and selling prices.

The Company's different types of market risk include:

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk represents the potential volatility from changes in market interest rates. We are exposed to interest rate risk arising from changes in the level and volatility of interest rates, changes in the slope of the yield curve, changes in credit spreads, and the rate of prepayments on our interest-earning assets (e.g., inventories) and our funding sources (e.g., short-term financing) which finance these assets. Project finance and loan facilities are a key component of our financing strategy. Volatility in the interest rate market could impede our plans for growth.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that we are unable to timely access necessary funding sources in order to operate our business, as well as the risk that we are unable to timely divest securities that we hold in connection with our sales and trading activities. We have been successful in equity financing in the past but there is no assurance that we will continue to be able to finance the Company with equity financing. We do not have substantial credit lines for financing the Company.

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the potential for loss due to the default or deterioration in credit quality of a counterparty, customer, borrower, or issuer. The nature and amount of credit risk depends on the type of transaction, the structure and duration of that transaction and the parties involved. Credit risk also results from an obligor's failure to meet the terms of any contract with us or otherwise fail to perform as agreed. This may be reflected through issues such as settlement obligations or payment collections.

Operational risk

The success of our plan requires us to be able to operationally deliver on the project plan and timelines as projected by management. In order to mitigate and control operational risk, we expect to develop policies and procedures that are designed to help identify and manage operational risk at appropriate levels throughout the organization. We also expect to have business continuity plans in place that we believe should cover critical processes on a company-wide basis, and redundancies are built into our systems as we deem appropriate. These control mechanisms will be designed to help confirm that operational policies and procedures are being followed and that our various businesses are operating within established corporate policies and limits. We are leveraging and intend to continue implementing established best practices for our industry to reduce operational risk.

Human Capital Risk

The success of our business is dependent upon the skills, expertise, industry knowledge and performance of our employees. Human capital risks represent the risks posed if we fail to attract and retain qualified individuals, particularly those having specialized technical knowledge in the exploration, extraction, and purification of brine from varying sources to produce battery-grade lithium, and employees who are motivated to serve the best interests of our clients, thereby serving our best interests. Attracting and retaining employees depends, among other things, on our Company's culture, management, work environment, geographic locations and compensation. There are risks associated with the proper recruitment, development and rewards of our employees to ensure quality performance and retention. We offer competitive compensation and benefits to retain human capital, intend to offer educational opportunities to allow advancement, and promote balance in work life conditions by offering hybrid work- from-home options.

Legal and regulatory risk

Legal and regulatory risk includes the risk of non-compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements and the loss to our reputation that we may suffer as a result of a failure to comply with laws, regulations, rules, related self-regulatory organization standards and codes of conduct applicable to our business activities. We are generally subject to extensive regulations in the various jurisdictions in which we conduct our business. We are in the process of setting up procedures that are designed to help promote compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, such as public company reporting obligations, regulatory net capital requirements, sales practices, potential conflicts of interest, anti-money laundering, privacy and recordkeeping. We also expect to establish procedures that are designed to require that our policies relating to ethics and business conduct are followed.

Market Risk Exposure

Interest Rate Risk

As of September 30, 2026, our outstanding debt instruments, including the 2025 Convertible Note and our short-term insurance premium financing, bear interest at fixed rates. Accordingly, we do not believe we have significant exposure to changes in market interest rates on our existing debt; however, changes in prevailing interest rates could affect the cost and availability of any future debt or equity financing that we may need to raise to fund our operations.

Credit Risk

We are subject to credit risk with respect to our cash balances for those amounts in excess of the FDIC insured amount of $250,000. We have only one financial banking institution.

Inflation Risk

We do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2026, other than its impact on the general economy. However, we are currently operating in a more volatile inflationary environment due to macroeconomic conditions and have limited data and experience doing so in our history, particularly as we continue to invest in growth in our business. The principal inflationary factor affecting our business is higher costs. Our inability or failure to address challenges relating to inflation could harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We are required to comply with the internal control requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Only in the event that we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer or an accelerated filer and no longer qualify as an emerging growth company would we be required to comply with the independent registered public accounting firm attestation requirement on internal control over financial reporting. Further, for as long as we remain an emerging growth company as defined in the JOBS Act, we intend to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not "emerging growth companies" including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the independent registered public accounting firm attestation requirement.

Disclosure controls are procedures with the objective of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Exchange Act, such as this report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls are designed with the objective of ensuring that information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As required by Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act, management with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2026. Based upon their evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) were effective as of September 30, 2026. Accordingly, management believes that the financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q present fairly in all material respects our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the period presented.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. Subsequent to the end of the quarter, effective October 23, 2026, Udaychandra Devasper resigned from his role as the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Principal Financial Officer, and Principal Accounting Officer. Effective November 13, 2026, Anupam Agarwal, the Company's Vice President of Finance and a director, was appointed to serve as the Company's interim Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer until a successor is appointed.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

We do not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all errors and all instances of fraud. Disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met. Further, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all disclosure controls and procedures, no evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures can provide absolute assurance that we have detected all our control deficiencies and instances of fraud, if any. The design of disclosure controls and procedures is also based partly on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we may be involved in certain legal and regulatory proceedings, as well as demands, investigations and claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business. The ultimate outcome of any litigation is often uncertain, and unfavorable outcomes could have a negative impact on our results of operations and financial condition. We make a provision for a liability relating to legal matters when it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. These provisions are reviewed at least quarterly and adjusted to reflect the impact of negotiations, estimated settlements, legal rulings, advice of legal counsel and other information and events pertaining to a particular matter.

On July 7, 2025, a complaint was filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, captioned *H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC v. Stardust Power, Inc.*, Case No: 654037/2025. The complaint names us as defendant, alleging, among other things, that we breached an engagement agreement with the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs seek, among other things, payment of all purported unpaid sums due under such engagement agreement. On October 14, 2026 ("Effective Date"), the Company entered into a settlement and release agreement with HCW wherein the Company made a one-time lump sum payment of $425,000 to HCW and issued warrants to purchase 482,904 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price equal to the Nasdaq official closing price of the Company's shares of common stock on the Effective Date and with a term of 5 years from the issuance date.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Please refer to Part I, Item 1A—Risk Factors of the Company's Form 10-K. Any of these factors could result in a significant or material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, or financial condition.

In addition to the risk factors set forth in our Form 10-K, the following risk factors should be considered carefully in evaluating our Company and our business.

Our Common Stock and Public Warrants have been suspended from trading on Nasdaq and will be delisted, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and the value of your investment, and constitutes an event of default under our 2025 Convertible Note.

On April 24, 2026, we received written notice from the Listing Qualifications Staff (the "Staff") of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") notifying us that we were not in compliance with the minimum $35 million market value of listed securities requirement set forth in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(2) for continued listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market (the "MVLS Requirement") because our market value of listed securities had been below $35 million for 30 consecutive business days. The notice also indicated that we did not meet the alternative continued listing requirements under Nasdaq Listing Rules 5550(b)(1) (stockholders' equity of at least $2.5 million) or 5550(b)(3) (net income from continuing operations of at least $500,000 in the most recently completed fiscal year or in two of the last three most recently completed fiscal years).

We were provided a period of 180 calendar days, or until October 21, 2026, to regain compliance with the MVLS Requirement. Further, on September 11, 2026, the Staff notified us that the closing bid price of our Common Stock had been below $1.00 per share for 30 consecutive business days and, as a result, we did not comply with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) (the "Minimum Bid Price Requirement"). In accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), we were provided 180 calendar days, or until March 10, 2027, to regain compliance with the Minimum Bid Price Requirement.

On October 15, 2026, we received a written notice from the Staff (the "Staff Determination") indicating that, as of October 14, 2026, our Common Stock had a closing bid price of $0.10 or less for ten consecutive trading days, triggering application of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A)(iii), which requires the Staff to issue a delisting determination with respect to that security. We did not request a hearing before a Nasdaq Hearings Panel to appeal the Staff Determination. Accordingly, trading in our Common Stock and Public Warrants was suspended at the opening of business on October 23, 2026, and the Staff indicated that a Form 25-NSE will be filed with the SEC to remove our securities from listing and registration on Nasdaq. Our securities will be delisted 10 calendar days after the Form 25-NSE is filed. As of the date of this Quarterly Report, our Common Stock and Public Warrants have been quoted on the OTC Pink Sheets under the symbols "SDST" and "SDSTW", respectively. There can be no assurance that our securities will be quoted on any particular market tier or that an active trading market will exist.

The suspension and delisting of our securities from Nasdaq, have adversely affected, and are expected to continue to adversely affect, the liquidity and market price of our securities. As a result we face significant adverse consequences, including limited availability of market quotations for our securities, reduced liquidity with respect to our securities, a determination that our Common Stock is a "penny stock" which requires brokers trading in our Common Stock to adhere to more stringent rules and possibly results in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our securities, a limited amount of news and little or no analyst coverage,; the loss of exemptions from state securities registration requirements; the potential loss of employee confidence and institutional investor interest; and a decreased ability to obtain additional financing in the future. Following the suspension, we are no longer able to sell shares under our committed equity facility or ATM Offering. In addition, the delisting of our securities from Nasdaq would constitute an event of default under our 2025 Convertible Note with Lind Global Asset Management XIII LLC ("Lind"), Although Lind has converted the entire outstanding principal balance of the 2025 Convertible Note, $53,000 of accrued default interest remains owing, and the event of default has not been waived. Because many financing sources require that our securities be listed on a national securities exchange, the loss of our Nasdaq listing, together with the continuing event of default under the 2025 Convertible Note, is expected to significantly limit our ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms, or at all, and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and our ability to continue as a going concern.

Our Common Stock is quoted on the over-the-counter (OTC) Pink Sheets, where trading is volatile and sporadic, which could depress the market price of our Common Stock, reduce its liquidity and make it difficult for our stockholders to resell their shares of our Common Stock.

Our Common Stock is now quoted on the Pink Sheets tier of the OTC Markets Group, Inc. ("***OTC Markets***"). The OTC Markets is a significantly more limited market than Nasdaq, and the quotation of our Common Stock on the Pink Sheets may result in a less liquid market for existing and potential stockholders to trade shares of our Common Stock and could have a long-term adverse impact on our ability to raise capital in the future. Trading in securities quoted on the OTC Markets is often thin and characterized by wide fluctuations in trading prices, due to many factors, some of which may have little to do with our operations or business prospects. This volatility could depress the market price of our Common Stock for reasons unrelated to operating performance. Moreover, the OTC Markets is not a stock exchange, and trading of securities on the OTC Markets is often more sporadic than the trading of securities listed on a national securities exchange such as Nasdaq. Accordingly, our stockholders may find it more difficult to sell their shares of Common Stock when desired, or at prices they consider acceptable. We intend to apply to have our Common Stock quoted on either the OTC Markets' OTCQX or OTCQB market tier. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to qualify for quotation on a higher OTC Markets tier or maintain any such quotation or listing.]

There is substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern, and we will need to raise additional capital in the near term to maintain our operations.

As of September 30, 2026, we had $4,561,402 of unrestricted cash. We are a development stage company, have not generated any revenue, and have incurred significant losses since inception. As of September 30, 2026, we had an accumulated deficit of $80,253,039 and a stockholders' deficit of $1,975,874. We expect to continue to incur significant costs in pursuit of our operating and investment plans, which costs exceed our existing cash balance and net working capital. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

We believe that our cash on hand, together with additional investments available through the issuance of new Common Stock, will be inadequate to satisfy our working capital and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next twelve months. Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon management's ability to raise additional capital from the issuance of equity securities or obtain additional borrowings to fund our operating and investing activities over the next year. No assurance can be given that any future financing will be available or, if available, that it will be on terms that are satisfactory to us. Even if we are able to obtain additional financing, it may contain restrictions on our operations, in the case of debt financing, or cause substantial dilution for our stockholders, in the case of equity financing. If we are unable to raise additional capital when needed, we may be required to curtail, delay, or eliminate some or all of our planned activities and may not be able to continue as a going concern, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

We are currently in default and under our senior secured 2025 Convertible Note, and as a result Lind may exercise remedies against us and our assets.

Our 2025 Convertible Note with Lind is a senior secured obligation and includes customary events of default, including, among others, failure to make required payments when due, failure to comply with covenants, breach of representations and warranties, insolvency or bankruptcy, delisting of our Common Stock from Nasdaq, and certain change-in-control events. Events of default have occurred and are continuing under the 2025 Convertible Note, including as a result of the Triggering Event and the suspension and delisting of our Common Stock from Nasdaq. While an event of default continues, Lind may, at its election, declare all amounts owing immediately due and payable, require repayment in cash or convert amounts owing into shares of Common Stock at a discounted default conversion price. As of September 30, 2026, the outstanding principal amount under the 2025 Convertible Note was $1,785,038. Subsequent to September 30, 2026, Lind converted the remaining outstanding principal balance into shares of Common Stock, and as of the date of this Quarterly Report, $53,000 of accrued default interest remains outstanding. Conversions at the default conversion price have resulted, and any further conversions would result, in substantial dilution to our stockholders without generating cash proceeds for us. Additionally, because the 2025 Convertible Note is secured by substantially all of our assets, Lind may exercise remedies against our collateral for so long as amounts remain due and the event of default continues, which could result in the loss of our assets and severely impair or preclude our ability to conduct our business.

As described in Note 8, "Convertible Note and Warrants" on August 11, 2026, an event of default occurred under our 2025 Convertible Note (the "Triggering Event") as a result of our market capitalization remaining below $15.0 million for ten consecutive trading days. As a result of the Triggering Event, we became obligated to pay a Mandatory Default Amount equal to 110% of the outstanding principal, and default interest began accruing at 10% per annum. In addition, no further financing is available to us under the Lind Securities Purchase Agreement. The loss of access to this committed funding source, together with our inability to sell shares under our committed equity facility or ATM Offering following the suspension of our Common Stock from trading on Nasdaq, has raised substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. We are engaged in discussions with Lind regarding a potential forbearance, waiver, or amendment with respect to the events of default; however, there can be no assurance that such discussions will result in a definitive agreement, or that any agreement will be reached on terms acceptable to us.

Additional risk factors not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business, results of operations, or financial condition.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

Issuer Repurchases of Equity Securities

None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

As previously disclosed in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, on August 11, 2026, an event of default occurred under the 2025 Convertible Note issued to Lind as a result of our market capitalization remaining below $15.0 million for ten consecutive trading days (the "**Triggering Event**"). As a result of the Triggering Event, we became obligated to pay a Mandatory Default Amount equal to 110% of the outstanding principal, and default interest began accruing at 10% per annum. The suspension of trading in our Common Stock on Nasdaq on October 23, 2026, and the pending delisting constitute additional events of default under the 2025 Convertible Note. As of September 30, 2026, the outstanding principal amount under the 2025 Convertible Note was $1,785,038. Subsequent to September 30, 2026, Lind converted the remaining outstanding principal balance into shares of Common Stock, and as of the date of this Quarterly Report, $53,000 of accrued default interest remains outstanding. The events of default have not been cured or waived. See Note 8, "Convertible Note and Warrants," to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," for additional information

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

(a) *Other Information*

On October 23, 2026, Udaychandra Devasper resigned from his role as the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Principal Financial Officer, and Principal Accounting Officer. On November 13, 2026, the Company's Board of Directors appointed Anupam Agarwal, the Company's Vice President of Finance and a director, to serve as the Company's interim Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer, effective immediately, until a successor is appointed.

Mr. Agarwal, age 45, has served as a member of the Board and our VP Finance since the consummation of the Business Combination in July 2024. Prior to the Business Combination, Mr. Agarwal served as Legacy Stardust Power's Senior Director of Finance and Accounts from its inception in March 2023. He brings over two decades of experience in advising multinational corporations on strategic matters and assisting organizations in their growth initiatives. Mr. Agarwal worked for VIKASA Capital Inc., an investment firm, as Director, Finance from 2019 to 2023. He began his career as a Project Manager at Gammon India, where he served from 2004 to 2007, executing various infrastructure and renewable projects, and later worked with EY (UAE), Edelweiss (Investment Banking) and KPMG, advising global clients and government agencies on due diligence, M&A, fundraising and strategic and deal advisory. While at KPMG, his notable experiences include advising on project bidding for a large independent power producer company and providing buy-side advisory services for large transactions, including acquisitions by large construction companies and airport operators. At Edelweiss, he advised on sell-side projects for infrastructure transportation and solar engineering, procurement and construction. Mr. Agarwal holds a Master's in Management Studies (MMS) from Mumbai University.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Agarwal and any other person pursuant to which he was appointed, no family relationships between Mr. Agarwal and any director or executive officer of the Company, and no transactions in which Mr. Agarwal has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Mr. Agarwal will receive a one-time $10,000 bonus on December 31, 2026, as compensation in connection with his interim appointment.

(b) None.

(c) *Director and Officer Trading Arrangements*

During the three months ended September 30, 2026, none of our directors or officers (as defined in Section 16a-1(f) under the Exchange Act) adopted, modified, or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as each term is defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K, intended to satisfy the affirmative defense of Rule 10b5-1(c) under the Exchange Act.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
1.1	At Market Issuance Sales Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2026, between Stardust Power Inc. and B. Riley Securities, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 8, 2026).
2.1†	Business Combination Agreement, dated as of November 21, 2023, by and among Global Partner Acquisition Corp., Strike Merger Sub I, Inc., Strike Merger Sub II, LLC., and Stardust Power Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 21, 2023).
2.2	Amendment No. 1 to the Business Combination Agreement, dated as of April 24, 2024, by and among Global Partner Acquisition Corp II, Strike Merger Sub I, Inc., Strike Merger Sub II, LLC, and Stardust Power Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on April 24, 2024).
2.3	Amendment No. 2 to the Business Combination Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2024, by and among Global Partner Acquisition Corp II, Strike Merger Sub I, Inc., Strike Merger Sub II, LLC, and Stardust Power Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on June 21, 2024).
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Global Partner Acquisition Corp II (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on July 12, 2024).
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2026).
3.3	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 4, 2025).
3.4	Bylaws of Global Partner Acquisition Corp II (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on July 12, 2024).
4.1	Form of Common Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on January 15, 2025).
4.2	Form of Pre-Funded Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on January 15, 2025).
4.3	Form of Common Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 28, 2025).
4.4	Form of Common Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 17, 2025).
4.5	Specimen Warrant Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Amendment No. 1 to Global Partner Acquisition Corp II's Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed with the SEC on December 31, 2020).
4.6	Warrant Agreement, dated January 11, 2021, by and between Global Partner Acquisition Corp II and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as warrant agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Global Partner Acquisition Corp II's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 15, 2021).
4.7	Form of common warrant issued in the private placement between the Company and certain investors pursuant to a terms sheet dated December 31, 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on May 1, 2025).
4.8	Form of common warrant issued in connection with the loan to the Company pursuant to a terms sheet dated December 6, 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on May 1, 2025).
4.9	Form of common warrant issued in connection with the loan to the Company pursuant to a terms sheet dated December 13, 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.9 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on May 1, 2025).
4.10	Form of Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 31, 2025).
4.11	Form of Subordinated Debt Indenture (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the SEC on April 9, 2026).
4.12	Form of Senior Debt Indenture (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the SEC on April 9, 2026).
4.13	Form of Secured Debt Indenture (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.9 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the SEC on April 9, 2026).
31.1*	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1**	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2**	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

* Filed herewith

** Furnished herewith

† Schedules and exhibits to this Exhibit omitted pursuant to Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(2). The Company agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit to the SEC upon request.

SIGNATURE

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

STARDUST POWER INC.

Dated: November 13, 2026

/s/ Anupam Agarwal
Name: Anupam Agarwal
Title: VP, Finance
(Interim Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Exhibit 31.1

STARDUST POWER INC

CERTIFICATION OF THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND RULE 15d-14(a)
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Roshan Pujari, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Stardust Power Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 13, 2026

By: */s/ Roshan Pujari*
Roshan Pujari
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
(Principal Executive Officer)

Exhibit 31.2

CERTIFICATION OF THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND RULE 15d-14(a)
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Anupam Agarwal, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Stardust Power Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 13, 2026

By: */s/ Anupam Agarwal*
Anupam Agarwal
VP, Finance
(Interim Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Exhibit 32.1

CERTIFICATION OF THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Stardust Power Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Roshan Pujari, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of and for the period covered by the Report.

Date: November 13, 2026

By: */s/ Roshan Pujari*
Roshan Pujari
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
(Principal Executive Officer)

Exhibit 32.2

CERTIFICATION OF THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Stardust Power Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended September 30, 2026, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Anupam Agarwal, VP Finance of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of and for the period covered by the Report.

Date: November 13, 2026

By: */s/ Anupam Agarwal*
Anupam Agarwal
VP Finance
(Interim Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)