

# ALBA MINERALS LTD. ("Company") Form 51-102F1 Management's Discussion & Analysis For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

#### 1.1 Date November 29, 2017

#### Introduction

The following management's discussion and analysis, prepared as of September 30, 2017, is a review of operations, current financial position and outlook for Alba Minerals Ltd., (the "Company") and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the notes thereto. The reader should also refer to the annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015. Amounts are reported in Canadian dollars based upon financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. Additional information relevant to the Company's activities can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in the following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

A going concern assessment is outlined in Note 2 of the financial statements.

#### 1.2 Overall Performance

#### **Description of Business**

The Company is a reporting issuer in British Columbia and Alberta and its common shares are listed and posted for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "AA".

The Company's head office is located at Suite 304, 700 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1G8, and it's registered and records offices are located at 1710 – 1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 2L3.

The principal business of the Company is the acquisition, exploration and development of natural resource properties. The Company currently owns, or has acquired an option to earn an interest in, properties located in Argentina, Nevada and California, USA.

Additional information related to the Company is available on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>, and the Company's website <a href="www.astoriusresources.com">www.astoriusresources.com</a>.

## **Performance Summary**

The following is a summary of significant events and transactions that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2017:

## Clayton Valley, Nevada, USA

On December 5, 2016, the Company entered into an interim agreement to acquire up to a 50% interest in 888 mineral claims comprising approximately 17,000 acres in Clayton Valley, Esmerralda County, Nevada. A final option agreement (the "Agreement") was signed on February 8, 2017 with Noram Ventures Inc. and Green Energy Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Noram Ventures Inc.).

The first part of the Agreement is an option to purchase a 25% interest in the property for \$255,000 payable to Green Energy Inc. as follows:

Requirem	ent deadline	Cash	
(i)	Upon signing the letter of intent \$	127,500	(paid)
(ii)	Completing of a drilling program by		
Green Energy Inc.		127,500	(paid)
	\$	255,000	

The second part of the Agreement grants to the Company an option to acquire a further 25% interest in the property by making a series of payments totaling \$844,500 to Green Energy in 2017. As at November 21, 2017 the Company has not made any payments nor issued any shares to Noram Ventures Inc.

The Agreement also includes 116 claims in San Bernardino County, California.

Rainbow Canyon, Nevada – By an Agreement dated March 25, 2011, the Company purchased 52 non-patented mineral claims and staked another 48 claims during the same year, covering approximately 421 hectares, located approximately 40 kilometers east of Reno, in Washoe County, Nevada, USA. The purchase price for the claims was US\$125,000 (CAN\$123,719). A 3% Net Smelter Return royalty is reserved to the vendor subject to the Company's right to purchase back up to a 2% NSR royalty by the payment of \$500,000 for each 1% NSR royalty interest purchased.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, 95 of the mineral claims were allowed to expire – so that 5 of the claims covering 40.5 hectares have been retained. This resulted in a write-off of acquisition and exploration costs previously capitalized of \$124,327 at December 31, 2015. A

further 23 claims were staked during the year ended December 31, 2016, providing a total of 28 claims covering 214 hectares.

On February 8, 2017, the Company enter into an option agreement with Astorius Resources Ltd. to sell 100% interest in the Rainbow Canyon gold property.

The principal terms of the option agreement are:

- A) Cash payments to the Company totalling \$30,000;
- B) The issuance to the Company of a total of 450,000 shares of Astorius Resources Ltd. in various tranches.

On September 25, 2017, the Company announced it has finalized the option agreement, granting the right to sell 100% ownership of its Rainbow Canyon mineral claims to Astorius Resources Ltd. To complete the exercise of the Option, Astorius Resources Ltd. must pay an aggregate of \$80,000 cash over various periods extending over the period to June 15, 2018. Subsequent to the nine months ending November 30, 2017, the Company received \$60,000 from Astorius Resources as first payment of the option agreement.

**Quiron II -** On July 19, 2017, the Company signed an option agreement to acquire 100% of the Quiron II lithium project, consisting of 2,421 hectares of prospective exploration property in the Pocitos Salar, Province of Salta, Argentina. The Project is located approximately 7 km South East of Millennial Lithium – Southern Lithium JV Pocitos North Cruz Brine Project and 12 km northeast from the Liberty One Lithium Corp. Pocitos West Project.

On August 3, 2017, the Company received TSX Venture Exchange approval.

The final terms of the definitive agreement for the Company to acquire 100% interest in the Quiron II property are as follows:

Date	Cash		Shares Issued		Work Obligations
On signing of the Definitive Agreement	US\$50,000	(paid)	2,400,000	(Issued)	Nil
On Exchange approval	US\$50,000	(paid)	-		Nil
On in-depth exploration EIA approval Upon Acceptance of an NI 43-101	Nil		Nil		US\$400,000 (over 18 months)
Report by the Exchange	US\$400,000		Nil		Nil
TOTAL	US\$ 500,000		2,400,000		US\$400,000

All shares issued in this transaction are subject to statutory hold period of four months plus a day from the respective date of issuance, in accordance with applicable securities legislation.

#### **Financings**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company issued the following shares;

Issuance of Shares	Number of Shares Issued	Cash Proceeds
Private Placement at \$0.10	7,500,000	\$ 750,000
Shares issued for mineral property	2,400,000	\$ nil
Warrant exercise	3,011,000	\$180,660
Settlement of Debt	390,000	\$ 39,000

On March 10, 2017, the Company completed the private placement of 7,500,000 units at a price of \$0.10 per unit for gross proceeds of \$750,000. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one common share purchase warrant. Each warrant is exercisable to acquire one additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share for a period of 24 months. The Company has paid \$50,071 to persons introducing subscribers to the Company. 3,150,000 of the shares issued as part of the units are subject to a non-trading holding period expiring on June 15, 2017. For the remaining 4,350,000 shares, the hold period will expire on July 6, 2017.

During August 2017, the Company received \$180,6600 for the exercise of 3,011,000 warrants at \$0.06 per share.

# **Incentive Stock Options**

The Company did not issue any stock options during the period.

On November 11, 2017, the Company announced that it will grant 3,000,000 share purchase options to directors, officers and consultants of the Company. The share purchase options are exercisable at nine cents per share for a period of five years, expiring Nov. 9, 2022. All options granted are in accordance with the company's 10-per-cent rolling stock option plan.

## 1.3 Selected Annual Financial Information

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014
Operations:	\$	\$	\$
Accounting & audit	37,403	29,200	32,847
fees			
Consulting fees	58,353	-	-
Filing & transfer fees	7,378	-	9,597
Investor relations	425	-	80,503
Legal fees	45,089	8,526	21,437
Management fees	55,000	10,000	120,000
Rent		2,540	18,936
Office and general	8,448	12,215	27,577
Travel	55,207	1,947	13,391

Transfer agent &			
regulatory fees	8,484	12,820	25,242
Subtotal	275,787	77,248	349,530
Write down of			
mineral properties	-	(124,327)	(349,530)
Interest income/			
(expense)	(41,081)	(881)	2,568
Loss on sale of			
marketable securities	-	-	(4,289)
Loss on debt			
forgiveness	-	-	(24,000)
Loss for the Period	(316,868)	(202,456)	(375,251)
Basic & Diluted Loss			
per Share	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.05)
Balance Sheet			
Working Capital	150,220	(47,163)	20,816
Total Assets	632,380	137,558	317,366
Total Long Term	-	-	-
Liabilities			

## 1.4 Results of Operations

## Three months ended September 30, 2017

During the quarter ended September 30, 2017, the Company incurred a comprehensive loss of \$190,291 compared to \$15,040 loss for the corresponding period. The largest expense items that resulted in an increase in net comprehensive loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 were;

- General exploration for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, remained \$nil. The Company has acquired its mining properties and will conduct exploration during the following quarters.
- Consulting fees for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, were \$44,152 compared to \$nil for the corresponding period ending September 30, 2016. Payments were made to consultants who advised the Company in optioning or acquiring mineral properties.
- Investor relations costs for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 were \$38,086 (2016: \$nil). During the quarter ended September 30, 2017, the Company increased its focus on its marketing and promotional activities.
- Management fees for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 were \$70,500 (2016: \$nil).
   The fees were paid to the CEO, Chairman and CFO of the Company for work performed during the quarter ended September 30, 2017.
- Legal fees for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 were \$5,486 (2016:\$11,093). The fees were paid to a law firm of which a former director is a principal.

Promotion and travel costs were \$12,893 for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 (2016: \$72), the incurred travel costs relating to the acquisition of mineral properties.

The operating loss for the quarter ending September 30, 2017 increased to \$190,291 (2016: \$15,040); the increase in operating loss was caused by the aforementioned expenses for the quarter.

The Net loss and comprehensive loss for the quarter ending September 30, 2017 increased to \$190,291 (2016: \$15,040); the increase in operating loss was caused by the aforementioned expenses for the quarter.

#### Nine months ended September 30, 2017

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company incurred a comprehensive loss of \$627,934 compared to \$82,243 loss for the corresponding period. The largest expense items that resulted in an increase in net comprehensive loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 were;

- General exploration for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$14,284 (2016: \$30,999). The Costs were incurred on Rainbow Canyon and Clayton Valley. The Company has acquired its mining properties and all exploration costs are capitalised.
- Consulting fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, were \$122,325 compared
  to \$nil for the corresponding period ending September 30, 2016. Payments were made
  to consultants who advised the Company in optioning or acquiring mineral properties.
- Investor relations costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 were \$119,711 (2016: \$nil). During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company continued its focus on its marketing and promotional activities, which was resumed during the quarter ending September 30, 2017.
- Management fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 were \$191,000 (2016: \$nil). The fees were paid to the CEO, Chairman and CFO of the Company for work performed during the nine months ended September 30, 2017
- Legal fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 were \$28,446 (2016:\$34,073). The fees were paid to a law firm of which a former director is a principal.
- Promotion and travel costs were \$96,933 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 (2016: \$107), the incurred travel costs are related to the acquisition of mineral properties.

The operating loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 increased to \$627,412 (2016: \$82,943); the increase in operating loss was caused by the aforementioned expenses for the quarter.

Other expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, included an interest and finance cost of \$522 (2016: \$nil), paid to the Chairman and CEO of the Company for loans advanced during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

The Net loss and comprehensive loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 increased to \$627,934 (2016: \$82,943); the increase in operating loss was caused by the aforementioned expenses for the quarter.

#### 1.5 Summary of Quarterly Results

The following table sets forth selected financial information of the Company for each of the last eight quarters:

Quarter Ending	Note	Expenses \$	Net Loss \$	Basic and diluted net loss per share
September 30, 2017		190,291	(190,291)	(0.01)
June 30, 2017		186,442	(186,442)	(0.01)
March 31. 2017		251,201	(251,201)	(0.01)
December 31, 2016		233,924	(233,924)	(0.01)
September 30, 2016		15,040	(15,040)	0.00
June 30, 2016		45,801	(45,801)	0.00
March 31. 2016		22,102	(22,102)	0.00
December 31, 2015	1	24,229	(148,556)	0.00

Note 1– The Company incurred an impairment charge of \$124,327 relating to the Rainbow Canyon property.

## 1.6 Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's operations consist of the exploration, evaluation of natural resource properties, and the development of technology. The Company's financial success is dependent upon its ability to find economically viable properties and develop them. The process can take many years and is largely dependent on factors beyond the control of the Company. The Company's historical capital needs have been met by the sale of the Company's stock. The Company's current funds on hand may not be sufficient to cover the Company's exploration and administrative expenses.

To date, the Company's operations have been funded almost entirely through the sale of the Company's stock. There is no assurance that the Company will continue to be successful by funding its operations through equity financings. The Company will continue to seek capital through the issuance of common shares.

The Company is a junior exploration company with no revenue-producing operations. Activities include acquiring mineral properties and conducting exploration programs. The mineral exploration business is risky and most exploration projects will not become mines. For the funding of property acquisitions and exploration that the Company conducts itself, the Company does not use long-term debt. Rather, it depends on the issuance of shares from the treasury to investors. Such stock issues in turn, depend on numerous factors, important among are which are a positive mineral exploration climate, positive stock market conditions, a company's track record and experience of management. The Company is also dependent upon extensions of option agreements for the property expenditure requirements.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. The Company incurred a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$627,934 during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and has a cash balance and a working capital deficit of \$56,078 and \$(1,523), respectively, as at September 30, 2017. The Company's ability to meet its obligations as they fall due, in particular option payments on mineral

properties, and to continue to operate as a going concern is dependent on the continued financial support of the creditors and the shareholders. In the past, the Company has relied on sales of its equity securities to meet its cash requirements. There can be no assurance that funding from this or other sources will be sufficient in the future to continue and develop its mineral properties. Even if the Company is able to obtain new financing, it may not be on commercially reasonable terms or terms that are acceptable to it. Failure to obtain such financing on a timely basis or extensions on the option agreements, could cause the Company to reduce or terminate its operations. The above indicates the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

As of September 30, 2017, the Company had 31,453,091 issued and outstanding shares and 45,942,091 shares on a fully diluted basis.

The Company had \$(1,523) of working capital deficit as at September 30, 2017 compared to \$150,220 working capital surplus as at December 31, 2016. The decrease in working capital surplus resulted from the cash used in operations of \$726,432, (2016: \$16,928) and cash used in investing activities of \$268,774, (2016: \$10,122), and which was offset by financing activities generating cash of \$710,669, (2016: \$28,215) during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, due to the issuance of 10,901,000 common shares for net cash proceeds of \$969,660 (2016: \$nil).

# 1.7 Capital Resources

As at September 30, 2017, the Company had cash of \$56,078 (2016: \$4,503). The Company is aggressively pursuing equity financing and there can be no guarantees that the Company will be successful in its endeavors.

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company has no outstanding commitments. The Company has not pledged any of its assets as security for loans, or otherwise and is not subject to any debt covenants.

#### **Share Purchase Warrants**

As at November 24, 2017, the following warrants were outstanding:

Number of Warrants	Exe	ercise Prices	Expiry Date	Remaining life (Years)
6,989,000	\$	0.06	November 28, 2017	0.28
950,000	\$	0.15	February 15, 2019	1.50
2,200,000	\$	0.15	February 16, 2019	1.50
4,350,000	\$	0.15	March 7, 2019	1.55

14,489,000

#### STOCK OPTIONS

The total number of stock options outstanding as of November 24, 2017 was nil (2016: 155,000) at a weighted average exercise price of nil per share (2016: \$nil).

#### 1.8 Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### 1.9 Transactions with Related Parties

The expenditures charged by related parties to the Company and not disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements consist of the following:

- a) The Company has identified its president and directors as its key management personnel and the compensation costs for key management personnel and companies related to them were recorded at their exchange amounts as agreed upon by transacting parties.
- i. The Company incurred management fees totalling \$191,000 (2016 \$5,000) from companies controlled by CEO and President, chairman, CFO and common directors.
- ii. The aggregate remuneration of the Company's key management consists of:

	2017	2016	
Management fees and investor relations	\$ 191,000	\$ 5,000	
Total	\$ 191,000	\$ 5,000	

- iii. The Company incurred legal fees of \$27,117 (2016 \$34,073) from a law firm of which a director is a principal and \$3,200 (2016: \$nil) consulting fees from a geological firm in which a director is a principle.
- b) At September 30, 2017, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included \$27,675 (December 31, 2016 \$58,345) for amounts due to companies controlled by CEO and president, chairman and a law firm of which a director is a member.
- c) In February 2016, the Company entered into a loan agreement with a third party in the amount of \$27,675. The loan was repaid by its President and Chairman when they purchased their control block shares of the Company from previous owner in August 2016, totaling \$28,981. In an agreement dated October 5, 2016, the indebtedness of the Company to its President and Chairman was acknowledged and it was agreed that it would be paid with interest at 10% calculated from August 19, 2016.

By a loan agreement dated October 5, 2016, the President and the Chairman of the Company each loaned \$7,500 to the Company, the loans bear interest at 7% per annum and a bonus will be paid to them of \$1,500 each. The principal, accrued interest and bonuses will be payable no later than March 31, 2017.

Pursuant to another set of Loan Agreements dated November 3, 2016, the President and the Chairman of the Company each loaned \$80,000 to the Company. The loans bear interest at 20% per annum and a bonus will be paid to President and Chairman of \$16,000 each, and are recorded in interest and financing expenses. The principal, accrued interest and bonuses are due to be repaid no later than January 31, 2017.

Loan repayments of \$105,000 each to the President and Chairman were made on December 29, 2016, and \$34,600 on March 10, 2017. As at June 30, 2017, \$Nil (December 31, 2016 - \$34,296) of the loans payable, bonuses and accrued interest to the President and Chairman were outstanding.

## 1.10 Critical Accounting Estimates.

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to use estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as well as revenue and expenses.

The most critical accounting estimates upon which company financial statements depend on those estimates of proven and probable reserves and resources, recoverable ounces there from, and assumptions of operating costs and future mineral prices. Such estimates and assumptions affect the potential impairment of long-lived assets and the rate at which depreciation, depletion and amortization. In addition, management must estimate costs associated with mine reclamation's enclosure costs.

The Company presently has no properties with proven or inferred reserves. When such a situation arises. The Company will utilize existing industry standards, with respect to the reporting and accounting for these issues.

The Company accounts for all stock-based payments and awards using the fair value based method. Under the fair value based method, stock-based payments to non-employees are measured at the fair value of the consideration received, or the fair value of the equity estimates issued, or liabilities incurred, whichever is more reliably measurable.

The Company will have an obligation to reclaim its properties after the minerals have been depleted. These estimated costs, known as the Asset Retirement Obligation, will be recorded as a liability at their fair values in the periods in which they occur, and at each reporting period, are increased to reflect the interest (accretion expense) considered in the initial fair value management of the liabilities. Reclamation expenses vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. The Company has no material ARO at this time.

From time to time, the company must make accounting estimates. These are based on the best information available at the time, utilizing generally accepted industry standards.

#### 1.11 Changes in Accounting Policies including Initial Adoption

See Note 2 Company's financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

#### Going concern issue

The Company's financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. The continuing operations of the Company are dependent upon the continued financial support of the creditors and the shareholders. In the past, the Company has relied on sales of its equity securities to meet its cash requirements. There can be no assurance that funding from this or other sources will be sufficient in the future to continue and develop its mineral properties. Even if the Company is able to obtain new financing, it may not be on commercially reasonable terms or terms that are acceptable to it. Failure to obtain such financing on a timely basis or extensions on the option agreements, could cause the Company to reduce or terminate its operations. The above indicates the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Company may encounter difficulty sourcing future financing in light of the recent economic downturn. The current financial equity market conditions and the inhospitable funding environment make it difficult to raise capital through the private placements of shares. The venture capital industry has been severely affected by the world economic situation as it is considered speculative and high-risk in nature, making it even more difficult to fund. While the Company is using its best efforts to achieve its business plans by examining various financing alternatives, there is no assurance that the Company will be successful with any financing ventures.

## Internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures

Management is responsible for the design and maintenance of both internal control systems over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that relevant information is gathered and reported to senior management on a timely basis so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding public disclosure.

Current disclosure controls include meetings with the CEO, chief financial officer and members of the Board of Directors and audit committee through e-mails, on telephone conferences and informal meetings to review public disclosure. All public disclosures are reviewed by certain members of senior management and the board of directors and audit committee of the Board of Directors has delegated the duties to the chief executive officer who is primarily responsible for financial and disclosure controls.

Management and the board of directors continue to work to mitigate the risk of material misstatement.

#### Risk and uncertainties

While the Company has no operating properties the following is a brief discussion of those distinctive or special characteristics of the company's potential operations and industry, which may have a material impact on, or constitute risk factors in respect of the Company's financial performance.

#### 1.12 Financial Instruments and Other Instruments

See Note 9 to the Company's financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

#### 1.15 Additional Information

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