

## **NUINSCO RESOURCES LIMITED**

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The following discussion of the results of operations and financial condition of Nuinsco Resources Limited ("Nuinsco" or "the Company") prepared as of May 30, 2017 consolidates management's review of the factors that affected the Company's financial and operating performance for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, and factors reasonably expected to impact on future operations and results. This discussion is intended to supplement and complement the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements as at and for the three months ended March 31, 2017 ("Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements") and the notes thereto which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Certain information and discussion included in this Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") constitutes forward-looking information. Readers are encouraged to refer to the cautionary notes contained in the section Forward-Looking Statements at the end of this MD&A.

Readers are also encouraged to consult the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 ("2016 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements"). The Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the 2016 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements are available at www.sedar.com and at the Company's website www.nuinsco.ca. All amounts disclosed are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated. All tabular amounts are in thousands of Canadian dollars.

### **NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

Nuinsco is an exploration and development company that has operated successfully for several decades. It is focused on identifying, exploring and developing mineral investment opportunities domestically and internationally. The Company currently has interests in projects prospective for gold, copper, phosphate, rare metals, niobium and uranium in Canada's provinces of Saskatchewan, Ontario and Québec. Nuinsco owns a 7.5% interest in CBay Minerals Inc ("CBay"), a private company that has the dominant position in Québec's Chibougamau copper-gold mining camp with assets that include a permitted mill and tailings facility, eight past-producing copper/gold mines, two partially-developed copper projects (Corner Bay and Devlin) and a 38,000 hectare ("ha") (96,000 acre) mining land position.

The Company has obtained positive results from its Prairie Lake project in Ontario and Diabase Peninsula project in Saskatchewan and continues to manage CBay and its assets in the productive Chibougamau mining camp in northern Québec on behalf of Nuinsco shareholders and Ocean Partners Investments Limited ("Ocean Partners"). As funding permits, exploration programs have been planned for the Diabase Peninsula uranium project in Saskatchewan and the Prairie Lake project where additional testing has been performed which has indicated that potentially several marketable minerals and products can be produced including a phosphate concentrate exceeding 30%  $P_2O_5$ . A diamond drill program conducted in Chibougamau during 2014 led to sufficient geological information being compiled to produce a mineral resource estimate on the Devlin copper deposit - one of several properties held by CBay that contain a resource and collectively comprise the CBay land position.

In addition to its property holdings, Nuinsco owns a limited participating interest in the net cash flows of Victory Nickel Inc. ("Victory Nickel")'s frac sand business (the "Participating Interest").

### **Going Concern**

The Company's Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared using the going concern assumption, which contemplates the realization of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business as they come due. As at March 31, 2017, the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$228,925 (December 31, 2016 – working capital deficiency of \$224,754). Working capital (deficiency) is defined as current assets less current liabilities.

The Company is subject to the risks and challenges experienced by other companies at a comparable stage. These risks include, but are not limited to: continuing losses, dependence on key individuals, realization on its marketable securities as required and the ability to secure adequate financing or to complete corporate transactions to meet the minimum capital required to successfully complete its projects and fund other operating expenses. Advancing the Company's projects through exploration and development to the production stage will require significant financing. Given the current economic climate, the ability to raise funds has been and may continue to be difficult. Refer to the Risks and Uncertainties and Liquidity and Capital Resources sections of the MD&A for additional information.

None of the Company's projects are currently in commercial production and, accordingly, the Company is dependent upon debt or equity financings and the optioning and/or sale of resource or resource-related assets for its funding. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern, is dependent upon exploration results which have the potential for the



discovery of economically recoverable reserves and resources, the Company's ability to finance exploitation of its projects through debt or equity financings and the optioning and/or sale of resource or resource-related assets for its funding.

The Company presently has no specific plans in place to secure funding although management continues to hold discussions on securing financing and on the potential sale of assets. There are no assurances that the Company will be successful in obtaining any financing or selling assets, or in accomplishing that on a timely basis or on reasonable or acceptable terms, or at all. If the Company cannot obtain financing or otherwise improve liquidity, it will be unable to fund continuing operations and corporate administration costs. Effective May 11, 2015, the Company voluntarily delisted its shares from the Toronto Stock Exchange. Since that time the Company has maintained its corporate office and website, telephones and email communication with shareholders.

Should the Company not be able to continue to obtain the necessary financing, achieve favourable exploration results, achieve future profitable production or the sale of properties or improve its liquidity sufficient to enable it to fund operations, the Company's ability to continue as a going concern as contemplated under GAAP will be compromised. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### OUTLOOK

The past several years has seen very low levels of financing and activity in the mining and minerals sector and the Company continues to face challenges stemming from the prolonged period of difficult equity markets and lack of available risk capital. Throughout this time, the Company has continued to attempt to advance projects and source funding to do so.

The Company is uncertain on the timing of receiving any cash flow from the Participating Interest in net cash flows from frac sand production from Victory Nickel's frac sand production plant in Alberta, and is currently trying to obtain additional funding to bridge the gap between the Company's existing financial resources and commencement of cash flows from the Participating Interest. On March 21, 2017 Victory Nickel Inc. announced that due to increasing market demand for frac sand it has restarted the dry plant at its Seven Persons frac sand facility near Medicine Hat, Alberta however there is no certainty that activity at the plant will be sufficient to provide cash flow to Nuinsco through the Participating Interest. While the market for frac sand has improved in 2017, it has not improved back to the same level as 2014.

As at December 31, 2015, all projects were written-down due not to management's opinion of the merits of the Company's properties and equity investments, but rather due to the challenging conditions that prevailing in the market for financing junior mineral exploration companies and the interpretation of accounting rules that are currently in force. As a result of market challenges, the valuation of resource properties does not reflect reasonable, or even typical, valuations. The cost to complete property valuations which would satisfy IFRS rules was prohibitive. Therefore, management chose to write down the properties rather than incur the valuation cost. Management intends to work hard to create value for its shareholders from the Company's existing projects as well as in any yet-to-be acquired assets and revisit the unreasonably low financial statement valuations with the intent of writing the value of the assets back-up at such time as a measure of certainty returns to the market.

### **Prairie Lake**

Prairie Lake, located near Marathon, Ontario, is a multi-commodity deposit containing phosphorus (P), niobium (Nb) tantalum (Ta), uranium, REEs and other elements and compounds of economic interest. The Prairie Lake property is owned 100% by the Company, is royalty-free and the mining-land tenure is secure for decades to come.

At Prairie Lake the Company continues to evaluate the potential for producing concentrates containing a number of minerals – including those containing phosphorus, rare earth elements ("REE"), niobium and other marketable products. With continued study and interpretation, the Company is developing a greater understanding of the technical and economic viability of the Prairie Lake project. The sheer size of the project, with a current Exploration Target of between 515 and 630 million tonnes of mineralization, coupled with the excellent logistics and ease of production all speak to its potential. The Company is actively seeking funding that will enable a work program to be conducted – a desirable and useful goal in the near-term is the estimation of a maiden resource estimate on the project.

Further, Prairie Lake has the potential to produce a number of minerals for industries which are forecast to require substantially increasing supply over the coming years – high-tech and "green" industries that require the rare earth minerals and niobium to fabricate the products of tomorrow. Prairie Lake could also potentially be a very significant source of phosphorus – an element with vital agricultural and industrial applications. The use of phosphorus in agriculture is essential in sustaining crop yields to supply an increasing world population. Other compounds with industrial applications are also being examined for economic viability. The abundance and diversity of minerals in the rocks that comprise the Prairie Lake



Complex provides broad scope for potential exploitation – the Company continues to evaluate the options to determine those elements and minerals that provide the greatest economic potential.

No additional field work has been conducted on the project during 2017. All work on the project is dependent on future funding.

#### **Diabase Peninsula**

The work conducted by Nuinsco at the Diabase Peninsula property to date has developed a progressively more detailed picture of the mineralization occurring in the rocks encompassed by the property. The result is a model that has identified a widespread uranium mineralizing event with the potential for discovery of economic grade uranium mineralization. Diabase Peninsula is an excellent uranium project from which results have been obtained comparable with those found near to uranium deposits elsewhere in the Athabasca Basin which is the world's premier uranium-bearing terrane.

The coincidence of structural elements, alteration and indicator mineralization and the presence of widespread, strongly anomalous, uranium mineralization all point to the Diabase Peninsula project being in the right place with regard to the potential for discovery of economic grade uranium mineralization. Continued exploration is necessary to further develop and evaluate the targets. This we will endeavour to do through whatever means possible while responsibly preserving the Company's treasury.

Nuinsco's Diabase Peninsula uranium project is located 150km northwest of La Ronge, Saskatchewan within the south-central Athabasca Basin - the region and geological feature that hosts the world's richest uranium mines. The 21,900ha Diabase Peninsula property extends from the southern limit of the basin 35km north-easterly, atop a graphite-bearing conductive "basement" horizon beneath the basin-filling sandstones, intertwined with the terrane-bounding major deformation structure - the Cable Bay Shear Zone. This Shear Zone is considered to be an important control on uranium mineralization in this part of the Athabasca Basin.

No additional field work has been conducted on the project during 2017. The claims are all in good standing and have sufficient assessment credit to remain so for a number of years. The Company will continue cost effective ways to evaluate the project and will mount work programs as necessary. All work on the project is dependent on future funding.

### Chibougamau - Investment in CBay Minerals

Nuinsco retains a 7.5% interest in CBay and continues to manage the operation on behalf of Nuinsco shareholders, Ocean Partners and CBay. The interest held by the Company continues to be valuable when one considers that the Chibougamau assets range from exploration through development projects, some with near-term production potential. The plan remains to develop projects which have already seen considerable capital investment that could result in a condensed timeline to production utilizing the existing mill and concentrator at Copper Rand that alone would require a substantial capital investment were they to be built new. CBay continues to seek funding for this endeavour.

Due to the significance of the numbers, it is worth reiterating from previous Outlooks that the Chibougamau mining camp's Lac Doré Complex has produced 1.6 billion pounds of copper and 3.2 million ounces of gold over 60 years from 18 past-producing mines. CBay currently owns eight past-producers in its 38,000-ha land package covering much of the core of the camp; combined they comprise 75% of total copper and gold production from the Lac Doré Complex. CBay also owns two partially-developed copper deposits with current resource estimates: Corner Bay, Devlin. Zones of copper and gold mineralization are known from previous work on the Company's properties and remain to be further defined. CBay also owns a 2,700 tpd mill and concentrator, and nearby tailings impoundment that is permitted for production. These production assets alone provide an enormous advantage to the Company as the cost to develop them from scratch would run to tens of millions of dollars or more and take years to permit and build.

The Chibougamau assets represent a very substantial presence in a mining camp which has produced 1.6 billion pounds of copper and 3.2 million ounces of gold from 18 past-producing mines on the Lac Doré complex alone. Eight past-producers are located on CBay-held property on the Lac Doré complex that hold significant potential to provide additional resources when exploration and development programs are undertaken. Also owned are two partially-developed copper projects (Corner Bay), a permitted 2,722 tpd mill and tailings facility and in excess of 96,000 acres (38,000ha) of highly-prospective exploration property.

The Company is currently in negotiations on disposing its interest in CBay.

Subsequent to the end of Q1 2017, the Company entered into a term sheet to acquire an option to earn an interest in a gold property in Ontario, Canada (the "Option Agreement"). As of the date of this MD&A, the Option Agreement remains subject to final documentation and completion of cash payments by the Company.



### **Egypt**

The Company maintains ownership in Z-Gold Resources ("Z-Gold") through ownership in Nuinsco Exploration Inc. Z-Gold is an Egyptian based mineral exploration and development company that has in the past been active exploring for gold on two concession areas in south-central Egypt. Z-Gold will evaluate new opportunities as they arise with the intent of conducting exploration. Egypt remains relatively underexplored and has very good potential for mineral discoveries with the application of risk capital and modern exploration techniques.

The Company has not done any significant work on its projects during 2017. Any future work is dependent on additional financings.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### Three months ended March 31, 2017 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2016

#### Revenues

The exploration properties acquired by the Company are still in the early exploration and development stage. Until sufficient work has been completed to confirm the feasibility of any specific interest being placed into production, it is not anticipated that the Corporation will have any material revenue.

In Q1 2017, expenses decreased to \$67,208 (from \$114,019 in Q1 2016), consisting of operating expenses as noted below. Total net loss and comprehensive loss in Q1 2017 decreased to \$67,208 from \$114,019 in Q1 2016.

(in Canadian dollars)	2017	2016	Change from 2016
Operating expenses			
General and administrative	\$64,669	\$110,019	\$(45,350)
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,539	4,000	(1,461)
	\$67,208	\$114,019	\$(46,811)

General and administrative expenses consisted of accrued management and directors fees, rent, salary for administrative staff, insurance, transfer agent, legal and other administrative costs to maintain the company in good standing.

During the quarter management focused on sourcing new projects and pursuing additional sources of financing.

### **SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

Selected financial information for each of the last eleven quarters ended is as follows (rounded):

	_1 <sup>th</sup> Q	uarter 2017	4 <sup>th</sup> C	uarter 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	uarter 2016	2nd C	uarter 2016
Net finance (costs) income	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Net loss	\$	(67,208)	\$	(276,000)	\$	(45,000)	\$	(294,000)
Total comprehensive loss	\$	(67,208)	\$	(245,000)	\$	(45,000)	\$	(294,000)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	\$	(0.00)	\$	(0.00)	\$	(0.00)	\$	(0.00)
	1 <sup>st</sup> Q	uarter 2016	4 <sup>th</sup> C	uarter 2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q	uarter 2015	2 <sup>nd</sup> C	uarter 2015
Net finance (costs) income	\$	-	\$	(2,862,000)	\$	(51,000)	\$	(187,000)
Net loss	\$	(114,000)	\$ (	16,697,000)	\$	(92,000)	\$	(396,000)
Total comprehensive loss	\$	(114,000)	\$ (	16,696,000)	\$	(9,000)	\$	(534,000)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	\$	(0.00)	\$	(0.00)	\$	(0.00)	\$	(0.00,000)

Variations in the quarterly results of operations are largely a function of the timing of property and other write-downs, gains on sales of properties, income tax recoveries, the recording of amortization of flow-through premiums and the recognition of gains on derivatives or other fair value changes recognized through operations. Variations in comprehensive income are primarily a function of the changes in the fair values of the Company's marketable securities.



#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at March 31, 2017, the Company had a working capital deficiency of \$228,925 (December 31, 2016 – working capital deficiency of \$224,754); being defined as current assets less current liabilities. The decrease was mainly attributed to cash used in operations.

The Company had a decrease of cash and cash equivalents of \$46,477 during Q1 2017 compared to a decrease of \$24,304 in Q1 2016. The decrease in cash was all related to cash used in operating activities.

The table below summarizes Nuinsco's contractual commitments as at the date of this MD&A.

### **Table of Contractual Commitments**

	Due Date	 March 31, 2017
Diabase extended option payment	Currently being negotiated	\$ 250,000
	September 2, 2017	\$ 628,500
	Refer to Note 9 in the 2016	
Operating lease - premises	Audited Consolidated Financial Statements	

As described above, management is continuing to actively pursue additional ways to realize on the potential of its assets or secure financing in order to continue to provide funds for operations in light of the current difficult economic circumstances. Flow-through financings can be used for domestic work programs but do not provide the funding necessary to meet corporate or foreign expenditures which do not qualify for flow-through eligibility.

The Company presently has no specific options in place to secure funding although management continues to hold discussions on securing financing and on the potential sale of assets. There are no assurances that the Company will be successful in obtaining any form of financing on a timely basis or on reasonable or acceptable terms, or at all. If the Company cannot obtain financing or otherwise improve liquidity, then the Company's treasury will be depleted and it will be unable to fund continuing operations and corporate administration costs.

If the Company is unable to obtain additional financing, the Company will be required to curtail all of its operations and may be required to liquidate its assets under a formal process. Failure to continue as a going concern would require that the Company's assets and liabilities be restated on a liquidation basis, which would differ from the going concern basis.

#### **IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS UPDATE**

The Company performed a detailed impairment analysis on each of its E&E projects as at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015. As at December 31, 2015, all projects were written down due to the lack of funding of the Company and related uncertainty as to future spending on the properties. IFRS requires a write-down of the carrying value of assets to the net recoverable amount. Given the current market uncertainties, the valuation of resource properties is difficult and management cannot reliably estimate any recoverable amount. As a result the Company has chosen to write down the value of the property assets. The Company will revisit the valuation of these assets at the end of every reporting period and will recognize a recovery if the fair value of these assets can be reliably determined.

The Company also monitors the value of the Participating Interest on an ongoing basis. In light of uncertainty over the timing of the payments and the depressed state of the oil and gas industry at the time, the Company wrote down the valuation of the Participating Interest to nil.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

Critical accounting estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements include determining the carrying value of investments and E&E projects, assessing the impairment and classification of long-lived assets including the interest in CBay Minerals, assessing the allocation of assets into their components, the fair value of the Participating Interest and the valuation of share-based payments and warrants, assessing the value of deferred income tax assets and the disclosure of contingencies and going concern matters. These estimates involve considerable judgement and are, or could be, affected by significant factors that are out of the Company's control.



For a complete list of the significant accounting policies as well as information concerning the use of estimates, judgements and measurement uncertainty, reference should be made to Notes 2 and 3 to the Company's 2016 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. The Company's financial statements have been prepared using the going concern assumption.

The recorded value of the Company's E&E projects is based on historic costs that are expected to be recovered in the underlying mineral resources associated with the properties and future costs that may be required for ultimate realization through mining operations or by sale. The Company is in an industry that is exposed to a number of risks and uncertainties and there is always the potential for a material adjustment to the value assigned to these assets.

The fair value of the share-based payments, until exercise, is calculated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the expected life of the option/warrant, expected volatility of the underlying shares, expected dividend yield and the risk-free interest rate for the term of the option/warrant.

The Company has determined that it is not probable that it will generate returns sufficient to utilize its taxable losses prior to their expiry. This is a significant judgement that, dependent upon future events, may turn out to be incorrect.

### **NEW ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

There have been no new accounting policies adopted by the Company.

### **FUTURE ACCOUNTING CHANGES**

### **New Standards and Interpretations Not Yet Adopted**

The IASB and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") have issued several new and revised standards and interpretations which are not yet effective for the year ended December 31, 2017 and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements unless stated otherwise. However, the revised standards and interpretations are not applicable to the Company or are expected to have minimal impact.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and exercises this responsibility principally through the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee, which is comprised of directors, none of whom are employees or officers of the Company, meets with management to review the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements to satisfy itself that management is properly discharging its responsibilities to the directors who approve the financial statements. The Board of Directors has also appointed compensation and corporate governance and nominating committees composed of non-executive directors.

### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION AND BALANCES**

Short-term employee benefits provided by the Company to key management personnel include salaries, consulting fees and directors' fees. The Company's non-monetary benefit package for key management personnel is the same as that available to all full-time employees. In addition to short-term employee benefits, the Company may also issue shares as part of the Share Bonus Plan and the Stock Option Plan.

Transactions with related parties for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016 are shown in the following table:

	2017	2016
Short-term employee benefits	\$ 78,500	\$ 78,000
	\$ 78,500	\$ 78,000

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company was charged \$9,000 (three months ended March 31, 2016 - \$9,000) by CFO Advantage Inc., a company controlled by Kyle Appleby, the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. As at March 31, 2017, \$36,120 (December 31, 2016 - \$27,120) is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. On September 16, 2016, the Company settled \$13,560 of debt owing to CFO Advantage in exchange for 2,712,000 common shares (at \$0.005 per share) of the Company.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company was charged \$37,500 (2016 - \$37,500) by Paul Jones, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. As at March 31, 2017, \$308,528 (December 31, 2016 - \$256,654) is owing and included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. On September 16, 2016, the Company settled \$60,000 of debt owing to Mr. Jones in exchange for 12,000,000 common shares (at \$0.005 per share) of the Company.



During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company was charged \$12,000 (three months ended March 31, 2016 - \$12,000) by Sean Stokes, Executive Vice President of the Company. As at March 31, 2017, \$62,000 (December 31, 2016 - \$50,000) is owing and included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. On September 16, 2016, the Company settled \$10,000 of debt owing to Mr. Stokes in exchange for 2,000,000 common shares (at \$0.005 per share) of the Company.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company paid \$nil (three months ended March 31, 2016 - \$19,690) to David Mchaina, Vice President of the Company.

### **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

As at May 30, 2017, the Company had 346,986,957 common shares issued and outstanding. In addition, there were 33,350,000 stock options outstanding and 18,000,000 share purchase warrants.

### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

There have been no additional developments not already discussed elsewhere in this MD&A.

#### CONTINGENCY

#### **CRA Reassessment**

In March, 2011, the Company received notices of reassessment in the aggregate amount of approximately \$4,400,000 from the CRA related to transactions completed in 2006; this amount does not include interest and penalties which could be substantial. The Company filed notices of objection on May 19, 2011. On July 22, 2011, the Company filed a request for adjustment to correspondingly adjust its tax pools and losses, in the unlikely event that the Company's appeal is unsuccessful. On March 7, 2014, the Company received a notice of confirmation with respect to one entity whereby the CRA denied that entity's notice of objection and confirmed the reassessment. The Company has sought, and is following the advice of its tax counsel in this matter.

The appeal process could be lengthy and the Company believes that its position is correct and that it will prevail. Accordingly, the Company has not recorded any liability with respect to this matter.

### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The exploration and development of natural resources are speculative activities that involve a high degree of financial risk. The risk factors which should be taken into account in assessing Nuinsco's activities and an investment in its securities include, but are not necessarily limited to, those set out below.

The relative significance of each risk described below will vary as a function of several factors including, but not limited to, the state of the economy, the stage of Nuinsco's projects, the availability of financing on acceptable terms and other matters.

Any one or more of these risks could have a material adverse effect on the value of any investment in Nuinsco and the business, financial condition or operating results or prospects of Nuinsco and should be taken into account in assessing Nuinsco's activities.

### Areas of Investment Risk

Investors should be aware that the Company voluntarily delisted its common shares from the TSX and that there is currently no liquid market for the Company's common shares. Investors may therefore not recover their original investment.

The price of the Company's common shares may not reflect the underlying value of Nuinsco's net assets. The price at which investors may dispose of their securities may be influenced by a number of factors, some of which may pertain to Nuinsco and others of which are extraneous. On any disposal of their common shares, investors may realize less than the original amount invested.

### **Financing and Going Concern**

The liquidity position of Nuinsco is extremely restricted and the continued operation of the Company depends upon the ability to obtain financing through the sale of assets including project interests or other means. Generally, there is no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the required financing or achieving other means of securing liquidity on a timely basis or on acceptable terms.

If the Company is unable to obtain additional financing, the Company will be required to curtail activities and may be required to liquidate its assets. Failure to continue as a going concern would require that the Company's assets and liabilities be restated on a liquidation basis which would likely differ significantly from the going concern basis. Ongoing



exploration and development of the Company's properties will require substantial additional capital investment. Failure to secure additional financing, and/or secure other funds from asset sales, would result in delaying or infinite postponement of development of these properties. There can be no assurance that additional financing will be available or that, if available, will be on terms favourable or acceptable to the Company.

### **Loss of Participating Interest**

The Company holds an unsecured Participating Interest in the cash flows generated from the sale of frac sand as described in the Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and elsewhere in this MD&A. Presently, the Company is uncertain as to when it may receive any cash flows from the Participating Interest. There can be no assurance that Victory Nickel will be able to restructure all of its debt and/or recapitalize and there is no certainty as to what steps the lenders may take in light of these defaults. As a result, the possibility exists that Nuinsco may lose its Participating Interest and any potential value associated therewith.

### **Industry Risks**

### Speculative Nature of Mineral Exploration

Mineral exploration is highly speculative in nature, involves many risks and frequently is non-productive. There is no assurance that Nuinsco's results will be successful. Few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into economically-viable operating mines. Success in establishing reserves is a result of a number of factors, including the quality of Nuinsco's management, level of geological and technical expertise, the quality of land available for exploration and other factors. Once mineralization is discovered, it may take several years in the initial phases of drilling until production is possible, during which time the economic feasibility of production may change. Substantial expenditures are required to establish proven and probable reserves through drilling to determine the optimal extraction method for the ore and the metallurgical process to extract the metals from the ore and, in the case of new properties, to construct mining and processing facilities. It is possible that even preliminary due diligence will show adverse results, leading to the abandonment of projects. It is impossible to ensure that preliminary feasibility studies or full feasibility studies, on Nuinsco's projects or the current or proposed exploration programs on any of the properties in which Nuinsco has exploration rights will result in a profitable commercial mining operation. As a result of these uncertainties, no assurance can be given that Nuinsco's exploration programs will result in the establishment or expansion of resources or reserves. Furthermore, Nuinsco cannot give any assurance that its current and future exploration activities will result in the discovery of mineral deposits containing mineral reserves.

### **Evaluation and Development Projects**

In general, evaluation and development projects have no operating history upon which to base estimates of future cash operating costs. For evaluation and development projects such as those projects that Nuinsco has an interest in, estimates of proven and probable reserves are, to a large extent, based upon the interpretation of geological data obtained from drill holes and other sampling techniques and feasibility studies. This information is used to calculate estimates of the capital cost, cash operating costs based upon anticipated tonnage and grades of ore to be mined and processed, the configuration of the ore body, expected recovery rates, comparable facility and equipment operating costs, anticipated climatic conditions and other factors. In addition, there remains to be undertaken certain feasibility and development preparation work on the projects that could adversely impact estimates of capital and operating costs required for the development of the projects. Costs necessary to develop the projects could be significant and will have a direct impact on the economic evaluation of the projects. As a result, it is possible that the actual capital cost, cash operating costs and economic returns of the projects may differ from those currently estimated.

### Competition

The mineral exploration business is highly competitive in all of its phases. Nuinsco competes with numerous other companies and individuals, including competitors with greater financial, technical and other resources than Nuinsco, in the search for and acquisition of exploration and development rights on attractive mineral properties. Nuinsco's ability to acquire exploration and development rights in the future will depend not only on its ability to develop the properties on which it currently has exploration and development rights, but also on its ability to select and acquire exploration and development rights on other suitable properties. There is no assurance that Nuinsco will compete successfully in acquiring exploration and development rights on such other properties.

### **Operational Risks**

### **Limited History of Operations**

Nuinsco has a limited history of earnings and limited financial resources. Nuinsco currently has no operating mines and its ultimate success will depend on its ability to generate cash flow from active mining operations in the future, as well as its ability to access capital markets for its development requirements.



### Development Targets, Permitting and Operational Delays

There can be no assurance that Nuinsco will be able to complete the planned development of the projects on time or on budget due to, among other things, delays in receiving required consents, permits and registrations, the delivery and installation of plant and equipment and cost overruns, or that the current personnel, systems, procedures and controls will be adequate to support Nuinsco's operations. Any failure to meet development targets or other operational delays or inadequacies could have a material adverse effect.

### Resources and Reserves

Figures relating to mineral resources and mineral reserves are estimates and no assurance can be given that the anticipated level of recovery and/or grades of mineral reserves or mineral resources will be realized. Moreover, short-term operating factors relating to ore reserves and resources, such as the need for orderly development of an ore body or the processing of new or different ore grades, may cause a mining operation to be unprofitable in any particular accounting period.

#### Title Risks

Nuinsco's ability to hold various mineral rights require licences, permits and authorizations and, in some cases, renewals of existing licences, permits and authorizations from various governmental and quasi-governmental authorities. Management believes that Nuinsco currently holds or has applied for all necessary licences, permits and authorizations to carry on the activities which Nuinsco is currently conducting and to hold the mineral rights Nuinsco currently holds under applicable laws and regulations in effect at the present time. Management also believes that Nuinsco is complying in all material respects with the terms of such licences, permits and authorizations. However, Nuinsco's ability to obtain, sustain or renew such licences, permits and authorizations on acceptable terms is subject to changes in regulations and policies and to the discretion of the applicable governmental and quasi-governmental bodies.

#### Insurance Risk

Nuinsco faces all of the hazards and risks normally incidental to the exploration of precious and base metals, any of which could result in damage to life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability for any or all such damage caused. Nuinsco's activities may be subject to prolonged disruptions due to weather conditions depending on the location of operations in which Nuinsco has interests; not all such risks are insurable.

### Financial and Investment Risks Substantial Capital Requirements

Nuinsco will have to make substantial capital expenditures for the development of and to achieve production from the projects. There can be no assurance that any debt or equity financing or cash generated by operations will be available or sufficient to meet these requirements or for other corporate purposes or, if debt or equity financing is available, that it will be on terms acceptable to Nuinsco. Moreover, future activities may require Nuinsco to alter its capitalization significantly. The inability of Nuinsco to access sufficient capital for its operations could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or prospects. Flow-through financing cannot be used to fund the Company's corporate costs or foreign projects.

### Market Perception

Market perception of junior exploration, development and mining companies may continue to shift such that these companies are viewed even less favourably. This factor could impact the value of investors' holdings and Nuinsco's ability to raise further funds by issue of additional securities or debt.

### Metal and Mineral Prices

There is no assurance that, even if commercial quantities of mineral resources are developed, a profitable market will exist for the sale of such product. Metal prices fluctuate on a daily basis and are affected by numerous factors beyond Nuinsco's control – including factors which are influenced by worldwide circumstances. The level of interest rates, the rate of inflation, world supply of precious and base metals and stability of exchange rates can all cause significant fluctuations in precious and base metal prices. Such external economic factors are in turn influenced by changes in international investment patterns and monetary systems and political developments. The prices of precious and base metals have historically fluctuated widely and future price declines could cause commercial production to be uneconomical and such fluctuations could have a material adverse effect on Nuinsco's business, financial condition and prospects. Given the stage of development of Nuinsco's projects, the above factors have had no material impact on present operations but are considered in evaluating the impairment of long-lived assets.

#### **Regulatory Risks**

### **Government Regulation**

Existing and possible future environmental and social impact legislation, regulations and actions, including the regulation of air and water quality, mining reclamation, solid and hazardous waste handling and disposal, the promotion of



occupational health and safety, the protection of wildlife and ecological systems and the protection of the societies and communities of indigenous peoples, could cause significant expense, capital expenditures, restrictions and delays in the Company's activities, the extent of which cannot be predicted and which may well be beyond Nuinsco's capacity to fund. Environmental laws are becoming more actively enforced. Environmental and social impact studies may be required for some operations and significant fines and clean-up responsibilities may be assessed for companies causing damage to the environment in the course of their activities.

### Economic, Political, Judicial, Administrative, Taxation or Other Regulatory Factors

Nuinsco may be adversely affected by changes in economic, political, judicial, administrative, taxation or other regulatory factors in the areas in which Nuinsco does or will operate and holds its interests, as well as unforeseen matters. As referred to above, the Company has received notices of reassessment from the CRA as well as a notice of confirmation and is in the process of defending what it and its advisors believe to have been a correct filing position.

#### Other Risks

### Environmental and Health Risks

The Company has no significant exposure to environmental or health risks, although this will change should any of the Company's projects approach production (a normal characteristic of mineral industry projects).

### Key Personnel

Nuinsco relies on a limited number of key consultants and there is no assurance that Nuinsco will be able to retain such key consultants or other senior management. The loss of one or more of such key consultants or members of senior management, if not replaced, could have a material adverse effect on Nuinsco's business, financial condition and prospects. Directors and management have previously accepted deferrals of remuneration in order to assist the Company through the economic turmoil; however, this potentially adds to the risk of losing experienced personnel.

#### Conflicts of Interest

Certain of Nuinsco's directors and officers are also directors and officers of other natural resource companies. Consequently, there exists the possibility for such directors and officers to be in a position of conflict. Any decision made by any of such directors and officers relating to Nuinsco will be made in accordance with their duties and obligations to deal fairly and in good faith with Nuinsco and such other companies.

### Foreign Operations

In 2004, the Company initiated exploration work in Turkey. While the Company believes that the risks associated with operating in Turkey are very acceptable, most investors would attribute a higher degree of risk to operating in Turkey as compared with operating in Canada. While the Company has terminated its activity in Sudan and Egypt and has reduced activity in Turkey, it remains open to appropriate opportunities in the Middle East North Africa ("MENA") region and elsewhere.

Nuinsco's investments in foreign countries carry certain risks associated with different political, business, social and economic environments. The ability to carry on business in any country can be affected by possible political or economic instability in that country. Changes in mining or investment policies or shifts in political attitude may adversely affect private business. The effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted. Should the respective government later seek to control any aspect of production, distribution or pricing of gold or precious metals, Nuinsco runs the risk that, at any time, its operations may be terminated for failure to comply with any permit, rule or regulation; or that its operations may prove to be unprofitable if the costs of compliance with such governmental regulations prove to be excessive.

There is a risk that the necessary permits, consents, authorizations and agreements to implement planned exploration, project development or mining may not be obtained under conditions, or within time frames, that make such plans economic, that applicable laws, regulations or the governing authorities will change or that such changes will result in additional material expenditures or time delays.

As with Canadian projects, the acquisition and retention of title to mineral rights is a detailed and time-consuming process. Title to, and the area of, mineral resource claims may be disputed or challenged. Nuinsco's right to explore for, mine, produce and sell metals will be based on the respective governing agreement. Should Nuinsco's rights under any agreement not be honoured or be unenforceable for any reason, or if any material term of the agreements is unilaterally changed or not honoured, including any boundaries of properties, Nuinsco's ability to explore and produce metals in the future would be materially and adversely affected.

Nuinsco regularly and routinely considers the risks inherent in foreign jurisdictions and weighs such risks when evaluating continued, enhanced, reduced or renewed involvement in foreign projects. The Company considered that the protracted



permitting delays in Turkey were significant enough to warrant a writedown of its Berta project effective December 31, 2013 with continued writedowns to December 31, 2015.

### Investments and Other Agreements with Resource Companies

In addition, Nuinsco makes, from time to time, investments in the common shares of publicly-traded companies in the junior natural resources sector or may enter into option or other agreements therewith. These companies are subject to similar risks and uncertainties as is Nuinsco, and Nuinsco's investments in and agreements with these companies are subject to similar areas of risk as noted above. Nuinsco seeks to manage its exposure by ensuring that appropriate recourse is included in such agreements upon the counterparty's failure to meet contractual obligations.

Nuinsco, through the limited Participating Interest in cash flows, and its investment in Victory Nickel, has indirect exposure to the frac sand industry which experienced a significant downturn with the decline in oil price in the fourth quarter of 2014. There can be no assurance that frac sand demand and pricing will return to previous levels, leaving the value of the Company's investment in Victory Nickel in doubt.

### Summary

The future success of the Company is subject to a number of risk factors that are common to the junior natural resources sector as well as those specific to the Company. Currently, the most significant risk is the ability of the Company to meet its cash obligations as they come due as the Company currently has very limited funds. Other risks include obtaining necessary financing under acceptable terms or finding strategic partners to fund expenditure commitments as they fall due, the extent to which it can outline natural resources on its properties and establish the economic viability of developing those properties and the political, economic and legislative stability of the territories in which the Company's interests are located. Furthermore, the development of any natural resource interest may take years to complete and the resulting income, if any, from the sale of any natural resources produced by the Company is largely dependent upon factors that are beyond its control, such as costs of development, operating costs and the market value of the end product. Such risks are likely to be more extensive in foreign jurisdictions.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Forward-Looking Information: This MD&A contains forward-looking information. All statements, other than statements of historic fact, that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future (including, without limitation, statements regarding estimates, working capital, ability to maintain operations and/or assumptions in respect of production, revenue, cash flow, financing, the probability of cash flows from the Participating Interest in Victory Nickel's frac sand business, costs, economic return, net present value, mine life and financial models, mineral resource estimates, potential mineralization, potential mineral resources, timing of possible production and the Company's development plans and objectives) constitute forward-looking information. This forward-looking information reflects the current expectations or beliefs of the Company based on information currently available to the Company. Forward-looking information is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking information, and even if such actual results are realized or substantially realized, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on the Company.

Factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, among other things: uncertainties relating to the availability and costs of financing needed in the immediate future to permit the Company to continue to operate; uncertainty of estimates of capital and operating costs, production estimates and estimated economic return; the possibility that actual circumstances will differ from estimates and assumptions; uncertainty of amount and timing of cash flows from the limited Participating Interest in Victory Nickel's frac sand business; failure to establish estimated mineral resources; fluctuations in commodity prices and currency exchange rates; inflation; recoveries being less than those indicated by the testwork carried out to date (there can be no assurance that recoveries in small scale laboratory tests will be duplicated in large tests under on-site conditions or during production); changes in equity or debt markets; operating performance of facilities; environmental and safety risks; delays in obtaining or failure to obtain necessary permits and approvals from government authorities; unavailability of plant, equipment or labour; inability to retain key management and personnel; changes to regulations or policies affecting the Company's activities; the uncertainties involved in interpreting geological data; and the other risks disclosed under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" and elsewhere. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made and, except as may be required by applicable securities laws, the Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise. Although the Company believes that the assumptions inherent in the forward-looking information are reasonable, forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and accordingly undue reliance should not be put on such information due to the inherent uncertainty therein.

