

# **Rockex Mining Corporation**

Financial Statements  
December 31, 2022 and 2021  
(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

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# Independent auditor's report

## To the Shareholders of Rockex Mining Corporation

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Rockex Mining Corporation ("the Corporation"), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2021 and the statements of comprehensive income (loss), statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial statements, which indicates that additional funding will be necessary to advance the Corporation's ongoing operations. This condition, along with the matters set forth in Note 1, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Except for the matter described in the *Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern* section, we have determined that there are no other key audit matters to communicate in our report.

### **Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon**

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Discussion and Analysis but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Corporation's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because of the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Ingrid Holbik.

*Grant Thornton LLP*

Toronto, Canada  
April 11, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Certified Public Accountants

**Rockex Mining Corporation**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

As at	Note	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	January 1, 2021
		\$	\$	\$
			Restated – Note 3(j)	Restated – Note 3(j)
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	4	72,419	27,308	5,459
Other receivables		14,277	5,155	3,947
Prepays and deposits		3,327	3,005	2,009
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>90,023</b>	35,468	11,415
<b>Non-current</b>				
Equipment, net	5	2,644	3,304	4,132
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>92,667</b>	38,772	15,547
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>				
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7	3,187,648	2,528,725	2,414,367
Deferred premium on flow-through shares	8	-	27,400	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>3,187,648</b>	2,556,125	2,414,367
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Share capital	9	22,375,038	22,375,038	21,908,720
Share purchase warrants reserve	9	-	-	-
Share-based payments reserve	9, 10	5,519,637	5,519,637	5,307,572
Deficit		<b>(30,989,656)</b>	(30,412,028)	(29,615,112)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>(3,094,981)</b>	(2,517,353)	(2,398,820)
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>92,667</b>	38,772	15,547

**Nature of Business and Going Concern (Note 1)**

**Commitments and Contractual Obligations (Note 15)**

These financial statements are authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on April 11, 2023. They are signed on its behalf by:

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*"Armando Plastino" (signed)*  
 Director

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*"Pierre Gagné" (signed)*  
 Director

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these audited financial statements.

**Rockex Mining Corporation**  
**STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

For the years ended	Note	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
		\$	\$
			Restated – Note 3(j)
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Advanced royalty		487,179	442,890
Amortization		660	828
Compliance and regulatory filings		14,692	14,900
Exploration and evaluation		164,008	-
Management and consulting fees	11	24,000	24,000
General and administrative		47,315	49,348
Professional fees		42,174	52,885
Share-based payments	11	-	212,065
Loss before other expense (income)		(780,028)	(796,916)
Other income	15	175,000	-
Premium on flow-through shares		27,400	-
<b>Loss and comprehensive loss for the year</b>		<b>(577,628)</b>	<b>(796,916)</b>
Loss per common share, basic and diluted	12	<b>(0.00)</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>

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**Rockex Mining Corporation**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

Share Capital						
	Note	Number of common shares #	Amount \$	Share-based payments reserve \$	Deficit \$	Total \$
Balance at January 1, 2021	3(j)	122,868,052	21,908,720	5,307,572	(29,615,112)	(2,398,820)
Shares issued in private placement		10,819,288	493,718	-	-	493,718
Flow-through premium proceeds reallocated to liability		-	(27,400)	-	-	(27,400)
Stock options issued		-	-	212,065	-	212,065
Loss for the year		-	-	-	(796,916)	(796,916)
Balance at December 31, 2021	3(j)	133,687,341	22,375,038	5,519,637	(30,412,028)	(2,517,353)
<b>Balance at January 1, 2022</b>		<b>133,687,341</b>	<b>22,375,038</b>	<b>5,519,637</b>	<b>(30,412,028)</b>	<b>(2,517,353)</b>
<b>Loss for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(577,628)</b>	<b>(577,628)</b>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2022</b>		<b>133,687,341</b>	<b>22,375,038</b>	<b>5,519,637</b>	<b>(30,989,656)</b>	<b>(3,094,981)</b>

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**Rockex Mining Corporation**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Stated in Canadian Dollars)

For the years ended	Note	December 31, 2022 \$	December 31, 2021 \$
			Restated – Note 3(j)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Loss for the year	3(j)	(577,628)	(796,916)
Adjustments to reconcile loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Amortization		660	828
Share-based payments		-	212,065
Flow-through premium		(27,000)	-
Advanced royalty		487,179	442,890
Changes in non-cash working capital balances:			
Other receivables		(9,122)	(1,208)
Prepays and deposits		(322)	(996)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		171,744	111,561
<b>Total cash outflows from operating activities</b>		<b>45,111</b>	<b>(31,776)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Shares issued in warrant exercise		-	53,625
<b>Total cash inflows from financing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>53,625</b>
<b>Total increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year</b>		<b>45,111</b>	<b>21,849</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<b>27,308</b>	<b>5,459</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<b>72,419</b>	<b>27,308</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND GOING CONCERN

Rockex Mining Corporation (the "Corporation" or "Rockex") was incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the *Alberta Business Corporations Act* on May 29, 1996. On January 24, 2011, the Corporation continued as an Ontario corporation subject to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario). The Corporation was formerly named Enviropave International Ltd. (until December 20, 2010). The change of name and continuance into Ontario were part of the reorganization of the Corporation which included the reverse take-over of the Corporation by the shareholders of Rockex Limited effective January 1, 2011. The Corporation's shares are listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange, having the trading symbol RXM. The address of the Corporation's corporate office and principal place of business is 580 New Vickers Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The Corporation is in the exploration stage and its principal business activity is the exploration and evaluation of mineral properties that it believes contain mineralization that will be economically recoverable in the future. There has been no determination regarding whether the Corporation's interests in mineral properties contain mineral reserves that are economically recoverable.

The business of exploring for minerals involves a high degree of risk and there can be no assurance that current exploration programs will result in profitable mining operations. The recoverability of the carrying value of exploration properties and the Corporation's continued existence are dependent upon the preservation of its interest in the underlying properties, the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the achievement of profitable operations, and the ability of the Corporation to raise additional financing, as necessary, or alternatively, upon the Corporation's ability to dispose of its interests on an advantageous basis. Changes in future conditions could require material write-downs of the carrying values of its property interests.

Although the Corporation has taken steps to verify title to the properties on which it is conducting exploration and in which it has an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the Corporation's title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements, non-compliance with regulatory requirements or aboriginal land claims.

As at December 31, 2022, the Corporation had a working capital deficit of \$3,097,625 (December 31, 2021 - \$2,520,657), has not yet achieved profitable operations, had accumulated losses of \$30,989,656 (December 31, 2021 - \$30,412,028) and expects to incur further losses in the development of its business. The Corporation will require additional financing in order to complete its planned work programs on its property interests, meet its ongoing levels of corporate overhead and discharge its liabilities as they become due. While the Corporation has been successful in securing financing and in some cases, discharging its liabilities through issuance of equity in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to a going concern. Accordingly, they do not give effect to adjustments that would be necessary should the Corporation be unable to continue as a going concern and therefore be required to realize its assets and liquidate its liabilities and commitments in other than the normal course of business and at amounts different from those in the accompanying audited financial statements. Such adjustments could be material.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### a) Statement of Compliance

These audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

#### b) Basis of Measurement

These financial statements have been prepared using the measurement basis specified by IFRS for each type of asset, liability, revenue and expense. Measurement basis are more fully described in the accounting policies below.

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is also the Corporation's functional currency.

The preparation of audited financial statements in compliance with IFRS requires management to make certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Corporation's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the audited financial statements are disclosed in Note 3.

### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below are adopted for the year ended December 31, 2022 and have been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements.

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### a) Financial Instruments

#### *Classification and Measurement*

All financial instruments are required to be measured at fair value on initial recognition. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets are categorized and measured based on how the Corporation manages its financial instruments and the characteristics of their contractual cash flows.

There are three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive loss and fair value through profit and loss. A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- i. it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- ii. the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial liabilities are classified and measured based on two categories: amortized cost and fair value through profit and loss. The Corporation's accounts payable and accrued liabilities are measured at amortized cost.

#### *Impairment – Expected Credit Loss Model:*

Under the expected credit loss ("ECL") model allows, the measurement options are lifetime expected credit losses and 12 month expected credit losses.

The Corporation adopted the practical expedient to determine ECL on trade and other receivables using a provision matrix based on historical credit loss experiences adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and to the economic environment to estimate lifetime ECL.

### (b) **Mineral Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures**

#### *Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures*

Exploration and evaluations expenditures ("E&E") are classified and expensed to the statement of loss once the legal right to explore a property has been acquired. These direct expenditures include such costs as acquisition costs, periodic option payments, materials used, surveying costs, drilling costs, payments made to contractors and depreciation on plant and equipment during the exploration phase.

The Corporation may occasionally enter into arrangements, whereby the Corporation will transfer part of a mineral interest, as consideration, for an agreement by the transferee to meet certain exploration and evaluation expenditures which would have otherwise been undertaken by the Corporation. The Corporation does not record any expenditures made by the transferee. Any cash consideration received from the agreement is recorded in income.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting the mineral resource has been determined, the property is considered to be a mine under development and is classified as 'mines under construction'.

### c) Equipment

#### *Recognition and Measurement*

On initial recognition, equipment is recorded at cost, being the purchase price and directly attributable cost of acquisition or construction required to bring the asset to the location and condition necessary to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the Corporation and the estimated present value of any future unavoidable costs of dismantling and removing items. The corresponding liability is recognized within provisions. Equipment is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation, less any accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of replacing part of an item of equipment is recognized in the carrying amount of the equipment if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Corporation and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of equipment are recognized in profit or loss as incurred.

#### *Amortization*

Amortization is recognized in profit or loss and is provided on the declining balance basis at the rate below.

Equipment	20%
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Amortization methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted if appropriate.

### d) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets, including exploration and evaluation assets are subject to impairment tests whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. Where the carrying value of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use and fair value less costs to sell, the asset is written down accordingly.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the impairment test is carried out on the asset's cash-generating unit, which is the lowest group of assets in which the asset belongs for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets. The Corporation has one cash-generating unit for which impairment testing is performed.

An impairment loss is charged to the profit or loss, except to the extent it reverses gains previously recognized in other comprehensive loss.

### e) Income Taxes

Income tax expense is comprised of current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in net income or where they relate to items recognized in equity or other comprehensive loss they are recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive loss.

Current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the current year and any adjustment to income taxes payable in respect of previous years. Current income taxes are determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized where the carrying amount of an asset or liability differs from its tax base, except for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill and temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

Recognition of deferred tax assets for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences is restricted to those amounts where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deferred tax asset can be utilized. At the end of each reporting period, the Corporation reassesses recognized and unrecognized deferred tax assets. The Corporation recognizes a previously unrecognized deferred tax asset to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered and derecognizes previously recognized deferred tax assets to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will not allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

### f) Equity

Financial instruments issued by the Corporation are classified as equity only to the extent that they do not meet the definition of a financial liability or financial asset. The Corporation's common shares, share purchase warrants reserve, share-based payments reserve and flow-through shares are classified as equity instruments. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

For unit offerings, the proceeds from the issue of units are allocated between common shares and common share purchase warrants using the residual method, allocating fair value first to the common shares and then to share purchase warrants. Upon expiration of warrants, the Corporation transfers amounts from share purchase warrants reserve to share-based payments reserve.

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### *Flow-through Shares*

The Corporation will from time to time issue flow-through common shares to finance a significant portion of its exploration programs. Pursuant to the terms of the flow-through share agreements, these shares transfer the tax deductibility of qualifying resource expenditures to investors. On issuance, the Corporation bifurcates the flow-through share proceeds into i) a flow-through share premium, equal to the estimated premium, if any, investors pay for the flow-through feature, which is recognized as a liability, and ii) share capital. Upon expenses being incurred and renounced, the Corporation derecognizes the liability on a pro rata basis and recognizes a deferred tax liability for the amount of tax reduction renounced to the shareholders. The premium is recognized as other income and the related deferred tax is recognized as a tax provision.

The amount of proceeds received from the issuance of flow-through shares must be used for Canadian resource property exploration expenditures within a two-year period.

The Corporation may also be subject to a Part XII.6 tax on flow-through proceeds renounced under the Look-back Rule, in accordance with Government of Canada flow-through regulations. When applicable, this tax is accrued as a financial expense until paid.

### *Income / Loss Per Share*

Basic earnings/loss per share is computed by dividing the net income or loss applicable to common shares of the Corporation by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the relevant period.

Diluted earnings/loss per common share is computed by dividing the net income or loss applicable to common shares by the sum of the weighted average number of common shares issued and outstanding and all additional common shares that would have been outstanding, if potentially dilutive instruments were converted.

### *g) Share-based Payments*

Where equity-settled share options are awarded to employees, the fair value of the options at the date of grant is charged to the statement of loss and comprehensive loss over the vesting period. Performance vesting conditions are taken into account by adjusting the number of equity instruments expected to vest at each reporting date so that, ultimately, the cumulative amount recognized over the vesting period is based on the number of options that eventually vest. Non-vesting conditions and market vesting conditions are factored into the fair value of the options granted. As long as all other vesting conditions are satisfied, a charge is made irrespective of whether these vesting conditions are satisfied. The cumulative expense is not adjusted for failure to achieve a market vesting condition or where a non-vesting condition is not satisfied.

Where the terms and conditions of options are modified before they vest, the increase in the fair value of the options, measured immediately before and after the modification, is also charged to the statement of loss and comprehensive loss over the remaining vesting period.

Where equity instruments are granted to non-employees, they are recorded at the fair value of the goods or services received in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss, unless they are related to the issuance of shares. Amounts related to the issuance of shares are recorded as a reduction of share capital.

When the value of goods or services received in exchange for the share-based payment cannot be reliably estimated, the fair value of the shares issued is measured by use of a valuation model. The expected life used in the model is adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non-transferability, exercise restrictions, and behavioral considerations.

All equity-settled share-based payments are reflected in share-based payments reserve, until exercised. Upon exercise, shares are issued from treasury and the amount reflected in share-based payments reserve is credited to share capital, adjusted for any consideration paid.

Where a grant of options is cancelled or settled during the vesting period, excluding forfeitures when vesting conditions are not satisfied, the Corporation immediately accounts for the cancellation as an acceleration of vesting and recognizes the amount that otherwise would have been recognized for services received over the remainder of the vesting period. Any payment made to the employee on the cancellation is accounted for as the repurchase of an equity interest except to the extent the payment exceeds the fair value of the equity instrument granted, measured at the repurchase date. Any such excess is recognized as an expense.

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### h) *Adoption of Accounting Standards*

At the date of the authorization of these financial statements, several new, but not effective Standards and amendments to existing Standards, and Interpretations have been published by the IASB. None of these Standards or amendments to existing Standards have been adopted early by the Corporation. Management anticipates that all relevant pronouncements will be adopted for the first period beginning on or after the effective date of the pronouncement. New standards, amendments and interpretations not adopted in the current year have not been disclosed as they are not expected to have a material impact to the Corporation's financial statements.

### i) *Critical Accounting Judgments and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty*

In the application of the Corporation's accounting policies, which are described in this note, management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

#### *Critical judgments in applying the Corporation's accounting policies*

The most significant critical judgment that members of management have made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements is the policy for exploration and evaluation assets. In particular, management is required to assess exploration and evaluation assets for indications of impairment. As part of this assessment, management must make an assessment as to whether there are indicators of impairment. If there are indicators, management performs an impairment test on the major assets within this balance.

The recoverability of exploration and evaluation assets is dependent on a number of factors common to the natural resource sector. These include the extent to which the Corporation can continue to renew its exploration and future development licenses with local authorities, establish economically recoverable reserves on its properties, the ability of the Corporation to obtain necessary financing or secure a strategic partner to complete the development of such reserves and future profitable production or proceeds from the disposition thereof. The Corporation will use the evaluation work of professional geologists, geophysicists and engineers for estimates in determining whether to commence mining and processing. These estimates generally rely on scientific and economic assumptions, which in some instances may not be correct, and could result in the expenditure of substantial amounts of money on a deposit before it can be determined whether or not the deposit contains economically recoverable mineralization. In 2015, the Corporation completed a preliminary economic assessment for the Lake St. Joseph property that demonstrates positive economic feasibility from the asset.

#### *Key sources of estimation uncertainty*

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options which were fully tradable with no vesting restrictions. This option valuation model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. Because the Corporation's stock options and warrants have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the calculated fair value, such value is subject to measurement uncertainty. The assumptions and models used for estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions are disclosed in Note 9.

### j) *Change in accounting policy*

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of a retrospective application of a voluntary change in accounting policy relating to exploration and evaluation assets.

The new exploration and evaluation expenditure policy is to charge exploration and evaluation expenditures within an area of interest as expense until management concludes that the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a mineral resource are demonstrable and that future economic benefits are probable. In making this determination, the extent of exploration, as well as the degree of confidence in the mineral resource is considered. Once a project has been established as commercially viable and technically feasible, further expenditures are capitalized and classified as development properties.

The previous accounting policy was to capitalize all costs related to the acquisition of, exploration for and evaluation of mineral claims.

The new accounting policy was adopted on January 1, 2022 and has been applied retrospectively. The Corporation believes the change in accounting policy results in the financial statements providing more relevant information and are more comparable to its peer companies and strategic partners.

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The impact of the change in accounting policy on the Corporation's statements of financial position as at January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, and the statements of loss and comprehensive loss and statements of cash flows for the year then ended are as follows:

### Statements of financial position

	Reported at December 31, 2020	Cumulative adjustment to December 31, 2020	Restated balance January 1, 2021	
	\$	\$	\$	
Exploration and evaluation assets	1	(1)	-	
Deficit	(29,615,111)	(1)	(29,615,112)	
	Reported at December 31, 2021	Cumulative adjustment to December 31, 2020	2021 Adjustment	Restated balance December 31, 2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Exploration and evaluation assets	1	(1)	-	-
Deficit	(30,412,027)	(1)	-	(30,412,028)

### Statements of loss and comprehensive loss

	December 31, 2021	2021 Adjustment	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Advance royalty	-	442,890	442,890
Impairment on mineral property	442,890	(442,890)	-
Loss and comprehensive loss for the period	796,916	-	796,916
Loss per common share, basic and diluted	0.00	0.00	0.00

## 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
General operating purposes	72,419	27,308
Total	72,419	27,308

## 5. EQUIPMENT

	Equipment
	\$
<b>Cost</b>	
Balance at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022	57,475
<b>Depreciation</b>	
Balance at January 1, 2021	53,343
Depreciation for the year	828
Balance at December 31, 2021	54,171
Depreciation for the year	660
Balance at December 31, 2022	54,831
<b>Carrying amounts</b>	
At December 31, 2021	3,304
At December 31, 2022	2,644



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### 6. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION EXPENDITURES

#### *Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project*

The Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project is the Patricia Mining Division of Ontario which are centered on the Eagle, Wolf and Fish Islands in Lake St. Joseph. On May 30, 2008, the Corporation entered into a purchase agreement with a director (the "Vendor") to acquire a 100% right, title and interest in and to certain mineral properties in Lake St. Joseph. For this acquisition, the Corporation paid \$90,000, representing the approximate amount of staking and related costs incurred by the Vendor, issued 20,000,000 common shares at a price of \$0.50 per share, and reserved certain royalties, including the obligation for payment of advance royalties of \$250,000 per year commencing in 2012 (see Commitments and Contractual Obligations Note 14 regarding the temporary suspension of the advance royalty obligations). A 2.0% Net Smelter Return Royalty (the "NSR") is payable to the Vendor on any minerals other than iron produced from the property. A 2.0% gross sale royalty (the "Royalty") is payable to the Vendor on the gross sales proceeds of any and all minerals mined and processed from the property for their iron content. Subsequent to completion of the acquisition, the Corporation acquired core samples and written results of mineral testing and core sampling conducted on the property by former owners for \$nil consideration.

On May 16, 2011, the Corporation purchased 100% of the right, title and interest in certain properties comprised of surface rights in the Trist Lake Area in exchange for a cash payment of \$15,000.

#### *East Soules Bay Property*

The East Soules Bay Property is east of the Corporations Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project. These claims were acquired by staking this property. Subsequent to staking, the Corporation acquired core samples and written results of mineral testing and core sampling conducted on the East Soules Bay Property by the former owners of the mineral claims, now owned by the Corporation, for \$nil consideration.

On May 5, 2011, the Corporation purchased 100% of the right, title and interest in certain properties comprised of surface rights in the East Soules Bay Property area in exchange for a cash payment of \$199,140.

On November 30, 2013, the Corporation sold the surface rights to certain properties to a company controlled by a director of the Corporation for \$250,000, approximately the Corporation's costs to acquire those properties from arm's length vendors. The Corporation retained an option to re-purchase the properties at any time within seven (7) years, during the first two (2) years at the same price plus taxes paid to maintain the properties and thereafter at a price which includes both taxes paid and an increase in the cost base proportionate to the increase in the national consumer price index in Canada from January 1, 2014 to the date of completion of the exercise of the re-purchase option. The re-purchase option expired on November 30, 2020.

#### *Root Lake Property*

The Root Lake Property is north of Sioux Lookout near the central part of the Western Lake St. Joseph, west of the Western Lake St. Joseph Iron Project. These claims were acquired by staking.

#### *North Spirit Lake Property*

This property is northeast of Red Lake in the Buckett Lake and Hewitt Lake Townships. These claims were acquired by staking on September 14, 2012.

#### *Mineral testing and core sampling acquired*

In 2009, the Corporation was provided core samples and written results of mineral testing and core sampling conducted on the Eagle Island Property in Lake St. Joseph by the former owners of the unpatented mineral exploration claims, now owned by the Corporation, for \$nil consideration. An independent review of the samples and test results estimated the current cost of completing the same level of sampling and testing would be approximately \$8,675,000, plus or minus 30%. It is reasonably possible that this current value estimate could differ from the original costs by a material amount due to the difference in technologies used today to undertake similar work.

In addition, the Corporation was provided core samples and written results of mineral testing and core sampling conducted on the East Soules Bay Property by the former owners of the mineral claims now owned by the Corporation, for \$nil consideration.

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### 7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Trade payables	485,275	309,190
Payroll related liabilities	20,000	8,000
Accrued liabilities and shareholder loans	73,401	89,742
Advance royalties (notes 10(d) and 14)	2,608,972	2,121,793
	<b>3,187,648</b>	<b>2,528,725</b>

### 8. DEFERRED PREMIUMS ON FLOW-THROUGH SHARES

A flow-through share premium, equal to the estimated premium, if any, investors pay for the flow-through feature, is recognized as a liability.

On June 2, 2021, the Corporation issued 1,370,000 flow-through common shares at a price of \$0.05 per flow-through share for total aggregate proceeds of \$68,500, resulting in flow-through premium of \$27,400. As at June 30, 2022, all of the flow-through funds received in fiscal 2021 have been spent on Canadian resource property exploration expenditures, specifically on the Root Lake property. As a result, the flow-through premium has been recognized as other income for the period ended June 30, 2022.

### 9. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

#### a) Share Capital

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares, an unlimited number of first preferred shares, an unlimited number of second preferred shares and an unlimited number of special shares, issuable in series. Only common shares (and no other class or series of shares) have been issued.

The following is a summary of changes in common share capital from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022:

	Number of Shares	Issue Price	Amount
	#	\$	\$
<b>Balance at January 31, 2021</b>	122,868,052		21,908,720
Shares issued in private placement – common shares	9,449,289	0.045	425,218
Shares issued in private placement – flow-through	1,370,000	0.05	68,500
Flow-through premium proceeds reallocated to liability	-	-	(27,400)
<b>Balance at December 31, 2021</b>	133,687,341		22,375,038
<b>Balance at December 31, 2022</b>	133,687,341		22,375,038

*Year ended December 31, 2021*

On June 2, 2021, the Corporation completed a private placement. The Private Placement was comprised of the issuance of (i) 9,449,289 common shares of the Corporation (each a “Common Share”) at \$0.045 per Common Share for an aggregate gross amount of \$425,218; and (ii) 1,370,000 flow-through shares (each, a “Flow-Through Share”) at a price of \$0.05 per Flow-Through Share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$68,500.

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### b) Share-based Payment Reserve

The following is a summary of changes in share-based payment reserve:

	Amount
	\$
Balance at January 1, 2021	5,307,572
Share-based payments	212,065
Balance at December 31, 2021	5,519,637
Balance at December 31, 2022	5,519,637

See Note 10 for outstanding stock options.

### c) Share Purchase Warrants Reserve

The following is a summary of changes in share purchase warrants reserve:

	Number of Warrants	Amount
	#	\$
Balance January 1, 2021	8,136,131	-
Balance December 31, 2021	8,136,131	-
Warrants expired	(6,000,000)	-
Balance December 31, 2022	2,136,131	-

As at December 31, 2022, the Corporation had outstanding warrants as follows:

	Number of Warrants	Exercise Price	Expiry
	2,136,131	\$0.05	04/13/2023
Weighted Average		\$0.05	

### d) Nature and Purpose of Equity and Reserves

The reserves recorded in equity on the Corporation's statement of financial position include Share Purchase Warrants and Share-based payment reserve.

- Share-based payments reserve is used to recognize the value of stock option grants prior to exercise.
- Share Purchase Warrants is used to recognize the value of warrant grants prior to exercise. On expiry, the value of warrants is reclassified to share-based payments reserve.

## 10. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

### a) Option Plan Details

The Corporation has an incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan") under which non-transferable options to purchase common shares of the Corporation may be granted to directors, officers, employees or service providers of the Corporation. The terms of the Plan provide that the Directors have the right to grant options to acquire common shares of the Corporation at not less than the closing market price of the shares on the day preceding the grant for terms of up to five years. No amounts are paid or payable by the recipient on receipt of the option, and the options granted are not dependent on any performance-based criteria. The Plan provides that the total number of shares which may be issued thereunder is limited to 10% of the aggregate number of shares outstanding.

The following is a summary of changes in options from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021:

Grant Date	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Opening Balance	During the year ended			Closing Balance	December 31, 2021	
				Granted	Exercised	Expired		Vested and Exercisable	Unvested
02/10/16	02/10/21	\$0.15	50,000	-	-	50,000	-	-	
10/19/18	10/19/23	\$0.05	200,000	-	-	200,000	200,000	-	
05/13/21	05/13/26	\$0.05	-	8,500,000	-	-	8,500,000	8,500,000	
			250,000	8,500,000	-	50,000	8,700,000	8,700,000	-
Weighted Average Exercise Price			\$0.07	\$0.05	-	\$0.15	\$0.05	\$0.05	-

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The following is a summary of changes in options from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022:

Grant Date	Expiry Date	Exercise Price	Opening Balance	During the year ended			Closing Balance	December 31, 2022	
				Granted	Exercised	Expired		Vested and Exercisable	Unvested
10/19/18	10/19/23	\$0.05	200,000	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	-
05/13/21	05/13/26	\$0.05	8,500,000	-	-	-	8,500,000	8,500,000	-
			8,700,000	-	-	-	8,700,000	8,700,000	-
Weighted Average Exercise Price			\$0.05	-	-	-	\$0.05	\$0.05	-

### b) Options Issued During the Year

#### December 31, 2021

8,500,000 stock options were granted on May 13, 2021.

#### December 31, 2022

No stock options were granted during the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### Options Issued to Employees

The fair value at grant-date is determined using an option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the impact of dilution, the share price at grant-date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk-free interest rate for the term of the option.

The model inputs for options granted in Note 10(a) included:

Grant Date	Expiry Date	Share Price at Grant Date	Exercise Price	Risk-Free Interest Rate	Expected Life	Volatility Factor	Dividend Yield
10/19/18	10/19/23	\$0.035	\$0.05	2.40%	5 years	264.65%	0.00%
05/13/21	05/13/26	\$0.025	\$0.05	0.94%	5 years	284.13%	0.00%

#### Options Issued to Non-Employees

Options issued to non-employees are measured based on the fair value of the goods or services received, at the date of receiving those goods or services. If the fair value of the goods or services received cannot be estimated reliably, the options are measured by determining the fair value of the options granted, using a valuation model.

The expected price volatility is based on the historic volatility (based on the remaining life of the options), adjusted for any expected changes to future volatility due to publicly available information.

### c) Expenses Arising from Share-based Payment Transactions

Total expenses arising from share-based payment transactions recognized during the year ended December 31, 2022 as part of employee benefit expense was \$nil (December 31, 2021 - \$212,065).

## 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain corporate entities that are related to the Corporation's officers and directors provide consulting and other services to the Corporation. Transactions were conducted in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amounts.

The following is a summary of the Corporation's related party transactions during the year ended December 31, 2022:

#### a) Rental Payments

Rental charges of \$32,952 during the year ended December 31, 2022 (December 31, 2021 - \$32,952) were payable to a company which is controlled by a director of the Corporation. At December 31, 2022, \$56,001 (December 31, 2021 - \$16,476) owing to this Corporation was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

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### b) Key Management Compensation

Key management personnel compensation comprised:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	\$	\$
Management and consulting fees	24,000	24,000
Share-based payments (stock options)	-	212,065
	<u>24,000</u>	<u>236,065</u>

At December 31, 2022, \$20,000 (December 31, 2021: \$8,000) owing to key management was included in accounts payable.

### c) Exploration Expenditures

Exploration expenditures of \$164,008 for the year ended December 31, 2022 (year ended December 31, 2021: \$nil) incurred in connection with the Corporation's expenditure activities were paid to a company controlled by a director of the Corporation. At December 31, 2022, \$158,324 (December 31, 2021: \$7,312) was included in accounts payable.

### d) Advance Royalty

Advance royalty charges of \$487,179 for the year ended December 31, 2022 (year ended December 31, 2021: \$442,890) incurred in connection with the Corporation's properties were payable to one director of the Corporation. At December 31, 2022, \$2,608,972 (December 31, 2021: \$2,121,793) was included in accrued liabilities.

#### *Temporary Suspension and Subsequent Reinstatement of Advance Royalties*

On July 8, 2014, the Corporation signed an agreement with the holder of royalties on the Corporation's Western Lake St. Joseph Project to suspend payment of advance royalties from October 1, 2013 until the earliest of (i) completion of a pre-feasibility study, (ii) a change of control, amalgamation, plan of arrangement, take-over bid or other fundamental change involving the Corporation, (iii) completion of a transaction with a strategic investor, or (iv) September 30, 2015. Advance royalty payments were further waived to December 31, 2015. Effective January 1, 2016 the advance royalty payments have been reinstated. As a result of this agreement, royalties were accrued and have been classified as a current liability due to no formal agreement in place specifying collection terms.

### e) Loans from Related Parties

The Corporation has received small cash loans from time to time from directors or companies controlled by them. The loans aggregated to \$nil as at December 31, 2022 and \$nil as at December 31, 2021, are non-interest-bearing and are repayable on demand.

## 12. LOSS PER SHARE

### *Weighted Average Number of Common Shares:*

The reconciliation of the weighted average number of shares for the purposes of diluted earnings per share to the weighted average number of common shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share is as follows:

For the year ended	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Basic weighted-average number of shares outstanding	133,687,341	129,169,396
Dilution adjustment for stock options and warrants	-	-
Diluted weighted-average number of shares outstanding	133,687,341	129,169,396

## 13. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Corporation manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, based on the funds available to the Corporation, in order to support the acquisition, exploration and evaluation of mineral properties. The Board of Directors does not establish quantitative return on capital criteria for management, but rather relies on the expertise of the Corporation's management to sustain future development of the business. The Corporation defines capital to include its shareholders' equity. In order to carry out planned exploration activities and pay for administrative costs, the Corporation will spend its existing working capital and raise additional amounts as needed. The Corporation will continue to assess new properties and seek to acquire an interest in additional properties if it feels there is sufficient geologic or economic potential and if it has adequate financial resources to do so. Management reviews its capital management approach on an ongoing basis and believes that this approach, given the relative size of the Corporation, is

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reasonable. There were no changes in the Corporation's approach to capital management during the year ended December 31, 2022. The Corporation is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

The Corporation considers its capital to be shareholders' equity (deficit), which is comprised of share capital, share purchase warrants, share-based payments and deficit, which as at December 31, 2022 totaled \$3,094,981 deficit (December 31, 2021 - \$2,517,353 deficit). The Corporation's objective when managing capital is to obtain adequate levels of funding to support its exploration activities, to obtain corporate and administrative functions necessary to support organizational functioning and to obtain sufficient funding to further the identification and exploration of iron deposits.

The Corporation raises capital, as necessary, to meet its needs and take advantage of perceived opportunities and, therefore, does not have a numeric target for its capital structure. Funds are primarily secured through equity capital raised by way of private placements. There can be no assurance that the Corporation will be able to continue raising equity capital in this manner.

The Corporation invests all capital that is surplus to its immediate operational needs in short-term, liquid and highly rated financial instruments, such as cash and short-term guaranteed deposits, all held with major Canadian financial institutions.

### 14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Corporation's financial instruments are comprised of cash and cash equivalents and other receivables which are measured at amortized cost. Accounts receivable are classified for accounting purposes at amortized cost which approximates fair value. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified for accounting purposes as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortized cost which also approximates fair value.

A summary of the Corporation's risk exposure as it relates to financial instruments is reflected below:

#### A. Credit Risk

The Corporation is not exposed to major credit risk attributable to customers. Additionally, the majority of the Corporation's cash and cash equivalents are held with a highly rated Canadian financial institution in Canada.

#### B. Market Risk

##### i. Interest Rate Risk

The Corporation does not have any interest-bearing debt. The Corporation invests cash surplus to its operational needs in investment-grade short-term deposit certificates issued by the bank where it keeps its Canadian bank accounts. The Corporation periodically assesses the quality of its investments with this bank and is satisfied with the credit rating of the bank and the investment grade of its short-term deposit certificates.

##### ii. Foreign Currency Risk

The Corporation's exploration and evaluation activities are denominated in Canadian dollars. The Corporation's funds are kept in Canadian dollars with a major Canadian financial institution.

##### iii. Equity Price Risk

Market risk arises from the possibility that changes in market prices will affect the value of the financial instruments of the Corporation. The Corporation is exposed to fair value fluctuations on its investments, if any. The Corporation's other financial instruments (cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities) are not subject to price risk.

##### iv. Liquidity Risk

The Corporation's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at December 31, 2022, the Corporation had current assets of \$90,023 (December 31, 2021 - \$35,468) and current liabilities of \$3,187,647 (December 31, 2021 - \$2,556,125). All of the Corporation's financial liabilities and receivables are due within the year. Current working capital deficit of the Corporation is \$3,097,624 (at December 31, 2021 deficit of \$2,520,657). The financial liabilities are largely due to related parties as disclosed in Note 11 and are not expected to be called given the cash position of the Corporation. Liabilities are expected to remain until a time when the cash position of the Corporation improves.

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### v. Commodity Price Risk

The price of the common shares in the capital the Corporation ("Share Capital"), its financial results, exploration and evaluation activities have been, or may in the future be, adversely affected by declines in the price of iron ore and its products. Iron ore prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the Corporation's control such as the sale or purchase of commodities by various companies, expectations of inflation or deflation, currency exchange fluctuations, interest rates, global or regional consumptive patterns, international supply and demand, speculative activities and increased production due to new mine developments, improved mining and production methods and international economic and political trends. The Corporation's revenues, if any, are expected to be in large part derived from mining and sale of iron ore and its products. The effect of these factors on the price of iron ore and its products, and therefore the economic viability of any of the Corporation's exploration projects, cannot accurately be predicted. There have not been any changes to risks from the prior year.

## 15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

(a) The Corporation is committed to paying advance royalties of \$250,000 per year to a director of the Corporation, starting in 2012 and increasing at a rate of 10% per year, payable in monthly installments. The advance royalty payments accrued to September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$456,250 were settled in 2013 with 11,406,250 shares and 11,406,250 warrants. The advance royalty payments for the last quarter of 2013 and the first two quarters of 2014 were accrued but none were paid. On July 8, 2014, the Corporation signed an agreement with the holder of royalties on the Corporation's Western Lake St. Joseph Project to suspend payment of advance royalties effective from October 1, 2013 until the earliest of (i) completion of a pre-feasibility study, (ii) a change of control, amalgamation, plan of arrangement, take-over bid or other fundamental change involving the Corporation, (iii) completion of a transaction with a strategic investor, or (iv) September 30, 2015. As a result of this agreement, no royalties were accrued for the year ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 (advance royalty payments were further waived to December 31, 2015) and royalties that had been previously accrued for the period October 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 were reversed. Effective January 1, 2016 the advance royalty payments have been reinstated and are being accrued and classified as a current liability due to no formal agreement in place specifying collection terms.

(b) In November 2022, the Corporation entered into an exclusivity agreement with Fifty St George PTY Ltd. ("FSG") granting FSG the exclusive option to acquire a 90% interest in the Root Lake mineral claims in Northwestern Ontario. In exchange for the exclusivity agreement, the Corporation received \$125,000 which was recognized in other income. The terms of the Option Agreement are contemplated to include the Corporation receiving (i) a cash payment of \$550,000, (ii) shares of FSG having an aggregate value of \$575,000 and (iii) a 2% net smelter royalty.

## 16. INCOME TAXES

The tax effects of the temporary differences that give rise to the Corporation's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Mineral property interests	3,741,258	3,715,948
Deferred financing costs	47,846	47,846
Non-capital loss carry forwards	1,513,998	1,490,204
Other temporary differences	15,076	14,902
Deferred tax assets not recognized	(5,318,178)	(5,268,899)
Deferred tax asset (liability)	-	-

The provision for income tax differs from the amount established using the combined federal and provincial statutory income tax rate for Ontario resident corporations not eligible for the small business deduction of 26.50% (December 31, 2021 – 26.50%) as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Income (loss) before income tax	(577,628)	(796,916)
Income tax recovery at statutory rate	(153,071)	(211,183)
Non-deductible items	129,352	173,782
Other	23,719	37,400
Income tax expense (recovery)	-	-

The Corporation has \$14,117,953 (2021 - \$14,022,445) of undeducted exploration and development costs which are available for deduction against future income for Canadian tax purposes. In addition, the Corporation has non-capital losses of approximately \$55,713,199 (2021 - \$5,623,410) expiring 2028 to 2040.